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"In memory of those who sacrificed their today for our tomorrow"

"Dedicated to those braves who sacrificed their today for our tomorrow"



**A nation that does not remember those, who laid down
their lives for the motherland, cannot always remain a nation worth dying for.
None can speak more eloquently for peace than those who fought the war**



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



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1. In the past 10 months IESL has tried all possibilities with official agencies to create self employment schemes for Veterans. We are of the view that the DGR is not in a position to provide jobs or self employment schemes for 50000 retiring personnel every year. Even then we received no positive response.
2. We suggested that ESM be given an opportunity to set up solar parks in military stations. Not more than five acres land is required for 2 MW parks. We were not given any positive response.
3. Finally we have approached the four industry bodies, CII, PHDCCI, ASSOCHAM, and FICCI. It is heartening to know that PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has responded positively.
4. We will form a team to take up the proposals with PHDCCI. We hope other industry bodies and corporates also respond positively.
5. From my side I want veteran organizations and social media groups to circulate this widely so that maximum ESM are informed of this initiative and we help in providing them better source of income.
6. Once we finalise the proposals and circulate them, those desirous to participate will be asked to contact us directly.

Jai hind

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1. पिछले 10 महीनों में IESL ने पूर्व सैनिकों के लिए स्व-रोजगार योजनाएं बनाने के लिए कई एजेंसियों के साथ सभी संभव कोशिशों की क्योंकि हमारा मानना है कि डीजीआर हर साल 50000 सेवानिवृत्त कर्मियों के लिए नौकरी या स्वरोजगार योजनाएं प्रदान करने की स्थिति में नहीं है। फिर भी हमें कोई सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया नहीं मिली।
2. हमने सुझाव दिया कि पूर्व सैनिकों को सैन्य स्टेशनों में सौर ऊर्जा पार्क स्थापित करने का अवसर दिया जाना चाहिए। 2 मेगावाट पार्क के लिए पांच एकड़ से अधिक भूमि की आवश्यकता नहीं है। हमें कोई सकारात्मक जवाब नहीं मिला।
3. अंततः हमने चार उद्योग इंडस्ट्रीज, CII, PHDCCI, ASSOCHAM और FICCI से संपर्क किया। यह जानकर खुशी हुई कि, पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ़ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री ने सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया दी है।
4. हम पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ़ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री के साथ प्रस्तावों को लेने के लिए एक टीम बनाएंगे। हमें उम्मीद है कि अन्य उद्योग इंडस्ट्रीज और कॉरपोरेट भी सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया देंगे।
5. मैं अपनी ओर से चाहता हूँ कि एक्स-सर्विस मैन संगठन और सोशल मीडिया समूह के द्वारा इसे व्यापक रूप से प्रसारित किया जाये ताकि अधिक से अधिक पूर्व सैनिकों को इस पहल की जानकारी मिल सके और हम उन्हें आय का बेहतर स्रोत प्रदान करने में मदद कर सकें।
6. एक बार जब हम प्रस्तावों को अंतिम रूप दे देंगे और उन्हें वितरित कर देंगे, तो जो लोग भाग लेने के इच्छुक हैं उन्हें सीधे हमसे संपर्क करने के लिए कहा जाएगा।

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We assure, we will do our best to rectify your anomalies within appropriate timeframe.

With regards

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ANNUAL VALIDATION OF ECHS MEMBERSHIP OF DEPENDENTS
BY SUBMISSION OF LIFE CERTIFICATE AND ELIGIBILITY
DOCUMENTS BY PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES

1. Please refer the following :-
 - (a) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49711-SC/AG/ECHS dt 06 Jul 22.
 - (b) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2017 dt 26Oct 22.
 - (c) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2017 dt 27Dec 22.

(d) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49711-NewSmartCard/AG/ECHS dt 01 Mar 23.

(e) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2020 dt 13 Jul 23.

(f) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2020 dt 03 Nov 23.

2. A number of request have been received from ESM/Primary beneficiary wherein certain 64KB ECHS cards, have been blocked by the system as the Primary Beneficiary / ESM, has failed to upload documents to complete annual validation, inspite of availing Eligibility Extension provided on two occasions (One time eligibility extension by OIC Polyclinic and second time eligibility extension by Dir Regional Centre for three months respectively), as per policy letters mentioned at para 1.

3. Competent authority has approved **last and final** eligibility extension option to Primary Beneficiary / ESM, of three months to be granted by COECHS, to get their card unblock and annual validation to be carried out. All pending cases, to avail last and final eligibility extension option, for Annual Validation will be processed with recommendation of OIC Parent Polyclinic and Director Regional Centre before submitting to CO ECHS. Following action to be taken by various stakeholders: -

4. **Action by ESM / Primary Beneficiary.** ESM / Primary Beneficiary will take following actions for their dependents.

(a) Submit offline application alongwith the required self-attested documents separately dependent wise excluding parents to MD ECHS through respective OIC Parent Polyclinic and Director Regional Centre.

(b) Submit offline application combined together for his / her parents giving out status of mother and father duly dependent with required self/attested documents.

(c) Attach self-attested additional supporting documents required as per letters given at Para 1 above.

5. **Action by OIC Parent Polyclinic.** Process the application based on eligibility criteria and forward to Director Regional Centre with recommendation.

6. **Action by OIC Director Regional Centre.** Director Regional Centre will check the documents attached and give his recommendations and forward to Dir Vigilance at COECHS.

7. **Action at CO ECHS.** The application will be processed for approval of MD ECHS and decision will be communicated by Dir Vig to fwg :-

(a) ESM / Primary Beneficiary

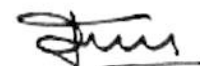
(b) Director, Regional Centre

(c) OIC Parent Polyclinic

(d) SDCPL (Vendor)

(e) UTI ITSL (Vendor)

8. This policy will be reviewed on 31 Dec 2024.



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12 Dec 2023

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All Regional Centres

**EXECUTIVE INSTRUCTIONS : DOMICILIARY MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT FOR ECHS BENEFICIARIES**

1. Please ref Central Org ECHS letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy/2023 dt 08 Dec 2023
2. It is clarified that it is responsibility of OIC, ECHS Polyclinic to ascertain that domiciliary med equipments demand in respect of an individual placed through SEMO is cancelled before processing prior sanction for individual reimbursement as per Para 3 (a)(i) as it would lead to double purchase. In such cases written confirmation from SEMO about cancellation of ECHS Polyclinic demand or supply order is mandatory before processing prior sanction.
3. It is also clarified that provision of Para 3(b) is applicable only for domiciliary med equipments with ceiling rates and those without ceiling rates will continue to be purchased as per Para 3 (a)(ii) only.
4. The letter mentioned at Para 1 above may please be treated as cancelled.

