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NOTIFICATION

No. A.34011/4/2025-P&AR(GSW), Aizawl, the 9th April, 2026: In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 12 of the Mizoram Information Service Rules, 2021, the Government of Mizoram hereby makes the following regulations, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.-

- (1) These regulations may be called the Mizoram Information Service (Cadre Training and Departmental Examination) Regulations, 2026.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.-

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Service" means the Mizoram Information Service;
- (b) "Foundation Training" means the Foundation Training Programme referred to in regulation 5;
- (c) "Departmental Examination" means the examination referred to in regulation 7;
- (d) "Commission" means the Mizoram Public Service Commission;
- (e) "Government" means the Government of Mizoram;
- (f) "Gazette" means the Official Gazette of the Government of Mizoram;
- (g) "Governor" means the Governor of Mizoram;
- (h) "ATI" means the Administrative Training Institute, Aizawl.

3. Objectives.-

- 1) To develop managerial skills and enhance the capacity of officers;
- 2) To provide in-depth knowledge of the media industry in Mizoram and India—its history, evolution, and present context;
- 3) To equip officers with knowledge of key welfare schemes of the Government, along with relevant Acts and rules, to develop a critical understanding of contemporary economic, social and cultural processes;
- 4) To provide a critical understanding of the Government's role in the context of media and to enable officers to act as an effective communication medium between the Government and citizens;
- 5) To facilitate smooth career progression of officers;
- 6) To equip officers with necessary skills in the dynamic field of public relations, information collection and government communication processes;
- 7) To motivate and enable Information Service Officers to contribute to society, economy and polity.

4. Cadre Training Programme for Mizoram Information Service Officers.-

The Cadre Training Programme for members of the Service shall consist of the following:-

Sl. No.	Name of Training Programme/Course	Duration	Level of Participants
1	Foundation Training	6 months	Junior Grade of MIS
2	Mid-Career Training	At least 2 weeks	Senior Grade of MIS (regular)
3	Senior Management Training	At least 1 week	Junior Administrative Grade of MIS and above (regular)

5. Foundation Training Programme for Junior Grade of Mizoram Information Service.-

- 1) Every officer recruited into the Junior Grade of the Service after the commencement of these regulations shall undergo a Foundation Training Programme conducted by ATI, Aizawl.
- 2) The Foundation Training shall include at least one month of 'On-the-Job' attachment at any of the District Information & Public Relations Offices under the Government of Mizoram.
- 3) The Foundation Training shall also include attachment to any of the reputed training institutes listed in Schedule II for a period of at least one month, which may include exposure visits to Government media units as listed in Schedule II.
- 4) ATI, in consultation with the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Good Governance & Training Wing) and the Information, Public Relations, Printing & Stationery Department, Government of Mizoram, shall make arrangements for conduct of the Foundation Training Programme.

6. Course contents for Foundation Training Programme.-

1. The core contents for the Foundation Training at Administrative Training Institute, Aizawl shall, as far as possible, include:-
 - 1) Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.
 - 2) Fundamental Rules & Supplementary Rules, Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1978.
 - 3) Constitution of India.
 - 4) Disaster Management.
 - 5) Right to Information Act, 2005, Good Governance, Mizoram Right to Public Services Act, 2015.
 - 6) Role of Information, Public Relations, Printing & Stationery Department and Media during Elections including functions of Media Certification & Monitoring Committee.
 - 7) Key Welfare Schemes of Government of India & Mizoram.
 - 8) Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity Advertisement Rules and Government of Mizoram Advertisement Rules.
 - 9) The Mizoram Press Representatives Accreditation Rules, Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society Rules, Mizoram Journalist Pension Scheme, 2023 etc.
 - 10) Information Technology Act 2000, Basic Concepts in Information Technology and e-Governance.
 - 11) Writing Skills in Mizo and English – Report writing, speech writing for Important Days, press release.
 - 12) Public Speaking Skills, Office Etiquette.
 - 13) Any other relevant topics as may be decided by ATI, Mizoram.

