

Editorial

MPSC again: the clarification that reveals the error

This is not court room where evidence is a much to prove the wrongs. A mere clarification that too, a statement which justifies the wrongs is not what is being expected from an office like MPSC. On larger context MPSC is an institution make shape the faith of the state as this is the body that recruits tomorrow's administrators.

To be precise, an institution like MPSC should make no room for criticism, and if it happens the one looking after it should make public apology and accept moral responsibility. The expectation, the trust and the peoples' hope for a change to the running of the MPSC after the appointment of a new chairman seems to be shattered as the first recruitment test conducted after the new chairman assumed office is no different from those of the earlier.

Imphal Times published an article on its August 27 issue under the heading 'Back door entry at MPSC Manipur' written by Mohd Amir. The write up points out series of error in the process of the recruitment beginning from distribution of Admit cards to conducting of the test twice on another date. The writer also question about the motive behind the inclusion of eligibility criteria to Master Degree certificate holder in Science stream when the post should be from among those specialize in mass communication and journalism.

Imphal Times have a copy of the notification issued by the MPSC on August 21, signed by the Secretary of MPSC H. Gyan Prakash.

In its clarification, the authority of the MPSC accepted its error in issuing admit cards to three candidates. The statement also stated that no candidate with Master degree (Science) or any other stream has been allowed to appear the recruitment exam conducted on August 25. This is on contrary to its notification dated August 21.

The clarification in response to the article published in Imphal Times clearly indicates that there have been some wrongs in the recruitment process this time. And blaming a third party for the error they committed cannot be an excuse. We also produce the clarification from the MPSC and left to the people on whether MPSC is on the right tract or not after the appointment of the new chairman.

Clarification from the MPSC on Imphal Times article

MPSC Examination for District Information Officer held on 25th August, 2017

It has been brought to the notice of the Commission that three candidates who downloaded their Admit Cards for the above examination got the dates wrong in the first download due to technical glitch (i.e. Admit Card showing 31st August instead of 25th August). Due to the technical glitch, the three aspirants could not sit for the examination held on 25th August. There has been no change in the schedule of the examination from the beginning of the notification. The candidates concerned could have counter checked from any other source for confirmation if there is any change of date of examination. The technical glitch in these cases are being investigated with "Cube Ten" responsible for running the particular programme. Not with standing, the technical mistake is regretted.

The Commission considered the above issue on priority and took a decision to provide opportunity to appear for the posts of Public Relation Officer (PRO) examination to candidates who had not earlier applied for the said post, to be held on 28th August. Accordingly, the last date was relaxed for such candidates, whose admit card showed wrong date. However, only one candidates applied to take the offer and arrangements were made accordingly. It has been learnt later that the same candidate did not appear in the examination for the said post (PRO) on 28th August due to objection raised by few candidates out of 124 candidates, inside the examination hall, just before the commencement of the said examination.

Someone has also written in Imphal Times dated 27th August that candidates with Master's Degree in science has been allowed to appear for the examination held on 25th August. It is also alleged that these persons are relatives of MPSC staff and that these vacancies have already been sold out to politicians. It is clarified that only candidates with Graduate/Master's Degree in Journalism and/or Mass Communications/Communications, have been allowed to appear in the examination after due examination of the course content/papers appeared by the candidates for their respective degrees. NO(no) candidate with Master's Degree (Science) or in any other stream has been allowed. It is unfortunate that such unfounded, baseless and despicable allegation with a figment of dark imagination have been put in public domain. Such writings have the potential to poison the young minds of our people. MPSC appeals to all concerned to refrain from such with allegations. However, the Commission welcomes any positive suggestion/feedback at all time.

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Can Assam become India's sports hub?

The overall sports scene of the region

By : Jyotirmoy Barpujari

The North Eastern states in India are home to some of India's most recognised international players. People like M.C. Mary Kom with 2012 Olympics bronze medal and five world amateur-boxing champion trophies, footballer Baichung Bhutia, boxer L. Sarita Devi with silver medal at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Jayanta Talukdar with gold medal and Arjuna Award, weightlifter K. Sanjita Chanu with gold at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, etc. have already put the region in the world map in a glorious way. While North East India constitutes only about 3.7% of the total Indian population, the youth out there are well-known for their inclination towards sports. Assam and Manipur have synthetic athletic tracks for all-weather competitions. These states have good number of sponsorships from corporate giants and other public sector-undertakings which help in promoting physical education and sports in the region. Children are motivated to participate in sports from a young age and the general opinion of the people here is that physical education should be implemented as a compulsory part of school and college curriculums. As the present NDA government is committed to development of sports and North East the Sports Authority of India (SAI) also set up the first office of its Chairperson in Guwahati in 2015 with the help of then Union Sports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, which is facilitating North Eastern sportspersons to get an easy access to the Ministry For The

Development of Sports. 22.3% (901 out of 4031) of girl trainees at SAI centres are trained in the North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. They are provided with regular sports training in 27 sports disciplines on residential and non-residential basis in 290 SAI sports centres.

