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Dr. Avais Patwegar, aged 38 years, is an Indian Corporate Law Service (ICLS) Officer from the 2014 batch of UPSC Civil Services.

Hailing PGPPM as a programme aimed at enhancing efficiency, leadership and management skills among policy makers and administrators, he says, “This is a government sponsored programme, and I am honored to be a participant. Given the administrative and managerial responsibilities inherent in my role, being part of PGPPM has been an enriching experience. The programme provided valuable insights through stimulating interactions with accomplished faculty and distinguished peers. The rigorous case study discussions and practical insights into policymaking have been particularly beneficial, equipping me with a broader perspective and strategic thinking skills crucial for contemporary governance.”

He points out that spending significant time in the services may limit one’s outlook, making it essential to approach issues from fresh perspectives. “The management lens provided by PGPPM has rejuvenated my thinking and opened up a new stream for ideas to flow. This would be beneficial in the current times where the bureaucratic landscape is rapidly evolving. Moreover, courses emphasizing balanced personal development, mental wellness and spirituality have significantly enhanced my overall outlook, reinforcing the idea that professional excellence must be complemented by personal well-being.”

Sharing his future plans, he says, “Going ahead, I would like to leverage the knowledge and management expertise acquired at IIMB to enhance my effectiveness in public service. IIMB’s strong commitment to public programs and evidence-based policy evaluation methodologies is very inspiring. I look forward to collaborating with various schools, tapping into their expertise to drive meaningful change for the greater public good.”

Hailing from Maharashtra, Avais Patwegar comes from a family of doctors. He is a medical graduate himself, after which he pursued civil services. His family consists of his wife who is an IT professional and their child. He is a poetry, photography and calligraphy enthusiast.