2. The core contents for the Foundation Training conducted at any of the reputed training institutes listed at Schedule II as part of the Foundation Training Programme shall, as far as possible, be as follows:-
 - 1) Mass Communication: Basic Concepts, Techniques.
 - 2) Principles of Public Relations – Tools, Methods. Public Relations in Government context – Evolving Role of Public Relations in Government & Politics, Disaster Management & Crisis Communication.
 - 3) Press Council Act 1978 with its Rules and Regulations (Code, Ethics, Registrar of Newspapers for India, Norms of Journalist Conduct, Media Self-Regulation in India etc.).
 - 4) Freedom of Press under Indian Constitution, Censorship of the Press, Role of Journalism in Society, Concept of Fourth Estate.
 - 5) Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and its amendments [2011 & 2012 (1) and (2)].
 - 6) Advertising Laws in India [Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) & Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) Codes].
 - 7) Emerging technologies- Artificial Intelligence, podcasting, Vlogging, Over-the-Top (OTT), Data Analysis, Tackling fake news, data visualization, digital archive management etc.
 - 8) Social Marketing, Brand Management. Effective use of social media, media planning, Information, Education, and Communication strategy.
 - 9) Basics in Photography & New Media.
 - 10) Films & Visual Art including introduction to the film industry in India, with its history & present context, filmmaking and marketing of films, film festivals in India & abroad, the visual art scenario and exhibition & marketing of art etc.
 - 11) Internet Ethics – laws and issues, Information Technology Act, 2000, Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

7. Departmental Examination.-

- 1) There shall be a Departmental Examination on the syllabus set out in Schedule I.
- 2) The minimum qualifying marks shall be forty percent of the total marks in each paper applicable to the candidate.
- 3) A candidate who fails in any paper shall reappear in the failed paper(s) in the next examination(s) until he/she qualifies.
- 4) Any officer found to have adopted or attempted to adopt any unfair means during the Departmental Examination shall be liable to disqualification for that examination and may also be debarred from appearing in any subsequent examination for such period as may be determined by the Commission, after giving the officer a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
- 5) The Commission shall have the power to cancel the result of any officer found guilty of such misconduct at any time before or after the declaration of results.
- 6) The Commission shall declare the results of the Departmental Examination and maintain a record of marks obtained by each officer in each Paper for the purposes of verification and future reference.

8. Mid-Career Training Programme of Mizoram Information Service.-

- 1) The Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Good Governance & Training Wing), Government of Mizoram, in consultation with the Information, Public Relations, Printing & Stationery Department, Government of Mizoram, shall make arrangements for conduct of the Mid-Career Training Programme as and when necessary.
- 2) The Mid-Career Training Programme shall be arranged at any of the reputed training institutes listed in Schedule II.

- 3) The duration of the Mid-Career Training Programme shall be for a period of at least two weeks.
- 4) Eligibility: Senior Grade of Mizoram Information Service (regular).
- 5) Course fee, including boarding and lodging etc. shall be met by the Government.

9. Course contents for Mid-Career Training Programme.-

The course contents shall, as far as possible, include:-

- 1) New laws and amendments related to mass communication, Information Technology, Right to Information and public relations, including new technologies.
- 2) Public relations in Government context-evolving role of Public Relations in Government and politics; media planning and management for Government; developing communication strategies for Government schemes.
- 3) Leadership and people management; interpersonal relations.
- 4) Case studies in Government public relations in India.
- 5) Good governance.

10. Senior Management Training Programme of Mizoram Information Service.-

- 1) The Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Good Governance & Training Wing), Government of Mizoram, in consultation with the Information, Public Relations, Printing & Stationery Department, Government of Mizoram, shall make arrangements for conduct of the Senior Management Training Programme as and when necessary.
- 2) The Senior Management Training Programme shall be arranged at any of the reputed training institutes listed in Schedule II.
- 3) The duration of the Senior Management Training Programme shall be for a period of at least one week.
- 4) Eligibility: Junior Administrative Grade of MIS and above (regular).
- 5) Course fee, including boarding and lodging etc. shall be met by the Government.

