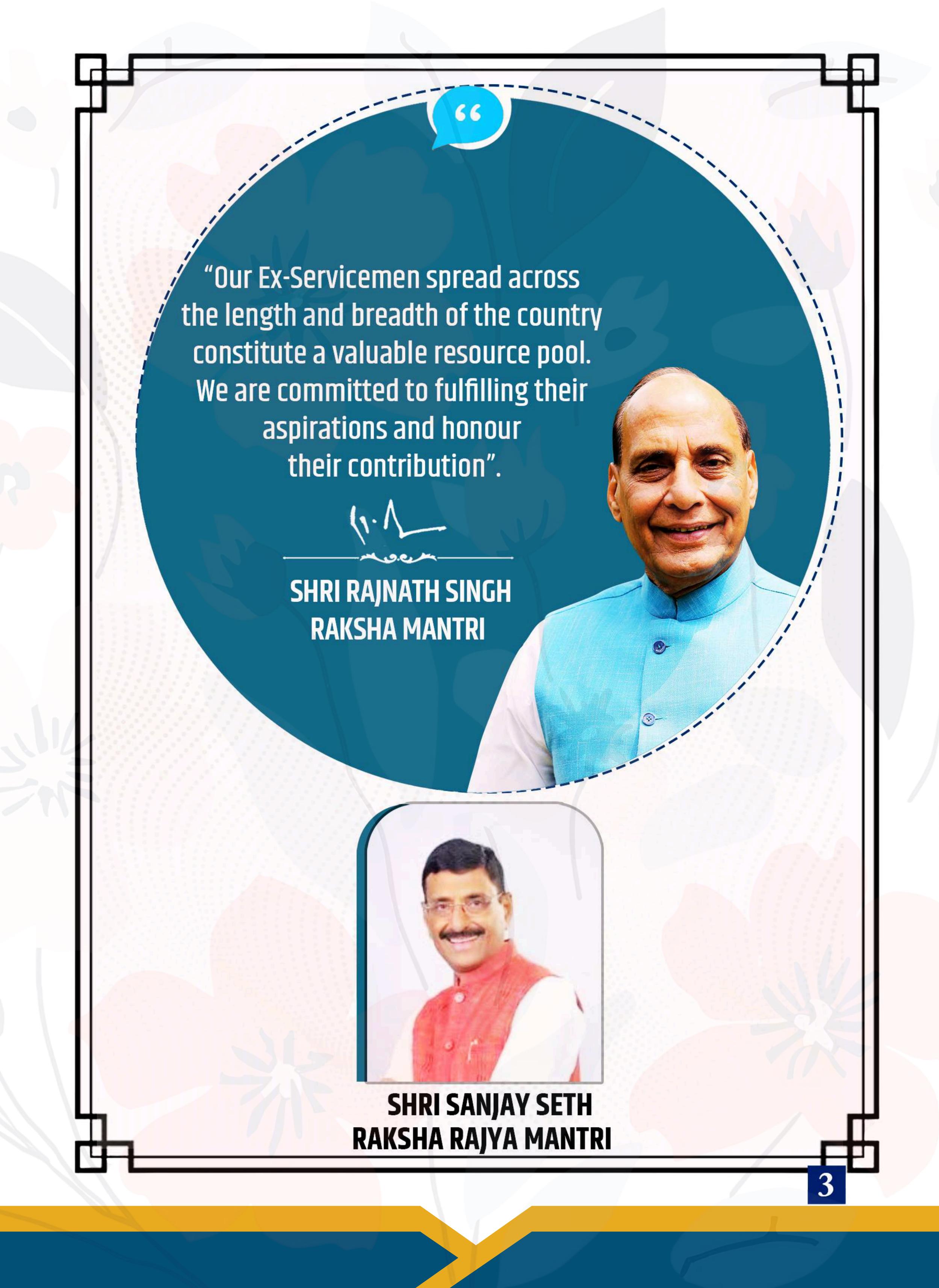


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DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFAREMINISTRY OF DEFENCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA





DESWINTRODUCTION



Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)

ECHS SEMINAR WITH COMMAND HEADQUARTERS / FIELD UNITS

Follow up Conference post ECHS Seminar held on 18 Jun 2025 was conducted on 09 Jul 2025 at ECHS Bhawan. ECHS related issues were discussed with all HQ Comds, Area/ Sub Area, Stn Cdrs, SSenior Executive Medical Officers (SEMOs) and Senior Executive Dental Officers (SEDOs.)





GLIMPSES OF ECHS EVENTS

ECHS POLYCLINIC CHHAPRA BHOOMI POOJAN. A Bhoomi Pujan Ceremony for construction of permanent building for ECHS Polyclinic Chhapra, Bihar was held on 15 Jul 2025 at the location/ site. Dr. Niten Chandra, IAS, Secretary, ESW and Maj Gen Manoj Natarajan, SC, VSM, MD ECHS attended the event.



