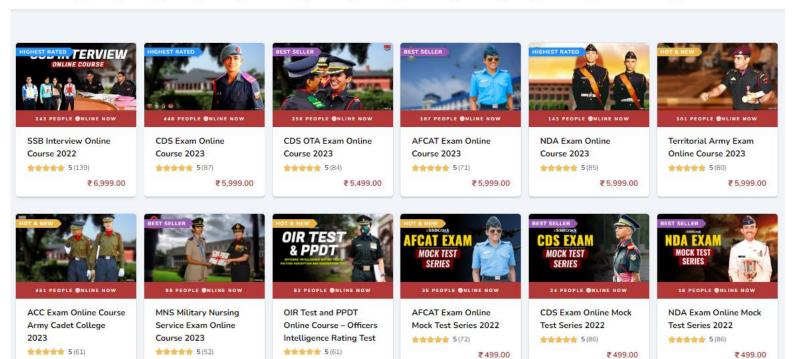


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India Pulls Out Of Games In China Over Stapled Visas For Arunachal Athletes

Why In The News?

- As A Mark Of Protest Against China's Decision To Issue Stapled Visas Instead
 Of Stamped Ones To Three Athletes From Arunachal Pradesh, India Withdrew
 Its Entire Wushu (Martial Art) Team From The World University Games Which
 Begin Friday In Chengdu.
- The Decision Came Hours After Airport Authorities In New Delhi **Stopped An Eight-member Contingent,** Comprising Five Athletes, A Coach And Two Support Staff, At The Boarding Gate Minutes Before Departure Thursday Midnight, According To Coach Raghvendra Singh.

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Stamped Vs Stapled Visas

- A Stapled Visa Is Issued By A Country That Claims A Certain Region As Its Own, But They Don't Have Control Over.
- A Stapled Visa Is A Visa But Can Be Ripped Of Your Passport Upon Exiting The Country Which Is Contrary To Stamped One Where You Have Record Of Entry As Well As Exit Of Specific Country.





What Do We Know?

 China Has Consistently Denied Stamped Visas To Indian Citizens From Arunachal Pradesh, Citing Territorial Dispute. According To The Federation Official, The Athletes Applied For Visas On July 16.



- While The Applications Of The Rest Of The Team Were Processed In Time, The
 Documents Of The Three Arunachal Athletes Nyeman Wangsu, Onilu Tega And
 Mepung Lamgu Were Not Accepted.
- They Were Asked To Resubmit Their Applications Tuesday And The Chinese Embassy Returned Their Passports With Stapled Visas On Wednesday Afternoon.
- The Government, Which Was Informed About The Decision, Put The Team's
 Participation On Hold Before Ultimately Deciding Thursday That India Will Not
 Take Part In The Wushu Competition Of The University Games.



How Indian Govt Responded?

Ministry Of External Affairs, Called The Chinese Decision "Unacceptable",
Adding That "India Reserves The Right To Suitably Respond To Such Actions".
There Should Be No Discrimination Or Differential Treatment Based On Domicile
Or Ethnicity In The Visa Regime For Indian Citizens Holding Valid India Passports.



Any Earlier Such Instances?

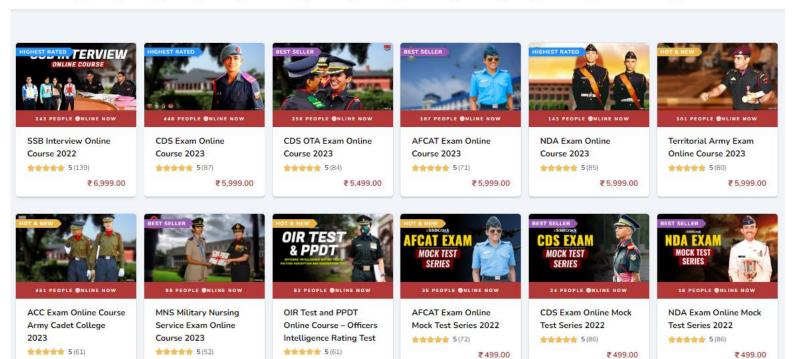
- China Has Refused To Issue Stamped Visas To Athletes And Officials From Arunachal In The Past As Well. In 2011, Five Karatekas From The State Were Given Stapled Visas For A Competition In Quanzhou.
- Two Years Later, Two Archers Were Given Stapled Visas Ahead Of The Youth World Championships And In 2016, The Manager Of The Indian Badminton Team Said He Did Not Get A Chinese Visa Because He Was From Arunachal Pradesh.





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