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<b>Selected For NDA</b>	Army	All India Rank	
<b>UPSC Score</b>		SSB Interview Score	
<b>Attempt Number</b>	Maths-61 GAT-103	SSB Centre	24 SSB Bangalore
<b>Where I Prepare for NDA?</b>	Services Preparatory Institute (SPI), Aurangabad, Maharashtra.		
<b>My Schooling Details.</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> - Nagpur 12 <sup>th</sup> - Aurangabad		
<b>My Interest and achievement in Sports</b>	Football - State Level Basketball, Chess, Badminton - District Level Hockey, Volleyball - School level		

### 1. How I came to know NDA? How I Set My Goal?

During my 7<sup>th</sup> Standard I developed my interest towards the defence forces then accordingly I came to know about NDA through my parents.

Since then I had an aim towards joining the NDA and read more about the required procedures.

### 2. How I Started NDA Preparation?

After my 10<sup>th</sup> Standard I gave an entrance exam for the SPI, and fortunately I cleared it. Since then all my 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> the institute had guided me for the preparations of clearing the UPSC Examination and for the SSB.

### 3. What Problems I Faced Initially?

Initially everything seemed to be very new, the number and variety of topics of GAT, topics of the Maths, everything was new and exciting.

**4. Which Books I found useful for prep?**

For Maths I referred Maths For NDA (MFN), R.D. Sharma (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) and Pathfinder.

For the GAT preparation I referred G.K. 19, Lucent's, Pathfinder, Atlas and General Science.

**5. What was My Strategy For Mathematics?**

The lecture conducted at SPI was very beneficial as we were given proper guidance regarding the strategy we had to make for ourselves. For Mathematics I had divided the topics into Algebra, Calculus and Geometry. Accordingly I allotted specific time to the preparation for each of the parts. I found Calculus a bit hard in the initial stage, so I practised it more and found the way out. I found Algebra easier and interesting. Geometry was all formula based so it was a part I didn't like much. But with practise everything was clear and known.

**6. What was My Strategy For English?**

For English, I practised speaking it more and more and solved exercises from Pathfinder.

**7. What was My Strategy For Science?**

I referred General Science and Pathfinder as it had all the topics required for the preparation in as easy and interesting manner. Also the lectures conducted at SPI were beneficial.

**8. What was My Strategy For History And Geography?**

Lectures were always a great help. At my own level, for History I made notes for the Modern History and went through them thoroughly and just had look over the Ancient and Medieval History from G.K. 19 and some part from Lucent's.

For Geography I referred G.K. 19, Lucent's and Atlas. I made

notes for the important topics like Drainage System, Air Currents, Physical Features an India, etc. and the other topics I read them thoroughly.

**9. How I Prepared For Current Affairs?**

Notes for the CA were given to us through the lectures. Also online videos on YouTube of Study IQ were of great help.

**10. My Thinking About SSB and Plan To Prepare For It.(Details)**

The SSB is a very unique and interesting interview in all. When I came to know about various ways in which they judge us, I found it very interesting. The GTO Test Series, Psychology Test and the Personal Interview all were very fascinating in a way. We had SSB capsules conducted at SPI which gave us a very fair idea about this Interview.

For the GTO, we practised Group Discussions on daily basis (which was very beneficial), for the PGT and FGT we had obstacles on which we use to practise it. All the rest things were also practised.

For the Psychology, the Capsules were of great help as the proper guidance was provided in writing the answers in the entire respective manner.

For the PI, we three friends had made a group and we took each other's interview daily. It was of a great help, as we had practised all the basic questions and the counter questions and were indeed confident in this part.

**11. How To Revise everything in Last Month or two? Importance Of Revision**

For the Maths preparation, one should thoroughly be going through the formulas in the last month for revision. If one has skipped any topic, then just going through its basics is enough, nothing new should be practised in the last month. Going through the formulas and shortcuts if needed.

For the GAT, continuous reading is beneficial in the revision part, just read all the topics which are once read. By hearting is not required in GAT, only thorough reading of the topics is

required and sufficient.

## 12. How Test Series Are Importance For UPSC NDA?

Test Series are of great importance, they give us the idea of time management, the number of questions to be attempted, and a strategy that one can use during the final examination. Test Series also helps one realise how much more practise one need to do.

## 13. UPSC-NDA Exam Day? How To Perform? And Mindset

The day of the Examination is a very exciting one; one is confident and a little nervous too. The mind-set should be that one should try to be calm and confident regarding his studies and be confident to answer the exam. Getting nervous during this stage only increases the pressure on one, so try to be calm and happy for you performance.

## 15. What I Did Till Result is announced?

I started studying for my 12<sup>th</sup> Boards examination till the results were declared.

## 16. My Reaction After Result?

I was very happy with my result and shared my happiness with my parents and friends! That very moment I thought that now I have to clear the stage 2 for getting into NDA!

## 17. My SSB.

OIR (Officer Intelligence Rating) Tests were  
Day 1 conducted (Basic IQ questions). 50+50 Questions  
25+25Minutes.

Day 2 Psychology Test + Personal Interview.

Day 3 GTO Series.

Day 4 GTO Series.

Day 5 Conference.

**18. What I Can Suggest To New NDA Aspirants?**

My suggestions to new NDA Aspirants are that one should not think that getting into NDA is hard, (though it isn't easy even,) but yes, if persistent and continuous efforts are put into our preparations then surely our hard work will pay us off. One should be mentally ready to work hard and have the determination for facing up the challenges lying ahead. Just give your best in whatever you do and the rest is already destined.

**19. What Mistakes One Should Not Do During Preparation?**

During the preparation, one should at an early stage be ready with his schedule and time table and must not delay this practise. Getting over-confident during the preparation time is also very harmful for one. One should be aware about his strong and weak areas of studying and practise it in time.

**20. My Further Plans.**

I am now waiting for the merit list to be declared and then act accordingly with whatever the results come.