

Subject: Monthly Summary Report for the month of May, 2020 in respect of Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence.

The following are the Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the May 2020.

- (i) Amidst the current COVID 19 pandemic, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) and its attached offices i.e. Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) and their Field Establishments are operational as per the existing Government guidelines.
- (ii) All staff of DESW, attached offices, Field Establishments and Ex-Servicemen (ESM) are being sensitised to take adequate precautions, ensure safety and compliance of Govt. orders and advisories on the subject. All staff have been educated upon the Arogya Setu App and have been directed to download the same in their respective mobile phones.
- (iii) Vide MoD letter No PC-1(07)/2013-D(Pension/Policy) dated 4.5.2020, the Government has decided to include the name of the widowed/divorced/unmarried daughter/parents/permanently disabled/children/dependent disabled siblings (i.e brother & sisters) in the PPO. MoD letter No 1(07)/2013-D(Pension/Policy) dated 15.5.2015 has been amended accordingly.
- (iv) Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) is coordinating with all the Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) and Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) and has identified 1,80,000 Ex-Servicemen across the country as useful human resources for capacity building at State/District level if required. So far 10,334 Ex-Servicemen volunteers have been requisitioned by various State/UT administrators (Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Assam) in various outreach activities such as contact tracing, community surveillance, reporting, bandobast duties and effective implementation of home quarantine and social distancing measures at public places.
- (v) The Sainik Rest House at Chandigarh(UT) has been requisitioned by UT administration for accommodation of COVID 19 warriors with full lodging and catering facilities The Sainik Rest House at Silchar (Assam), Ukhimath, Jakholi and Gansoli-Tehri (Uttarakhand) are operational as a quarantine centres while those in the States of Goa have been kept as stand by.
- (vi) Besides the above, a number of local Ex-Servicemen Associations are providing mask, donating blood, helping in community kitchens and providing ration to poor and migrant labourers in the State/UT of J&K, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tripura, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Puducherry, on voluntary basis. Three Ex-Servicemen Doctors have been assisting Gautam Budh Nagar district administration on voluntary basis.
- (vii) A total of 84 Ex-Servicemen have been provided employment under Government and Non-Government Sectors.
