

Nitish decries new UPSC syllabus

PATNA: Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday decried changes in syllabus making English essential for the Civil Services Aptitude Test (Prelims) by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), saying it would cause "injustice" to aspirants from rural areas.

"I decry the change in UPSC's CSAT (Prelims) syllabus making English an essential subject... it will cause injustice to the aspirants from

the rural areas," Mr. Kumar told reporters on the sidelines of his *Janata Darbar* here.

He said he had received a letter from a candidate. "I read the letter and I felt that it (change in syllabus) is not justified," he said, adding that he had written a letter to the Centre about it.

"The system of making English as essential subject must be changed... it will be an injustice to the candidates from rural areas in Bihar and Uttar

Pradesh," Mr. Kumar said.

The UPSC recently made drastic changes in the preliminary examination system for 2011 and introduced CSAT system in which English is incorporated as one of the essential subjects.

Referring to the alleged leak in AIEEE question papers on Sunday, Mr. Kumar said the State Police would help in taking action against those involved in the incident.