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CM for overhauling PSC exam system

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has called upon the Public Service Commission to adopt a candidate friendly examination system for recruiting efficient youth with social commitment to the State civil service.

Inaugurating the 43rd State conference of the Kerala Public Service Commission Employees Union here on Friday, Mr. Vijayan said a thorough recast of the selection system is imperative for setting up a sensible civil service which has a humane approach to public issues.

Examinations should not be reduced to a mechanical process for gauging memory, aptitude and general knowledge of a candidate. Malayalam proficiency test should form part of the examination process. Fixed scores should be set for testing these skills, he said.

Despite the increasing demand for entrusting recruitment to more agencies with the commission, appointment to a large number of institutions, mainly aided schools for which the government meets the salary and pension bills, still remain outside the ambit of the commission. Neither reservation nor social justice norms are being observed in appointments to such institutions, he said. Special recruitment for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes as well as the differently abled should be conducted with due diligence. Mayor V.K.Prasanth welcomed. Union president S.Jayakumar presided and general convener V.B.Manu Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.