Encls : As above.


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30 Nov 2023

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**EXECUTIVE INSTRUCTIONS : DOMICILIARY MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT FOR ECHS BENEFICIARIES**

1. Please ref the fwg (copies attached) :-
 - (a) Gol (MoD/DoESW) letter No 24(8)03/US(WE)/D (Res) dt 19 Dec 2003.
 - (b) Min of Health & Family Welfare O.M. No. 1-19/2018/CGHS (HQ)/R&H/EHS dated 03 Jun 2019.
 - (c) Gol (MoD/DoESW) letter No 18(114)/2017/WE/D(Res-I) dt 18 Sep 2019.
 - (d) Min of Health & Family Welfare O.M. No. S.11011/37/2019-ECHS dated 01 Dec 2020.
 - (e) Central Org ECHS letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy/2022 dt 10 Jun 2022.
2. It is learnt from the environment that ECHS beneficiaries consisting mostly of aged indl and senior citizens are facing tremendous inconvenience while processing for domiciliary med equipments including some of life saving equipments. Due to prolonged existing procurement policy ESMs or their NoKs have to make multiple visits to ECHS Polyclinic or service hospitals for follow up, many times service hospitals fail to provide equipments and sometime quality issues plague our esteemed ESMs. The matter has been comprehensively discussed with the competent authority and revised guidelines in respect of domiciliary medical equipments are as per succeeding paras. The prevailing CGHS rates of listed Domiciliary Medical Equipments are given in **Appx**.
3. **Issue Procedure.**
 - (a) **Individual Reimbursement : Grant of Prior Sanction.** Based on advice of concerned Specialist of Service/Govt hosp, ECHS beneficiary has an option to purchase the Domiciliary Medical Equipment and claim reimbursement after taking prior approval as per following procedure :-

(i) **Domiciliary Medical Equipment for Which Ceiling Rates are available.** ECHS beneficiary requests for prior sanction from concerned Director RC ECHS through OIC ECHS Polyclinic based on recommendation of concerned Specialist of Service Hospital or Government Hospital. Director RC ECHS will issue prior sanction letter to the individual beneficiary based on the recommendation of a/m specialists and request by the beneficiary. OIC ECHS Polyclinic will ensure that any similar demand is not being processed by SEMO and prior sanction is to be given to a beneficiary only after confirmation from SEMO in such cases.

(ii) **Domiciliary Medical Equipment for Which no Ceiling Rates are available.** Domiciliary Medical Equipment other than those listed in Appx 'A', like Insulin pump etc which are issued to CGHS beneficiaries for which no CGHS ceiling rates exist and are recommended for domiciliary use for ECHS beneficiaries by Service Specialist/Govt Hospital Specialist will require prior sanction of the High Power Committee as mentioned vide Para 5 of Gol (MoD/DoESW) letter No 22A(37)2018/WE/D (Res-I) dated 15 Jan 2019. Composition of the High Power Committee would be as under :-

- | | | | |
|------|--|---|------------------|
| (aa) | JS, ESW | - | Chairman |
| (ab) | Government Hospital Specialist Doctor
(of concerned speciality) | - | Member |
| (ac) | Director/DS/US, DoESW | - | Member |
| (ad) | Director (Medical), CO ECHS | - | Member-Secretary |
| (ae) | Representative of MoD (Fin/Pen) | - | Member. |

(iii) Once prior sanction is obtained, the equipment can be purchased by the ECHS beneficiary and claim may be submitted to OIC PC who will verify equipment and documents and upload the claim as individual reimbursement on BPA portal. Veterans are at liberty to purchase higher quality equipments but reimbursement will not exceed prevailing CGHS rates as amended from time to time.

(iv) Following documents should be submitted by ECHS Beneficiary for claiming reimbursement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment :-

- (aa) Prior sanction letter of Director RC ECHS or High Powered Committee.
- (ab) Original Bill of Domiciliary Medical Equipment.
- (ac) Contingent Bill.
- (ad) Cancelled Cheque/Bank details of beneficiary.
- (ae) Copy of ECHS Card of beneficiary.
- (af) Certificate from PC that the same type of equipment for the purpose was not issued in last five years.

(b) **Through SEMO.** If a veteran does not want to avail the indl reimbursement route the Domiciliary Medical Equipment can be procured through SEMO also. Based on advice of concerned Specialist of Service/Govt hosp, OIC ECHS Polyclinic will forward demand to SEMO. SEMO will procure the said Domiciliary Medical Equipment and issue the same to the ECHS beneficiary. Copy of IVs and RVs will be forward to ECHS Polyclinic for record.

4. **Consumables.** The consumables for the equipments will be procured by SEMO/Comdt/CO Hosp and issued under arrangements of OIC Polyclinic. In case item is NA medical stores of Polyclinic, consumables will be issued through Authorised Local Chemist (ALC). If the same is not available in ALC/dispensary of ECHS Polyclinic then NA on prescription will be given to the beneficiary based on which he/she can purchase from local market and claim reimbursement.

5. **Repair & Maintenance/Annual Maintenance.** Cost of repair & maintenance will be borne by the beneficiary themselves and will not be reimbursable.

6. **Replacement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment.** Request for replacement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment after completion of five years can be processed based on condition of the equipment. Following procedure will be adopted for Replacement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment :-

(a) **Domiciliary Medical Equipment procured by SEMO.** If Domiciliary Medical Equipment is procured and issued by SEMO and equipment is non-functional after completion of five years of purchase, Unserviceability Certificate will be obtained by OIC ECHS Polyclinic from Authorised Service Engineer of OEM with assistance of SEMO if required. Based on Unserviceability Certificate, Replacement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment can be processed in similar manner as for the first issue of machine/equipment.

