

INDIAN EX - SERVICEMAN

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“In the 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, can not always remain a nation worth dying for.
Non can speak more eloquently for peace than those who fought the war**



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



1. I am sure the ESM are disappointed with our issue of anomalies not being addressed. Further there is no improvement in funding of ECHS. Sometimes we wonder why we claim we have the fourth largest GDP when over 50 lakh ESM and dependents suffer for a shortfall of about Rs 6000 to 8000 crore in ECHS funding which is a contributory scheme. Let me share my views. There will be no resolution of OROP anomalies except for those who go to Court.

2. The Govt has ordered 8th CPC but there is no constitution of 8th Army Pay Cell (APC). The 7th APC functioned for over a year and a half. We have only six months for the 8th CPC to be implemented

by 01 Jan 2026. I wonder if we will be able to resolve the outstanding anomalies. I think there is no likelihood of APC being created.

3. Like I always say we cannot be dependent on Govt for helping the ESM undertake commercial ventures. The DGR is still stuck in its outdated thinking of providing jobs and a few self employment schemes like security agencies. What stops it from starting a large scale venture. 50000 personnel retiring every year if they pool in only Rs one lakh per head it will create a corpus of Rs 500 crores. With some handholding from the Govt good ventures can be started. IESL has decided to explore these opportunities and hopefully we'll be able to create ventures which will give atleast 15% return to our members.

Brigadier Inder Mohan Singh (Retd.)
President, Indian Ex- Service League

अध्यक्ष की कलम से

1. मुझे यकीन है कि पूर्व सैनिक (ESM) अनियमितताओं के मुद्दे को संबोधित न करने से निराश हैं। इसके अलावा, ECHS के फंडिंग में कोई सुधार नहीं हुआ है। कभी-कभी हम सोचते हैं कि हम चौथी सबसे बड़ी GDP का दावा क्यों करते हैं, जबकि 50 लाख से अधिक ESM और उनके आश्रित लगभग 6000 से 8000 करोड़ रुपये की ECHS फंडिंग की कमी के लिए पीड़ित हैं, जो एक योगदान योजना है। मुझे अपने विचार साझा करने दें। OROP अनियमितताओं का कोई समाधान नहीं होगा, सिवाय उन लोगों के जो अदालत में जाते हैं।

2. सरकार ने 8वीं CPC का आदेश दिया है, लेकिन 8वीं आर्मी पे सेल (APC) का गठन नहीं हुआ है। 7वीं APC एक साल छह महीने से अधिक समय तक कार्यरत रही। हमारे पास 01 जनवरी 2026 तक 8वीं CPC को लागू करने के लिए केवल छह महीने हैं। मुझे आश्चर्य है कि क्या हम बकाया अनियमितताओं को हल कर पाएंगे। मुझे लगता है कि APC के बनने की कोई संभावना नहीं है।

3. जैसा कि मैं हमेशा कहता हूं, हम ESM को वाणिज्यिक उद्यमों में मदद करने के लिए सरकार पर निर्भर नहीं रह सकते। DGR अभी भी नौकरियों और कुछ आत्म-रोजगार योजनाओं जैसे सुरक्षा एजेंसियों की पुरानी सोच में फंसा हुआ है। इसे बड़े पैमाने पर उद्यम शुरू करने से क्या रोकता है? हर साल 50000 कर्मी रिटायर होते हैं, यदि वे केवल एक लाख रुपये प्रति व्यक्ति जमा करते हैं, तो यह 500 करोड़ रुपये का कोष बनाएगा। सरकार की कुछ मदद से अच्छे उद्यम शुरू किए जा सकते हैं। IESL ने इन अवसरों का पता लगाने का निर्णय लिया है और उम्मीद है कि हम ऐसे उद्यम बना सकेंगे जो हमारे सदस्यों को कम से कम 15% रिटर्न देंगे।

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INDIAN EX- SERVICES LEAGUE, NEW DELHI

(REGD No. S2495 of 1964-65)

(Founded in 1964 by Field Marshal KM Cariappa, OBE and General KS Thimmayya, DSO)

This apex body of the Ex- Servicemen of India, is recognized by the Govt. of India and is affiliated to Royal Common Wealth Ex- Services League (RCEL). State/ UT Ex- Services Leagues are affiliated to it.

(Authority – GOI, Ministry of Defence)

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Dear Veterans /Veer Naris

You may seek common life membership of Indian Ex-Services League through online mode also. Procedure for seeking online membership – you may visit to IESL website – Indianexservicesleague.in – click to join us – Membership Form –Fill Columns of form, remit membership fee through on-line mode/NEFT/RTGS/QR Code separately and fill amount of fee, transaction No and Date of payment etc. in the form, upload PPO Copy and self-photograph- click submit, Veer naris may fill her name , date of birth at name and date of birth columns and upload her photo and PPO along with other particulars such as service No Regt/ Corps etc of her husband at prescribed columns. Your Membership card will be dispatched at your address within in 15 days.

IESL Main objectives are to provide assistance to ESM members, Veer Naris and their dependents in resolving problems relating to pension, allowances, grants, war gratuities, re-settlement and rehabilitation in close cooperation with the Govt. of India, States/UTs Govt. and non Govt organizations. We assure, we will do our best to rectify your anomalies within appropriate period.

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In compliance of para 24 of election Bye laws following is the List of 28 elected and Ex-Officio Council members

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Email

A Platform for retired government officials
From Minakshi Gupta

Wed, Jan 8, 2025 at 5:37 PM

Dear sir,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to introduce you to AFSIR, India's pioneering online portal created exclusively for retired government officials. As you may be aware, many experienced and esteemed government professionals seek meaningful engagements post-retirement, where they can continue their expertise to various sectors. AFSIR aims to bridge this gap by providing a platform where these individuals can connect with leading corporations, NGOs, and community organizations, leveraging their invaluable experience and knowledge.

At AFSIR, our flagship feature, the 'Ex-officer's Corridor' is powered by advanced AI technology, which allows for the creation of comprehensive profiles that highlight the skills and expertise of retired officials. This intelligent system then matches them with relevant opportunities in a variety of sectors, ensuring that their vast experience is not only recognized but also utilized in impactful ways.

In addition to job matching, AFSIR offers access to exclusive workshops, seminars, and networking events, designed specifically to enrich the post-retirement phase and help officials stay updated with current trends while remaining connected with their peers. These opportunities foster both personal and professional growth, ensuring that retired officials can continue to thrive in their next chapter.

We believe that AFSIR has the potential to redefine the retirement experience for many distinguished officials by offering them the tools to remain actively engaged in society. We are keen to explore how we can collaborate to provide this service to a broader audience of retirees within your network.

Would it be possible to schedule a meeting at your convenience to further discuss AFSIR's offering and how they align with your objectives? I would be delighted to share more information about the platform and how we can support the future engagements of retired government professionals.

What is OROP (One Rank One Post) ?

1. "One Rank One Post" ((OROP) for the Ex-servicemen implies that uniform pension be paid to the Defence Force Personnel retiring in the same rank with the same length of service, regardless of their date of retirement, which implies bridging the gap between the rate of pension of current and past pensioners at periodic intervals.
2. Salient features of the OROP are as follow:
 - (a) In future the pension would be re - fixed every 5 years.
 - (b) To begin with, pension of the post pensioners would be re-fixed on the basis of pension of retirees of calendar year 2013 OROP -I, 2018 OROP – II, 2023 OROP – III & 2028 OROP- IV and so on. The benefit will be effective with effect from 01 Jul of following year i.e. Jul 2014, Jul 2019, Jul 2024, Jul 2029 and so on.
 - (c) Pension will be re-fixed after 5 years of all pensioners on the basis of the average of minimum and maximum pension of personnel retired in 2013, 2018, 2023, 2028 and so on.
 - (d) Pension for those drawing above the average shall be protected.
3. Personnel who opt to get discharged henceforth on their own request under Rule 13(3)1(i)(b), 13(3)1(iv) of Rule 16B of Army Rule 1954 or equivalent Navy or air Force Rule will not be entitled to the benefits of OROP. It will be effective prospectively.

