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FROM PDESA'S DESK

1. It gives me immense pleasure to bring out another edition of the e-newsletter with a view that the naval veterans, veer naris and their dependents benefit maximum from this.
2. 25th AGM and GCM Meeting of the Navy Foundation was held at Mumbai on 12 Nov 16 under the Chairmanship of Admiral Sunil Lanba PVSM, AVSM, ADC, the Chief of Naval Staff and President Navy Foundation. Acknowledging the contribution made by the veterans during their service life, the directed that all Octogenarian veterans are to be felicitated by the Navy for their contribution. Methodology, type of memento etc aspects is being worked out and will be intimated to all on finalization.
3. Great focus and attention has been paid to enhance the skill-sets of our retired and retiring personnel towards ensuring their smooth absorption in the industry at the appropriately deserving level and status. Skill Certificates and Placement Letters were handed over during a valedictory function in the presence of the Hon'ble *Raksha Mantri* and the Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship on 18 Nov 16 at New Delhi.
4. Entrepreneurship training and certification for the 'Pilot Batch' was successfully conducted on 21 and 22 Nov 16 at National Institute of Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship at NOIDA. A total of 33 naval personnel and their dependents including 08 ladies attended the course.
5. In continuation with the GOI effort of Digitisation and Cashless Economy, a directive and guidelines to implement cashless transactions in Unit Run Canteens (URCs) in respect of all ex-servicemen and family pensioners holding valid canteen Smart Cards has been issued. This shall commence by 28 Feb 2017. The ex-servicemen/ family pensioners not in possession of Debit/Credit cards therefore, be advised to obtain these cards by due date.
6. Finally, on behalf of 'Team DESA', I take this opportunity to wish all our veterans, veer naris and their family members a happy and prosperous New Year 2017.

New Delhi
31 Dec 16



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UPDATE ON DESA ACTIVITIES

Naval Regimental System (NRS)

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1. The basic aim of NRS is to provide support to spouse/ NoK/ dependents after the demise of the veteran, immaterial of whether the incident occurred whilst in harness or after retirement. In order to further strengthen the NRS, augmentation of additional manpower, provisioning of modern office equipment and issues regarding mobility of Command Regimental System Officers (CRSOs) have been facilitated.
2. In order to enable NRS to reach out to all widows/ NoK/ dependents of departed colleague, compilation of widows' database is being undertaken by CRSOs. This has been advertised through newspapers also. However, details in respect of only 78% of naval widows have been captured so far. Veterans are therefore requested to inform naval widows to register themselves with the concerned CRSOs as per the geographical responsibility, details of which are given below:-

SI No	Geographical Area	CRSO Address	Contact Nos	E-mail id
1.	Delhi, NCR, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir & Punjab	The Commanding Officer [for CRSO (North)] INS India, Dalhousie Road New Delhi - 110011	011 - 24121429 011 - 24121430 (Fax)	crsonorth.navy@gmail.com
2.	Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh & Uttrakhand	The Commanding Officer [for CRSO (Central)] INS India, Dalhousie Road New Delhi - 110011	011 - 24121429 011 - 24121430 (Fax)	crsonorth.navy@gmail.com
3.	Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief [for CRSO (East)] Headquarters Eastern Naval Command Visakhapatnam - 530 014	0891 - 2813067 0891 - 2752771 0891 - 2510275 (Fax)	crsoeast.navy@gmail.com
4.	Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal & NE States	The Naval Officer-in-Charge [for CRSO (NE)] West Bengal c/o Navy Office Hastings, Kolkata - 700022	033 - 22221400 Extn. 436 / 459 033 - 22420205 (Fax)	crsonortheast.navy@gmail.com
5.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka & Maharashtra	The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief [for CRSO (West)] Headquarters Western Naval Command Mumbai - 400 023	022 - 22751998 022 - 22698393 (Fax)	crsowest.navy@gmail.com
6.	Kerala & Lakshadweep	The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief [for CRSO (South)] Headquarters Southern Naval Command Kochi - 682 004	0484 - 2873333 0484 - 2873334 0484 - 2667398 (Fax)	snccrso-navy@nic.in
7.	Andaman & Nicobar Island & Kardip	The Commander-in Chief [for CRSO (A&N)] Headquarters Andaman & Nicobar Command Port Blair - 782014	03192 - 248294/3333 03192 - 232829 (Fax)	crso.an@gmail.com navccpb-navy@nic.in

