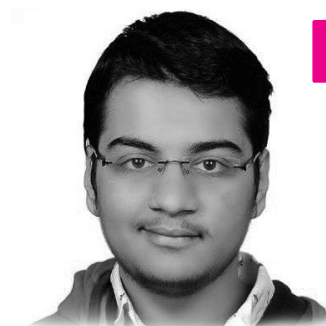


NEET 2016 Topper



Het Shah



- **MTG : Why did you choose medical stream?**

Het : I decided to join the medical field from my class 8th. So I had no doubts about my field when I entered class 11th.

- **MTG : What exams you have appeared for and what is your rank in these exams?**

Het : I appeared in NEET 2016 in which I got AIR 1 with 685 marks out of 720 (Physics 170/180, Chemistry 170/180, Biology 345/360). I also achieved AIR 4 in AIIMS 2016.

- **MTG : Any other achievements?**

Het : I achieved AIR 6 in KVPY 2015. I also cleared the first levels of the NSEP and NSEB. I achieved 96.2% in my class 12th CBSE boards.

- **MTG : How did you prepare for NEET and other medical exams?**

Het : I followed a simple strategy of focussing only on the basics and revising them again and again. I made pneumonics wherever required and tried to interconnect the different concepts of the chapters so that they become easy to remember.

- **MTG : On which topic and chapters you laid more stress in each subject?**

Het : In physics, I laid more stress on thermal physics,

electrodynamics and modern physics. In chemistry, on organic chemistry of class 12th and the basic chapters of inorganic chemistry like periodic table and chemical bonding. In biology, more stress was laid on the memory based chapters like plant diversity, morphology and anatomy.

- **MTG : How much time does one require for serious preparation for this exam?**

Het : I think that 2 years of dedicated preparation is more than enough to prepare for the exams.

- **MTG : Any extra coaching?**

Het : I undertook coaching from Allen Career Institute, Kota.

“I was a 2 year subscriber of the MTG Physics For You, Chemistry Today and Biology Today magazines and was really an avid reader of them. They were highly useful especially because of the questions of different exams and practice papers which I used to practise intently before the actual exams. Also I referred to all the MTG Books for previous years question papers of different exams. For MCQs I referred ‘MTG NCERT at your Fingertips’ which is an exceptional book in itself.”

- **MTG : Which subjects/topics you were strong/weak at?**

Het : I was strong in physics and biology. Memory based portions of inorganic chemistry and some named reactions of organic chemistry proved to be my weak points. Plant morphology was also a very volatile topic.

- **MTG : What basic difference you found in various papers you cleared?**

Het : This year’s NEET paper was a very good one including

a perfect mix of memory based, logical and calculative questions. I could compare the level of NEET paper to that of JEE Mains. AIIMS paper was a bit tricky considering its assertion-reason questions. The biology section was very flat and included questions entirely from the NCERT.

- **MTG : In your words what are the components of an ideal preparation plan?**

Het : There are 4 components of an ideal preparation plan: dedication, hardwork, focus and practice. Stick to the basics and you will survive the test of time. Mastering speed and accuracy are of utmost importance in these exams which come through a lot of practice.

- **MTG : What role did the following play in your success: (a) parents (b) teachers and school?**

Het : (a) My parents were very supportive throughout my preparation period and they boosted my confidence up whenever I felt low.

(b) My teachers and school were also very supportive as they provided me every help that I required.

- **MTG : Your family background?**

Het : I am from a non medical background. My father Sanjay Shah is a businessman whereas my mother Swati Shah is a homemaker.

- **MTG : How have our various MTG products like explorers, magazines, etc. helped you in your preparation?**

Het : I was a 2 year subscriber of the MTG Physics For You, Chemistry Today and Biology Today magazines and was really an avid reader of them. They were highly useful especially because of the questions of different exams and

practice papers which I used to practise intently before the actual exams. Also I referred to all the MTG Books for previous years question papers of different exams. For MCQs I referred 'MTG NCERT at your Fingertips' which is an exceptional book in itself.

- **MTG : What mistake you think you shouldn't have made?**

Het : With the able guidance of my mother and teachers, thankfully I haven't made any such mistakes.

- **MTG : Was this your first attempt?**

Het : Yes, this was my first attempt.

- **MTG : What do you think is the secret of your success?**

Het : Consistency is actually the secret. Proper preparation requires you to practice questions on a regular basis which I did and succeeded.

- **MTG : Had you not been selected then what would have been your future plan?**

Het : I was sure of my selection. I was only fighting for my rank.

- **MTG : What advice would you like to give to our readers who are MEDICAL aspirants?**

Het : The advice would be to dream big and follow it diligently. 2 years of regular hardwork along with some smartwork and time management would give best results. Although I would also strongly suggest the aspirants to take out reasonable time for their hobbies like reading novels etc., but they should know when to limit it.

All the Best! 😊😊