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FROM PDESA'S DESK

1. It gives us immense pleasure to bring out another edition of the e-news letter for the benefit of naval veterans, veer naris and their dependents.
2. Navy is making concerted efforts to ensure that naval veterans and veer naris benefit from these initiatives. 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.
3. Work on Widows' Sahara Hostel is progressing well. A tripartite MoU has been signed between Indian Navy and NBCC India Ltd and the tender process has been completed. Project is likely to be completed by end 2018.
4. In order to acknowledge and honour the selfless devotion and sacrifice by our veterans, 14 Jan has been nominated as the Armed Forces Veterans' Day. The inaugural AF Veterans' Day was celebrated at all major Services stations. At Delhi, Shri Subhash Bhamre, Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence was the Chief Guest. The function was attended by the three Service Chiefs and a large section of retired community from the three Services graced the occasion.
5. Numerous representations are received at DESA on a regular basis. Whilst whole hearted efforts are being made to dispose of cases in time, there is sometimes, inadvertent delay owing to incomplete data in the applications. It is requested that an application should indicate full details of the ESM including mobile no, email etc. The application could also be emailed to NAVPEN, DPA, and DESA for faster disposal of cases.
6. We sincerely hope that the information brought in through this e-newsletter helps the retired community to remain updated with the developments and well connected with the Navy.

Best Wishes and Warm regards,

New Delhi
31 Mar 17

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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 a related issue, it is highlighted that on demise of an ex-serviceman, the widow / next of kin is entitled to a death grant of Rs 30,000 (for officers and sailors) wef May 2016. Towards this, the widow/ NoK is required to forward copy of Death Certificate, copy of Discharge Book/ Ex Serviceman identity card/ any other document which certifies/ authenticates the relationship with the ESM and a crossed cheque (for directly debiting the amount to the bank), to the concerned CRSOs with a copy to 'The Directorate of Ex Servicemen Affairs, 6th Floor Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi -110021' for processing the case and authorising payment expeditiously.
3. 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 & Uttarakhand	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)	sncrso-navy@nic.in
7.	Andaman & Nicobar Island & Kardin	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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4. **25th Annual General Body Meeting and Governing Council Meeting.** 25th AGM and GCM of the Navy Foundation were 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. The CNS acknowledged the contribution made by the veterans during their service life which helped the Indian Navy evolve into a blue water Navy. He emphasized on the need for their continued support, ideas and counter-views to help chart out the best course for the Navy in the future.

5. **Admiral RD Katari Memorial Lecture.** Admiral RD Katari Memorial Lecture was conducted at DRDO Bhawan Conference Room on 10 Mar 17. Shri Gurcharan Das was the Chief Guest and delivered a talk on the topic 'Difficulty in Being Good'. The lecture was attended by a large number of veterans and was well received by all present.

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6. **Interaction with Veterans.** Every opportunity is utilized by DESA to interact with the naval veterans and disseminate information pertaining to their welfare as also to update them on new developments. Such interactions also provide an opportunity to address the concerns of the veterans and find out way ahead to alleviate their grievances. Such an interaction with the sailors retiring as on 31 Jan 17 was held at CABS on 24 Jan 17. Work undertaken by VSF Charters and major policy issues which are being progressed at IHQ MoD (Navy) and MoD were disseminated. A survey and feedback programme was also conducted.

7. 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. These are likely to be approved shortly. Once approved, these will be incorporated in the MoA booklet and would be promulgated to all concerned.

8. **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).

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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, Services Ltd (NSL). All drawings and associated documents have been handed over to NSL. A tripartite MoU has been signed between Indian Navy and NBCC India Ltd on 13 Jan 17. Activities leading to floating of tender and selection of builder have been completed by NBCC Services Ltd (NSL), a subsidiary unit of NBCC India Ltd and project is likely to commence shortly, with completion schedule in end 2018.

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10. **Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen**. DGR conducted job fairs for ex-servicemen and retiring personnel at Lucknow on 22 Jan 17 under the aegis of Central Command of Indian Army and at Visakhapatnam on 26 Feb 17 under the aegis of HQ ENC.