Authority ; Government of India Ministry of Defence, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare letter No. 12(1)/2014/D(Pen/Pol)- Part-II dated 07 Nov 2015.

SPARSH

1. SPARSH is an initiative of Central Govt to ensure uniformity in payment to all its pensioners.
2. SPARSH impl wef Sept 2021 onwards for retiring and legacy defence pensioners.
3. All pensioners to submit Life Cert.(DLC/MLC) any time through SPARSH & JEEVAN PRAMAAN app through mobile. Requirement of submission of Life Certificate in Nov has now been done away.
4. Process of migration is automatic between PCDA (P) & banks hence leftover pensioners will be migrated it self once data mapping completes.
5. To facilitate pensioners, large No. of Common Service Centers have been est and few more Centers being est to hand hold the pensioners.
6. The existing drawback in SPARSH being rectified in warfooting by CGDA in-consultation with TCS. Pensioners still facing difficulties on SPARSH contacting DIVA for Necessary action.

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28 Jan 2025**RENEWAL OF MOU BETWEEN INDIAN ARMY AND STATE BANK OF INDIA**

1. The MOU between Indian Army & State Bank of India has been renewed on 16 Jan 25 which shall remain valid for a pd of three years from the date of signing i.e. upto 15 Jan 28. The features and benefits of the DSP Acct holders of SBI are being extended to the serving Pers (incl Gentleman Cadets) and Pensioners.
- 2 Imp features of the renewed MoU are as under:
 - (a) **Personal Accident Insurance (Death) Cover**
 - (i) Serving Pers – Rs 1 Cr
 - (ii) Pensioners – Rs 50 Lakh
 - (b) **Personal Accident Insurance (Disability) Cover**
 - (i) Serving Pers -Upto Rs. 1 Cr. (based on percentage of disability)
 - (ii) Pensioners- NA.
 - (c) **Air Accident Insurance (AAI) Cover.** Rs. 1.50 Cr. (for commercial aircraft ticket should be purchased through SBI Debit Card/ Credit Card/Internet Banking)
 - (d) **Higher Education Cover.**
 - (i) **Serving Pers.** Max cover of 3 Lakh for male child and Rs. 10 Lakh for girl child on account of accidental death. Age of child should be between 18-25 yrs.
 - (ii) **Pensioners.** Rs. 5 Lakh on account of accidental death. Age of child should be between 18-25 yrs.
 - (e) **Girl Child Marriage cover.**
 - (i) **Serving Pers.** Rs. 5 Lakh per girl child & max Rs. 10 Lakh applicable for two girl child of age between 18-25 yrs, on account of accidental death.
 - (ii) **Pensioners.** Rs. 5 Lakh on account of accidental death.
 - (f) **Education Loan** Max upto Rs. 40 Lakh. (collateral free)
 - (g) Death due to High Altitude Conditions, will be treated as accidental death.
 - (h) Service/ Combat / Chartered Aircrafts air travel where tickets are provided by the department will be covered under AAI.
3. **Addl Features Incl In the MoU**
 - (a) **Term Life insurance.** Rs. 10 Lakh Gurup Term Life Insurance to cover non accidental deaths for serving pers with an entry age of 18 yrs and maturity age of 65 years or superannuation (whichever is

earlier)

- (b) **PAI For Family Members.** PAI for PAI cover of Rs. 5 Lakh available on separate zero balance account for family members. Max of four such accounts can be opened under 'SBI Rishtey' Saving Account.
- (c) Enhanced add on covers are as under:
- (i) Family transportation for two family members (death cases) for upto Rs. 50,000.
 - (ii) **Air Ambulance.** Maximum upto Rs. 10 Lakh.
 - (iii) **Death after Coma post Accident (after 48 Yrs)** . Additional cover upto Rs. 5 Lakh
 - (iv) **Repatriation of Mortal Remains.** Maximum upto Rs. 50,000.
 - (V) **Tranporation of Imported Medicine.** Maximum upto Rs. 10 Lakh
4. MoU between IA and SBI can be accessed on ADN under ADG PS/PS3 webpage. It is also requested to allow officials/ representatives of the SBI to interact with LMAs or COs/OCs of the Units for interaction /bfg on the features provided by the Bank.
5. The official email ID of bank for any type of query is **customercare@sbi.co.in** and **contactcentre@sbi.co.in** and clarification if any be sought from PS-3 helpline No- 9266239674.
6. This Info may be disseminated to all serving and retired pers.

**(Akhil Kumar Singh)
Brig.Pay & Policy
For Adjutant General**

ADVISORY: KNOW YOUR PENSION

Pension with Effect from 01 July 2014: OROP 1

Visit OROP Circular 555 as per the following link:

<http://pcdapension.nic.in /pcdapension/orop/circular-555.pdf>

Go to the relevant Table and find your OROP pension as per rank and Qualifying Service from 01 July 2014 onwards.

Pension with Effect from 01 Jan 2016: 7th CPC

- **Pre 01 July Retirees: Multiply OROP 1 Pension by 2.57**
- **01 July 2014 to 30 Dec 2016 Retirees:** Multiply pension as per PPO by 2.57
- **Post 01 July 2016 Retirees:** 50% of RE

Pension with Effective from 01 July 2019: OROP 2

Pre 01 July 2019 Retirees:

Visit OROP 2 Tables as per following link

<https://www.desw,.gov.in/sites/default/files/OROP%20Pension%20Policy.pdf>

Go to the relevant Tables and find your OROP pension as per rank and Qualifying Service from 01 July 2019 onwards (In case the OROP 2 pension is less than 7th CPC , there will be no reduction)

Pension For post 01 July 2019 Retirees: As per PPO – 50% Of RE

ADVISORY**EX- SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS)**

ECHS was launched wef 01 Apr 2003 to provide comprehensive Medicare to all ESM in receipt of pension and their dependent's through a network of polyclinics/ Services medical facilities/ Civ empaneled /Govt hospitals spread across the country.

Central Org ECHS is located at Delhi Cantt and has 28 Regional Centres. In addition, for local administration, SOs ar Comd HQ, Area/Sub Area HQ and ECHS Cells at Stn HQ have been established For detailed information, please visit website: <https://ech.s.gov.in>

Eligibility for ECHS Membership

1. ESM drawing pension.
2. Spouse.
3. Dependent Unemployed & unmarried /Divorced/Widowed Daughter.
4. Dependent Unemployed till 25 yrs age or unmarried Son.
5. Handicapped child.
6. Dependent parents.
7. Dependent – Sister – unmarried/ divorced/ widowed.
8. Dependent Brother up to age of becoming a major or handicapped.
9. Minor children of widowed/Separated daughter.

Eligibility condition are as per the link below:

<https://ech.s.gov.in/policy/ECHS%20INFORMATION%20BROUCHAR.pdf>

The current income limit for dependency is Rs. 9000/- plus amount of DA.

Notes:

1. The scheme is compulsory for all retiring pensioners wef 01 Apr 2013.
2. Old retirees may opt for the scheme as per the current contribution rates. Pensioners pre-01 Jan 1996 retirees, are exempted from the ECHS contribution.
3. Those drawing Fixed Medical Allowance will have to stop it before applying.
4. Exempted Categories for one time contribution.
 - (a) War Widows
 - (b) War Disabled

Grant for ECHS Facilities to WW II /SSCOs/ ECOs and Non Pensioners

1. Only Self and Spouse
2. One time contribution to be paid. WW II& ECOs to contribute only 50% , balance by AG's Branch.
3. W.W II & ECOs allowed facilities on cashless basis.
4. SSCOs and PMR- Free OPD. Referral only to the empanelled hospital on reimbursement basis- 75% more than 10 yrs service & 50% for less than 10 yrs at CGHS rates.