(b) **Domiciliary Medical Equipment procured by Individual Beneficiary.** If the Domiciliary Medical Equipment is non-functional after completion of five years of purchase, then Individual beneficiary should obtain Unserviceability Certificate from Authorised Service Engineer of OEM of that Domiciliary Medical Equipment. Based on Unserviceability Certificate, Replacement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment can be processed in similar manner as for the first issue of machine/equipment.

(c) In case Domiciliary Medical Equipment becomes unserviceable before five yrs, the warranty conditions will apply if the eqpt is under warranty. If the warranty period is over, similar procedure as given out in Para 6 (a) & 6 (b) above will be followed.

7. **Expenditure.**

(a) The expenditure on procurement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment by the SEMO will be debited to Major Head 2076 Minor Head 107 (C) Code Head 363/01.

(b) The expenditure on procurement of Domiciliary Medical Equipment by the individual beneficiary will be debited to Major Head 2076 Minor Head 107 Code Head 365/00 for which the payment will be made by respective Regional Centres as per extant procedure for payment of individual reimbursement.

8. **CFA.**

(a) **Domiciliary Medical Equipment procured by SEMO.** CFAs will be as per schedule 2.4, DFPDS-2016 as amended from time to time.


(b) CFA for individual reimbursement of cost of Domiciliary Medical Equipment will be as per Para 1 of Govt of India, Ministry of Defence (DoESW) ID No 25(01)/2018/WE/D(Res-I) dt 09 Jul 2019 as amended from time to time.

9. These instructions will supersede all previous policy letters issued earlier with respect to issue of Domiciliary Medical Equipment to ECHS beneficiary.

10. These guidelines will be effective from date of issue of this letter.

11. This has approval of MD ECHS.

Encls : As above


(Sri Kant Kumar)
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For MD ECHS

Appx

(Refer to Central Org ECHS
letter No B /49761/AG/ECHS/
Medicine Policy/2023 dt 30 Nov 2023)

Ser No	Eqpt	Recommended By Concerned Specialist of Service Hosp/Govt Hosp	Celling Rate
(a)	CPAP/BIPAP machine	Respiratory Medicine Specialist/Medical Specialist	(i) CPAP - Rs 45,000/- + GST (ii) BIPAP (earlier Bi-Level CPAP) Rs 68,000/- + GST (iii) Bi-Level Ventilatory System - Rs 1,05,000/- + GST
(b)	Hearing Aid	ENT Specialist	(i) Digital BTE - Rs 8,000/- + GST. (ii) Digital ITC/ CIC - Rs 9,000/- + GST.
		Remark (i) The cost of BTE type hearing aids shall also include the cost of hearing mould. (ii) The cost of ITC/CIC type hearing aids shall also include the cost of customised shell. (iii) Body worn/ pocket type category and Analogue BTE category with ceiling rates Rs Rs 3,000/- per ear have been excluded, since they have become obsolete.	
(c)	Artificial Appliances Related to Mobility Aids	Neuro Surgeon/Neuro Physician/ Orthopaedician/ Surgeon	(i) The appliances will be allowed for re-issue on completion of 5 yrs in case of adults and 2 yrs in the case of children except motorized wheel chair and tricycle. (ii) Motorized wheel chair and tricycle may be re-issued after 5 Yrs irrespective of age. (iii) Approved rates as per Annx.

Ser No	Eqpt	Recommended By Concerned Specialist of Service Hosp/Govt Hosp	Ceiling Rate
(d)	Nebuliser. Glucometer. Oxygen Concentrator	Medicial Specialist	(i) Oxygen Concentrator - Rs 45,000/- + GST. (ii) Nebuliser - Rs 3,000/- or actual cost whichever is less. (iii) Glucometer - CGHS rate
(e)	Any other item recommended for domiciliary use authorized under CGHS scheme	Concerned Specialist	CGHS rates will apply

MOBILITY AIDS

Ser No	Name of Orthosis	Approved Rate/Price (Child above 12 Yrs)	Approved Rate/Price (Child 7-12 Yrs)	Approved Rate/Price (Child 0-6 Yrs)
1.	Walking Stick (Adjustable Aluminium)	Rs 350/-	Rs 350/-	Not Applicable
2.	Tripod/Quadripod walking stick Aluminium	Rs 750/-	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3.	Auxillary Crutch/Elbow crutch (Aluminium Adjustable)	Rs 850/-	Rs 650/-	Not Applicable
4.	Walking/Rollator (Aluminium)	Rs 1500/-	Rs 1200/-	Rs 900/-
5.	CP Chair/CP Stand	Not Applicable	Rs 7300/-	Rs 7000/-
6.	CommodeChair	Rs 2500/-	Rs 2500/-	Not Applicable
7.	Wheel Chair Folding (Chrome Plated)	Rs 7000/-	Rs 4000/-	Not Applicable
8.	Motorized Wheel Chair :- (i) Quadriplegic wheel chair with chin and head control (ii) Quadriplegic wheel chair with joy stick (iii) Motorized wheel chair (Handle driven)	Rs 1,10,000/- Rs 60,000/- Rs 35,000/-	Not Applicable Not Applicable Not Applicable	Not Applicable Not Applicable Not Applicable
9.	Tricycle Hand Propelled	Rs 6000/-	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

OIL PRODUCT AGENCY (OPA) DISTRIBUTORSHIP

Allotment of Oil Product Agency (OPA) Distributorship by Oil Marketing Companies Against 8% Reservation Quota

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has a reserved quota of 8% for distributorship of Oil Product Agency i.e. LPG distributorship under Government Personnel (GP) category and Retail Outlets (Petrol/Diesel) under /CC1J category for eligible Armed Forces Personnel. The location for developing Retail Outlets and LPG distributorship are identified by the Oil Company after carrying out requisite feasibility study. Requirements for Retail Outlets and LPG distributorship in the particular locality are advertised through newspaper and the company's website. After publication of the advertisement, the applicant can apply directly to the Oil Company. Simultaneously, the applicant should apply for the DGR eligibility certificate which is required to be submitted to the oil company in original at the time of selection. The final selection is done through draw of lots by the oil company and office of DGR has no say in it.

Eligibility :-

- Widows/dependants of those who died in war.
- War disabled/disabled ESM due to attributable or aggravated causes to Military Service.
- Widows/dependants of those Defence personnel who died in harness due to attributable or aggravated causes to Military Service.
- ESM disabled in peace due to attributable or aggravated causes to Military Service.
- Able bodied ESM.