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3. The 25th Annual General Body Meeting and Governing Council Meeting of the Navy Foundation was held at IMSC, Sea Lounge, Mumbai on 12 Nov 16 under the Chairmanship of Admiral Sunil Lanba PVSM, AVSM, ADC, the Chief of Naval Staff and President Navy Foundation.

4. The CNS acknowledging the contribution made by the veterans during their service life which has helped the Indian Navy to grow into a blue water Navy emphasized to their continued support, ideas and also criticism to chart out the best course for the Navy in future. The CNS directed that all Octogenarian veterans are to be felicitated by the Navy for their contribution. Methodology, type of memento etc. aspects is being considered and will be intimated to all on finalization.

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5. The Annual General Body Meeting of VSF (all India level) was held at Kochi on 25 Sep 16. During the meeting, 10 amendments to the Rules and Regulations of MoA were approved. These have been forwarded to the Registrar of Society, New Delhi for final approval and ratification. Once approved, these will be incorporated in the MoA booklet and would be promulgated to all concerned.

6. **E- Invitation.** Indian Navy is planning to automate sending of invitation to Ex-servicemen through e- invitation Management software for various events like navy Day, Symphonic orchestra etc. All ESMs are therefore requested to update their emails ids, mobile numbers and residential address.

7. **Contact Details of DESA.** In addition to the already existing modes of reaching out to DESA (through 24x7 Toll Free number 1800-113-999, e-mail and landline/ fax) members and other naval veterans can now also communicate with DESA through an interactive DESA blog (www.desanavy.wordpress.com).

8. The contact details of the VSF charters are available on Indian Navy website [here](#) as well as on [DESA blog](#).

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9. A case for construction of Sahara Widows' Hostel through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of National Building Construction Corporation Ltd (NBCC Ltd) was taken up by DESA. The proposal has been accepted and the construction of Hostel would now be undertaken by National Building Construction Corporation,

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Services Ltd (NSL). All drawings and associated documents have been handed over to NSL. The signing of MoU between Indian Navy and NBCC Ltd is now being progressed and likely to be concluded by mid Jan 17. Floating of tenders and selection of contractors would be progressed by NSL after signing of MoU.

Indian Naval Placement Agency

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10. **Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen**. DGR will be conducting following job fairs for ex-servicemen and retiring personnel:-

(a) **At Lucknow**. This event will be conducted on 22 Jan 17 under the aegis of Central Command of Indian Army. 50-75 firms are expected to participate under the coordination of CII.

(b) **At Vishakhapatnam**. This is scheduled at Vishakhapatnam on 26 Feb 17 under the aegis of HQ ENC. Approximately 50 firms are expected to participate.

11. Online registration for the Job Fair can be undertaken on <http://www.dgrindia.com> or <http://www.triviz.com> by both job seekers and prospective employers.

12. **INPA Contact Details**.

Telefax: 011-24121687

Email – inpa@navy.gov.in

13. **Document Required for Registration at INPA**. The following documents are required for registration at INPA:-

(a) Resume with colour photograph.

(b) Copy of PPO (for retired personnel) and NOC, Release Letter (for retiring personnel).

(c) Demand Draft/ At Par Cheque.

(d) Undertaking certificate signed by individual.

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Skill Mapping and Selection of Pilot Batch.

14. An MoU was signed between MoD and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 13 Jul 15 to certify the skill sets of retiring defence personnel and to enable them to be gainfully employed in nation building.

15. A major exercise was carried out in May 16 wherein all training schools and establishments compared the curriculum of the courses run by them with the National Occupation Standard (NOS) and the job profiles promulgated by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). A total of 159 courses were mapped to 258 job roles and the skill gaps identified.