11. **Job Fair at Kolkata**. A job fair is being conducted by DGR under aegis of HQ Eastern Command at Army Cantt, Opp Nicco Park, GM Layout, Sector-5 Salt Lake, Kolkata on 28 Apr 2017. A number of corporate Houses/ Industries/ PSUs are expected to participate in this job fair. This would be a huge opportunity for ESMs to identify suitable jobs as per their experience and aspirations

12. 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.

13. **INPA Contact Details**.

Telefax: 011-24121687

Email – inpa@navy.gov.in

14. **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

15. 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 nationbuilding.

16. 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.

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17. **Self-Attestation for Dependents Above 18 Years of Age.** In order to institute a check mechanism for preventing unauthorized dependents above 18 years of age availing ECHS facility, a self-attested Proforma available on Central Organisation, ECHS website shall be filled and rendered wef 01 Mar 17 by all beneficiary dependents and the same shall be countersigned by the OiC of parent Polyclinic. Validity of this Proforma will be one year.

18. **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).** ECHS has been identified to become part of the Govt Initiative of DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) and has been earmarked to be rolled out by Mar 18. Aadhar No authentication is one of the important facets as part of DBT roll out. It is compulsory that all beneficiaries under the scheme enrol/obtain their Aadhar No to be DBT complaint. Every beneficiary should enrol with Aadhar on 'Priority'. This would also form the basis for beneficiary authentication at Polyclinics and Empanelled hospitals with the anticipated deployment of Smart Card System in the near future.

19. **Income Criteria from all Sources for Dependents.** Consequent to the implementation of recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission and revision of income criteria for dependency of "family" in the CGHS vide the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Gol letter, the income criteria for dependency of family in ECHS also stands revised to "Rs 9000/- plus amount of Dearness Relief on the basic pension of Rs 9000/- as on the date of consideration". The amount of Dearness Relief is indicated in

the income limit stands for the amount of Dearness Relief drawn by a pensioner/ family pensioner on the date of consideration and not the amount of Dearness Relief due on the date of consideration. The orders are to be implemented with immediate effect. All other terms and conditions of eligibility will remain unchanged. The point may be noted by the eligible ESMs while submitting Affidavit for membership.

20. **Contact Details of ECHS.**

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| (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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21. DGR has been conducting resettlement training courses for retiring personnel of the three Services over many years. Service-wise vacancies are notified by DGR while the actual short-listing of name is done by the respective Service HQs.

22. 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 with the “Common Norms”, which essentially includes the following:-

- (a) 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).
- (b) 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).
- (c) 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.
- (d) Aadhar linked tracking of all individual identities.

23. **Benefits Given from Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.**

Ser	Grants	Amount
(a)	<u>Penury Grant</u> (65 Years and above) (Non-Pensioners upto Hav Rank)	Rs 1,000/-pm(Life Time)
(b)	<u>Education Grant</u> (i) Boys/ Girls upto Graduation (ii) Widows PG (Pensioners/Non Pensioner upto Hav Rank) and upto two children	Rs 1,000/-pm
(c)	<u>Officer Cadet Grant</u> (for Cadets of NDA only) Pensioner/Non-pensioner upto Hav Rank	Rs 1,000/- pm
(d)	<u>Disable Children Grant</u> (Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank)	Rs. 1,000/- pm
(e)	<u>House Repair Grant</u> (Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank) (i)100% Disabled ESM (ii) Orphan Daughter ESM (of all ranks)	Rs 20,000/- (max)
(f)	<u>Daughter's Marriage Grant</u> (Upto 02 Daughters) (Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank) <u>Widow Re-marriage Grant</u> (widow of Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank) *if married on or after 21 Apr 16	Rs 50,000/- Per Daughter
(g)	<u>Funeral Grant</u> (Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank)	Rs 5,000/-
(h)	<u>Medical Grant</u> (Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank Nepal)	Rs 30,000/-(max)
(j)	<u>Orphan Grant</u> (Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank) (i) Daughters of ex-servicemen till she is married. (ii) One Son of ex-servicemen upto 21 years of age.	Rs 1,000/-pm
(k)	<u>Vocational Trg Grant For Widows</u> (Pensioner/Non- Pensioner upto Hav Rank)	Rs 20,000/-(One Time)

24. **Serious Diseases Grant from AFFD Fund to Non-Pensioner ESMs of all Ranks.**

(a) <u>Serious Diseases as listed below</u> :-Angioplasty Angiography, CABG, Open Heart Surgery, Valve Replacement, Pacemaker Implant, Renal Implant,	75%/90% of total expenditure for Officers and PBOR respectively uptoRs1.25 Lac (max)
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Prostate Surgery, Joint Replacement and Cerebral Stoke. Other Disease: Where more than Rs. 1.00Lac has been spent on treatment	
(b) Dialysis and Cancer treatment	75 % /90% of total expenditure for Officers and PBOR respectively upto a max of 75,000/- per FY only.