Detailed Instructions are as per link below:

<https://ech.s.gov.in/General%20SOP/CO%20ECHS%20COMPENDIUM%202022.pdf>

Special Provision

1. Priority for above 75 yrs of age in OPD of Mil Hospital.
2. Priority of war disabled and BC in OPD of Armed Forces Hospitals.
3. White Cards valid as per person with disability (PWD) Act.
4. Grant for FMA to non ECHS Polyclinic Districts.
5. Facility provided for applying in case of Marital Discord/Family Dispute case.

ECHS Cards:

1. The 16 and 32 KB Cards not valid now.
2. 64 KB Cards to be applied on line .

The procedure for submission of on-line application for 64 KB card is Covered in an exclusive Advisory.

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12 Mar 2025**

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All Regional Centre ECHS

ADVISORY: REFERRAL PROCESS IN ECHS

1. Refer to CO ECHS letter No B/ 49769/AG/ ECHS date 04 Oct 2025.
2. It is observed that special provision w.r.t. veterans aged 70 years and above are being misinterpreted by emp hospital leading to harassment to beneficiaries.
3. As per para 2 (c) beneficiary can avail all listed investigations (Including CT Scan, MRI Scan, PET Scan, or any other investigation above INR 3000/-) on a single referral (No separate referral for CT Scan, MRI Scan, PET Scan or any other listed investigation costing above INR 3000/- is required) if prescribed by the concerned specialist on specialist of a service hospital or an emp hospital when are genuinely indicated and absolutely necessary.
4. It is clarified that beneficiaries 70 years and above can directly avail OPD consultation and listed procedures /investigations at any emp hospitals without any referral from polyclinic. There is no requirement of taking any referral from polyclinic for listed investigations costing INR 3000/- and above. All listed investigations (Including CT Scan, MRI Scan, PET Scan or any other investigation above INR 3000/-) can be carried out with prescription from super specialist or specialist of an emp hospital without referral from polyclinic provided investigations are absolutely necessary and justified.
5. This is for your info necessary action please.

**Sri Kant Kumar
Lt Col, Jt Dir (Med)
For MoD ECHS**

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

**ZILA SAINIK KALYAN KARLAYA OPP JK LONE HOSPITAL- NAYAPURA,
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Girls Hostel/2025/583-612

07 May, 2025

AIR FORCE

All Regtl Centre/ RECOPOS

ADMISSION IN GIRL'S HOSTEL AT RK PURAM KOTA

1. A Girls Hostel at Kota, Rajasthan was constructed exclusively for the dependent daughter of ESM, Veeranganas and widows of ESM by Sainik Kalyan Vibhag, Govt. of Rajasthan in 2012. This hostel offers not only a springboard opportunity but also a very conducive study atmosphere to the girls to crack NEET and JEE, the two most prestigious and toughest exams. The hostel with a capacity of accommodating 35 girls is located at R K Puram, Kota.
2. While the private hostels are charging between Rs. 15,000/- to 20,000/- -er month per inmate, this Hostel charges just Rs.750/- per month so that the shallow pockets of our Ex-servicemen/ their wards and veeranganas are not further strained. Today the hostel can proudly boast of many success stories to its credit wherein many of the daughters of JCOs/ OR who stayed in the Hostel are doing exceedingly well in the fields of both medicine as well as engineering.
3. in order to ensure that the facility is utilized to its optimal potential there is a need to give wide publicity across the length and breadth of the org and hence may I request you to direct the concerned auth to give wide circulation so as to ensure that the info reaches upto the last man.

**Col.
Zila Sainik Kalyan Adhikari
Kota**

AWWA (ARMY WIFE WELFARE ASSOCIATION)AWWA website- awwa.org.inAWWA Email: centralawwa@gmail.com

AWWA Tele Helpline No. 011-23018183

FINAMCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY AWWA. The following financial assistance are provided by AWWA:

Sr. No.	Type of Assistance	Amount	Remark
1.	Education Grant		
	Class I to VIII	₹10,000/-	Per child upto two child in one academic year
	(b)Class IX to XII	₹14,000/-	-do-
	(c) Graduate	₹20,000/-	-do-
	(d) post Graduate	₹25,000/-	-do-
2.	Tech Education Grant (MBBS/Engg/MD/BBA/ MBA) Professional Course (Tech Grant)	₹50,000/-	Per Child up to two children
3.	Daughter's Marriage Grant	₹50,000/- (one Time)	Up to two Daughters
4.	Penury Grant	₹20,000/- (one Time)	Non pensioner based on requirement (Max ₹20,000/-
5.	Ex Gratia Grant	₹30,000/- (one Time)	Wef 01 Jan 2022
6.	Sewing Machine	₹6000/- Max (50% Cost or 6000/- Maximum)	Balance amount to b borne by Regtl Centre

Note:

- All grants except Ex-Gratia grant is for widows and children of Ex- servicemen (post retirement death cases)
- Ex- Gratia grant is for NOK of soldiers who die in harness.
- Sewing machine grant is for wife of battle casualty (non fatal) or indl himself.

PROPOSAL FOR CONSESSION IN TUTION FEE AND RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR WARDS OF INDIAN ARMY PERSONNEL BY DAV UNIVERSITY

1. DAV University Sarmastpur, Jalandhar-Pathankot National Highway(NH-64) Jalandhar Punjab has offered concession in Tuition Fee and reservation in seats for wards of Indian Army Personnel for admission in their university:-
 - (a) 100% scholarship in Annual Tuition Fee every year in 60 various programmes as per appx att to the wards of Army personnel killed/ Disabled in action.
 - (b) 40% scholarship in Annual Tuition Fee for the wards of serving /retired/physical casualty personnel of Indian Army every year.
2. Contact details of the University are as under:

Tele No. : 7087017551, 52 & 53
1800-1800-190(toll Free)
[Email: admission@davuniversity.org](mailto:admission@davuniversity.org) ,
Web: www.davuniversity.org
3. It is requested to promulgated the same to the environment, so that max personnel can benefit.

DIRECTORATE OF INDIAN ARMY VETERANS**(armyveteranscell@gmail.com,****Veteranscell-army@nic.in)****ADVISORY FOR VETERANS SETTLED ABROAD**

1. A large no of veterans and their families are staying abroad, drawing defence pension and also entitled to various welfare scheme. Some relevant aspects that such pensioners should keep in mind are enumerated in the succeeding paras.

2. Management of NRI Bank Account.**<https://pcdpension.nic.in/pcda/ci-nri-pensioner.php>**

(a) Open or re-designate the existing pension account to NRO (Non Resident Ordinary) account in any scheduled Bank in India. Documents required are:

- (I) Copy of Passport
- (II) Overseas or Indian address proof.
- (III) Proof of NRI Status.
- (IV) Indian PAN Card or Form 60.
- (V) Recent passport size photograph.

(b) Submit pension claim in IAFA-380 (a) to PDA, if pension not drawn for more than one year.

(c) **Submission of Life Certificate** (IAFA-409) to PDA issued by Embassy/High Commissioner/

Consulates of India or Indian Bank attached to its branch abroad, once in November each year. On migration to SPARSH the LC be submitted when due through email directly SPARSH.

<https://documents.doptcirculars.nic.in/D3/D03ppw/Life%20Certificate%20of%20Pensioner%20living%20abroadmWMPP.pdf>

(j) LC may be signed by an Officer of the Bank/ Embassy/ High Commission/ Consulate.

(ii) In case unable to visit Embassy/ Consulate requisite documents sent by post along with medical certificate showing inability to be present in person.

(iii) An authorised agent may also produce LC signed by a magistrate/Notary/ Bank/ Diplomat representative.

(iv) Issuing of acknowledgement is mandatory for the Banks.