16. **Selection of Pilot Batch.** Details of 03 training schools and 06 job profiles selected for conduct of the pilot batch training are tabulated below:-

<u>Ser</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Job Profile</u>	<u>Sector</u>
(a)	INS <i>Hamla</i> (Mumbai)	Distributor Salesman	Retail
(b)	INS <i>Valsura</i> (Jamnagar)	Field Technician-Computer & Peripherals	Electronics and IT
		Field Technician-UPS & Inverters	
(c)	School of Medical Assistants (Mumbai)	EMT Basic	Healthcare
		Medical Laboratory Technician	
		Operation Theatre Technician	

17. **Certification Ceremony for IN.** Skill Certificates and Placement Letters were handed over during a valedictory function in the presence of the Hon'ble *Raksha Mantri* and the Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship on 18 Nov 16 at New Delhi. 100% placements were facilitated for the skill certified sailors

Entrepreneurship Training and Certification

18. Entrepreneurship training and certification for the 'Pilot Batch' was successfully conducted on 21 and 22 Nov 16 at National Institute of Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship at Sector 62, Institutional Area, NOIDA. A total of 33 naval personnel and their dependents including 08 ladies attended the course.

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19. In light of the successful completion of the Pilot course, it is intended to conduct similar courses in consonance with NIESBUD at all Commands between Feb-Mar 17. Due to limited number of seats allotment will be carried out on first come first serve basis. The following personnel are eligible

- (a) Personnel in last year of service
- (b) Retired personnel
- (c) NOK and dependents

20. Programme includes three days of contact classes followed by 15 days of online training. Individuals will be required to appear for online exam within 15 days of course completion. Successful participants will be awarded NIESBUD certificate which will aid in securing loans from banks and subsidy from government as applicable. The cost of the course of Rs 1000/- will have to borne by individual participants.

21. Interested personnel are requested to forward names by 15 Jan to IHQ MOD(N)/ DESA at inpa@navy.gov.in in the following per format

Name	Command/ Charter	Mobile No	E-mail	Work Experience in Yrs	Educational Qualification	Entrepreneurial Plan
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22. Firm date and venue of training will be promulgated at a later date.



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23. **ECHS Facilities**. Improvement in ECHS facilities for the veterans has been one of the focus areas of Indian Navy. **IN** was entrusted with the responsibility of managing 22 ECHS Polyclinics. Out of these 21 are currently operational and the last allotted Polyclinic will be made operational very soon. Case for sanction of 08 additional Polyclinics for Navy is under active consideration at the Central organization. A new system of rating of Polyclinics has been introduced as part of the plan to ensure improvement in overall performance of the Polyclinics. A Rolling Trophy has also been introduced w.e.f. 2016 for 'Best ECHS Polyclinic in Navy' to inculcate healthy competition. At present 2028 hospitals/diagnostic centers are currently empanelled under ECHS.

24. **Issue of Additional Temporary Slip to ECHS Beneficiary**. A number of representations are being received from ECHS beneficiaries that their dependents are facing problems in availing the ECHS facility especially when located at two different places, as one Temporary Slip cannot be used at different places simultaneously. Hence, the beneficiaries are deprived of the authorised treatment. In view of the above, it is now been decided to issue additional Temporary Slips to ESMs/ their dependants on case to case basis.

25. **Priority Treatment of Senior Citizens**. In order to regulate senior citizen patients (male above 75yrs, female above 70 yrs.) a token system has been introduced for senior citizen patients to enhance clientele satisfaction.

26. **ECHS Website**. Information regarding ECHS, including list of empanelled facilities, forms for membership and latest policies etc. are available on www.echs.gov.in.

27. **Status of ECHS Membership Card**. Status of ECHS Membership Card can now be checked on website <http://esmmis.in.cardtrack>. The web link is also available on ECHS website echs.gov.in.

28. **Contact Details of ECHS**.