25. **Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme.** PM Scholarship scheme is for financially supporting degree level professional education for the wards of War Widows (all ranks) and ESM (PBOR) including ex Coast Guard personnel. Total 5500 scholarships are provided to eligible wards based on merit for the entire duration of the courses. Priority is given to the wards of War Widows / War disabled soldiers. The rates of Scholarship are as follows:-

(a) Rs. 2,000/- pm for boys.

(b) Rs. 2,250/- pm for girls

26. **Financial Grant to Institutions involved in Rehabilitation of Disabled ESMs.** The financial grants disbursed during the years are as follows:-

Ser	Organization/ Institution	Quantum of Aid/Grant	
(a)	<u>Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centers.</u>	<u>Estb Cost</u>	<u>Inmate</u>
	(a) Kirkee	Rs10,00,000/-pa	Rs30,000/- pa per inmate
	(b) Mohali Provides to ESM who have lost their limbs while on active service.	Rs 20,00,000/- pa (w.e.f Apr 2015)	
(b)	St. Dunstan's After Care Organization, Dehradun for Blinded Ex-Servicemen	Rs. 14,00,000/- pa	
(c)	All India Gorkha Ex- servicemen Welfare Association, Dehradun	Rs. 12,00,000/- pa	
(d)	Cheshire Homes (i) Lucknow (ii) Dehradun (iii) Delhi	Rs 9,000/- pa per inmate	
(e)	<u>War Memorial Hostels.</u> There is 36 War Memorial Hostels which provide shelter to the children of War Widows/ War disabled, attributable and non-attributable cases.	Rs 1,350/- pm per Child	

27. **Modified Scooter Grant.** Rs 57000/- provided to those ESM, who are disabled after service with a disability of 50% or more and who are not covered under the scheme of AG's Branch of IHQ of MoD (Army, Navy & Air Force).

28. **Tool Kits for Ex- Servicemen Technicians.** Tool kits are provided to ESM technicians at a cost not exceeding Rs 8000/- subject to fulfilling the following conditions:-

- (a) The Individual holds the qualifications to utilize the tool kits.
- (b) The individual has the appropriate infrastructure to set up for himself the proposed trade.

29. **Reservation of Seats in Medical/Dental Colleges for Wards of Defence Personnel as Govt of India Nominee.** In view of the frequent transfers of defence personnel from one place to another, they are not able to meet 'domicile' requirement for the purpose of admission in the professional courses. A total of 17-20 MBBS seats and 1-3 seats in BDS course are allotted by Ministry of Health Family Welfare to KSB for wards of defence personnel as a Govt of India nominee. KSB invites the applications for admission to Medical Colleges and Dental Colleges from the various categories of defence personnel, as per the extant regulations. In the year 2014, Hon'ble Supreme Court gave a ruling that hereinafter, for the admissions in MBBS and BDS courses, the candidates of all categories should be AIPMT qualified. Following are the categories:-

- (a) Category I- Killed in action.
- (b) Category II- Disabled in action and boarded out from service with disability attributed to Military Service.
- (c) Category III- Died while in service with death attributable to Military Service.
- (d) Category IV- Disabled in service and boarded out with disability attributable to Military Service.
- (e) Category V- Gallantry Award/ Distinguished Service Award winners.
- (f) Category VI- Ex-servicemen (JCO/OR).
- (g) Category VII- Ex- Servicemen (Officers).

30. Since the year 2015, the said MBBS and BDS seats have been fully utilized by the wards of Defence personnel. In the current year 2016-17, all 17 MBBS and 03 BDS seats have been fully utilized by the Defence wards of first three categories as follows:-

- (a) Category I- 16 MBBS seats.
- (b) Category II- 01 each MBBS and MDS seat.
- (c) Category III- 02 BDS seats.

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Grievances of ESM Regarding Pay/ OROP

31. 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 the Naval Staff and Directorate of Ex- Servicemen Welfare among others.