(d) **Digital Life Certificate (DLC). Govt. of India, Dept. of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, has now introduced the submission of Digital Life Certificate (DLF) Through face authentication, by using a smart phone. Pensioners are required to download Aadhaar Face Rd App from Google play store or visit <https://jeevanpraman.gov.in/package/download>.**

(e) **Nationality Certificate** Submit a certificate to PDA (Bank/SPARSH) in April each year “ I certify that I was an Indian National at the time of my retirement and have not thereafter changed my nationality and become a neutralised citizen of a foreign state”.

(I) Intimate change of nationality to PDA/SPARSH and PCDA.

(ii) Forward attested copy of passport to PDA/SPARSH.

(f) Submit other certificates viz non-employment /re-employment certificate, non-marriage certificate etc to PDA/SPARSH.

3. Personal Documentation

(a) Visit Indian Army veterans’ website, all relevant information is given:

[https:// www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in](https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in)

(b) DIAV Advisories on all important aspects related to veterans:

<https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/advisories.html>

(c) Alignment of Name and date of birth of self, spouse and all dependents in all documents as per PPO and Service Records.

(d) Endorsement of wife’s Name in the Record of Service: **<https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>**

(e) Endorsement of wife’s date of birth in the PPO: It is important as she will be entitled to additional

- pension on attaining 80 years and above age: <https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>
- (f) **Service Particular Booklet.** Issued by AG/MP-5(ORO) for officers and Discharge Book by the Record Office.
 - (g) Correctness of service particulars viz Army Number, Date of Commission/ Enrolment, Date of Discharge and qualifying service. You are advised to approach your Record Office/ ADGMP5 (ORO)/ MPRS(O).
 - (h) Endorsement of name of spouse in the PPO and Record of Service. Name of second wife in case of death /divorce of first wife: <https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>
 - (j) Endorsement of dependency of Handicapped children and unmarried/ widowed/ divorced daughter <https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspxfor issue>
 - (k) Endorsement of gallantry award allowance in PPO for disbursement along with pension: Approach concerned Record Officer /MP5(ORO).
4. **ECHS: <https://echs.gov.in>**
- (a) Compulsory wef 01 Apr 2003.
 - (b) No subscription for pre 1996 retirees.
 - (c) **Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) to ECHS Beneficiaries.** Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) is applicable to pre 2003 retirees in case non ECHS members. Endorsement of FMA in PPO be processed through Record Office/MP-5(b). ECHS is mandatory for ofrs who retired on or after 01 Apr 2003.
 - (d) Procedure for online ECHS membership:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ukWrWj8QJ4gh7cEDgJN5OpDrx_UwHR7I/view
<https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>.
5. **Identity Cards**
- (a) ESM and dependent Identity Card by Zila Sainik Board:
ESM: <https://ksb.gov.in/writereaddata/DownLoad/SOP-Accountingand issueofNewDuplicateIcardtoESM.pdf>
Dependent: <https://ksb.gov.in/writereaddata/DownLoad/GuidelinesforissueofCardstodependentsofESM.pdf>
 - (b) Indian Army Veterans Card (IAVC) issued by AG/MP-5 (ORO) to officers incl Hony rank drawing pension. https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/IAVC_Form.Pdf
<https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>
6. Actions to be taken on Demise of the service Pensioner.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dsQ0qgdFC4NSBEfq3768p4VOoTct3TH5/view>
<https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>
7. **Welfare scheme for BC & PC Cases**
<https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/welfare-grants.html>
- (a) **Battle casualty:** Educational Concession only if studying in Schools/Colleges recognized by Indian Govt Aided/unaided recognized by central/State Education Boards.
<https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/pdf/welfare%20Grants/EducationScholarshipApplication.pdf>
<https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>
 - (b) **Physical casualty**
<https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>
 - (c) **Marriage Grant**
 - (i) Daughters/Orphan Son of Death in Harness (BC & PC) and BC Disabled more than 60% Medically Boarded out.
 - (ii) Widow Re-marriage Death in Harness.
<https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Welfare%20Grants/Marriage Grant-Application Form.pdf>
 - (d) **Disability Certificate for Handicapped Child:** Revised formats for obtaining Disability Certificates of disabled children issued vide DGMS (Army) letter No. B/76762/ECHS/Policy/DGMS-5(B) Dt15 Nov 2019.
8. **Registration on Indian Army Veterans Portal:** All veterans and NoKs are advised to register in the Indian Army Veterans Portal the downloaded -forms be emailed to DIAV:
<https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/diva-registration-form.html>
9. **Registration on RODRA for Officers** (Retired Officer Digital Records Archive) :
<https://rodra.gov.in/Download.aspx>
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FJucUEJN3VNvesskgICLIPc03JmKGCX-/view>

10. **SPARSH.** The pension disbursement is being transferred from the bank to “System for Pension Administrative Raksha” (SPARSH) portal of PCDA (P), Allahabad. On transfer of account, an SMS, giving user name and password for SPARSH login will be sent to the pensioner’s registered mobile number. Please ensure registering on the SPARSH Portal. All pensioners who have received their user ID and password are requested to login at sparsh.defencepension.gov.in and validate their basic data. PCDA (SPARSH) helplines & Toll Nos Mob are 18001805325, Landline – 05322421877 & 1879. The SPARSH website is geo fenced and cannot be accessed overseas. The Life Certificate or any grievance may be processed through the following email ids:
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| Sparsharmyco.dad@gov.in | (For Army Officers) |
| Sparsharmypbors.dad@gov.in | (For Army JCOs/OR) |
| Sparshnavy.dad@gov.in | (For Navy all ranks) |
| Sparshairforce.dad@gov.in | (For Airforce all ranks) |
| Sparshcivilian.dad@gov.in | (For Civilians) |

“CEA AFTER RETIREMENT”

“Good news for Ex-Servicemen”

Now Ex- Servicemen are entitled for “Children Education Allowance (CEA)” after retirement. For that earlier you have to apply through your Zila Sainik Board (ZSB)

Now you can apply online too. Last date is approaching, hurry up and act fast:

Website: www.ksb.gov.in

Last Date are Follows:

Class 01 to 09 ‘31 May

Class 10 to 12 ‘31 July

College going girls up to graduation ‘31 August 2026’ & PM Scholarship date is not yet received may be “30 Nov”.

All forms available online. Hard copies, you have to deposit in Concerned Sainik Board. Details of these CEA is available on www.ksb.gov.in in Welfare and Educational Financial Assistance.

PLEASE SHARE THIS TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF EX-SERVICEMEN
“Procedure”

First go to website, register your details and upload photo

(Photo all details of Ex-Servicemen only)

You will receive password to your Email ID.

Then Login with your Email ID as username.

Select the Scheme (Financial Assistance for Education of Children Of ESM/widows of ESM) then till the Form & upload following documents.

NOTE: Document size below 1 mb each

1. Discharge book
 2. Identity Card (Issued by ZSWO)
 3. Marks Sheet of Student
 4. Bank Passbook first page.
 5. Aadhar Card (ESM)
 6. Part – II order of children name page in Discharge book .
 7. One certificate stating that you are not getting same grant from any source.
- ‘Download’ the application form in pdf format and visit “Zila Sainik Welfare Office (ZSWO) with original documents along with pdf application for verification Records.