(a) ECHS toll free number	-	1800-114-115
(b) MD ECHS E-mail id	-	mdechs-mod@nic.in
(c) ECHS (Navy) Office Telephone No	-	011 – 24101319
(d) ECHS (Navy) Office Email id	-	echsdelhi@navy.gov.in

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29. DGR has been conducting resettlement training courses for retiring personnel of the three Services over many years. The service wise vacancies are notified by DGR while the actual short listing of name is done by the respective Service HQs.

30. With effect from 01 Apr 2016 (vide GOI Gazette Notification published on 08 Aug 2015 concerning Common Norms), all Govt. sponsored Skill Training Courses should be compliant to the “Common Norms”, which essentially includes the following:-

- (e) NOS (National Occupational Standards) allegation as stipulated by the relevant SSC (Sector Skill Council) of NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) under MSDE (Ministry of Skill Development &Entrepreneurship).
- (f) Rates standardized across the spectrum for compliance by all institutes conducting skill Training (to include DGR course also, as instructed by Secretary ESW in May 2016.
- (g) Placement linked Payment- Last 20% of the Course Fee is to be paid only after successful placement of 70% of the batch strength that was successfully certified after the course, within three months of course completion.
- (h) Aadhar linked tracking of all individual identities.

31. **Suitability of Individual for the Course Detailed.** Often, an individual is detailed for a resettlement course, based on criteria like roster seniority (of his application for course), seniority drawn up from date of retirement, rank, seniority, etc. it is seen that very many individual are left with a long length of Service tenure post conclusion of the course, making placement impracticable. Also, the individual's choice of place for second career is far removed from the location of the institute, where its influence/ contact with industry is minimal. Caliber of the individuals detailed, especially for courses that are technical in nature is yet another reason for poor comprehension of course content and successful placement thereof. To obviate such situations which are blunting the placement initiative by the Institutes, the following is ensured by the Service HQs while detailing individuals for any resettlement course by DGR:-

- (a) **Matching/ location of Institute and Intended Place of Settlement.** Ideally, as far as practicable, the individual are detailed for courses conducted

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close to the place of his intended settlement after retirement. This would ensure the best possible chance for the institute to place him.

(b) **Availability of Individual for Placement.** The 'common Norms' stipulates placement within three months of course completion for the institute to be eligible for the last 20% of course fee installment. This would logically require the individual to be available for placement and in the geographical vicinity over which the institute would have local influence. Therefore, as an ideal state, the following is ensured:-

- (i) **E-mail ID and Mobile Numbers of Individuals.** These should be the ones linked to Aadhar card Numbers to ensure that they remain active for a long time to come and that the JCOs/OR are not frivolous with these details. These would have to be included in the Application from for DGR courses and in subsequent detailment orders and available with the institutes also to enable follow up activity post course, towards placement and monitoring.
- (ii) **Synchronizing Date of Retirement (DOR) with Date of Conclusion of the Course.** The detailment of individuals should be such that they retire within three months of course completion, to the best extent possible. The duration of bulk of the courses is likely to be 12 weeks. As a generic guideline, therefore, detailment during the last six months residual service should serve the requirement well, except for few 24 weeks/52 weeks programmes.

32. **Detailing the Right Man for Every Course.** To make the purpose of a Govt sponsored resettlement course more meaningful, it is important that the right candidate is sponsored for each and every resettlement course. This is especially so when only about 15-20% of the total retirees each year (approx 55-60,000) gets the opportunity to do a pre-release course at Institutes. This underscores the point that these vacancies should not be wasted at the expense of more deserving candidates.

33. The resettlement training for JCOs/OR at Institutes was put out on hold since 01 Jun 2016 due to compliance issues, apart from certain audit observations. However, they have been re-started since Aug 2016, but with compliance to Common Norms.

34. For all detailments of Institutional training courses for JCOs/OR, the following aspects may be ensured:-

- (a) Details of Aadhar linked email ID, Mobile Number and intended place of settlement post retirement.

- (b) Individual being detailed in such institutes which are in geographical area of his intended place of settlement.
- (c) Individual detailed in such a manner that he ideally retires within three months of course conclusion.
- (d) The detailment is as per broad course QRs as stipulated by DGR with the spirit of ensuring the right candidates for every course to ensure better placement opportunity.