Inauguration of ECHS Counter at

AIIMS Rishikesh. Maj Gen MPS Gill, VSM, GOC Uttarakhand Sub Area along with Prof Meenu Singh, CEO & Executive Director of AIIMS Rishikesh, inaugurated an ECHS Counter at AIIMS Rishikesh on 10 Jul 2025. It is a major stride towards enhancing quality healthcare for Ex-Servicemen and their families.



Dialogue on Self Empowerment & Mental Well Being. An exclusive three days session on the subject was organised at "Omshanti Retreat Centre" of Brahmakumaris at Manesar from 11 Jul 2025 to 13 Jul 2025. The session was tailored to promote Holistic Well Being, Mental Health and Spiritual Empowerment among the ECHS officials with an aim to make them understand the benefits of Rajyoga Meditation.





DIRECTORATE GENERAL RESETTLEMENT



Chennai Job Fair. DGR organised a Job Fair for ESM of Armed Forces on 04 July 2025 at Air Force Stn Tambaram, Chennai (TN). Dr Niten Chandra, IAS, Secretary, ESW alongwith Lt Gen Karanbir Singh Brar, PVSM, AVSM, GOC Dakshin Bharat Area & Maj Gen SBK Singh, SM, DGR addressed the gathering of ESM & Corporate representatives. Mr AR Unnikrishnan, Chairman, CII (TN) State Council also addressed the gathering as Corporate Guest of Honour. Mr Ramesh K, Dir Gen, SIDM, Air Cmde Tapan Sharma, AOC, Air Force Stn Tambaram, Brig Ranjan Keron, ADG(S) & Brig DS Basera, VSM, Secy, KSB were also present during event. Job Fair is DGR initiative providing ESM with second career options. Appx 1150 ESM from Army, Navy & Airforce registered for seeking employment. 52 plus companies participated in Job Fair offering appx 1600 job vacancies.



Ahmedabad Job Fair. A Job Fair was organized on 25 July 2025 at Ahmedabad Mil Stn, Gujrat to bring ESM/retiring personnel seeking employment opportunities and Corporate entities on a common platform. Maj Gen Gaurav Bagga, GOC, 11 RAPID and Cmde Vikrant Kishore, PD (Emp), DGR were present in the fair. Mr Himanshu Patel, Senior VP, Vadodara Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mr Apurva Shah, Senior Vice President of GCCI, Mr Pathik Patwari, Director Nexus Group & past president GCCI & Col Vijay Pandey, Head of Security, Adani Power & AESL were also present during the event. Event was beneficial for both Corporate & Veterans. While Veterans got a platform to showcase their technical & administrative prowess acquired during their years in service. Appx 1100 ESM from Army, Navy & Airforce registered for seeking employment. 50 plus companies participated in Job Fair offering appx 1000 job vacancies.