For more details and guidelines please visit Directorate General of Resettlement website - dgrindia.gov.in

EDUCATIONAL CONCESSION

Grant of Education concession is admissible to the children of the Armed Forces personnel Missing/ Disabled/ Killed in action vide GOI, MOD letter No. 6(1)/2009/Edu Concessions / D (Res-II) dated 13 Sep 2017. This concession is admissible only for undertaking studies in Govt. Govt. aided schools educational institutes, Military/ Sainik Schools and other schools and colleges recognised by the Central or State Governments including autonomous organisations financed entirely by the Central/ State Governments. Vide GOI, MOD letter No. 6(1)/2009/Edu Concessions / D (Res-II) dated 23 Mar 2018, the cap of Rs 10,000/- imposed on the combined amount of Tuition Fees and Hostel Charges vide Para 5 of the aforementioned letter is removed.

Claims for reimbursement of above concessions is admitted by AG's Branch, IHQ of MoD (Army) and all claims are to be submitted to:-

Ceremonial & Welfare Dte / CW-3, AG's Branch, IHQ of MoD (Army), South Block, New Delhi – 110 011

DIRECTORATE OF CANTEEN SERVICES

Canteen Services Directorate remains committed to ensuring highest standards of Canteen Services to all CSD beneficiaries especially veterans & amp; their dependents. In the past one year, a large No of veteran friendly initiatives have been taken by the Directorate. Some of the important initiatives are covered in succeeding paragraphs for information.

Important Initiatives

(a) Annual renewal of Canteen Smart Cards has been discontinued with effect from 01 Jan 2023.

(b) Purchase of one-month entitlement of grocery & amp; liquor in advance has been permitted with effect from 01 Jan 2023.

(c) Limits for purchase of four wheelers have been enhanced with effect from 01 Jan 2023. Enhanced limits are as under:-

(a) Offrs. ₹ 20 Lakhs from ₹ 15 Lakhs.

(b) JCOs. ₹ 10 Lakhs from ₹ 7 Lakhs.

(c) OR. ₹ 8 Lakhs from ₹ 6 Lakhs.

(d) Purchase of Electric Vehicles (EVs) costing upto 5 Lakhs more than the laid down limit has been permitted with effect from 01 Jan 2023.

(e) Criteria for classification of Premium Liquor has been increased from ₹ 1500/- to ₹ 2000/- with effect from 01 Sep 2023.

(f) Purchase of two TVs and four ACs has been permitted in a block of four years with effect from 01 Sep 2023.

(g) Veer Naris & NoK of BC (Fatal) are being issued with a unique Canteen Smart Card free of cost.

(h) Wef 01 Feb 2024, the No of car purchases permitted to JCOs, OR & their pensioner widows/ NoK will be enhanced as under :-

(b) JCOs. Five in lifetime.

(c) OR. Four in lifetime.

(i) Wef 01 Feb 2024, purchase of first EV will be permitted after six years of last purchase.

Contact Details. The appointments of the Directorate can be approached for resolution of issues through the following medium :-

S No	Appointment	ASCON	Civil	Email ID
(a)	Brig CS	33971	26181621	ddgcs@csdindia.gov.in
(b)	AQMG CS	35205	20862162	
(c)	OIC Smart Card Cell	35222	-	

E Sehat

A free online medical teleconsultation service called Service eHealth And Teleconsultation (SeHAT) OPD has been inaugurated and is available to all entitled personnel of the three Services, which includes veterans and dependents. It aims to provide video-based clinical consultations between a doctor in a hospital and an entitled patient in the confines of his or her home. The site recommends using laptop / desktop with a connected webcam (instead of mobile) and the Google Chrome browser for best is also advisable to have a results. It good Internet connection during the consultation (at least 1 Mbps). The consultation will initially be for general OPD consultation and is proposed to be extended to specialist OPD consultation subsequently.

SEHAT OPD has been developed by CDAC Mohali and HQ IDS and is along the lines of eSanjeevani developed by the MoHFW. Salient features of this patient friendly web based Defense Service are as follows:-

- Patient registration
- Audio-Video Consultation with a Doctor
- Armed Forces Medical Services
- Token Generation
- ePrescription
- Doctors Free Service
- Queue Management
- SMS/Email Notifications

Fully configurable (no. of daily slots, no. of doctors/clinics, waiting room slots, consultation time limit etc).

Brig Ashwani Sharma, Inspector of Records, Col Naresh Chandra, Col MP 8, Col M Allugu, Lt Col Madan Chaudhary, AAG, MP 8, Automation/Sparsh Offr on 02 Feb 2024 visited HQ IESL. Lt Col Ranbir Singh, General Secretary explained the problem of Sparsh and Records Offices. General Secretary told Brig Ashwani Sharma, Inspector of Records that Records Offices do not reply of correspondence made with them by IESL related to ESM problems. Brig Ashwani Sharma assured that he will issue necessary instructions to all the Records Offices to reply and take action on IESL communications.



Indian Ex-Serviceman

8th Armd Forces Veterans Day was celebrated on 14 Jan 2024 at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt. Brig Inder Mohan Singh (Retd), President IESL was chief Guest alongwith Lt Col Ranbir Singh (Retd), Gen Secy IESL attended the event



Veterans of J&K Ex-Services League were invited by Shri Manoj Sinha, Lt Governor J&K at Raj Bhawan, Jammu on the occasion of 75th Republic Day Celebration. Lt Gen Rakesh Kumar Sharma, AVSM, VSM (Retd), President JKESL attended the event and addressed the gathering.



Indian Ex-Serviceman

Veteran Day was celebrated by Ex-Services League Ladakh Scout on 14 Jan 2024 at Ladakh.



FORM FOR NOMINATION FOR CLAIMING ARREAR

To be filled by the pensioner during his life time

(FORM -A)(See rule 5)

Pension Disbursing Authority/Head of Office

(Name of Bank/Treasury/Post Office/Accounts officer etc.)