11. Course contents for Senior Management Training Programme.-

The course contents shall, as far as possible, include:-

- 1) New laws and amendments related to mass communication, Information Technology, Right to Information and public relations, including new technologies.
- 2) Public relations in Government context—evolving role of Public Relations in Government and politics. Media planning and management for Government, developing communication strategies for Government schemes.
- 3) Leadership, people management, and interpersonal relations.
- 4) Case studies in Government public relations in India.
- 5) Good governance.

12. Power to exempt.-

Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Governor of Mizoram may, in consultation with the Commission and by general or special order, exempt any officer governed by the Mizoram Information Service Rules, 2021, and as amended, from passing the Departmental Examination, if the Governor is of the opinion that such requirement would cause undue hardship or disadvantage to such officer and that such exemption is expedient in the interest of public service.

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SCHEDULE I
[(See regulation 7)]

SYLLABI FOR MIS DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION

The Departmental Examination shall consist of Six Papers covering distinct subjects, with an aggregate of 550 (five hundred and fifty) marks. The scheme of examination shall comprise Multiple Choice Questions, carrying fifty per cent of the total marks allotted to each subject, and Essay Type Questions, carrying the remaining fifty per cent of the marks in each subject. The Papers and the marks allotted to each shall be as follows:-

Paper I : Mass Communication & Public Relations

100 Marks

1. Mass Communication: Basic Concepts, Techniques.
2. Principles of Public Relations – Tools, Methods. Public Relations in the Government context – Evolving Role of Public Relations in Government & Politics.
3. Social Marketing & Brand Management. Developing media strategy for Government Schemes.
4. Emerging technologies – Social media, Vlogging, Podcasting, Over-the-Top (OTT), Artificial Intelligence, Data Analysis, Tackling fake news, etc.

Paper II : Government Advertisement & Press Related Matters

100 Marks

1. DAVP Advertisement Rules and Government of Mizoram Advertisement Rules.
2. The Mizoram Press Representatives Accreditation Rules, 2014.
3. Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society Rules, 2010.
4. Media landscape of Mizoram.
5. Mizoram Journalist Pension Scheme, 2023.

Paper III : Administration & Establishment

100 Marks

1. Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.
2. Fundamental Rules & Supplementary Rules.
3. Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.
4. Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1978.

Paper IV : Constitution of India, RTI Act, Welfare Schemes

100 Marks

1. Constitution of India.
2. Right to Information Act 2005 & Amendments.
3. The Mizoram Right to Public Services Act.
4. Key Welfare Schemes of the Government of India & Mizoram.

Paper V : Language Comprehension & Writing Skills (English & Mizo)

100 Marks

1. Essay Writing
2. Précis Writing.
3. Report Writing.
4. Speech Writing.

Paper VI : Mizo (for non-Mizo speaking officers only)

50 Marks

Mizo language of Middle School standard.

SCHEDULE II
[(See regulations 5, 8 and 10)]

LIST OF REPUTED TRAINING INSTITUTES

1. Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi.
2. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai.
3. Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad.
4. Administrative Training Institute, Kolkata.
5. Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru.
6. Any Indian Institute of Management (IIM).

LIST OF MEDIA UNITS AND INSTITUTIONS UNDER MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

1. Press Information Bureau (PIB).
2. Central Bureau of Communication (CBC).
3. Publications Division.
4. Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) (erstwhile Registrar of Newspapers for India).
5. Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).
6. Electronic Media Monitoring Centre (EMMC).
7. New Media Wing, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
8. Prasar Bharati—(a) All India Radio, (b) Doordarshan.
9. Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.
10. Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Kolkata.
11. Indian Institute of Mass Communication.
12. Press Council of India.
13. National Film Development Corporation Limited (NFDC).
14. Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL).

LIST OF ARTS ORGANIZATIONS UNDER GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

1. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi.
2. National Gallery of Modern Art—New Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru.
3. National Archives of India.