SUCESS STORY





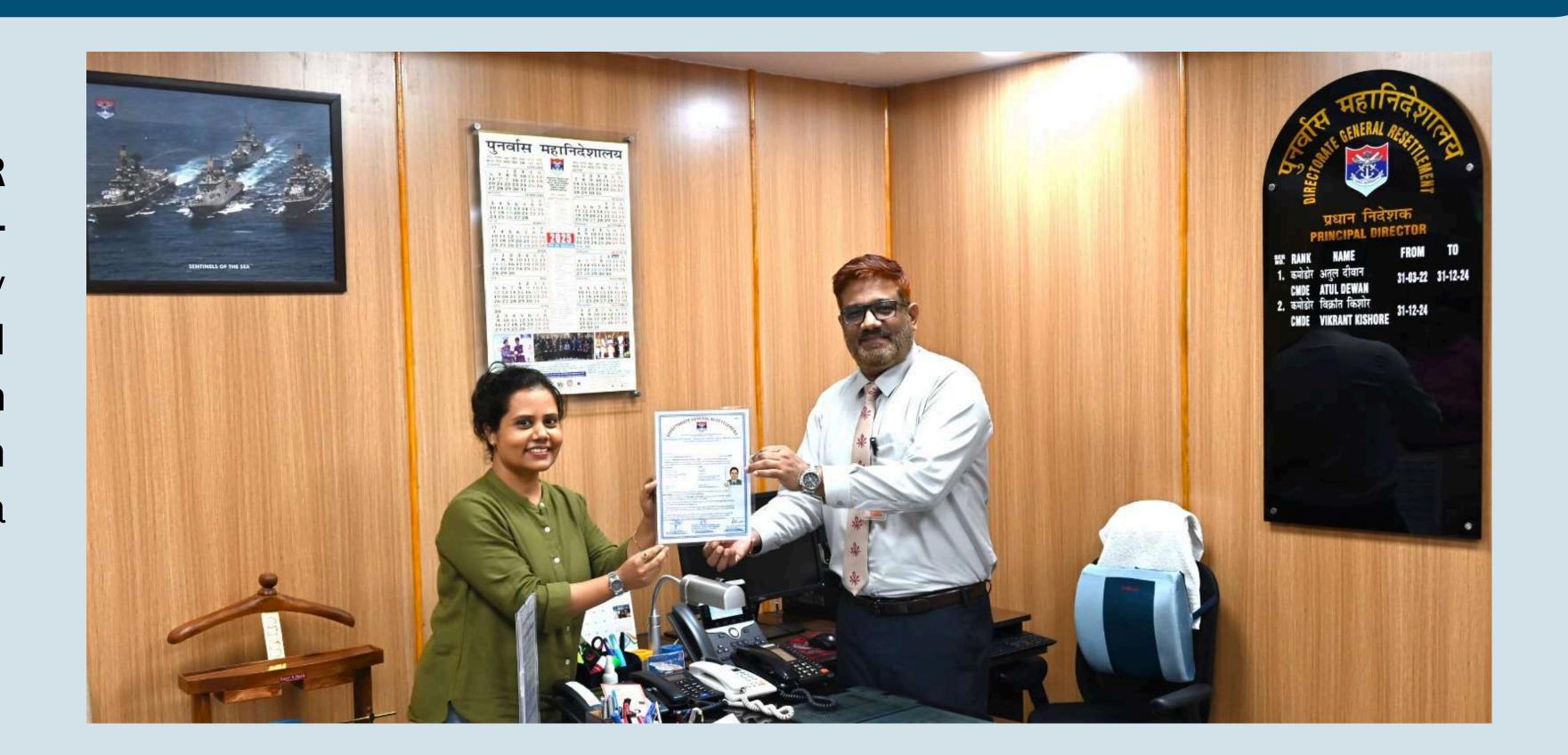
Brig Ravi Kumar Gupta (Retd)

The IT City CNG Station (IGL Company Owned, Company Operated CNG Station) astride Yamuna Expressway Service Road, Greater Noida, was allotted to Brigadier Ravi Kumar Gupta (Retd) through DGR in July 2022 for day to day running and its close supervision, especially the management of manpower deployed at the Station. This venture has been immensely beneficial to the Army Veteran as it provides a substantial income to him in addition to his pension as also keeps him gainfully occupied drawing upon his in-service experience of Human Resource Management (HRM), discipline, accounting, security and safety, project-management, technical knowledge of functioning of compressors and various components etc. The officer has also gained an invaluable insight into public dealing, Labour Laws, The Factory Act, Petroleum&Explosive Safety Act (PESA) and various Government Statutory Compliances.

For the last two years, Brigadier Ravi Kumar Gupta (Retd) has run the IT City CNG Station in Greater Noida, very efficiently. The sale of CNG has increased discernibly. The Officer as Station Director, streamlined and improved procedural aspects, safety standards, customer satisfaction, employees'motivation and disciplineand overall layout and functioning of the CNG Station. The officer has spurred automation and digitisation and use of IT at the CNG Station. All statutory compliances have been carried out and updated regularly. The coordination and liaison with various entities of IGL has been improved.

SECURITY AGENCY SCHEME

During the month of July 2025, DGR issued Empanelment Certificates to 68 Ex-Servicemen (Officers) to run DGR Security Agencies in various States of India and sponsored a total of 3870 Ex-Servicemen Guards to various PSUs from whom requisitions were received on pan-India basis.



CLOSING CEREMONY OF TWO PRE-RELEASE COURSES (PRCs): DGR





The Institute of Entrepreneurship Development, Shimla successfully organized the Closing Ceremony of two Pre-Release Courses (PRCs) sponsored by the Directorate General Resettlement (Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India) for retiring defence personnel. The event was graced by Sh. Harish Janartha, Hon'ble MLA, Shimla as the Chief Guest, who congratulated the participants and appreciated the importance of skill-based training for empowering exservicemen. The program was inaugurated in the esteemed presence of Col. Bharat Chandani (ARTRAC, Shimla), Mr. Jitender Sharma, Regional Head, NSDC and Mr. Divy, State Engagement Officer, NSDC.Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Regional Head, IEDUP Shimla, welcomed the dignitaries and emphasized the role of such programs in ensuring smooth transition of JCOs/ORs into civilian life. He extended gratitude to DGR and NSDC for their ongoing support. Mr. Mamraj Sharma, Campus Coordinator, along with the IEDUP Shimla team, facilitated the smooth conduct of the event. More than 80 participants successfully completed training in Warehouse Management and Diploma in Medical Lab Technician, and were awarded certificates during the ceremony.

