





UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW HAPPY THINKING LABORATORY

In collaboration with

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE CELL

An interactive session on

"Competitive Competence"

By

Mr. Alok Ranjan
Former Chief Secretary, Government of UP



Date: 21 October, 2023; Time: 12:30 PM

Venue: Happy Thinking Laboratory, ONGC Building, 3rd Floor

PATRON

Prof. Alok Kumar Rai Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow

CONVENOR

Prof. M. Priyadarshini, Director HTL & Head, Dept. of English & MEL
Prof. M. Pradhan, Founder Director & Technical Expert, HTL
Dr. Vaishali Saxena, Director CGC

Session on 'Competitive Competence'

On 21st October, 2023, Happy Thinking Laboratory in collaboration with Counseling and Guidance Cell organized a program on 'Competitive Competence'. The speaker of the session Prof. Alok Ranjan, IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, was welcomed by Prof. M. Priyadarshini, Director, Happy Thinking Laboratory. The program started with an introduction of the program by Dr. Vaishali Saxena, Director, Counselling and Guidance Cell. Prof. Madhurima Pradhan, Founder Director and Technical Expert, Happy Thinking Laboratory gave a brief introduction about the speaker of the session.

Mr. Alok Ranjan started the session by talking about the concept of Happiness, training for happiness and how to attain happiness. He talked about Happy Thinking Laboratory by mentioning the lab as a Psychological Gym to train our mind. He interacted with students preparing for Competitive Exams and suggested ways to find out the inner calling. He advised the students to choose a career that matches their potential which is essential to be happy both personally and professionally.

By quoting Abraham Lincoln, " If you want to know someone's character, give them power" he elaborated and advised students not to get allured only by power and status of civil services.

He shared his personal life experiences and how he dealt with ups and downs in his professional life. He shared that he cleared the UPSC exam in his first attempt and got All India Rank 4th. He gave tips to excel competitive exams by throwing light on the necessary competitive competence aspirants should have. He also gave tips for writing an effective answer by adopting a balanced approach, critical and analytical thinking, creativity and a spiritual connect. He also added that there should be a flow of thinking, a wider perspective in writing the answers. He advised students to read as many books as possible as reading books will enhance aspirants' in-depth knowledge about general affairs. At the end of the session, students asked their questions and Mr. Alok Ranjan answered each and every question very patiently, briefly and enthusiastically. All the students found the session very useful in their preparation, they thanked sir for all the insight they got. Prof. M. Priyadarshini concluded the session by thanking students for their active participation and gave an official vote of thanks to the honest and speaker, Mr. Alok Ranjan sir.

He also visited the research room of Happy Thinking Laboratory and got himself tested on Biowell Machine. Prof. Madhurima Pradhan explained to him the report. Students from Psychology, English and Public Administration Department were present apart from many students from Abhyudaya Coaching center of University of Lucknow.





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