(Place)-----

I, ----- hereby nominate the person

(Name of the pensioner in capital letters)

Named below under rule 5 of the payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1993. (If nominee is minor)

Name and Address of the nominee	Relationship with Pensioner	Date of Birth	Name and Address of person who may receive the said pension during nominee's minority
1	2	3	4

Name and Address of other Nominee in Case the nominee become Under column (1) above Pre-deceases the Pensioner.	Relationship with Pensioner	Date of Birth if the other nominee is minor	Name and address of person who may receive the pension during the other nominee's minority	Contingency on happening of which nomination shall invalid.
5	6	7	8	9

Place-----

Signature (or thumb)

Date -----

impression if illiterate

Witness: Signature

and Name of Pensioner

Name & Address

Address

Signature of pension Disbursing Authority/Head of Office.

Acknowledgement to be sent by the pension Disbursing Authority/Head of Office.

Certified that application/nomination has been received from (Name of Pensioner) whose address is.

Place-----

Signature of Pension Disbursing Authority

Date

Bank/Treasury/PostOffice/Accounts Officer

/ Head of Office.

Full address:

(FORM -B){See rule 5(5)}

To

The Pension Disbursing Authority

(Name of Bank/Treasury/Post Office/Accounts officer etc.)

(Place)-----

I, ----- hereby make the following

(Name of the pensioner in capital letters)

Alternative nomination in cancellation of the previous nomination made on ----- under rule 5 of the payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983.

If nominee is minor

Name and Address Of the nominee	Relationship with Pensioner	Date of Birth	Name and Address of person who may receive the said pension during nominee's minority
1	2	3	4

Name and Address Of other	Relationship with Pensioner	Date of Birth if the other nominee is minor	Name and address of person who may receive the pension during the other nominee's minority	Contingency on happen - ing of which nomination shall become invalid.
5	6	7	8	9

Place-----

Date -----

Witness: Signature

Name & Address

Signature of Pension Disbursing Authority

Date Stamp-----

Certified that application/nomination (FormB) has been received from-----

----(Name of Pensioner) whose address is -----

Form A has been cancelled and returned to him.

Place -----

Date -----

Signature of Pension Disbursing Authority

Bank/Treasury/Post Office with full address:

APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION OF COMMUTED VALUE OF PENSION

To be filled by the pensioner and submitted to the PDA

TS/PS NO.....

NAME OF THE BANK.....

To

.....

.....

SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF COMMUTED PORTION OF PENSION
AFTER 15 YEARS

Sir,

Kindly restore my commuted portion of pension in terms of Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pension, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM No. 34/3/86-P&PW, dated 5th March, 1987.

Requisite particulars are given below :-

1.	Name in Block letters	
2.	Date of retirement	
3.	PC/PPO No.	
4.	Amount of pension commuted	
5.	Amount of Original pension	
6.	Name of the Accounts Officer viz the authority who issued PC/PPO	
7.	Name of the Treasury/ Post Office/ DPDO/PPM/ Pension Disbursing authority*	

*Strike off whatever is not applicable.

Signatures of Pensioner

Date:

Postal Address:-

.....

Particulars verified.....

Signature :

Rubber Stamp of Pension Disbursing Authority

(Authority : G.O.I., MOD Order No. 1(2)/98/D(PEN/SE
14/7/98)

RS) dated

**APPLICATION FOR DRAWAL OF PENSION BY A DEFENCE PENSIONER
THROUGH PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS**

Form to be filled by the pensioner and submitted to the current PDA
(To be submitted in quadruplicate)

To

The

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Sir,

I opt to draw my pension through Public Sector Bank and give below necessary particulars to enable you to make arrangements in this regard.

Particular of Pensioner:-

Name

P.P.O. No.

Treasury Serial (TS)No./

Personal Serial (PS)No.

(As allotted by TO/DPDO)

Present Address

Particulars of P.S.B. from where payment desired

Bank Name

Branch where payment desired

***Pensioner's SB/Current**

Account No

at the Branch to which Pension is to be credited(Not 'either or survivor'
Account)

Specimen Signature of the pensioner:

1.

2.

3.

Place

Date

Yours faithfully

(Pensioner)

For use in Transferor Office***Delete whichever is not applicable.**

Forwarded to the _____

the following Pension Documents in respect of _____

Pension Sanctioned vide P.P.O. No. _____

Pension Sanctioned by _____ office are sent herewith:

Pension Payment Order(s) No. _____

Photograph / Identification Documents / Descriptive Roll. _____

Extract of Check Register/ Payment Register. _____

Pension Certificate. _____

The pensioner has been paid pension for the period upto the month of _____ .Pension due from the month of _____ is to be arranged by the _____

Date: _____

Station: _____

(TO/D.P.D.O./Bank)**(with his seal)**

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF PDA

(To be submitted in QUADRUPLICATE to the present PDA)

PART – I

To

The ,

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Sir,

I opt to draw my pension through
 (Name of Pension Disbursement Authority) and give below necessary
 particulars to enable you to make arrangement in this regard.

PARTICULARS OF PENSIONER:

Name in Block letters

PPO No.

H.O./PS/TS No. (allotted by PDA)

Present Address

PARTICULARS OF PDA/PSB TO WHICH TRANSFER DESIRED:

Name of DPDO/PSB

Branch of Public Sector Bank where payment desired:

Bank Account No. to which pension is to be credited . (Not 'Joint' or "either or
 survival' A/C):

Three specimen signatures of pensioner :

Yours faithfully,

PART II FOR USE IN TRANSFERER OFFICE

Forwarded to

No.

Date

The

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The following pension documents in respect of Shri / Smt.
 for pension/family pension sanctioned
 vide P.C.D.A.(P), Allahabad/ C.D.A.(NAVY), Mumbai/D .C.D.A.(AF) PPO No.
 are sent herewith :-

- Pension Payment Order Nos.
 (Original & Corr. PPOs)
- Photographs / identification documents / Descriptive Roll.
- Extract of Check Register with drawl if any.
- Pension Certificate
- P.C. File of the pensioner containing pages.

The pensioner has been paid pension for the period up to the month of(in words & figure both). Pension due from the month of (in words & figure both) is to be arranged.

The pensioner has been identified on by this office.

Please acknowledge receipt.

SIGNATURE OF PDA WITH SEAL

NOTE : (One copy of the application may be retained by the transferer office and remaining 3 copies be forwarded to the transferee office).