DGR TRAINING COURSES

During the month of July 2025, DGR successfully completed 03 training courses for officers and 45 training courses for JCOs and ORs. For the first time JCOs and ORs are undergoing course at IIM, Amritsar Cmde Vikrant Kishore, PD DGR & Capt Akhilesh Saxena(Retd), VP Tata Communications, presided over the inaugural session of 5th Business Management Course at FMS, Delhi..



Grievance Redressal Success Stories: Accelerating Justice Through Weekly Review Meetings

The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) is committed to ensuring timely and accurate pension disbursement and grievance redressal for veterans. A key initiative in this direction is the implementation of Weekly Review Meetings, chaired by Secretary (ESW), focusing on accelerating pension justice and resolving grievances registered on the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).

Government's Commitment and Coordination

These hybrid (physical and virtual) meetings demonstrate the Government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of its veterans. DESW works in close coordination with the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) and the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), PCDA(Pensions), to streamline processes, identify bottlenecks, and expedite the resolution of pending pension-related issues. The primary focus is on grievances registered via the CPGRAMS portal, ensuring accountability and transparency in the redressal mechanism.

Real-Life Impact: Resolved Grievances and Veteran Feedback

The true measure of any initiative lies in its impact on the lives of those it aims to serve. The Weekly Review Meetings have demonstrably accelerated pension justice for numerous veterans. Here are a few compelling examples of grievances successfully resolved, along with the feedback received from the petitioners:

1. Sri Kutagolla Yeseen Basha

Address: Madanapalle, Annamayya, Andhra Pradesh Registration No.: DDESW/E/2025/0000065

Issue: Non-receipt of Disability Pension and Commutation Amount

Resolution: PPO issued; ₹15,66,848/- credited as arrears

Feedback: "I was overwhelmed to see the amount credited to my account. This resolution brought immense relief to me and my family. I thank the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare for listening to my grievance and acting on it so promptly."

2. Smt. Biran

Address: Siswala Charkhi, Dadri, Haryana Registration No.: DDESW/E/2025/0001228

Issue: Grant of Additional Pension to Super Senior Pensioner Resolution: Additional pension granted; ₹69,918/- arrears paid

Feedback: "As a super senior citizen, I deeply appreciate the personal care and attention. The prompt action by the department has restored my faith in the system. Heartfelt thanks!"

3. Sri Shilanand Jha

Address: Darbhanga, Bihar

Registration No.: DESW/E/2025/0000116 Issue: Arrears due as per PCDA Circular No. 631 Resolution: Pension revised; ₹2,25,160/- paid as arrears

Feedback: "My long-standing issue has finally been resolved thanks to the sincere efforts of the department. I am completely satisfied and extend my gratitude to the officials who facilitated this

process."

4. Sri Arun Chahar

Address: Devil Lal Colony, Hisar, Haryana Registration No.: DOPPW/E/2025/0018333

Issue: Grant of Disability Pension

Resolution: Pension sanctioned; ₹1,40,483/- paid as arrears

Feedback: "I am extremely happy that my rightful dues have been sanctioned. The timely and respectful handling of my case has brought me great relief. Thank you DESW for honoring your word."

5. Sri Balbir Singh

Address: Nihar, Nurpur, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh RegistrationNo.:DOPPW/E/2025/0006386

Issue: Revision of pension as per rank MACP NB Subedar grade

Resolution: His pension has been revised and paid arrears for Rs. 2,64,912/-Feedback: "This resolution exceeded my expectations. I had almost given up hope, but the department's dedication brought justice to my case. I appreciate the sincerity and diligence shown throughout."

6. Sri Priyendra Singh Sengar

Address: Galuapur, Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh Registration No.: DDESW/E/2024/0006657 Issue: Revision of Pension as per OROP-I

Resolution: Pension has been revised and arrears for Rs. 78,643/- has been

paid to the pensioner

Feedback: "The OROP-II revision has been a significant financial support for me. I sincerely thank the Secretary (DESW) and the entire team for ensuring veterans like me are treated with the respect we deserve."

*(Feedback received in their regional language. However, the same has been translated into English Version)

Consider Revising Disability Pension Policy For Ex-Army Men To Prevent Misuse Through Belated Claims: Supreme Court Tells Union: Key points

Expressing concerns over delayed claims for disability pensions by ex-army men, the Supreme Court today (July 15) asked the Union to consider revising its Policy to ensure there is no misuse of the law.

