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In January 2020 President, Zakat Foundation of India (ZFI), Dr. Syed Zafar Mahmood sb visited Lucknow. He desired to discuss regarding delimitation of AC/Wards in UP. I, along with Mr. Yaad Ali and Mr. Juneed Ahmad (all retired officers of UP Secretariat) met the President ZFI and discussed various issues.

During course of discussion, it was felt that till then, no coaching institute was established in Lucknow to facilitate the minorities community student to cope up of UP State Government and judicial services. After discussion, it was decided to establish a coaching institute to train the said community candidates for preparing UP State Govt and judicial jobs. For this purpose, ZFI headquarter formed a committee consists of three members namely Mr. Atiq Ahmad Siddiqui (convenor), Mr. Yaad Ali (Member), and Mr. Juneed Ahmad (Member).

As per guidance of the President ZFI, the committee members discuss for coaching with reference to the different posts under UPPSC, UPSSSC and other Service Recruitment Commission / Boards in U.P.

On 14.06.2020 a webinar was organized for 10 states by ZFI headquarter in this regard. All states had presented their PPT describing jobs of the State Govt with regards to recruitment

Commission/Boards. We also presented the details for UP Government/Judicial services.

In July, 2020 the President, ZFI again discussed and finally decided to start a coaching center for UPPSC, UPSSSC and other Service Commissions/Recruitment Boards, for different type of posts. Accordingly, we had advertised for registration of candidates in the newspapers.

We have also formed a Facilitator Group on WhatsApp consist of about 70 members to facilitate in different districts of UP. Our team also visited about 9 Minority Institutions and met some renowned persons of the society and some religious personalities to aware the people/aspirants about this coaching institute. They all helped in the registration of the candidates for coaching institute. We have distributed pamphlets, handbills and also pasted posters in different masque, minority institutions and other prominent places.

For the purpose of planning and other activity to run the coaching institute, we needed a space for establishing an office. For this purpose, we discussed the co-owner of 'Apna Bazar' Vikas Nagar Lucknow Mr. Shahab Alam, one of the members of facilitator group. After Knowing the aims and objective of the coaching institute he offered to provide a room in the basement of the building; 926, Raunak Apartment, Sheikhpura, Vikas Nagar Lucknow; free of cost to run the ZFI LKO Unit office. In this room he provided a long office-table two long desks with certain drar also. We purchased 8 Chairs including computer chair for the office. We started working in Apna Bazar office from 1st of August. A Computer desktop of Dell make along with Printer and UPS was also purchased in the month of August and a laptop of Dell make in the month of November 2020. Besides this, we purchased another desktop of the same make in the

month of June 2021. We started full-fledged working from 16th August, 2020 in the said office.

On 16th August 2020 ZFI HQ organized a zoom meeting of facilitators to discuss about the coaching program. After this meeting the number of students arised in adequate numbers.

As a consequent of the above-mentioned activities up to the last date of filing of registration, 350 candidates got registered themselves for our coaching. We conducted online screening test in the month of October 2020, and finally selected 134 candidates for UPPSC-PCS and UPSSSC ministerial services coaching. Out of those selected candidates, only 86 candidates filled up their registration form.

During the course of registration, it was felt that due to COVID-19, no offline classes was permitted by the Government. In the light of above, it was decided to convene the online coaching classes instead of offline classes. For this purpose, we need a classroom, from where the online classes may be started. In this regard, we talked the co-owner of Apna Bazar, and he was pleased to offer a space in front of ZFI LKO Unit office to construct a classroom of 12*10 feet with the financial assistance of ZFI. ZFI HQ provided Rs 50000/- in advance for construction of room. Finally in the month of November, the construction work for classroom was started and it was completed up to 6th December 2020.

For the purpose of online classes, we purchased a newline digital board of 86 inch, Fuji-Film camera of high resolution along with necessary accessories, Focus light, Fan and AC etc.

For running the coaching classes, we needed Faculties of different subjects. We contacted some persons, through our

facilitators, who were working in other coaching institutes. With the help of those we obtained certain names of the faculties concerned. We obtained their profile/Bio data and shortlisted some of names. We conducted interview and demo classes to finalize the names of faculties in different subjects. We selected 9 Faculty members for PCS and RO/ARO posts conducted by UPPSC while 8 Faculty members for PET and Subordinate Services of UPSSSC and other recruitment Commission/Boards. Our all-Faculty members are experts in their respective subjects. Most of them either appeared in UPSC-CS/UPPSC-PCS/RO exams or they are aspirants of the said exams.

ZFI Lucknow Unit coaching Centre has been named as “Sir Syed Coaching and Guidance Centre” by ZFI New Delhi. The opening session for PCS/RO was started from 27th November 2020 in the forenoon session while for Subordinate Services PET in the afternoon session. For PCS exam 2020, 13 candidates and for RO/ARO, 8 candidates are appearing.

For Subordinate services we have stopped coaching due to not joining sufficient students in Nov/Dec 2020. We have re-start this from January 2021 and completed it on 10th July 2021. From 12th July to 17th August, a crash program for 35 days was done for PET exam. 25 students appeared in PET exams held on 24th August 2021. We have arranged zoom meeting with students appeared in the PET exam. Most of the students have done well. Result awaited shortly.

For PCS pre-exam the original schedule date was fixed for 13-06-2021 but it was extended due to pandemic by UPPSC for 24-10-2021. We had completed all the syllabus of PCS within original schedule i.e., up to 5th June. Further, for the extended time, we completed unsolved papers of 18 years in Hindi and 10 years in

English; two test papers of Target and GS World group. From September 2021 we have started conducting online test of paper GS1- 3 times and GS-2(CSAT)-2 times as well as individual subjects of GS-1 in alternate days. We have fully utilized the extended time of examination for success of our candidates. Our valedictory session for PCS aspirants is proposed on 14-10-2021. We are pleased to share one important information that one of aspirants of PCS and RO, Mohammad Naushad has qualified the pre-exam of Agriculture service Groups 'B'. His main exam will be proposed in November 2021.

Thanks, and Regards

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