

APSC uses technology in Recruitment Process

GUWAHATI, June 20 - Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) Chairman Rakesh Paul today said that the Commission was undertaking a slew of measures, including use of latest technology, to ensure that the recruitment process to various State services remained foolproof.

Paul, who was addressing the media, admitted that the APSC had been under a cloud for quite some time over alleged malpractices in recruitment, but sought to refute the allegations saying that at the core of the charges was the discontentment of a large number of meritorious candidates who had been unable to crack the civil services.

“Every year an overwhelmingly large number of candidates apply for jobs under the APSC-run recruitment exams. As the number of jobs is too meagre compared to the number of candidates, discontentment among those (who also include many meritorious candidates) is normal. This leads to suspicion on the conduct of the exams and allegations are levelled, even though those are unfounded,” Paul said.

Paul said that it was precisely with the objective of redeeming the APSC’s image and making the recruitment process more transparent that a slew of technology-enabled steps such as introduction of OMR, etc, had been introduced.

“We are also going to conduct videography of interviews – something suggested by the Chief Minister during our meeting a few days back. In fact, we had approached the State Government for videography last year itself but the proposal failed to elicit the desired response,” he said, adding that for proper evaluation of answer-scripts in-house assessment would also be implemented soon.

The APSC Chairman added that for making the job application process convenient and hassle-free, the Commission had already made provisions for receiving applications and sending e-admit cards online. “Candidates can get a lot of information on the examinations at our website www.apsc.nic.in,” he said.

Paul said that a total of 70,132 candidates applied for 241 posts in the 2013 ACS and allied examination, the results of which were declared in 2015. Similarly, 52,520 and 38,554 candidates applied for the 2014 and 2015 ACS and allied exams respectively.