Issue

The Supreme Court examined whether the existing disability pension policy for ex-servicemen is being misused through delayed claims and whether the Government's blanket challenges to Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) orders granting such pensions are justified. The case raised the need for a balanced and revised policy that prevents misuse while safeguarding genuine entitlements.

Factual Background

- The Union of India challenged a Delhi High Court judgment which upheld orders of the AFT, granting disability pension to two ex-army personnel.
- The claims were filed years after retirement, prompting the Union to argue that such delayed claims amount to an abuse of process.
- The Supreme Court Bench of Justice PS Narasimha and Justice AS Chandurkar heard the Union's plea in a batch of similar matters, reflecting systemic concerns over the existing framework.

Reasoning and Observations.

- Justice Narasimha noted the large number of delayed disability pension claims, some filed 15–20 years post-service, and questioned the efficacy and vulnerability of the current policy.
- He informed that the Attorney General had been asked to review the disability pension scheme in light of these concerns.
- The Court observed that even in genuine hardship cases (e.g., postings in Siachen), the Union often contests AFT awards, indicating a policy-level deficiency.
- The Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta acknowledged the issue, stating a meeting with the Defence Secretary had been held and requested the Court to suggest parameters.
- The Court, however, declined to lay down guidelines, emphasizing:
- "It's your policy. Why should we lay down? We will not even touch it."
- The Bench encouraged the Union to frame a new policy that prevents misuse but also avoids unnecessary litigation against genuine claimants.
- The SG agreed to present data showing instances of abuse, while affirming that deserving veterans must not suffer.

Conclusion

The Supreme Court expressed serious concern over the growing litigation surrounding disability pensions and urged the Union Government to revamp the policy framework. The matter has been tagged with similar petitions and will be heard after four weeks. The Court stressed the importance of balancing public finance discipline with honouring the service of veterans.

Case Title : Union of India vs. Gawas Anil Madso Diary No. 28845/2025 | Supreme Court of India | Order dated 15 July 2025.

Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) Internship Scheme for students

DESW Internship Scheme

GAIN VALUABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) works to ensure the welfare, resettlement, pension and healthcare of retired Indian Armed Forces personnel and their

dependents. To provide an opportunity to youth to sensitive themselves about the priorities relating to Ex- Servicemen Welfare, **DESW invites application for** internship under the above scheme.

The details of the scheme is given below. This is first of its kind scheme in the **DESW, Ministry of Defence.**



OBJECTIVE

To engage Indian Youth as interns to gain firsthand experience and understanding ofwelfare, healthcare, resettlement, and administrative schemes meant for Ex-Servicemen.

The interns will undertake a structured study and submit a report that may contribute t opolicy or program improvements.



ENGAGEMENT

Nature of engagement is informative, analytical, and research-oriented.



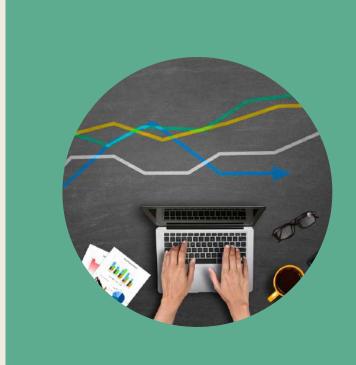
DELIVERABLES

Interns will be expected to:

(a) Study and analyse the assigned area.

(b) Submit a well-researched report summarising key observations, best

practices, challenges, and recommendations. (c) articipate in discussions or presentations if required.



AREAS OF WORK

Assigned topics cover welfare schemes, resettlement, healthcare, and administration for veterans; a research report is required.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility includes Indian citizens who are graduates or postgraduates. (a) The applicant must be a citizen of India. (b) The applicant should be a graduate or postgraduate student from any

recognized university or institution in any academic stream. (c) A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the parent institution must be

submitted along with the application.



DURATION

Duration varies from 2 to 12 months. Internships are available throughout the year, based on

DESW requirements.

COMPLETION & CERTIFICATION:

- (a) Interns shall submit their final report to the designated officer.
- (b) Based on satisfactory performance, DESW will issue a certificate of successful

completion.

(c) DESW may publish selected reports or excerpts, with due credit to the intern.

The candidates are requested to apply online. If you wish to apply Please visit DESW Website https://desw.gov.in/ for application. 8. Candidates meeting the above eligibility criteria are require to fill in their details inthe Google Form. Once approved for the interview, they are required to submit the hard copy of Resume, Statement of purpose (max 200 words), No Objection Certificate from institution.