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Grievances of ESM regarding Pay/ OROP

35. Numerous representations are received at Directorate of Ex- Servicemen Affairs from ex-sailors regarding non receipt of Pension/ Arrears of Pension under OROP scheme on a regular basis. These applications are then forwarded to DPA and NAVPEN for action. Since, there is a delay in disposal of grievance related to matter like non- receipt of pension or discrepancy in pension being disbursed, the aggrieved ex- sailors/ family pensioner approach Prime Minister's Office, President's Secretariat, Chief of Naval Staff and Directorate of Ex- Servicemen Welfare among others.

36. Whilst wholehearted efforts are being made by the concerned agencies to dispose of cases in time, there is sometimes, inadvertent delay. This is because of complete data in the applications such as personal no, PPO, date of retirement etc not furnished by the applicant. This causes delay due to unnecessary correspondence. In order to streamline the process, it is requested that application should indicate full details of the ESM including mobile no, Email. The application could also be emailed to NAVPEN, DPA, and DESA for faster disposal of cases.

37. **Delinking of Qualifying Service of 33 years for Pension.** In a major change in the policy, the Govt. has decided that Retired/Service pension and family pension in respect of Pre-2006 Armed Forces personnel will not be lower than 50% and 30% respectively of the last drawn Reckonable Emoluments. It implies that pension will not be reduced on pro-rata basis, even if the qualifying service is rendered less than 33 years before retirement. Prior to issue of said Govt. orders, the pension was reduced proportionately if the qualifying service including weightage was less than 33 years (PCDA, Allahabad Circular no 568 dated 13 Oct 16).

38. **Issue Related to 7th Pay Commission.** The Govt. vide MoD letter no. 17(01)/2016-D (Pen/Pol) dated 29 Oct 16 circulated vide PCDA (P) Allahabad circular 570 has revised the pension of all Pre- 2006 pensioners/ family pensioners. The revised rate of pension will be admissible from 01 Jan 16. The important points are as follows:-

- (a) The revised pension/family pension has been derived by multiplying the existing pension i.e pension admissible as on 31 Dec 15 by a factor of 2.57. For example, the Ordinary Family Pension (without DR) of a widows of sailor (with 20 years' service and 'Y' Group) as on 31 Dec 15 is Rs 4,677/- . The revised family pension will be $Rs\ 4,677 \times 2.57 = Rs\ 12,020/-$ per month.
- (b) The minimum pension/family pension will be Rs 9,000/- per month (excluding DR).
- (c) Additional old age pension/family pension will be admissible as hitherto-fore.
- (d) Ex-Gratia disability award for cadets who are invalided out from Academies has been enhanced from existing Rs 6,300/- per month to Rs 16,200/- per months for disability.
- (e) PCDA(P) Allahabad vide circular No. 570 dated 31 Oct 16 has directed the Bankers/DPDOs to revise the pension/family pension and pay the arrears in one installment within 2 months from issue of ibid Govt order.

(Authority: MoD letter No.17 (01)/2016/D (Pen/Pol) dated 29 Oct 16 circulated vide PCDA (P) Allahabad circular 570 dated 31 Oct 16).

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INCS Delhi

39. In a major initiative, it has been decided to set up an INCS at Delhi. This is planned as an Integrated Complex which will come up at NOM Varuna and would serve the needs of the community. This new facility is likely to be operational by Dec 2017.

Cashless Transactions in URCs

40. A directive and guidelines to implement cashless transactions in Unit Run Canteens (URCs) in respect of all ex-servicemen and family pensioners holding valid canteen Smart Cards shall commence by 28 Feb 2017. The ex-servicemen/ family pensioners not in possession of Debit/Credit cards therefore, be advised to obtain these cards by due date.

Canteen Smart Card

41. Canteen Smart Cards have been introduced to prevent misuse of CSD facilities as also to enable customer flexibility of purchasing stores from any URC in the country. A URC can plan its demand and stocking, if dependency on it is known and doesn't vary drastically. Therefore, ESM/Retd Def Civ have to select one URC of their choice and be attached.

