

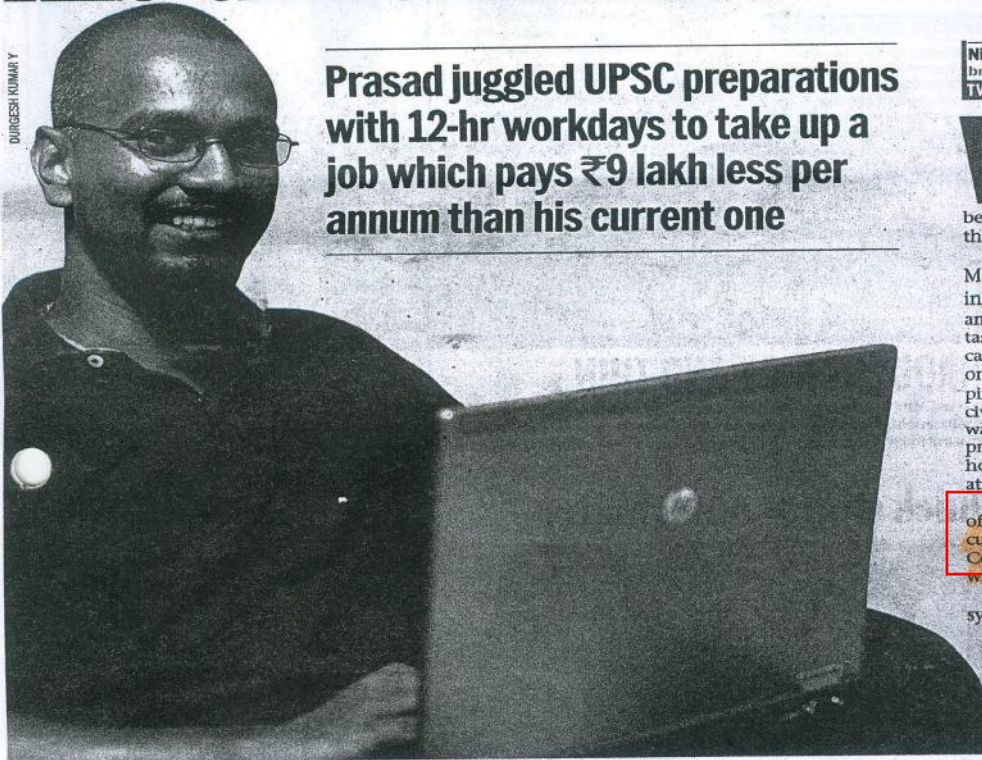
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26-year-old will soon walk corridors of power From software to civil service: HP techie lives his dream to be a babu



DURGESH KUMARY

Prasad juggled UPSC preparations with 12-hr workdays to take up a job which pays ₹9 lakh less per annum than his current one

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When the mobile phone rang around noon, he thought it was a fellow software developer calling to discuss issues related to coding. But it turned out to be a game-changing call. B M Laxmi Prasad the techie was going to be a bureaucrat.

An employee of Hewlett Packard's (HP) Mahadevapura campus, when Prasad was informed that he had cleared the UPSC exams, he was elated to know that his multi-tasking had paid off. "When my friend called to inform I had cleared the exam, I was on the top of the world. It was the sheer trappings of power that lured me to take up the civil services examination. While my brain was all about programming from 9 am to 9 pm, I would return home and devote two hours every day to preparing for the examination," says a beaming Prasad.

President of Kasturinarayan and an alumnus of R V Engineering College, Prasad has secured 151st rank in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exams, the results of which were announced on Thursday.

Prasad, 26, has been working with HP as systems software engineer 5 since 2009, drawing a salary of Rs 1.1 lakh per month. Like any other techie, Prasad's life was all about tight deadlines and racing the clock. Yet, after putting in 12 to 14

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