

Confusion over Journalism entrance test

Nodal college principal goes missing at official briefing

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Confusion prevails over the admission in Bachelor in Journalism course in Delhi University. In a Press conference that was called by Maharaja Agrasen College, the Principal went missing. Instead, it was only five members of the teaching faculty from different courses, who taught a paper in journalism, addressed the conference.

Further the statement issued by Principal Dr Sunil Sondhi a day before, which said that Maharaja Agrasen College will be conducting the admission, added to the confusion. His interview gave an impression that the college will be looking after the entire examination process and will assign colleges to the aspiring candi-

date. However in the Press conference that was addressed by five college teachers, it was said that the college will only be taking care of the logistical needs in the admission procedure and the individual colleges will take care of their own admissions.

Maharaja Agrasen College had called for a Press conference on its premises on Wednesday. Apparently the Press conference was called with due permission of the college principal and the principal himself was to brief the media. However, the principal went missing from the college at the

time of the conference. What added to the mystery was the fact that he went out to issue a statement and share details regarding the admission in Journalism courses with a section of media a day before the Press conference called in his very own college, which he did not attend.

The teachers present in the conference were too caught unawares about the college principal's statement on the admission issue. "I got to know about it only when I saw it in the newspaper on Wednesday morning. None of the teachers present here are

aware about the matter," said Dr Niraj Kumar Singh.

The teachers were embarrassed by absence of the principal. "We are very embarrassed and want to apologise to the mediapersons. We will be seeking the clarification from the principal on the matter," added Dr Sangit K Ragi. The teachers too were not aware about the principal's absence from the Press conference till Wednesday morning.

Five colleges in Delhi University — Kamla Nehru College, Lady Sri Ram College, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Maharaja Agrasen College and Kalindi College — offer bachelor course in English Journalism. In the meeting that was called to share details about the admission in these

five colleges had no representatives present from the other four colleges.

"The Admission Committee has appointed Maharaja Agrasen College as a nodal agency to provide logistical support for the admission, so we are holding this meeting here," clarified Ragi. The Admission Committee has one member from all five colleges. The committee is formed with the consent of the Dean of Social Science along with the principals of the five colleges. This body has no legal status.

This is for the first time that a joint entrance test for journalism is going to be held. The online application forms for the course will be available from May 20 to June 5. The test will be held on June 19.