After Mr. Sonowal became the Chief Minister of Assam he took it as a challenge to make Assam the national sports capital of India. As Mr. Sonowal mentioned, "We began a journey to make Assam a global sports hub with the South Asian Games. Every championship will take us closer to that goal." He is a firm believer that if talent is properly harnessed, the North East can produce more sportspersons who can represent the nation at world events. Assam and the North East have so much of raw talent that goes unnoticed and several budding sportspersons end up at the district and state level.

Being a storehouse of talent, the region is being accorded top priority by the government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has instructed every ministry to accord priority to developmental schemes in the North East because India cannot progress without adequate progress in the North-East region. In sports they have taken immediate steps to hold the Himalayan Region Games in North-East Region. It seems that the Sports Ministry along with the Human Resource Development Ministry are trying to integrate sports with education for the all-round development of the children.

With North Eastern boxers like Mary Kom, Shiva Thapa, L. Sarita Devi and Devendro Singh Boxing has given identity to India at the international level, including Olympics. Guwahati is all set to host the biggest football extravaganza in the world, the FIFA U-17 World Cup. The state government realises the importance of hosting the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 and have given complete support, as this event will be critical in the Chief Minister's vision of making Assam the sports hub of India. It recently had the India Myanmar Thailand (IMT) cr rally and again the state is planning to organise a Brahma Putra Festival to integrate the traditional sports and culture. As a baby step towards Assam's goal of making Guwahati the Sports Capital of the country, the 1st Elite (Senior) Men's National Boxing Championship 2016-17, which is the first major event organised in two years by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) was hosted by the state. The State is hopeful that it will have many tournaments of such stature in the days to come. It is a matter of pride for the region

that sportspersons have given back to their communities by supporting and guiding young athletes from their native lands. Mary Kom Regional Boxing Foundation and the chain of Baichung Bhutia Football Schools are great examples of this. With the presence of football clubs like Shillong Lajong FC, Aizawl FC, North-East United FC, Royal Walingdoh FC and a host of local sides from the Shillong, Manipur or Mizoram football leagues, people's following for the sport in the region has seen a steady growth over the last few decades.

Apart from Assam, most of the state governments of the region have been putting in a lot of efforts to upgrade the stadiums as well as the practice sites. Hope all these well-considered measures would help materialising the dreams of North Eastern people about sports and create world class players India can be proud of.

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National & International News

Curfew relaxed in Sirsa for 12 hours

PTI Sirsa (Har), Aug 29: Authorities in Sirsa today relaxed the curfew from 7 AM to 7 PM in after the sentencing of Dera Sach Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh in two rape cases.

The decision was taken after no violent incident was reported in the area. This is the second time since Sunday the curfew has been relaxed, officials said.

Sirsa town is home to the sprawling Dera headquarters where the sect's followers had gathered in large numbers ahead of Ram Rahim's conviction.

"Authorities should lift the curfew permanently in the area as the law and order situation is under control," Bobby Soni, a localite, said.

"During the relaxation of curfew people can buy their household items. Also, schools colleges and other educational institutions will also remain open during the

period." Special Commissioner (Civil), V Umashankar said. Inspector General (Hisar range) AS Dhillion yesterday said there has been no report of violence by Dera followers in the district.

A special CBI court yesterday sentenced Ram Rahim to 20 years in prison after his conviction in two rape cases.

CBI Judge Jagdeep Singh pronounced two sentences of 10 years rigorous imprisonment in each of the two cases that date back to 2002, said defence lawyer S K Garg Narwana.

He said both sentences will run consecutively for a total of 20 years in jail for the flamboyant guru who has millions of followers and counts politicians as well as celebrities as his friends.

The conviction of the Dera head triggered arson and violence across Haryana that claimed 36 lives and injured over 250 people. In Sirsa, four people died and 58 were injured.

2 arrested for drug peddling in J-K

PTI Jammu, Aug 29: Two persons, including a resident of Chhattisgarh, were arrested on charges of drug peddling from different places in Jammu and Kashmir and more than 1 kg of drugs was seized from them, the police said today. Shanker Lal Nishad was arrested from Jammu district's Nowabad area last evening and 900 grams of marijuana was recovered from him, a police spokesman said. Nishad claimed he was from


Chhattisgarh and he mostly sold the drug to youths, he said.

He has been booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the spokesman said.

Sohan Singh of Katra was arrested in Reasi district last evening, he said.

The spokesman said 2200 grams of poppy straw was recovered from him, the spokesman said, adding that he has also been booked under the NDPS Act.

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Shri Khumukcham Mangi Singh,
Retd. Dy Commandant, 1st IRB
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(Expired on 23/8/2017)

৫শ্বিৰা August 23, ইং 2017, লাংবনগী
নিনি পানবা কুম্ৰাকৈশা নুমিত্তা ঐৰখোয় স্বাইবু
কোনবীৰহা Shri Khumukcham Mangi Singh,
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থান্ডেকৰুগা ইম্বোৱগী খুয়ান চংজুৱে।

লাক্সিৰা August 28, ইং, লাংবন গী ৭ নি
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ঐখোয়নদি শকখংজুইহৌত্ৰবা ইলখিত্তবগা
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