

REPORT ON “CAREERS IN CIVIL SERVICES” SEMINAR

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Success in today’s competitive environment requires not only determination but also the right guidance, strategy, and awareness of career opportunities. Civil Services continues to be one of the most prestigious and sought-after career paths in India, demanding dedication, discipline, and a well-structured preparation approach. To provide students with clarity and direction, PRAYAS – Placement and Internship Cell, in collaboration with Cybernauts – Department of Computer Science and NEXT IAS, organized a seminar titled “Careers in Civil Services” on 13th April 2026.

The session was conducted in Mata Gujri Hall and witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 100 students, out of which 54 participants provided feedback. The active involvement reflected students’ keen interest in understanding the Civil Services Examination and exploring it as a potential career path.

The event commenced with a formal welcome to the esteemed speakers and faculty members. The faculty coordinators, including Dr. Ashema Hasti, Ms. Japneet Kaur, Dr. Harshmeeta Soni, Dr. Priyanka Chanana, and Dr. Shivangi extended their warm greetings and encouraged students to make the most of the insightful session.

The seminar was graced by two distinguished speakers from NEXT IAS. The session was led by Mr. Ashish Purushottam, Assistant Faculty at NEXT IAS, along with Ms. Prachi Honey, a Civil Services achiever who secured AIR 28. Their combined expertise and real-life experience added immense value to the session.

The speakers delivered an informative and engaging session, focusing on the structure and stages of the Civil Services Examination, along with effective preparation strategies. They explained the importance of conceptual clarity, consistency, and a disciplined approach towards study. Detailed insights were shared on how to tackle different stages of the examination, including prelims, mains, and interviews.

The session also emphasized practical aspects such as time management, maintaining consistency, and adopting effective study habits. The interactive and motivational delivery of the speakers kept the students engaged throughout.

Feedback collected from participants indicated that the seminar was highly informative and motivating. Students appreciated the clarity provided on exam structure and preparation strategy, as well as the real-life insights shared by the speakers. Many participants felt encouraged and more confident about pursuing Civil Services as a career. However, a few students suggested including more time for interaction and incorporating answer-writing demonstrations in future sessions.

The seminar concluded on a positive note, with students expressing satisfaction and gratitude for the valuable guidance provided. Overall, the session proved to be highly successful in equipping students with the knowledge, motivation, and direction required to pursue a career in Civil Services.