**RAJYA SAINIK BOARD
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Phone No: 011- 23861876

No. Secretary/RSB/ Policy/2024-25/148-151

Date: 18 march 2025

To

1. Vice Chancellor, Delhi University, North Campus, Delhi- 110007
2. Pr. Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, Near TV Tower, Muni Maya Ram Jain Marg, Pitampura, Delhi- 110088

SUBJECT: - BENEFIT OF RESERVATION UNDER CW CATEGORY (RESERVATION FOR CHILDREN/ WIDOWS OF PERSONNEL OF THE ARMD FORCES)

1. This is reference to Order of Ministry of Defence Vide No. F. No.12(4)/Court/2024/D(Res-II), date: 25/02/2025.
2. It has come to attention that the reservation benefits under CW category have been extended to personnel of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), Police and Fire Services. This is serious breach and contravention to existing orders on the subject. In this regard, Ministry of Defence has already issued directions to the Directorate of Higher Education, GNCT of Delhi vide MoD letter no. referred above.
3. GoI, Ministry of Defence Policy letter No. F.No. 6(1)/2017/D(Res-II) dated 21 May 2018 and MoD letter No. F.No. 13(4)/ Court/2024/D(Res-II), dated 25/02/2025 clarifying on "Intense priority" of reservation preference to the wards of Armed Forces Personnel by States/UTs for admission to Medical/ Professional/ Non- professional Courses are attached herewith for your information and necessary action.
4. **In this regard, it is requested that the reservation/ preference under the Defence quota, as envisaged in the Ministry's letter dated 21/05/2018, be maintained exclusively for the wards of Armed Forces Personnel. If the Govt. of NCT of Delhi wishes to extend similar benefits to the wards of paramilitary forces personnel, a separate quota may kindly be introduced for them without affecting reservation for the Armed Forces Category.**
5. It is requested that above may be promulgated on top priority.

Secretary
Rajya Sainik Board

To

**The Indian Ex- Services League
9, Nyaya Marg, Chankya Puri,
New Delhi – 110021**

**No 2(2)/RECGN/ IESL/ KSB/ A/ 2000
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
NEW DELHI**

Date: 4th Jan, 2001.

Subject: Recognition of Indian Ex-Services League.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government to the recognition of Indian Ex- Services League, 9, Nyaya Marg, Chankya Puri, New Delhi w, e, f. the date of Issue of this letter subject to the terms and conditions laid down in this Ministry's letter No 9(37)/ 92/US (WE)/ D (RES) Dated 31.01.1996.

**Your Faithfully
V K MEHTA
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE
GOVT. OF INDIA**

**154TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IS IN PROGRESS
ON 11 APRIL, 2025 AT HEAD QUARTER IESL, NEW DELHI**



235TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IS IN PROGRESS ON 11 APRIL, 2025 AT HEAD QUARTER IESL, NEW DELHI.



ANDHRA PRADESH EX-SERVICES LEAGUE (SPARSH TRAINING CAMP FROM 09 -12 JUN 2025)



BRIG O P YADAV, YSM VICE PRESIDENT (N) AND COL CT ARASU SR VICE PRESIDENT MET WITH MD ECHS AND DIAV WHO ON 12 APRIL, 2025 AND APPRAISED GRAIVANCES OF ESM FOR REDRESSAL.



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Central Organisation ECHS
Adjutant General's Branch
Integrated Headquarters of
MoD (Army), Thimayya Marg,
Near Gopinath Circle,
Delhi Cantt- 110 010

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10 Jun 2025

IHQ of MoD (Air Force)
IHQ of MoD (Navy)
HQ South Comd (A/ECHS)
HQ East Comd (A/ECHS)
HQ West Comd (A/ECHS)
HQ Central Comd (A/ECHS)
HQ Northern Comd (A/ECHS)
HQ South West Comd (A/ECHS)
HQ ANC
HQ SFF & HQ Coast Guard

Source Dot Com Private Ltd

Plot No 16, Electronic City, Sector 18
Udyog Vihar, Phase IV, Gurugram, Haryana-122001

M/s UTI-ITSL

UTI Bhawan, Plot No.3, Sector -11
CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400614.

All Regional Centers

**ANNUAL VALIDATION OF ECHS MEMBERSHIP OF DEPENDENTS
BY SUBMISSION OF ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS BY PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES**

1. It is intimated that after seeking feedback from the environment, it was observed that there is a requirement to issue a detailed letter on annual validation of ECHS dependents by submission of eligibility documents.
2. It is intimated that all dependent beneficiaries (less spouse) are liable for annual validation. Any ECHS dependent who fail to complete annual validation, within stipulated period, **will not be permitted to avail medical facilities, till annual validation has been completed. ECHS card of beneficiary will be disabled for**

duration till Annual validation is not completed by beneficiary. Actions to be taken by each stakeholder to carryout annual validation is mentioned in succeeding paras.

Action by Primary Beneficiary/ESM.

4. A system generated warning message will be suitably displayed to submit eligibility documents of dependents who are 64KB ECHS card holders on completion of 11 months after the date of collection of the cards for the first time or last date of annual validation in the following manner: -

(a) **When Beneficiary visits PC and authenticates on Kiosk.** A warning message will be displayed to the beneficiary to complete annual validation with supporting documents online by a specific date.

(b) **When Primary Beneficiary logins at ECHS web portal.** Details of cards due for annual validation will be displayed for which necessary documents have to be uploaded online.

(c) **ECHS Beneficiaries Mob App.** Details of cards due for annual validation will be displayed for which necessary documents will have to be uploaded online on ECHS Mobile App on opening the Mobile App and logging in.

(d) If request for eligibility extension has been rejected by OIC PC due to any observation. ESM should re-submit application rectifying observations raised by OIC PC.

5. It will be the responsibility of Primary Beneficiary/ dependents to timely upload documents for establishing the Eligibility to ensure validity of 64 KB ECHS Card. Primary Beneficiary to submit the following documents online: -

(a) **Eligibility Certificate for Dependents.**

(i) The Primary beneficiary will provide **Eligibility Certificate** for all his/ her dependents excluding spouse.

(ii) The Primary beneficiary will select the dependent and then select an option i.e. PAN Card available/ not available from the dropdown menu.

(iii) In case **PAN Card is available** for the chosen dependent, then Form 26AS for preceding two consecutive financial years will be uploaded.

(iv) In case **PAN Card is not available** for the chosen dependent, then the Primary Beneficiary will upload an Income Certificate obtained from the State Revenue Department. It is, however, desirable that all beneficiaries should have PAN Card.

(v) The Primary beneficiary will satisfy himself/ herself that the income of the dependents is not more than **INR 9000/- (Excluding DA) PM** for each dependent other than **parents**. In case of parents, the combined income of father and mother should not exceed Rs 9000/- (Excluding DA) per month.

(vi) The Primary beneficiary will thereafter submit **online declaration for all dependents which will be auto populated**. A declaration as per format given at **Appx A** will be submitted by clicking the check box 'I Agree'.

6. **Action by OIC Parent Polyclinic.** Scrutinize application received from Primary beneficiary/ ESM /Dependent at Guest user module (Pending Eligibility Request Tab) and approve on basis of correctness of documents. In case, of any observations in documents, OIC PC will reject application and beneficiary will resubmit application after addressing the reasons for rejection. OIC PC is also authorised to seek any additional financial documents for verification, moreover should also check manually, in case of parents only, that the combined income of father and mother should not exceed Rs 9000/- (excluding DA) PM.

7. **Extension of Validity: ECHS Card.** Once the actions as above are completed by the OIC PC, the validity of all 64 KB ECHS cards which have been approved by OIC Parent Polyclinic will be further extended by **fifteen months**. This will be applicable to all those cards whose annual validation has been approved by OIC PC wef 15 Jun 25. For all the cards where annual validation was approved before 15 Jun 25, due date for annual validation will be as per date of last successful annual validation. Validity of annual validation period for ECHS cards has since been extended from 12 months to 15 months wef 15 Jun 25.

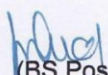
8. **Revival of ECHS Membership Based on Income Criteria.** Dependents of primary beneficiary who were earlier denied ECHS membership due to their income being more than INR 9000/- (excluding DA) may apply for membership again, if the income has again become less than INR 9000/- (excluding DA) for consecutive two years. The proof of the same will be obtained from **Form 26AS/Income Certificate from State Govt. Revenue Dept.**

9. **One-time Annual Validation.** It is intimated that special waiver has been granted by competent authority for following categories of ECHS dependents: -

(a) **White Card Holders.** One-time annual validation is mandatory for white card holders, however for subsequent period, a life time waiver for annual validation for white card holders under relevant clause of Person with Disability (PwD) Act has been approved by competent authority, for those ECHS beneficiaries who have been provided 64KB ECHS white card.