42. As per existing policy, Canteen Smart Card (Grocery and Liquor) can be used at any URC for purchase of stores and URCs should try to meet aspirations of all bonafide canteen Smart Card Holders. Generally, there is no complaint regarding purchase of grocery items from any URC. However, at time difficulties may be faced in purchase of liquor from URC other than dependent URC. This may be due to following:-

- (a) Each URC purchases liquor from CSD Depot strictly as per its actual strength/ dependency and a small additional margin to cater for personnel on leave, TD etc.
- (b) URCs may not have sufficient stock to meet demands of bonafide canteen card holders who are not dependent on the URC.

43. A few representations have been received from Ex- servicemen about URCs (other than dependent) not allowing the purchases of entitled liquor quota. It is suggested that necessary assistance be extended to such Ex-Serviceman.

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(Authority: IHQ MoD (Army)/QMG Branch/DDGCS letter 95350/Q/DDGCS/Advisory/23/2016 dated 27 Sep 2016)

Advisory to Personnel Travelling through Bihar

44. State Govt of Bihar had imposed prohibition in trade and consumption of liquor in the State under the Bihar act (1915) Bihar Excise (Amendment) Act 2016 and Notification No 1486 dated 05 Apr 16. As per the ibid Act, notified Cantt area, Danapur only was exempted from the purview of the Act. However, other military stations where Army, IAF and NCC units are located were not exempted under this Act. Also, military personnel transiting through Bihar are also not permitted to carry entitled liquor even while possessing relevant authority letter.

45. In view of the above, the following advisory has been issued:-

- (a) Military personnel transiting through Bihar, not to carry any liquor to avoid arrest by Bihar Police.
- (b) Military personnel (serving/residing) & ESM in Bihar, permitted to consume liquor only within Cantt area/ military stations. Liquor will not be consumed/ transported out of Cantt area/military stations in Bihar.
- (c) Units to issue NOC/Non drawl certificate to military personnel transiting through Bihar while proceeding on leave, to enable them to draw their entitled liquor from the nearest URC at home town/SPR.
- (d) URCs are instructed to issue entitled to serving personnel/ESM (irrespective of dependency) on submission of authority letter by the military personnel/ESM at the destination station (leave station). However, liquor will not be consumed/ transported out of Cantt areas/military stations in Bihar.

(Authority: IHQ MoD (Army)/QMG Branch/DDGCS letter 96220/Q/Liquor-Bihar/DDGCS dated 21 Nov 16).

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46. **PRDIES**. Following facilities are available from NGIF to the retired sailors (pensioners) :-

POST RETIREMENT DEATH INSURANCE EXTENSION SCHEME (PRDIES)	5 lakh up to 30 year after retirement OR 75 yrs age whichever is earlier
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47. Details of various grant available from INBA are as follows :-

Ser	Grants	Rates
(a)	Merit Scholarship for Graduation/ Post Graduation Courses	Boarder – Rs 20,000/- p.a Day Scholar – Rs 15,000/- p.a
(b)	Merit Scholarship for Graduation/ Post Graduation Courses to wards of Deceased Retired Naval Personnel	Rs 30,000/- for both Day Scholar and Boarder (w.e.f Academic Year 2016-17)
(c)	Reimbursement of Tuition Fee for Special/ Mentally Challenged Children	Rs 5,000-p.m (w.e.f 01 Jul 15)
(d)	33% of Reimbursement of Coaching Fee to Naval Personnel whose wards secure admission for Gradation Course in IITs/NITs/IIS(Bangalore)/ISM (Dhanbad) and MBBS Courses	
(e)	Death Grant to NOK	Rs 30,000/- (w.e.f May 16)
(f)	Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS) for Wards of Naval Personnel who die in Harness	(i) Play School to KG Rs 10,000/- p.a (ii) Class I-VIII Rs 20,000/- p.a (iii) Class IX-XII Rs 30,000/- p.a (iv) Gradation Rs 30,000/- p.a (v) Post Gradation Rs 30,000/- p.a (vi) Legal/Vocational Rs 40,000/- p.a (vii) Computer/ Management Rs. 50,000/- p.a (viii) Engg/Medical Rs 75,000/- p.a (ix) Boarding/lodging Rs 50,000/- p.a (all above rates w.e.f 01 Jul 16)