PART III FOR USE IN TRANSFeree OFFICE

Shri/Smt. has been taken on our pension strength. Pension commenced by this office from the month of(in words & figures both) . He/She has been allotted HO/PS/TS/SB A/C No. of this DPDO/Bank.

NOTE : 1. One copy may be returned to the transferer PDA duly completed for his record.

One copy may be sent to P.C.D.A.(P), Allahabad.

Third copy may be retained as Office copy.

NO.

DATED

TO/DPDO/BANK

Returned to : The D.P.D.O.,

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Copy to : P.C.D.A.(P), Allahabad.

TO/DPDO/BANK

CERTIFICATE TO BE SUBMITTED BY RE-EMPLOYED PENSIONERS
FOR PAYMENT OF DEARNESS RELIEF ON PENSION.

To be filled by the pensioner and submitted to the PDA

The re-employed pensioner retired from a Civil or Military post in the Central Govt. and was holding a post not included in/classified as Group 'A' or a post below the rank of Commissioned Officer in the Armed Forces.

The entire amount of pension sanctioned by the Central Govt. was ignored in fixation of the pay on re-employment i.e. no part of pension was taken in to account in such fixation of pay in the pay scale of the post in which the Central Govt. reitred/retiree officer was re-employed/absorbed.

The pay of the re-employed/absorbee was/is fixed at the minimum of pay scale of the post in which he had/has been initially re-employed after his retirement from the Central Govt.

He has been re-employed in the above post since (Mention date).

Signatures of re-employer

NOTE: The above certificate may be issued under the signatures and seal of the officer who maintains the service record of the personnel of the organisation/department.

**FORM OF POWER OF ATTORNEY TO BE EXECUTED BY NRI
PENSIONERS**

To be filled by the pensioner and given to the PDA

KNOW all men by these presents that I (a)
 (Full Name, Personal No. and rank of the pensioner)
 do hereby appoint (b)(Name of the
 Scheduled Bank). AS MY TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY AND
 authorise the said attorney to do all things, acts, deeds that may be
 necessary or are usual to receive from the (c)
 (Name of the Pension Disbursing Officer) the pension payments etc.
 due to me as authorised by the Pr. Controller of Defence Accounts
 (Pensions)/CDA (Navy)/DCDA (AF) and to give receipts for the
 same and credit the same to my account.

And I do hereby agree to ratify all acts ,deeds and things done or
 made by my said attorney which shall be deemed to be done and
 made by me personally and shall be binding on me with force and
 effect. This Power of Attorney shall be and remain in full force and
 effect until due notice in writing of its revocation shall have been
 given to the Pr. CDA(Pensions).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE said (d)
 (Name of the pensioner) has set his/her hand and seal this..... day
 ofSIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said (d)
 (Name of the pensioner)
 in the presence of..... (Executant of Power of Attorney)

Authority: Para 13.3 of PPI 1973(Edition).

LIFE CERTIFICATE AND COMMENCEMENT OF FAMILY PENSION IN CASE OF PENSIONER LIVING ABROAD

Pensioner residing abroad have been facing various issues related to submitting Life Certificates or receiving a pension in their bank account. Following options are available to such pensioners in this aspect :-

Life Certificate for Pensioners Staying Abroad.

If the pensioner is drawing pension through any bank included in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the life certificate may be signed by an officer of the Bank.

An authorized official of the Embassy of India or High Commission of India or Indian Consulates may issue the life certificate.

In case the pensioner is unable to visit the Embassy or Consulate, the pensioner may submit requisite documents by post to the Embassy/Consulate, including Doctor's Certificate showing the pensioner's inability to present himself/herself in person. Embassy of India/High Commission/Indian Consulate may also assist pensioners/family pensioners in the submission of the Life Certificate.

A Pensioner, not resident in India, in respect of whom a duly authorized agent produces a Life Certificate, signed by a magistrate or a notary or an officer of an Indian authorized Bank or Diplomatic Representative of India, is exempted from special appearance.

There have been complaints that life certificate submitted over the counter of pension paying branches are misplaced causing a delay in payment of monthly pension. In order to alleviate the hardship faced by pensioners, agency banks are instructed to mandatorily issue duly signed acknowledgments. They were also advised to consider entering the receipt of life certificate in Core Banking Solutions which would serve the twin purpose of an acknowledgment as well as real-time updation of records.

Commencement of Family Pension. After the demise of a pensioner residing abroad, the following procedure will be followed for commencement of family pension :-

In case the pensioner and spouse are holding a joint account, the requirement of Form 14 has been dispensed with. The spouse may inform the pension disbursing Bank of the death of the pensioner and request the bank for the commencement of family pension, through a simple letter.

He/she may enclose a copy of death certificate of the pensioner, PPO, proof of his/her own age/date of birth and an undertaking for recovery of excess payment.

In other cases, i.e., where the pension is not being credited to the joint bank account of the pensioner, Form 14 will be continued to be obtained by the banks from the family pensioner. However, the condition of attestation of Form 14 has been done away with and witnessed by two persons has been considered as sufficient.

In case of family pensioners who are unable to visit India for personal identification, they may be allowed pension/family pension on the basis of a certificate to be issued by an authorized official of the Embassy of India/High Commission of India/Indian Consulate in the country where the pensioner is residing. This certificate is to be issued on verification of Pensioner/Family Pensioner on the basis of the photograph available in the pension payment order (PPO) or on the basis of the photograph available on the Passport.

ARMY GROUP INSURANCE EXTENDED INSURANCE SCHEME FOR VETERAN SOLDIERS

Origins of AGI Extended Insurance (EI) Scheme

The Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF) for Army personnel was introduced with effect from 01 Jan 1976 by the Government of India. The aim of the scheme was to cater to the socio-economic needs of Army personnel and their families by maintaining a monthly contributory self-run scheme. To fulfill such a mandate, the AGIF runs the mandatory 'Group Insurance Scheme' for regular Army personnel. This insurance cover ceases at the time of retirement / release / discharge. The AGI Extended Insurance Scheme also known as 'AGIF EI-Scheme' is an extension of this insurance cover, post retirement / release / discharge providing insurance cover up to a specified period by charging a one-time subscription to the AGIF member at the time of retirement / discharge / release.