KENDRIYA SAINIK BOARD (KSB)

OUTREACH PROGRAMME IN VARIOUS STATES/RAJYA SAINIK BOARDS (RSBs)/ZILA SAINIK BOARDS (ZSBs)



Dr Niten Chandra, IAS, Secretary DESW along with DGR and Secretary KSB interacted with Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu regarding various welfare schemes and way ahead for Ex-servicemen





Dr Niten Chandra, IAS, Secretary DESW along with Secretary, KSB and Director RSB interacted with Chief Secretary and Home Secretary of Bihar to review issues related to the implementation of welfare schemes for Ex-servicemen

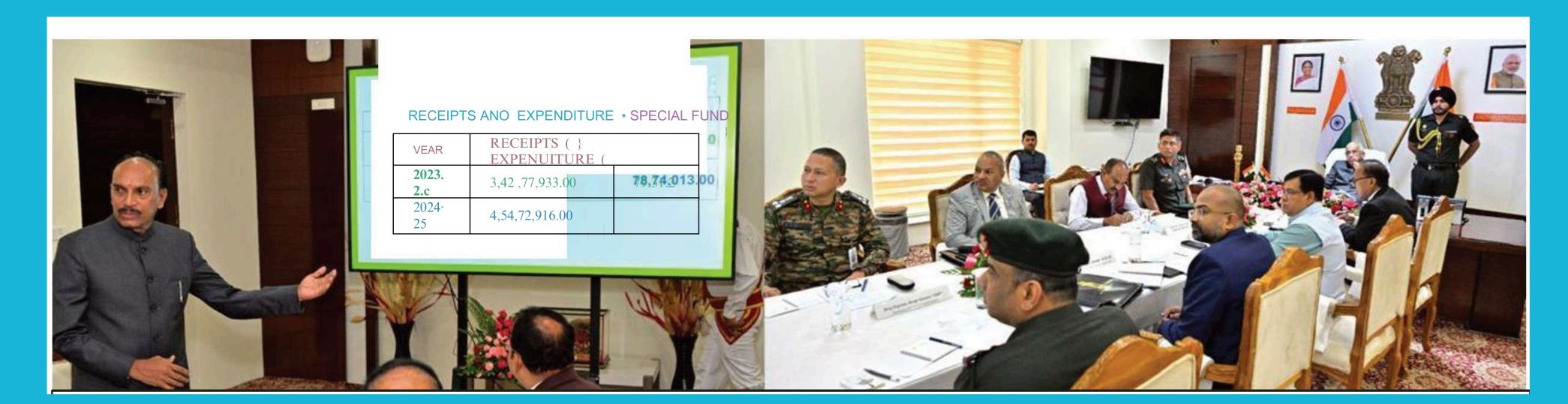




Dr Niten Chandra, IAS, Secretary DESW along with KSB staff visited Zila Sainik Board Buxar to review issues related to the implementation of welfare schemes for Ex-servicemen



Dr Niten Chandra, IAS, Secretary DESW visit to ECHS Danapur and Zila Sainik Kalyan Padadhikaris. He expressed deep appreciation for the achievements of RSB Bihar



Brig DS Basera, VSM**, Secretary KSB attended State Management Committee meeting chaired by Hon'ble Governor of Telengana, Shri Shaik Abdul Nazeer and discussed veterans' welfare, ESM employment & civil-military collaboration



Capt (IN) Satish Kumar, Director Grievance, KSB attended 83rd meeting of State Managing Committee (SMC) at Kerala Raj Bhavan chaired by Hon'ble Governor of Kerala

OUTREACH PROGRAMME IN VARIOUS STATES/RAJYA SAINIK BOARDS (RSBs)/ZILA SAINIK BOARDS (ZSBs)

BIHAR DIARY

On the occasion of Flag Day, Sainik Kalyan Nideshalaya, Bihar celebrated the occasion by pinning the token flag to the Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister, other Cabinet Ministers and Heads of Department of the Bihar Government. The event was also celebrated at the district level by the ZSWO and the staff in an appropriate manner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENTS





Enhancing Amount of Gallantry Awards

S/No	Name of Gallantry Award	Previous Amount	Present Amount
Gallantry A	Award for Battle		
(a)	Param Vir Chakra	Rs 10,00,000/-	Rs 1 Crore
(b)	Ashok Chakra	Rs 8,00,000/-	Rs 75,00,000/-
(c)	Maha Veer Chakra	Rs 5,00,000/-	Rs 50,00,000/-
Gallantry /	Award for Battle/Peace		
(a)	Kirti Chakra	Rs 4,00,000/-	Rs 10,00,000/-
(b)	Vir Chakra	Rs 2,00,000/-	Rs 9,00,000/-
(c)	Shaurya Chakra	Rs 1,50,000/-	Rs 8,00,000/-
(d)	Sena, Nau Sena and Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)	Rs 75,000/-	Rs 7,00,000/-
(e)	Mention-In-Dispatches	Rs 50,000/-	Rs 6,00,000/-
Vishisht S	eva Puruskar for Battle/Peace		
(a)	Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal	Rs 7,00,000/-	Rs 7,50,000/-
(b)	Param Vishisht Seva Medal	Rs 1,50,000/-	Rs 4,50,000/-
(c)	Uttam Yudh Seva Medal	Rs 3,00,000/-	Rs 4,00,000/-
(d)	Ati Vishisht Seva Medal	Rs 1,00,000/-	Rs 3,50,000/-
(e)	Yudh Seva Medal	Rs 1,00,000/-	Rs 3,00,000/-
(f)	Sena, Nau Sena and Vayu Sena Medal (Vishisht)	Rs 75,000/-	Rs 2,00,000/-
(q)	Vishisht Seva Medal	Rs 50,000/-	Rs 1,00,000/-