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(g)	Scholarship to the wards of naval personnel who die after retirement from NWWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Class I-VIII Rs 4,000/- p.a (ii) IX- XII Rs 5,000/- p.a (iii) Gradation Rs 10,000/- p.a (iv) Post Gradation Rs 15,000/- p.a (v) B. Tech/MBBS Rs 20,000/- p.a
(h)	Financial Assistance for Starting Self Help Economic Venture to widows	Upto Rs 1 Lakh Depending on case to case basis (w.e.f 01 Jul 15)
(j)	Financial Assistance for Vocational Courses to Widows	Upto Rs 50,000/- Depending on case to case basis (w.e.f 01 Jul 15)
(k)	Grant for Daughter's Marriage to Widows	Rs 50,000/- (w.e.f 01 Jul 15)
(l)	Scholarship to Orphaned children of naval personnel under the category of Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS) irrespective of whether the parents died while in service or post retirement	Rates as per Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS)- Serial 6
(m)	Financial Assistance from INBA to family members of unmarried officers/sailors who die during harness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Grant of Rs 50,000/ extended for marriage of one sister. (ii) Re- reimbursement of fees for Vocational; course Upto Rs 50,000/- to mother only on case to case basis. (iii) Self-help economic venture upto Rs 1 Lac to mother only on case to case basis. (iv) Scholarship introduced to maximum two unmarried sisters under Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS) with effect from Academic Year 2015-16. Rates as per Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS) – Serial 6

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(n)	<p>Enhancement in rates of Special Scholarship for the 'Girl child', for pursuing professional course in Engineering and MBBS, of a naval personnel of the following categories:-</p> <p>(c) Naval personnel who die in harness.</p> <p>(d) Orphan Children of naval personnel irrespective of whether parents die while in service or post retirement.</p> <p>(e) Two dependent unmarried sisters of unmarried naval personnel who die in harness.</p>	<p>Upper limit of Rs 1,00,000/- p.a or actual fees paid to the University/ Collage by the girl child, whichever is less (w.e.f Academic Year 2016-17)</p>
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Enhancement of Special Scholarship of Girl Child for pursuing professional courses in Engineering and MBBS

48. In order to give inputs to "Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao" campaign of the Govt., the administrators of INBA have approved enhancement in rates of Special Scholarship for the ' Girl Child' , for pursuing professional courses in Engineering and MBBS, of a naval personnel of the following categories:-

- (a) Naval personnel who die in harness.
- (b) Orphan Children of a Naval personnel irrespective of whether parents die while in service or post retirement.
- (c) Two dependent unmarried sisters of unmarried naval personnel who die in harness.

49. The rates are as follows:-

Category	Exiting Rate (Amount p.a)	Revised Rate (Amount p.a)
Professional courses in Engineering and MBBS	Rs 75,000/-	Upper limit of Rs 1,00,000/- or actual fees paid to the University/College by the girl child, whichever is less.

50. The other condition for the scholarship to the 'Girl Child' will remain same as for Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS) as given in the Navy Order (Spl) 01/07 and IHQ MoD (N) letter issued on the subject from time to time. The revised rates will be in force from academic year 2016-2017.

51. **Enhancement of Rates of Marriage Grant** The government has approved enhancement rate of marriage grant from Rs 16,000/- to Rs 50,000/- per daughter (for 2 daughters) to needy ESM (upto the rank of Hav/equivalent) and their widows with effect from 01 Apr 16.