The Board of Governors of AGIF approved the introduction of a mandatory Extended Insurance Scheme for all retiring members during its 8th Board of Trustees meeting. On retirement / release / discharge of the AGI member the regular insurance cover ceases. Maturity benefits are paid to the retiring personnel in lump sum. Hence, to provide insurance cover to retired Army personnel, Extended Insurance Scheme was started with effect from 01 Jan 1981 in respect of Officers and with effect from 01 Apr 1981 in respect of JCOs/OR against death for a specified period/prescribed age whichever is earlier.

Extended Insurance (EI) Scheme Contribution. A single non-refundable / refundable of premium at the rate decided from time to time by the Board of Governors is retained out of the maturity benefit amount payable at the time of retirement / release / discharge. EI Certificate (as a digital copy) is issued to all eligible personnel via email through respective Records Office in case of JCOs and OR and directly via email in case of officers. The one-time subscription charged is refundable in the modified scheme applicable to members retiring on or after 31 May 2022 as follows:-

Situations when EI Cover is Suspended All.

	Category	Subscription (One-time Refundable)	Insurance Cover	Duration of Cover
(a)	Officers		₹ 15 Lakh	26 years post retirement or 80 years of age, whichever is earlier
(b)	JCOs/OR	₹ 68,000/-	₹ 7.5 Lakh	30 years post retirement or 75 years of age, whichever is earlier

ranked re-employed in the Army or DSC enjoy regular insurance cover as applicable to regular army personnel. Insurance rules do not permit an individual to be a member of two group insurance scheme. Hence, the Extended Insurance cover to re-employed personnel and veterans serving in DSC TA remains suspended during the period of re-employment.

Refund of Contribution Value for Period of EI Cover Suspension. On termination of re-employment / DSC / TA-service, the Extended Insurance cover is revived. Since the premium has already been recovered for a lower age bracket and the Extended Insurance cover is revived at a higher age bracket, a pro-rata refund of premium is given to such personnel for the period they were covered by regular insurance cover during the period of re-employment.

Processing of Extended Insurance Claim.

Claim for death benefits must be submitted by the nominee in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Extended Insurance Certificate itself issued to retirement/release/discharge. On receipt of EI Claim documents online payment via NEFT is made by AGIF to the beneficiary bank account.

Documentation. Essential documents to claim the Extended Insurance (EI) are:-

➤ In case the claimant is Nominee or Contingent Nominee

- Death certificate of member (Veteran) with scan BAR CODE.
- Extended Insurance (EI) certificate in original, if available.
- Cancelled cheque (or) 1st page of bank pass book copy with name of claimant to be printed on it. This is required to ascertain the Account No to credit the proceeds through NEFT/RTGS.
- Copy of AADHAR card of NOK (Claimant) for identification mentioning Mob/Contact number of claimant.

➤ **Claimant other than Nominee / Contingent Nominee.** The Extended Insurance (EI) amount will be distributed amongst remaining Class I legal heir. If none of the Class I legal heirs survive, then the amount may be claimed by Class II legal heirs. The list of documents to be submitted is as follows:-

- Death certificate of member (Veteran) with scan BAR CODE.
- Death certificate of Nominee, Contingent Nominee with scan BAR CODE.
- Cancelled cheque (or) 1st page of bank pass book copy with name of claimant beneficiary printed on it. This is required to ascertain the Account No to credit the proceeds through NEFT/RTGS.
- Copy of AADHAR card of NOK (Claimant) for identification mentioning Mob / Contact No of claimant of each beneficiary.
- Claim affidavit (as per format by each beneficiary).

Cases Ineligible for EI Cover. The AGI EI scheme cover is not applicable to deserters, individuals on deputation from P & T Department who do not retire from Army and individuals who do not have adequate balance for recovery of single non-refundable premium at the time of retirement.

*TO all the
Veterans
out there we salute !
Thank You
for your service
and sacrifice !*

'VAJRA SAINIK ARAMGRAH' & 'VAJRA NARI AWAAS' AT JALANDHAR CANTONMENT

• **VAJRA SAINIK ARAMGRAH'** has realized decades of aspirations of Veterans and their families. Nestled in green surroundings, the facility caters to every need. Just around 600m from Check Post No 4 (Birring Village), it is close to the City and is just 1.6 km from MH, Jalandhar Cantt. With availability of independent air conditioned rooms and good meals, the stay in the facility will be comfortable.

• 'NARI AWAAS' is a welfare facility adjacent to VAJRA SAINIK ARAMGRAH. It is safe, secure and designed for long stay of single women. Veer Naris, Single Working Women (dependents) or Veterans' widow who require a place of stay and sustenance will be accommodated.

• VAJRA SAINIK ARAMGRAH and NARI AWAAS are now open for all the serving and retired ESM and their dependent.

• **Location.** Jalandhar Cantt - Near Sup Depot & Birring Gate (CP - 4)
<https://goo.gl/maps/mqhJDtZByUK9Lshz5>

• **Booking**

(a) Call on mobile No 6239982830 (Col Veteran), 7341104506.

(b) E-mail your request on

<http://vajrasainikaramgrah@gmail.com>

(c) Booking for the facility has commenced from
16 Oct 2021.

(d) Visits open for viewing from 14th Oct 2021 onwards.

NAVAL REGIMENTAL SYSTEM (NRS)

1. NRS was established on 29 Dec 2010 to institutionalise a support system for naval ESM and the families. NRS enables processing of various welfare/ entitlement issues linked with death of a service person and aims to provide maximum benefit to the widows/ NoK on priority.

2. The details of CROs as per the geographical responsibility are given below :-

Ser	Geographical Area	CRSO Address	Contact No	E-mail ID
(a)	Delhi, NCR, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir & Punjab	The Commanding Officer [for CRSO (North)] INS India, Defence Office Complex, Africa Avenue, New Delhi 110023	011- 24121429 011-24121430 (Fax)	crsonorth.navy@gmail.com
(b)	Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand	The Commanding Officer [for CRSO (Central)] INS India, Defence Office Complex, Africa Avenue, New Delhi 110023	011- 24121429 011-24121430 (Fax)	crsonorth.navy@gmail.com
(c)	Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command [for CRSO (East)] Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam 530014	0891 - 2813067 0891 - 2510275 (Fax)	crsoeast.navy@gmail.com
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PROJECT SAMBANDH: EDUCATION GRANT

1. It is intimated that this Project is a philanthropic initiative to help families particularly young widow and children of JCOS/OR who lost their lives under 'non-operational circumstances'. The primary and noble intent of the Project is to bring awareness about the challenges the NOK of the PC (fatal) being faced and assist them in connecting them to the DIAV, which is providing several social and educational schemes in coordination with Govt and non Govt agencies to their children and widows from time to time.