Enhancing Ex-Gratia Amount - From Rs 11 Lakhs to Rs 21 Lakhs

Ex-Gratia Amount for 'Op Sindoor' - Rs 50 Lakhs

Opening of 12 New Zila Sainik Kalyan Karyalaya. Approval for opening of additional 12 Zila Sainik Kalyan Karyalaya in addition to 13 Zila Sainik Kalyan Karyalaya already in existence has been given by the State Govt.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME IN VARIOUS STATES/RAJYA SAINIK BOARDS (RSBs)/ZILA SAINIK BOARDS (ZSBs)

New Recruitment of Zila Sainik Kalyan Padadhikari. 05 retired senior Armed Forces Officers have been selected for appointment as Zila Sainik Kalyan Padadhikari with this there will be ZSWO posted in 10 districts of the State.

Amendment in Appointment Rule for Director Sainik Kalyan and Zila Sainik Kalyan Padadhikari. Appointment rule for Director, Sainik Kalyan and Zila Sainik Kalyan Padadhikari is under revision as per new guidelines issued from KSB.

Enrolment of 31 LDC and 28 Welfare Organiser for Zila Sainik Kalyan Karyalaya. Examination for enrolment of 31 LDC and 28 Welfare Organiser for Zila Sainik Kalyan Karyalaya by Bihar Staff Selection Commission was held on 29 Jun 2025.

Enrolment of 14 Office Attendant and Night Guard for Zila Sainik Kalyan Karyalaya. Appointment rule for enrolment of 14 Office Attendant and Night Guard for Zila Sainik Kalyan Karyalaya has been prepared and requisition for their enrolment has been sent to Bihar Staff Selection Commission.

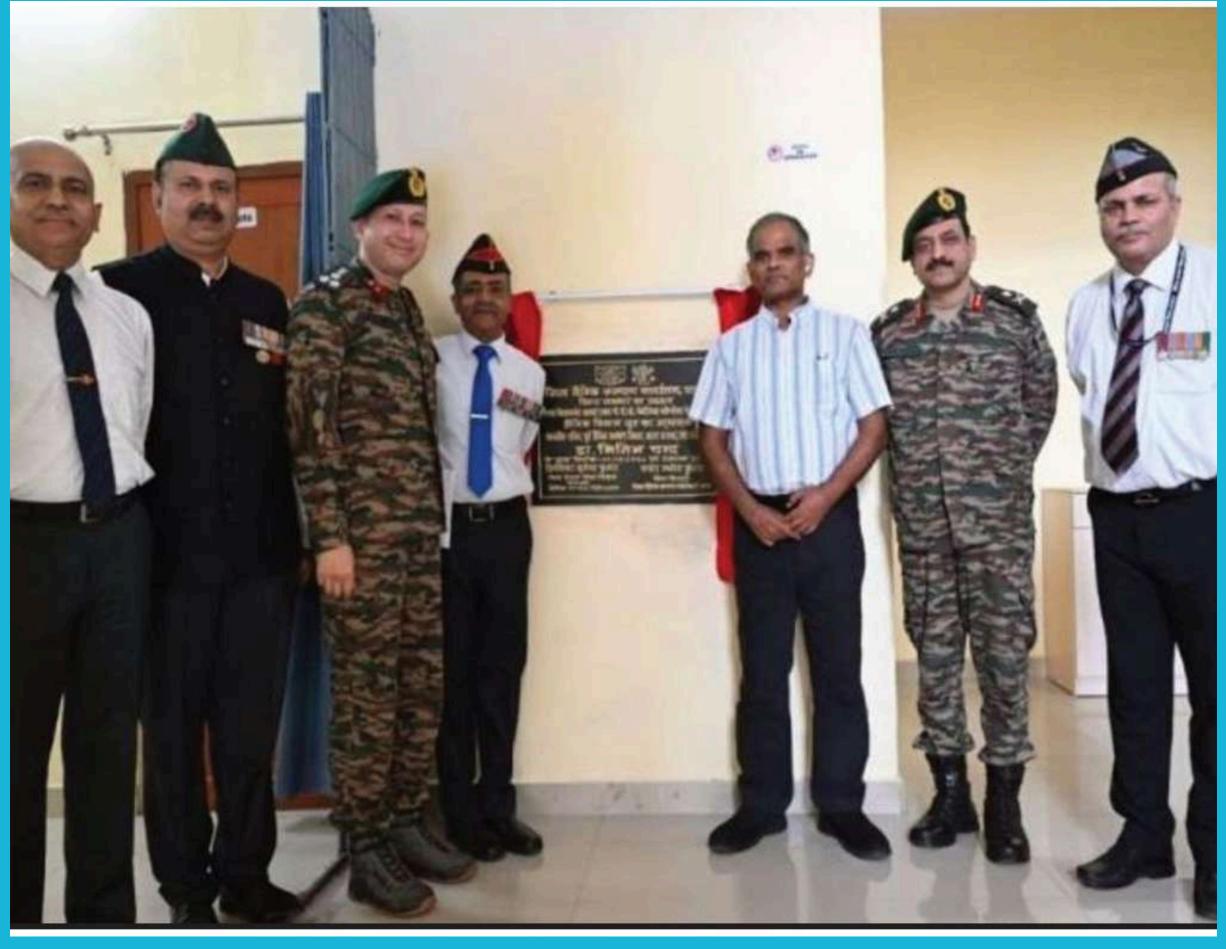
Renovation of Sainik Kalyan Nideshalaya Office. Renovation work of Sainik Kalyan Nideshalaya Office has been carried out and upgraded.