32. Whilst wholehearted efforts are being made by the concerned agencies to dispose of cases in time, at times there is, inadvertent delay. This is often owing to 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 etc. The application could also be emailed to NAVPEN, DPA, and DESA for faster disposal of cases.

33. **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).

34. **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 $\text{Rs } 4,677 \times 2.57 = \text{Rs } 12,020/-$ 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.
- (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 month 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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35. **Illegal Sale of Liquor by Defence Personnel and their Dependents.** Guidelines have been issued by DDGCS vide IHQ MOD (Army)/ QMG's Branch/DDGCS letter No 95350/Q/DDGCS/Advisory/27/2016 dated 26 Dec 16 on illegal sale of liquor by Defence Personnel and their dependents. DDGCS has brought out that the liquor is authorized to Defence personnel and their dependents for personal use only and not for further sale to any other person. Sale of liquor by Defence personnel and their dependents is an offence under the existing laws.

36. **Special Sanction to Veer naris for Purchase of Four Wheelers through CSD.** Widows of martyrs declared "Battle Casualty" who had not rendered service, were not entitled for purchase of four wheelers through CSD. DDGCS, in consultation with the Service Headquarters examined the matter, wherein it was recommended that policy for grant of special sanction to Veer naris for purchase of four wheelers through CSD be considered for implementation. A special sanction has now been accorded to Veer naris for purchase of four wheelers through CSD once in their life time.

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37. **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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38. **Details of Various Grants 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 From NWWA to the wards of naval personnel who die after retirement	(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 on a case-to-case basis (w.e.f 01 Jul 15)
(j)	Financial Assistance for Vocational Courses to widows	Upto Rs 50,000/- on a 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	(i) Grant of Rs 50,000/- extended for marriage of one sister. (ii) Re- imbursement 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 a 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
(n)	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:-	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)

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	(i) Naval personnel who die in harness. (ii) Orphaned Children of naval personnel irrespective of whether parents die while in service or post retirement. (iii) Two dependent unmarried sisters of unmarried naval personnel who die in harness.	
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Enhancement of Special Scholarship of Girl Child for Pursuing Professional Courses in Engineering and MBBS

39. 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.

40. The rates are as follows:-

Category	Existing 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.

41. 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.

42. **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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SBI Pension Account

43. Many veterans hold a pension account with SBI as normal SB a/c and not as Defence Salary Package Pension (DSP) a/c, thereby depriving themselves of all the privileges associated with DSP a/c. The veterans can give their consent to the Branch Manager and convert their existing SB a/c in to DSP Pension A/c. All benefits stated in DSP a/c are available to ESM, less the following:-

- (a) Personal Accident Insurance Cover.
- (b) Two months' salary overdraft facility limited to Rs 40,000/- to silver Card.
- (c) Depending on the rank they have retired they are eligible for the type of a/c they are entitled.

44. They are also entitled to Pension Loan as under:-

<u>Ser</u>	<u>Age</u>		<u>Amount</u> (Rs lakhs)	<u>Repayment</u> (Months)
(a)	Pensioner	Upto 72 years	Rs. 14.00	60
(b)		Above 72 years and upto 74 years	Rs. 12.00	48
(c)		Above 74 years and upto 76 years	Rs. 7.5	24
(d)	Family Pensioner	Upto 72 years	Rs. 5.00	60
(e)		Above 72 years and upto 74 years	Rs. 4.50	48
(f)		Above 74 years and upto 76 years	Rs. 2.50	24

45. However, the loan amount cannot be more than 18 Months of Pension. All categories are entitled for a Second Loan within the eligible criteria. The interest rate is 3.5% above base rate (13.35% at current base rate).

46. Please also advise all veterans to link their Aadhar with e-KYC (Know Your Consumer) at the branch which would enable them to render life certificate from anywhere in the future as and when implemented. Branches are being given separate instructions for completing the Aadhar based e-KYC.

47. You can contact on **07032903055**, email ramcha_pk@hotmail.com and Head Office, Hyderabad for any quires.

Inaugural Armed Forces Veterans' Day

48. Inaugural Armed Forces Veterans' Day was celebrated at Harbaksh Stadium , Delhi Cantt, New Delhi on 14 Jan 17. Commemorating Veterans' Day every year is a unique initiative of the Services to acknowledge and honour the selfless devotion and sacrifice by our veterans who even after retiring from the service are always in search of opportunities to serve the nation. Shri S Bhamre, Minister of State for Defence was the Chief Guest and the function was attended by all three Service Chiefs.