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Ex- gratia Lump Sum compensation – Recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission

52. In pursuance of Govt decision on Recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission, the existing rate of ex- gratia Lump Sum completion to the next of Kin of the deceased Defence Forces Personnel is revised as follows :-

Ser	Circumstance	Rates (in Rs)
(a)	Death occurring due to accidents in course of performance of duties.	25 Lakh
(b)	Death in the course of performance of duties attributed to acts of violence by terrorists, anti-Social elements etc.	25 Lakh
(c)	Death occurring in border skirmishes and action against militants, terrorists, extremists, sea pirates.	35Lakh
(d)	Death occurring while on duty in the specified high altitude, inaccessible border posts, on account of natural disasters, extreme weather conditions.	35 Lakh
(e)	Death occurring during enemy action in war or such war like engagements, which are specifically notified by ministry of Defence and death occurring during evacuation of Indian Nationals from a war-torn Zone in foreign country.	45 Lakh

(Authority: MoD(Pay/ Pension) letter no 20(2)/2016/D(Pay/Services) dated 02 Nov 6)

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IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

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1. Updated contact details of Navy Foundation are available at [Indian Navy website](#) and DESA Blog (www.desanavy.wordpress.com).
2. Updated NRS Directory is available in VSF Microsite [here](#).
3. Updated VSF Directory is available at Veteran Sailors' Forum microsite in Indian Navy Website [here](#).
4. Some other important contact details are tabulated below:-

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SOME IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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1. **Indian Navy Website (www.indiannavy.nic.in)**. This is the official website of Indian Navy. It provides vision document of Indian Navy. All information of relevance to veterans is hosted in the website under “Personnel” section of the website. It provides links to all other naval agencies.
2. **DGR Website (www.dgrindia.com)**. This website is maintained by the Director General Resettlement and contains valuable information regarding resettlement opportunity, employment assistance provided to ESM, various Forms, and News updates from the Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB).
3. **Ministry Of Defence (www.mod.nic.in)**. This is official website of Ministry of Defence, which provides all MoD/GoI orders/circulars and publications which are useful to ESM for eg ‘Sainik Samachar’.
4. **Ministry of Personnel (www.persmin.nic.in)**. The Website of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
5. **PCDA Allahabad (www.pcdapension.nic.in)**. The Website of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Drupadi Ghat, Allahabad. E-mail id of PDCA is also mentioned below, personnel can directly send e-mail to CDA regarding their grievances.
6. **PCDA Navy (www.pdcanavy.nic.in)**. This site provides information regarding latest orders/circulars of pensioners. They can be contacted for pending claims regarding revision of pension and TA/DA claims etc.
7. **Indian Naval Placement Agency (www.inpa.net.in)**. Indian Naval Placement Agency site provides job assistance to all ex-naval personnel including widows. This site provides job information to all ESM including those who are not the members of INPA.
8. **Naval Children School (www.nesnavy.com)**. This is official site of Navy Children School. You can visit this site for career option, counselling, admission, etc.
9. **Canteen Stores Department (www.csdindia.com)**. All important information in respect to Canteen Stores Department like revised monetary limits, authority letter regarding purchase of car by PBOR, CSD bulletin, AFD item list depot wise are available on this site.

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10. **Naval Recruitment** (www.joinindiannavy.nic.in). This site provides detailed information about various entries in Navy, recruitment criteria, eligibility, and contact information of DMPR for Officers and Sailors entries.
11. **ECHS Website** (www.echs.gov.in). This webpage of Ex-servicemen Contributory Scheme provides information about ECHS policy letter, list of polyclinics, FAQ, guide lines for ECHS members.
12. **Air Force – Navy Housing Board** (www.afnhb.org). This official website provides details of AFNHS schemes, demand survey, updated reports on housing projects etc.
13. **Pension Information** (www.pensionersportal.gov.in). This site provides important information about pensions.
14. **Naval Pay Office** (<https://naypay.gov.in>). This is Website of the Naval Pay Office. After logging in you can communicate with Naval Pay Office and find all forms/information related to pay, perks and other entitlements.
15. **Pension Grevances** (www.pensionportal.gov.in). Information related to Grievances of Pensioners is hosted on this website. CPENGRAMS (Centralised Pensionary Grievances Redressal and Monitoring System) is also hosted on this site.

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