

ISS Guidance Session

Date: 7th November 2025

Venue: Satyakam Bhavan, Room No. 19

Time: 11:00 PM

The Heritage Club of the Department of Statistics, University of Delhi, organized an inspiring and insightful ISS Guidance Session featuring Ms. Kashish Kasana, alumna of the Batch of 2024 and All India Rank 1 holder in the UPSC Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Examination 2025. The session took place on 7th November 2025 at 3:00 PM in Satyakam Bhavan, Room No. 19, and was attended enthusiastically by postgraduate students of the department.

The session commenced with a warm welcome to Ms. Kasana, followed by a brief introduction of her remarkable achievement and presentation of a memento by Head Of Department Professor Girish Chandra . Expressing her joy at returning to department, Ms. Kasana began her talk by sharing her academic journey. She humbly recalled how, at the beginning of her master's, her knowledge base was limited, yet her determination to learn and excel in statistics drove her to build a strong foundation. She spoke about the importance of mastering class material, studying recommended books thoroughly, and developing conceptual clarity throughout the program.

Ms. Kasana shared that she had decided early in her academic journey to pursue the ISS, and this clarity of purpose guided her preparation. She emphasized the importance of choosing optional papers based on genuine interest rather than perceived scoring potential. Discussing her preparation strategy, she elaborated on how she structured her studies - starting with General Studies (GS) papers, making flowcharts for revision, and covering current affairs systematically to avoid backlogs.

The session then turned into an engaging Q&A round, where students asked questions related to study resources, exam techniques, and motivation. Ms. Kasana advised students to use textbooks and online tools like GPT to generate and verify practice questions. She stressed the need to solve previous year questions (PYQs) multiple times, practice consistently, and focus on repetition to strengthen understanding.

She also discussed the syllabus and structure of the ISS examination, providing detailed guidance on all four papers on statistical subjects and two general papers. She recommended specific books for different subjects and explained how to approach them effectively. Ms. Kasana highlighted the significance of answer writing practice, regular revision, and setting realistic timelines to complete and revisit the syllabus. She also offered valuable insights into preparing for the English paper and interview stage, underscoring the importance of

confidence, consistency, and presence of mind.

Reflecting on her examination experience, she explained how to manage time during the paper, decide which questions to skip, and avoid negative marking - reminding students that it is not necessary to attempt all questions to score well.

Towards the end, Ms. Kasana shared her thoughts on the role of coaching, the importance of self-study, and her emotional experience of revisiting the department. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by the organizing members of the Heritage Club, expressing gratitude for her valuable time and guidance.

In essence, the session was a blend of practical strategies, personal motivation, and academic direction. It provided students with not just an understanding of the ISS examination but also a roadmap to disciplined preparation and self - belief. Ms. Kashish Kasana's journey and words served as a beacon of inspiration for all aspiring statisticians aiming to serve the nation through the Indian Statistical Service.

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The images of the event are attached below:-