(b) **ECHS Dependents above 80 years of age.** One-time annual validation is mandatory for ECHS dependents who are more than 80 years of age, however for subsequent period, a life time waiver for annual validation has been approved by competent authority for those ECHS beneficiaries who have been provided 64KB ECHS card.

10. This letter supersedes all letters issued earlier by Central Organisation ECHS regarding annual validation of ECHS dependents. This letter to be disseminated down to ECHS polyclinics for the information of all ECHS beneficiaries.


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for MD ECHS

FINISHING SCHOOL PROGRAMME FOR WARDS OF PERSONNEL BY IITM PRAVARTAK

1. **IITM Pravartak (an IIT Madras initiative to support startups working in various fields) has offered a special “Finishing School Programme” for engineering school graduates, who have completed their graduation within last two years and looking fir jobs.** This programme will be a specific initiative for the wards of both Serving and Retd Army personnel with preference towards wards of the deceased Army personnel.
2. The programme will help the students to get trained in specific domain areas that would help them to get placement in various companies. They will also provide placement assistance once the training the completed. This in-house training will be provided at IITM PTF, IITM Research Park, for three months with a minimum monthly stipend. The salient aspects of the pgme are as under:-
 - (a) **A batch of 30 students will be trained in hybrid mode with 3-4 days of classroom in a week.**
 - (b) **Engineering graduates passed out in last two years can apply for the course.**
 - (c) **No cost will be levied for wards of Defence personnel .**
 - (d) **The date of commencement of programme will be intimated separately.**
 - (e) **Accommodation for the wards will have to be done under own arrangement for the duration of course. HQ Dakshin Bharat Area shall provide necessary assistance as available.**
 - (f) **A certificate on completion of course shall be provided by IITM Pravartak post successfully completion of courses.**
3. **Contact details** are as under:-
 - (a) Mr. Balamurli, GM Skill Development, Email id: bala@pravartak.net ,
Website: <https://youtube/EKBMUNdsYk>
 - (b) Regional Tech Note
HQ Dakshin Bharat Area, PIN- 900432, C/o 56 APO.

SSA
 Tele(Army) : 38838
 Tele(Civ) : 011-20892332
 Email : dircomplaints-mod@nic.in

Central Organisation ECHS
 Adjutant General's Branch
 Integrated HQ of MoD (Army)
 Pthmayya Marg, Near Gopinath Circle
 Delhi Cantt-10

B/49717-CIAG/ECHS

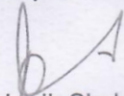
All Sub Area HQs (A/ECHS Cell)



Apr 2025

**INCLUSION OF PENDENCY OF GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL
 AS PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERION**

1. It has been observed that the pendency of grievance redressal at various Stn HQs/ RCs/ Polyclinics continue to be a matter of concern. An effective and time bound grievance redressal mechanism helps to achieve better satisfaction level of ECHS beneficiaries.
2. In this regards, you are advised to consider the grievance redressal mechanism as a key parameter in assessing the administrative and functional performance of subordinate ECHS offices under your jurisdiction. Pendency of grievance beyond the stipulated time line of 30 days without a valid reason should not be accepted.
3. In order to achieve the a/m aspects following may be ensured:
 - (a) Grievances are addressed within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt. Cases wherein the redressal requires longer time due to procedural intricacies, an interim reply alongwith expected timeline for redressal should be given to complainant.
 - (b) Strict monitoring of pendency at subordinate offices.
 - (c) Quarterly/ periodic performance review should include the pendency of grievance beyond 30 days and response of Polyclinic/ Regional Center ECHS/ Stn HQ (ECHS Cell).
3. This directive aims to enhance accountability and ensure timely, beneficiary- focused healthcare service across all levels. A consolidated report on compliance may be forwarded to this HQ for every quarter.


 (Anirudh Shekhawat)
 Col
 Dir (C & L)
 For MD ECHS

Copy to

All Stn HQs (ECHS Cell)

All Regional Centers

Internal

✓ S & A Sec - to upload on ECHS website.

INDIAN JUGGAD: (MOTIVATION TO BE AN ACHIEVER)

On 12 November 2023, work on a section of the Silkyara Bend – Barkot tunnel planned to connect National highway 134 in Uttarakhand (part of Char Dham Highways project) stopped because of landslide causing collapse of tunnel and blocking of the passage by more than 60 meters of concrete, rubble and twisted metal, thus leaving 41 workers trapped inside the broken tunnel.

Central Government, State Government and NDMA employed best of the human talent and machines to create a passage through 60 meter of collapsed tunnel debris to rescue 41 trapped workers. A large mechanical drill managed to get through substantial part of blocked debris but with about 12-meters to go the drill blade broke and broken machinery parts had to be pulled out, jeopardizing the rescue the operation. Alternative options like vertical drilling etc were now employed but there was an uncertainty as to time line to reach the trapped workers.

It was now at these uncertain times and critical juncture that Rat Hole Miners were called in. Rat hole mining is a method of talking out coal by digging small pits to remove all debris by bare hands and borrow narrow holes like rats (though banned by Govt. in 2014 because of its inherent underlying dangers to human life).

On 28 November 23, a team of rat hole miners were brought to Uttarakhand to remove the last 12 meters of debris. This team worked continuously for 24 hours to reach the trapped workers. Muna Quereshi become the Hero rescuer, when he removed the last rock and become the first person and a saviour to make an eye-to-eye contact with the 41 trapped workers. On November 23, all forty one rescued workers were lifted to AIIMS Rishikesh aboard an IA F CH- 47 Chinook helicopter.

Long live the spirit of Rat Hole miner Munna Quereshi and all fellow rescuers. Once again it was Indian Juggad that worked in the end this JUGGAD by Rat Hole Miners was a triumph labour over machinery that managed to manually break through the final 12 meters of rubble and successfully completed the rescue operation.

SO PROUD OF SUCH INDIANS

LONG LIVE INDIAN JUGGAD, HUMAN ASPIRATIONS AND DEVOTIONAL SPIRIT

A GLASS OF MILK

There was a poor boy who would sell newspapers to pay for school. One day, he was very hungry and decided to ask for food at the next house he visited. Several people denied him food. However a girl alone at one house offered him a Glass of Milk. She refused to take payment for it. After many years, this girl fell sick. No doctor wanted to help her, She decided to go to the best doctor in the town. The doctor spent months treating her, though she could not afford the service. When she received the hospital bill it read “PAID IN FULL: WITH A GLASS OF MILK”.

Moral: Good Deeds are always rewarded.