2. Of-late the Infosys foundation has signed a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Dte of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) to provide educational grants and scholarships worth of Rs 30 Cr to widows and children of Army personnel who have been impacted through physical casualties. This benefit will be extended to the effected individual wanting to pursue education from classes 1 to 12, graduation, post graduation, professional courses and grant towards computer literacy. The grants from Army for education ranging from Rs 10,000/- to 50,000/- considering the average grant per child for a Yr is Rs 20,000/- a total number of children who can benefit from this grant is 15000.

3. Keeping in view the above, you are requested to give a wide publicity of the scheme among all the eligible beneficiaries. The beneficiaries may visit the website on the link "https://www.infosys.com/newroom/pers-releases/2023/collaborates-foster-army-windows-children.htm". It is also intimated that, in case of any further clarification or apprehension in this regard may please be approached to the details furnished as under:-

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OBITUARY



With profound grief and sorrow, I have to inform you that Lt Gen Gautam Dutt (Ex 53 ER, CO 57 ER and E-in-C), left for heavenly abode on 03 Feb at Kolkatta. A Rimcollian, who excelled in every field from NDA days till retirement; be it in sports or official matters.

He is survived by his wife Mrs Nupur (9830056288), sons Mr Debanjan (9830656287) and Mr Devorshi (+1-917-678-0807). Postal Address :- Kolkatta. May Almighty God bless the departed soul with eternal peace and give enough strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss.



With deep grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of Subedar SD Sharma on 20 Feb 2024 due to heart failure. Sub Sharma engaged himself in veterans welfare services with Bihar State ESL for a long time and also remained Vice President of IESL during Mar 2018 to Mar 2023 with great dignity and pride. He was a well behaved and dedicated worker of the League.

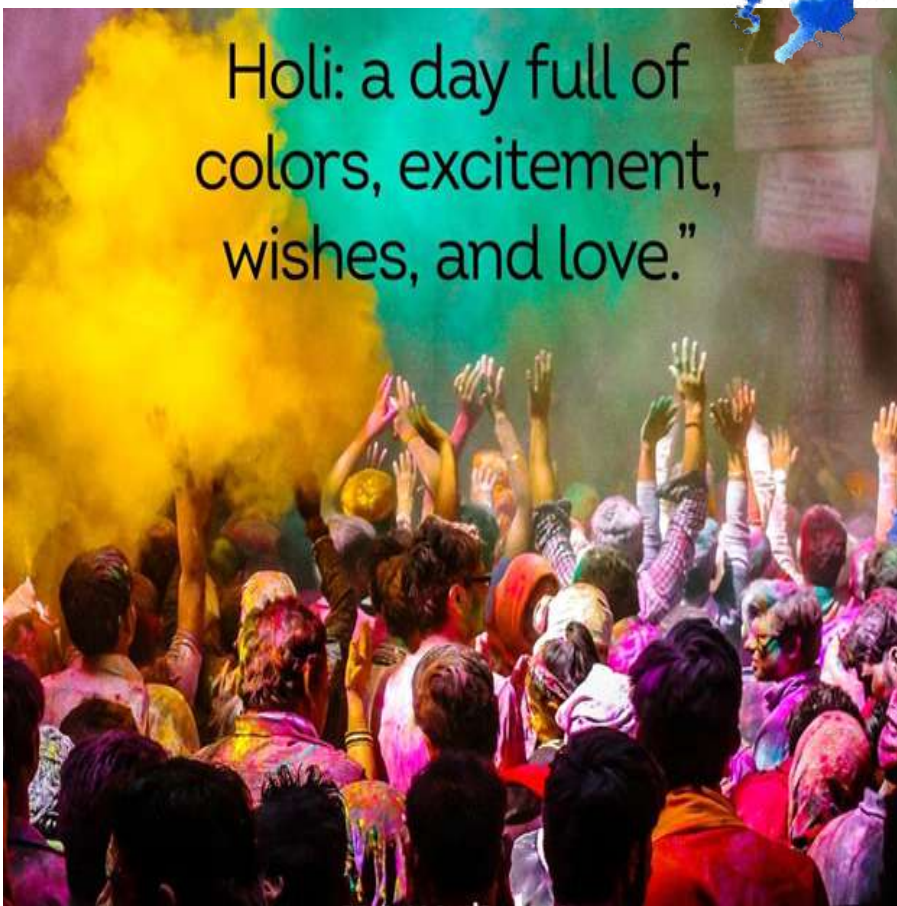
We pray to the almighty to give peace to the departed soul in his heavenly abode and strength to his family to bear the irreparable loss. Heartfelt condolences to the braved family from Brigadier Inder Mohan Singh (Retd), President Indian Ex-Service League and all members of IESL.



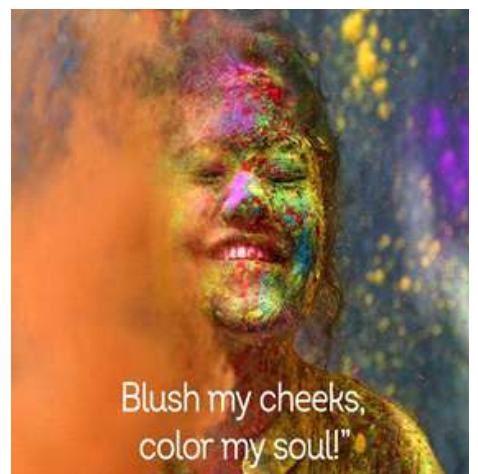
**Brig Inder Mohan Singh,
President IESL**



Holi: a day full of
colors, excitement,
wishes, and love."



Wash away insecurities
and fears with colorful
waters today."



Blush my cheeks,
color my soul!"

Red for love, green for prosperity, orange for success and pink for happiness.
May God Bless you and your family with all these colours - HAPPY HOLI.

Brigadier Inder Mohan Singh
President, Indian Ex-Services League
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