

Dear IPSO Team

I hope you all are keeping well. Being a young Sikh from Panjab, I would like to suggest the following items for this review:

1. The important issue, I would like to highlight is the need for a space in which complaints can be made which affects our entire Sikh community. Currently, as per my understanding, IPSO only accepts complaints based on the individuals in (or representing those involved in) the articles. I feel there are several articles which affect my entire community and I feel there should be a space in which this individualization of the complaints should be challenged and communities should be able to collectively represent their voice and challenge stories which directly impact our day to day lives.
2. Secondly, I would like to suggest you to appoint a consultant for complaints about the Sikh community. It is important to appoint an organisation which is involved in all spheres of Sikh community in the UK. I would like to suggest Sikh Press Association as an organisation which can represent my community.
3. There have been several instances where my identity as a Sikh has been mistaken by the journalists. There needs to be a robust due diligence. The journalists should be held accountable. For example, Sikh New Year for Visakhi is run every year. I have been living in this for nearly 10 years. Initially, I felt that it maybe the ignorance of the journalists but however over the time I have realised that there are resources which are not validated by the Sikh community being used as a source of information. Your review should take into consideration a must due diligence and most importantly should consult with the modern Sikh groups in the UK.

Have a blessed weekend.

Regards

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