*Prayer is not a “Spare Wheel” that you pull when it trouble,
But it is a “Steering Wheel” that directs the right path throughout life.*

BRIEF HISTORY

INDIAN EX-SERVICES LEAGUE, 9, NYAYA MARG, CHANAKYAPURI, NEW DELHI

1. Indian Ex-Services League (IESL), is the oldest apex Inter Services Organisation of Ex-Servicemen of the country. It was formed by amalgamation of All India Ex-Services Federation and the Indian Ex-Services Association, headed respectively by General (Later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa, OBE, the first Chief of Indian Army and General KS Thimayya, DSO who was the fourth Chief in 1964. The League was registered under Societies Registration Act of 1860 (Punjab amendment) Act 1957 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi vide No S-2495 of 1964-65. IESL was granted the status of Apex Organisation of ESM by an Act of Parliament in 1982.
2. IESL had been recognized by Govt of India, Ministry of Defence Letter No 2(2)/RECGN/IESL/KSB/A200 dated 01 Jan 2001, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence Letter No 28(145)/2019/D(Res-I) dated 16 Sept 2019 and Kendriya Sainik Board Letter No 061/Policy/Gen Policy/Vol-I dated 22 Dec 2021. It is an apolitical organisation. The League is also affiliated to Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services league (RCEL) London, Federation Mondiale Paris, Royal Canadian Legion, War Veterans League/Associations of Russia and Singapore.
3. The first and the second Presidents were Gen KS Thimayya, DSO and Field Marshal KM Cariappa, OBE. The Defence Minister is the Patron-in-Chief, Chief of Defence Staff and three services Chief are Patrons. Amongst the distinguished founder members were Lt Gen Late DR Thapar, Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, Lt Gen SPP Thorat, DSO and Lt Gen SL Menezes, PVSM, SC.
4. IESL has its Headquarters at 9 Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. All State / UT Leagues are affiliated and are located in their respective states.
5. We have a membership of about 4 lakh ESM including 400 plus General officers and equivalent ranks from the three services spread across most of the States / UTs of the country.
6. The Aims and Objectives of the League are :-
 - (a) To assist Ex-Servicemen and their dependents in matters relating to pension, allowances, grants, war gratuities, resettlement and rehabilitation in close co-operation with the Government of India, Government of State/UTs and other official and non-official agencies and organizations. IESL also renders financial and other assistance to Ex-Servicemen and their dependents in distress.
 - (b) To support the United Nation Organisation and such other agencies which propagate the cause of world peace based on justice, freedom, secularism and democracy. During peace and in case of emergency, ISEL renders all assistance to the Government.
 - (c) To educate and to build up public opinion in support of Ex-Servicemen widows and their families, and to inculcate the spirit in them that this was a national duty.
 - (d) To liaise with government and other private sector units for dignified second employment for maximum Ex-Servicemen.

INDIAN ARMY IMPLEMENTS COMMON UNIFORM FOR BRIGADIER AND ABOVE RANK OFFICERS

Officers of the rank of Brigadiers and above, who are also known as Flag Rank officers will now be wearing a standardized and common uniform. This includes headgear, shoulder rank badges, gorget patches, belts and shoes. Until now they have been wearing uniform specific to their parent regiments. These regimental uniforms will continue to be worn by all jawans, JCOs and officers upto the rank of Colonel. The Flag officers will not be wearing any lanyards under the new change.

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09/Jan, 2025

Secretaries/ Directors

RSBs/DSWs

All States/UTs

Subject: Establishment of Common Service Centres at RSB/ZSB Directorates

1. I am directed to inform you that the Ministry of Defence, through the Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) is undertaking an initiative to establish Common Service Centres (CSCs) at all RSB / ZSB directorates across the country. This Initiative aims to facilitate ex-servicemen's access to various Government to citizen e-services and schemes including pension related services through the SPARSH Portal. It shall also minimize their need to make multiple visits to different Government offices.
2. The CSCs will be operated by ex-servicemen who have received specialized training through DGR, thereby also providing employment opportunity for our veterans. Interested Ex-servicemen may register for the same through the web link provided on DGR website (<https://dgrindia.gov.in>)
3. To ensure the successful and timely implementation of this initiative, it is requested to provide necessary infrastructure at respective RSB/ ZSB by January 31, 2025 including:-
 - (a) Suitable space for CSC.
 - (b) IT equipment (computer printers Scanners, and copiers etc.).
 - (c) Basic Furniture and fixtures.
4. Upon completion of the setup, kindly forward photographs of the established facility to KSB at jd.accounts-ksb@desw.gov.in & jd.acctksb@gmail.com
5. The expenditure incurred in provisioning the aforementioned infrastructure would be reimbursed to respective RSBs along with advance claim/ final claim for maintenance of RSB/ ZSBs for the Financial year 2025-26, upon receipt at KSB Secretariat.
6. Your Cooperation and support in this matter is paramount for the success of this welfare initiative for our ex-servicemen community.

**(DS Basera)
Brig
Secy. KSB**

LAUGHTER MAKES LIFE EASE

NURSE: A person who wakes you up to give you sleeping pills.

TEARS: The hydraulic force by which masculine will power is defeated by feminine waterpower.

Father: A banker provided by nature

Boss: Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

Hospital: An institution which holds your ills by pills and kills you by bills.

**What did one wall say to the other
I' ll meet you at the corner**

IGNOU DEGREE FOR AGNIVEERS

IGNOU signs an MoU with Armed Forces for skill based bachelor degree programmes.

IGNOU partnered with the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force to offer skill-based Bachelor degree programs for Agniveers.

The collaboration provides 120 credits, with IGNOU offering 60 credits and the Armed Forces offering the remaining 60 credits in service skill education. The admission process for the Indian Air Force commenced on 01 August 2023 with an exclusive Admission Portal for Agniveers. The application process is now open on the official website of IGNOU- ignou.ac.in

Both technical and non-technical skill training received by the Agniveer will amount to 50 percent of the credits required for a graduate degree. The rest of the 50 percent will come from a basket of courses including subjects like languages, Economics, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Mathematics, Education, Commerce, Tourism, Vocational Studies, Agriculture, Jyotish, ability enhancement courses on Environmental Studies and communication Skills in English.

The collaboration aims to empower the Aganveer by enabling them to pursue a Bachelor's degree while actively serving in the forces, Upon completion of these skill-based programmes, the Agniveers' employability is expected to improve significantly after their service tenure. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) and UGC have all recognized the framework of the programme. The Digree-BA, B.Com., BA(Vocational) & BA(Tourism Management)- will be awarded by IGNOU as per UGC and will be recognized both in India and abroad.

WOMEN IN DEFENCE SERVICE

Defence Services have been having women officers for quite some time. It started with the induction of Medical officers and Dental Officers. Subsequently women officers were commissioned into many other Branches. Very recently, the women have been inducted as Agniveer Women also in all the three arms. The current status for the three arms is tabulated below.

Sl. No.	Services	Officers (Excluding Medical & Dental Branches)	Other Ranks
1.	Indian Army	1733	100
2.	IAF	1654	135
3.	Indian Navy	580	726



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May11, 2025

Subject: Mobilization of Ex-Servicemen Volunteers for Civil Defence.

Dear sir,

1. Keeping in view the prevailing situation along the western boarder of the country there is an urgent need to strengthen the Civil Defence setup of the country. I urge to kindly use necessary directives for the mobilization of Ex-Servicemen volunteers for enrolment in Civil Defence activities. Currently civil defence set up is operational in 244 districts and is mandated with responsibilities during the peace time and preparatory stage or during war time as per Union War Book.
2. I Would like to draw your attention to the Civil Defence Act of 1968 and the accompanying Civil Defence Regulations of 1968. As you are aware these provisions empower State Governments to establish civil defence volunteer corps aimed at enhancing and facilitating appropriate responses to emergencies such as armed conflict, warfare, natural disasters, and similar exigencies.
3. It is important to note that District Magistrates and Collectors serve as the Controllers under the Civil Defence Act and Regulations, bearing the responsibility for the mobilization, deployment and utilization of volunteers for various designated purposes. Additionally, District Collectors and Magistrates hold the position of Chairpersons of Zila Sainik Board, which oversees the welfare of Ex- Servicemen. There fore, they may be directed to convene meetings of the Zila Sainik Board to facilitate the enrollment of Ex-Servicemen as civil defence volunteers in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Regulations.
4. A few States have already embarked on effective initiative in this regard. Kendriya Sainik Board has issued an advisory to all the Ex-servicemen to register themselves as Civil Defence Volunteers with, the Controller Civil Defence of the district. Accordingly , I request you to energize the mechanisms of the Rajya Sainik Board, Zila Sainik Board and the Civil Defence Organization in your state/UT to advance this effort.
5. For any clarifications or assisance please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of the Kendriya Sainik Board,
 New Delhi or Tel. No. 011-20862361or Email:secyksb-mod@nic.in
 With profound regards.