Use of Naval Rank Post Retirement

49. Constitution of India permits use of military ranks by all service personnel. Personnel superannuated or retired may also use the last rank held alongwith their names. However, the use of the word “Retired” or “Retd” has to be suffixed in compliance with Regulations for the Navy, Part III, Article 212 is reproduced below for information and compliance:-

(a) Apart from the Commissioned Officers of the Indian Navy and its Reserves on active service, the following categories of persons only are entitled to use naval rank with their names: the recognized method of doing so is indicated below in each case:-

(i) Permanent Commissioned Officers of the Indian Navy who retire with pension or gratuity, for example, Captain.....I.N. (Retd).

(ii) Persons granted Honorary Commissions- (Hony.) Lieutenant Commander..... I.N

(iii) Officers of the Emergency List of the I. N- Lieutenant Commander..... I.N (Emergency List)

(iv) Officers of the I. N.R and I.N.V.R on retirement- Commander.... I.N.R (Retd), - Commander....., I.N.V.R (Retd).

(b) Where the use of naval rank is permitted under sub-regulation (1), the rank used will be the substantive rank or the higher paid acting rank held for a minimum period of 2 Years at the time of retirement.

Rehabilitation Grant to Disabled ESMs of Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh

50. An MoU has been signed between Infosys Foundation and Chandigarh Administration (Zila Sainik Board, UT Chandigarh) to give one time Rehabilitation Grant of Rs. 5 Lac each under CSR scheme of Infosys Foundation to 60% and above disable ex-servicemen (not rounded off) who are resident of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh only. The disability should have been occurred between 01 Apr 12 to 31 Mar 16 and should have been aggravated/ attributable to military Service and applicant should be in receipt of disability pension. The application is to be deposited in the office of Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, UT, Chandigarh, situated at Sainik Rest House, Sector 21 D, Opp. Aroma Hotel, Chandigarh.

Mobile App for All Defence Pensioners

51. PCDA has launched a new mobile App viz '**Defence Pensioner Info**' for all the defence pensioners. This App could be downloaded from Google play store and used on any android smart phone. This App is meant to provide pension disbursement related information's to all Defence pensioners drawing pension from Bank as well as from DPDO. The mobile App provides similar information as available on the website **[www. ddpdopensioners.org](http://www.dpdopensioners.org)**

Brave Naval Veteran- Shri KP Sunil Kumar Ex- MER No 175843

52. Shri KP Sunil Kumar, Ex- MER hails from a small village of Kerala and was enrolled in the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 1991. While undergoing swimming training at Chilka, he sustained serious head injury and was totally paralyzed. While admitted at Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, MH Pune, he pursued Management Course from QMTI. He was then employed by PRC, Kirkee where he now teaches computers. For his hard work and dedication, he was awarded as '**The Best Employee**' of the year by the PRC, Kirkee. Despite his limitations in view of 100% disability, he has worked hard and is now a true role model and inspiration to all. We wish him all the best in the years to come.



Commissioning of Yard 3019 (Kiltan)

53. Yard 3019 is the third ASW corvette of the Project 28 (Komorta class). The ship is in the final stages of construction at M/s GRSE, Kolkata followed by Commissioning at Visakhapatnam. The ship is to be christened as '**Kiltan**' following the old Arnala class corvette which played the stellar role of escort group commander for missile attack during the 1971 war. In order to acknowledge and commemorate the contributions made by the officers and men of ex-Kiltan during the 1971 war as well as to keep the legacy of old Kiltan alive, it is intended to solicit contributions for articles, photographs and memorabilia from them. Personnel who have served onboard Ex-Kiltan may forward their particulars on email vsf.mumbai@gmail.com

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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) website <http://indiannavy.nic.in/DESA>.
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:-

<u>DIRECTORATE OF ESM AFFAIRS (DESA)</u>	
TELE NO.	011-24121068, 24102305
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TELE NO.	022-25075449/50
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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/Gol 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.

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 Grievances (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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NCS	ncsdeldhi@yahoo.co.in
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