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Stressed about CLAT 2021? Read this post by UPSC Rank 1

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Sitting for CLAT can be tough. All competitive exams require resilience, and often the world seems bleak as you drown yourself in preparatory texts.

Something similar happened with Anudeep Durishetty. He failed UPSC four times. In his fifth attempt, he stood first in the entire country.

He writes about when he got his fourth attempt result:

"Sometime in February 2016, UPSC declared that I had failed in the Civil Services Examination. That was my fourth attempt and third failure. The result didn't seem as bad then, convinced as I was of my own supreme ability and UPSC's blatant bias. My inner voice immediately went about searching for excuses. "I must have flunked the language paper. Or some clerical mistake? Surely I must have been wronged!"

Once he found that he had actually failed, he contemplates how the exam has taken over his life:

"Most of us begin our Civils preparation treating it only as an exam. But slowly and surely, as we face hurdles and endure suffering, the exam takes center stage and getting through it becomes our only objective. So when we are defeated in this exam, we almost feel defeated at life. And so it was with me."

He had fallen flat on his face. But he describes his thought process, him questioning whether to sit for the fifth attempt, and he tells what finally made him do so.

[Read](#) his story here.

You could also check [out](#) Lawctopus' CV of Failure series to read more about how to motivate yourself.