

Arnab Kakoty, -a,,çs Nasa Claims and Noble Nomination: Cat is Out of the Bag



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Arnab Kakoty, who rose to fame through his alleged claim of being appointed as a Junior Scientist with NASA as well as his name being nominated for the Noble Prize has been revealed as false claims. Arnab's apparent forgery come to light when Debojit Phukan, a lecturer in a local college of Golaghat, detected certain anomalies in the documents produced by Arnab's father Mr. Manik Ch. Kakoty, before the Golaghat District Administration when the later commissioned a probe to verify the authenticity of Arnab's claims. Among the various discrepancy found in the documents, are worth mentioning for instance

Arnab given the name of NASA's director as Charles Dickens whereas there is nobody by that name and also such designation doesn't exist at NASA. Again Arnab has produced one document bearing the letter head "NASA KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE JET PROPALSION LABORATORY U.S.A" whereas both these organization i.e., Kennedy Space Centre and Jet Propulsion Laboratory are separate and independent entities of NASA and located in Orlando and California respectively. Also the word "Propulsion" is wrongly spelled as "Propalsion" in the letter head. Another document alleged to be sent by ESA i.e., European Space Agency is full of chilly grammatical and spelling mistakes which is unexpected from such a world class organization and also the letter is addressed to Oxene which is Arnab's pet name. Moreover the most of the letters produced by Arnab were mostly unsigned and without any specific date. Also it is a known fact that in American style the dates are written in mm-dd-yyyy format such as 9/11 but surprisingly enough the date in most of Arnab's documents were in Indian format i.e., dd-mm-yyyy. There is also one Certificate of Brilliance awarded by Royal Society of London to Arnab for his achievements in NASA and it is signed by both director of Royal Society as well as Director of NASA and the date in the letter head is June, 2007 whereas its issuing date is 24/08/2007.

Arnab handled his so called achievement so tactfully that even the Governor of Assam, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Ajay Singh and Chief Minister of Assam, Sri Tarun Gogoi were bound to believe his claims and applauded him for his unparalleled achievement at such a tender age. The Chief Minister of Assam, Sri Tarun Gogoi even handed him a cheque of Rs.50,000/- in recognition of his achievements. At a time when all the people of Assam are swelling with pride at Arnab's appointment at NASA as a Junior Scientist and also being nominated for the Noble Prize, his very betrayal of the trust and good wishes of the people came as a great shock for all of us and such an act is condemned by every sections of the society. People of Assam demanded that the probe

initiated by Golaghat District Administration should come to a conclusion at the earliest and Arnab must be punished for playing with the sentiments and good wishes of the people of Assam.

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