Group photograph with Hon'ble Governor of Bihar at Danapur Cantt



2000 Veterans including Veer Naris <u>participated during</u> <u>Shaurya Samvaad</u>



Inauguration of Sainik Rest House, Patna



Ek Ped Ma Ka Naam' by Dr Niten Chandra

UTTARAKHAND

EK SHAAM SAINIKON KE NAAM

Uttarakhand is a land of brave soldiers, it is not a coincidence that every fifth soldier who sacrificed his life for the country is from this state. 18% of the members of the Armed Forces in the country are from Uttarakhand. This was recognised and acknowledged by Lt Gen Gurmit Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), Governor of Uttarakhand. Towards this special initiative "Ek Shaam Sainikon Ke Naam" was conceptualised by the Rajya Sainik Board Uttarakhand.

On 11th Jun 2025, **"Ek Shaam Sainikon Ke Naam"** event was organised at Raj Bhawan, Nainital by the Rajya Sainik Board Uttarakhand. Shri Ganesh Joshi, Minister of Sainik Kalyan, Lt Gen DG Mishra, GOC UB Area, Brig Sanjay Kumar Yadav, VSM, Commandant, Kumaon Regimental Centre, Brig OS Basera, VSM*, Secretary Kendriya Sainik Board and Brig Rahul Kumar Pathak, Commander, 99 Mountain Brigade attended the event along with retired officers and men.

The event was organised to honour the gallant soldiers and ex-servicemen of Uttarakhand, who have made unparalleled contribution towards the service of the nation. Lt Gen Gurmit Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), Governor of Uttarakhand presided over the function. The Hon'ble Governor felicitated the gallantry award winners from the state by presenting mementoes and scrolls to them. The Hon'ble Governor also felicitated ex-servicemen who have made notable contribution to the society in the state along with personnel from ITBP and SSB were also felicitated. 7 ASSAM and 418 (1) Field Company was also felicitated by The Hon'ble Governor for the excellent work carried out during rescue operations in the avalanche in Joshimath Sector.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said "Valour is embedded in the soil of Uttarakhand. The sacrifice, valour and service of the Uttarakhandi soldier is unparalleled. The event is a humble effort to pay gratitude to our bravehearts who sacrificed everything in defence of the country". The event organised at Dehradun and Nainital for Garhwal and Kumaon Division will become an event of glorious military tradition of Uttarkhand and will inspire young generation to serve the nation.



GLIMPSE OF OUTREACH PROGRAMME BY RAJYA/ZILA SAINIK BOARDS





GUJARAT



World Environment Day celebrated by ZSB Godhara_.



Quarterly Samasya Nivaran meeting organized by ZSB Godhara

RAJASTHAN



Sewing Machines distributed to Veer Naris for selfemployment by Lions Club Jodhpur organised by ZSB Shergarh



Mobility and assistive equipment distributed to specially abled Ex-servicemen and their dependents by Rajasthan Ex-servicemen Corporation Ltd, Jaipur





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