ITBP: for Those Who can Face Tough and Challenging Environment by Preeti

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The ITBP or Indo Tibetan Border Police is the Indian force allocated the job of protecting the border of the Tibetan Autonomous Region of China. It is also one of the Central Armed Police Forces. The candidates for this position are trained in Civil Medical Camp, nuclear, biological and chemical calamities, along with disaster management. The ITBP personnel are also sent abroad for UN peacekeeping missions. Lately, it has carried out a huge expansion plan to offer more relief to the troops who are deployed in harsh, high altitude lands for their better part of their service. The number of ITBP personnel has crossed the 100,000 mark.

Recruitment:

Every year, recruitment for this post is conducted and any citizen of India, fulfilling the criteria can apply. Interested applicants have to send their applications after filling in all the details in it, either in Hindi or English. With the application form, attested documents such as birth certificate, educational certificate and the scheduled caste certificate should be attached. The eligible candidates are provided with the issue cards of the Indo Tibetan Border Police to sit for the ITBP test. The date and the venue is provided in the admit card issued to the candidates.

Selection Process:

After the documentation eligibility, the candidate has to meet the criteria for head, chest and weight measurement. Those candidates failing in the physical measurement will be eliminated. The next procedure is the written exam in general arithmetic, general knowledge, general English and essay writing. The questions are objective types and can be written in Hindi or English. The passing marks for the written exam are 45% in each of the given subjects. However, the SC/ST candidates are given a concession of up to 5%.

Other Required tests for Recruitment:

The candidates who have passed the written test has to appear for a skill test. This includes a typing test on computer to check the speed. The minimum requirement for speed in English typing is 35 words per minute and for Hindi are 30 words per minute on a computer. The time period is 10 minutes. The fundamental knowledge in computer, mainly MS Word, Excel and Power Point is also tested. This is not a qualifying exam as such; however, the marks gained will be added when making the merit list. The next procedure is the interview for verifying the aptitude, personal bearing, response and the general intelligence level and others. Candidates are then sent for medical examination to evaluate their fitness, before the merit list is made.

Major Training Centre:

The main ITBP training centre is located at Mussoorie in Uttarkhand. This centre offers training for officers, subordinates, along with promotional courses. The training program specializes in explosive handling and rock craft among many others. State of art training is provided to combat the latest challenges facing the country in this century. The training is extremely tough, mentally and physically, which needs a lot of initial preparation. For, they have to be prepared to guard Indian borders in extremely high altitudes and the tough training is the best way to prepare them for it.

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