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Tell us about yourself, your educational background and your hobbies

I currently work with the Business Intelligence Unit at ICICI Prudential in Mumbai.

I completed my MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore in 2003 immediately after a degree in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering from the University of Pune.

I spend most of my free time playing or following a number of sports. I play squash, basketball and golf. I often get up early or stay up late to watch sports matches live. I frequently trek in the Sahyadris in the monsoons and the Himalayas whenever I get the chance. I also like playing chess, reading fiction thrillers and history.

How did you come to know about the ACET?

I came to know about the ACET once I decided to register for the actuarial examinations.

Having already completed MBA and having a good career already, what has motivated you to take up Actuarial professional course.

As a professional, you consistently need to upgrade your skills to meet the demands of industry. In the life insurance industry, the actuarial course does exactly this. Being a business where profits on business sourced today are seen with a significant time lag, the ability to understand and work with long term financial and economic risks is essential. In addition, given the current industry and economic scenario, an understanding of

risk assessment and management is increasingly important for which the Actuarial Profession is ideally suited.

How many hours of study on average per day did you put in to top the ACET result where in 1,663 candidates appeared?

More than the number of hours, I tried to ensure consistent and regular effort. Studying time would have been an average of an hour a day.

What do you think you can add value to the Actuarial Profession?

I have worked on projects with multiple functions as a part of the Business Intelligence Unit. This would help me bring a broader view to the Profession. A combination of actuarial skills and an understanding of others functions would help facilitate decisions that would promote organizational objectives while minimizing financial risk.

Any message for the students wanting to take up the ACET in future.

It is a very interesting and relevant field of study, in India, as well as worldwide. Increased worldwide regulatory focus on BFSI industries requires will increase the demand for high quality resources in the Profession. I would like to wish all students the best.

Any comments on your experience with ACET process.

The ACET process is clear on its objective, provides relevant guidance and ensures that pre-requisite skills are evaluated fairly. The entire process from registration to results is straightforward and easy.



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