



The Status Quo in Civil Services

In a recent incident at Delhi's Thyagraj Stadium, athletes and coaches have faced notable interruptions in their training schedules due to claims of a conflict of interest involving civil service officers in Delhi. The athletes allege that these officials have been using the stadium for personal activities, notably walking their dogs, which has led to the athletes being forced to wrap up their training sessions prematurely.

Nevertheless, the officers asserted that they have never requested any athlete to vacate the stadium, which rightfully belongs to them. Whenever they make visits, they ensure it is after the scheduled closure time. They are careful not to leave their pet on the track and instead permit the pet to roam on the sidetrack, always mindful not to disrupt any athlete's practice session.

But, the parents of a trainee athlete described the situation as “unacceptable” and found it as a gross misuse of power. After these complaints, the government took swift action against the accused officers and transferred them outside of Delhi. As a recent development, the IAS officer has been ordered for compulsory retirement by the government.

Do you think it is ethical to use public facilities for personal activities, potentially causing inconvenience to others. What measures can be put in place to ensure fair and ethical use of such resources?

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