Yours sincerely
Ajay Kumar
Joint Secretary

**EMPOWERING FUTURE GENERATIONS:
EDUCATION CONCESSIONS /RELAXATION FOR WARDS
OF INDIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS**

1. Education is the cornerstone of progress, and the Indian Air Force (IAF) is committed to ensuring that the children of our veterans have access to quality education. As a part of its welfare measures, the IAF offers various educational concessions and relaxations to empower the wards of veterans, helping them achieve their academic and career aspirations. This article explores these initiatives, highlighting how they contribute to building a brighter future for the children of our brave servicemen and women.
2. **List of Universities/Institutes and Concessions/ Benefits therein.** Details of Higher education avenues facilitated under Project Akashdeep for wards of air veterans through Memorandums of understanding with Universities/ Institutes are as below:

SI No	University	Course	No of Seats	Spl offer/concession
1.	Gujrat National Law university (GNLU), Gandhi Nagar Gujrat)	LLB, LLM & Ph.D	No Limits	*100% fee waiver * Admission through CLAT
2.	FLAME University, Pune (Maharashtra)	UG,PG Programmes	Total 15 seats (5 seats each for wards of serving /retired deceased IAF personnel	* 75%fee waiver for serving air warriors annual fee Rs. 10Lakhs (for IAF-only Rs2.5 Lakhs) * 100% fee waiver for air warriors died in harness. * 50 % fee waiver for retired air warriors
3.	Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)	B.Tech, LLB. B Pharmacy	65	* Exclusive members for wards of IAF personnel.
4.	University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun (UK)	Certificate and Diploma, UG & PG (MBA) Regular/ on-campus)	No Limit 25	* 20% fee waiver * Concession to 30% of tuition fee based on 12th class score * One first come first serve seats *Application for spouse also
5.	FAME Gurgaon (Haryana)	BBA, BCA, Bsc, B.com, BA, (Liberal Arts)	10 seats in UG Programmes	*10% concession in tuition fee
6.	Medhavi Skills University (MSU), Sikkim	UG, PG Programmes	100 seats in UG & 50 seats in PG	*50% waiver in tuition fee *10% concession in hostel accommodation fee
7.	Manav Rachna University, Faridabad (Haryana)	Various UG Courses	449 Seats	*25% waiver in tuition fee

8.	Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, Noida (UP)	Various UG Courses	Total 115 seats 8,4 & 3 seats each for wards of serving / retired/deceased IAF personnel respectively)	*100% concession in tuition fee for 3 wards of IAF Personnel died in harness. *75% concession in tuition fee for 8 wards of serving IAF personnel *50% concession in tuition fee for 4 wards of retired IAF personnel
9.	Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITM), Vishakhapatnam. (Andhra University)	Various UG Programmes	Total 29 Seats MBBS-1 B.Tech. 28	*Fee Concession up to Rs. 10 Lakhs for MBBS *50 % concession on 08 seats of B.Tech. *Preferential admission on 20 seats in B.Tech
10.	Shamugha Arts, science Technology & Research & Academy, (SASTRA) Thanjavur, (Tamilnadu)	Various UG & PG Courses	30 seats (10 seats each for wards of serving/ retired/ deceased IAF personnel	*100% concession in fee and free boarding and lodging for the wards of IAF personnel who have studied 10+2 from schools in NE states and J&K. *100% concession in fee (free ship) and free boarding and lodging for 10 wards of IAF personnel died in harness. *75% concession in fees for 10 wards of serving IAF personnel. *50% concession in fee for 10 wards of retired IAF personnel.

3. The concerned Air Force ward has to apply directly to the university/ Institute as per the eligibility criteria and schedule of admission announced / publicized by the respective university/institute. After securing the admission, the air warrior may send a written request for concession/ relaxation, along with a copy of application form admission/ offer letter through following mode(s):-

- (a) E-office - Air HQ RKP {Gp Capt Edn (Courses)
- (b) AF Net email - akahdeep@iaf.in
- (c) Civil email ID - jdcakashdeep@gmail.com
- (d) Fax - 011-26181395, 011- 26100829

4. The Air veterans may also forward the request for concession /relaxation, along with copy of application form/ admission/ offer letter to Dte of AV, Air Force Association (AFA) or AFFWA, as the case may be, which in turn, may forward the same to Dte of Edn at Air HQ. Further, Dte of Edn, Air HQ consolidates the applications and forwards the same to the concerned University/ Institute for offering concessions/ relaxations.

Impact and benefits

- 5. The Education concessions and relaxation provided by the IAF have far – reaching benefits, not only for the individual students but also for the community and the nation as a whole. By empowering the wards of veterans with quality education the IAF is fostering a generation of well educated, skilled and confident individuals who are ready to contribute to the growth and development of the country.
- 6. These initiatives also serve as a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by our veterans, ensuring that their

families are well supported and their children have the opportunity to succeed. The IAF's commitment to the welfare of its personnel extends beyond their service, reflecting the values of honor, duty and respect that define the force.

Conclusion

7. The Indian Air Force's dedication to the welfare of its veterans and their families to evident in the comprehensive educational concessions and relaxations provided to their wards. These initiatives not only alleviate financial burdens but also open doors to countless opportunities, enabling students to pursue their dreams and aspirations. By investing in the education of future generations, the IAF is ensuring a legacy of excellence, strength and progress for the nation

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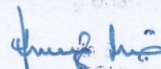
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ONLINE PROCEDURE TO CHANGE PARENT POLYCLINIC

1. It is intimated that after seeking feedback from the environment, procedure for changing parent polyclinic of any ECHS beneficiary has been made simplified. The facility can be exercised once in **three months** by beneficiaries who have already collected the 64 KB ECHS Smart Card.
2. **Action by the ESM / Primary Beneficiary.** The ESM / Primary beneficiary will adopt following procedure:-
 - (a) **When Primary Beneficiary logs in at ECHS web portal.** Primary beneficiary / ESM will login to ECHS website, echsgov.in using his login credentials. He / she has to click on the "**more option**" tab then click on "**change parent polyclinic**" tab and select the beneficiary whose polyclinic is required to be changed. Furthermore, select the new polyclinic from drop down and save details.
 - (b) **ECHS Beneficiary Mob App.** ECHS beneficiary login to ECHS Mob App using his / her ECHS Card number and 4 Digit mobile pin. He / she has to click on "**polyclinic change**" option and select the beneficiary whose polyclinic is required to be changed then after click on "**change PC request**". Moreover, select the new polyclinic from drop down and click on "**change request**" tab.
 - (c) Approach the new polyclinic and insert the 64KB ECHS Smart Card in KIOSK Machine for updation of data.
3. This letter supersedes all letters issued earlier by Central Organisation ECHS regarding change of parent polyclinic. This information is to be disseminated to all Polyclinics and displayed at prominent places for information of ECHS beneficiaries.



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ONLINE PROCEDURE TO CHANGE REGISTERED MOBILE NUMBER

1. At the time of filling online application for 64KB ECHS Smart Cards, all Ex-Servicemen (ESM) / Primary beneficiary register with a mobile number. A simplified procedure has been implemented where ESM / Primary beneficiary can change his/her registered mobile number including dependents once he/she has collected his/her 64KB ECHS Smart Cards.

2. **Action by the ESM.** The ESM / Primary beneficiary will adopt following procedure:-

(a) He / she will login to ECHS website, echhs.sourceinfosys.com using his login credentials.

(b) He / she has to click on the "more option" tab then after click on "change mobile number (primary) / change mobile number (dependents)" tab and feed new mobile number and submit.

(c) Approach the parent polyclinic and insert the 64KB ECHS Smart Card in KIOSK Machine for updation of data. This will ensure that the new mobile number gets printed on prescription also.

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