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“My CA Education Helped Me Qualify Civil Services Examination and Discharge my Duties as an IPS”



Through the ages, man has moved from hunting and gathering to farming, from the age of industrial revolution to what we call the age of Knowledge today. In today's world, knowledge is necessary to be able to make a living for

one-self and the more knowledge one acquires, the higher one is placed in the socio-economic ladder of the society. When one qualifies to become a Chartered Accountant, there remains no doubt that he/she has passed the barrier and stands amongst one of the most knowledgeable strata of the society. A reasonably good standard of living and lifestyle through one's profession is guaranteed. Lo and behold! Three of the needs in the Maslow's hierarchy are met already.

So after my CA when I decided to appear for another highly competitive examination, I had the security of a job as well as a status and my esteem needs had been met. I took commerce and law as my subjects for the civil services examination which were very natural choices after the CA. I have no hesitation in claiming that it is my education as Chartered accountant that has ensured my qualifying the civil services examination to become

an Indian Police Service officer. After joining the Indian Police Service, I hardly expected my CA qualification to help me perform my police job. However, I was proven completely wrong and it is my knowledge of accounting that has stood me in such good stead while investigating high profile economic offences as well as multiple crore scams.

I have worked for 4 years in the Central Bureau of Investigation and handled the Saradha Chit fund scam. Investigating agencies require the assistance of financial experts when handling economic crimes and terror funding cases. My expertise in accounting was an added advantage and in combination with investigative powers, made me far more professionally equipped to do my job well. Economic offences and cyber-crimes are the future challenges where I expect an important role for officers having expertise in finance. They can contribute directly by heading Economic Offences Wings as well as by training and capacity building of subordinates which I could do.

In the end, as a proud civil servant and a proud Chartered accountant, I exhort all of you to consider public service too. The scope and impact of public service is unimaginably huge. One gets an opportunity to better lives of people and contribute to nation building in a very substantial way.

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