

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020

(i) The second edition of Aarambh 2020 Common Foundation Course (CFC) took place at LBSNAA from 14th to 31st October, 2020, in which 428 Officers Trainees (OTs) from eighteen Services and three Royal Bhutan Services had participated. However, due to the prevailing pandemic situation, this year the Aarambh 2020 is a virtual one, with the chosen theme as “Governance in India @100”. The sub themes are “EK Bharat Shrestha Bharat”, “Atmanirbhar Bharat” and “Naveen Bharat” with focus on cultural diversity and synergy in India as an influencer, economic diversity and oneness as strength, Atmanirbhar in Energy, Health, Building large systems for Black Swan events, Research and Innovation in Education, Industry and Administration.

During Aarambh 2020, 58 eminent national & international speakers and officials from various fields / Ministries & Departments had interacted virtually with OTs. Among the senior officers who interacted with the OTs were Principle Secretary to Prime Minister, Cabinet Secretary, Home Secretary, Principal Economic Advisor etc.

On 31st October (Rashtriya Ekta Divas), the Officer Trainees virtually attended the parade by State Police and Para Military Forces at the Statue of Unity at Kevadia. The Hon[’]ble Prime Minister interacted with the OTs on virtual mode from Kevadia, Gujarat on the learnings from Aarambh Programme, i.e., on the theme of “Aarambh 2020” viz., Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, Atamnirbhar Bharat, Naveen Bharat.

Hon[’]ble PM also spoke on the Mission Karmayogi, the newly launched Capacity Building Programme which marks a change from a rule-based system to a role-based system that focuses on competencies of every post and use of latest digital technologies in making our system of training accessible, transparent and democratic to become “True Karmayogi”.

(ii) Staff Selection Commission has conducted the following examinations:

- a) Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level Examination, 2019.
- b) Junior Engineer (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Quantity Surveying & Contracts) Examination (Paper-I), 2019.

Also, the Commission has declared result for the following examinations:

- a) Phase-VII/2019 Selection Post Examination (Graduation and above Level).
- b) Phase-VII/2019 Selection Post Examination (Matriculation Level).
- c) Multi Tasking (Non-Technical) Staff Examination (Paper-II), 2019.

(iii) 2nd iteration of Service Allocation of the candidates recommended on the basis of Civil Services Examination, 2019 has been done successfully and is also communicated to LBSNAA, Mussorie and Training Division for taking further action related to 95th Common Foundation Course.

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(iv) Amendment to Union Public Service Commission (Exemption from Consultation) Regulations, 1958 was notified vide Notification No. 39018/02/2020-Estt. (B) dated 07.10.2020 [G.S.R. No.618(E) dated 07.10.2020].

(v) Appointment of Sh. Ashok Kumar, IRPS as Member, Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi was notified vide Notification No. 24011/02/2018-Estt.(B) dated 14.10.2020.

(vi) PESB, DoPT issued advertisements for 25 (twenty five) posts [08 (eight) for CMD/MD and 17 (seventeen) for Directors].

(vii) 09 (nine) training programmes were conducted in Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM) during the month of October, 2020. The number of participants in these programmes was 630.

2. In addition to the above, the following instructions/guidelines/clarifications on different subjects were issued by this Department:-

- (i) Calculation of monthly contribution towards cost of pension payable during foreign service in view of the implementation of the recommendations of the 7th CPC issued vide O.M. No. 2/9/2017-Estt.(Pay-II) dated 09.10.2020.
- (ii) Central Civil Services (Leave Travel Concession) Rules, 1988 – Relaxation to travel by Air to visit North East Region, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Territory of Ladakh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands-extension beyond 25.09.2020 issued vide O.M. No. 31011/3/2018-Estt.(A.IV) dated 08.10.2020.
- (iii) Preventive measures to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Attendance of Central Government officials regarding issued vide O.M. No. 11013/9/2014-Estt.(A.III) dated 07.10.2020.
- (iv) Commencement of meeting with messages on COVID-19 related precautions issued vide O.M. No. 11013/09/2014-Estt.A-III dated 14.10.2020.