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9th Annual General Meeting Veteran Sailors' Forum -Goa (15 Oct 17)



Annual General Body Meeting – Delhi 26 Nov 17



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UPDATE ON DESA ACTIVITIES

Veteran Sailors' Forum

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1. **9th Annual General Body Meeting**. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the VSF was conducted from 1030h to 1430h on 15 Oct 17 at INS Gomantak, Goa. The AGM was chaired by Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, AVSM, VSM, Controller Personnel Services in his capacity as President, VSF. Veteran sailors and veernaris attended the function. The meeting also provided an opportunity to interact with the naval veterans and disseminate information pertaining to their welfare, pension, canteen and such related issues, as also to update them on new developments.
2. **9th General Body Meeting of Delhi Charter**. The 9th General Body Meeting (GBM) of the VSF Delhi Charter was conducted from 1000 h to 1500 h on 26 Nov 17 in Varunika Auditorium, Chanakya Bagh, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The AGM was chaired by Cmde Vivek Karnavat, President, VSF Delhi Charter. Approximately 250 ESM and veernaris were present during the meeting. A folder containing brochures and important information on VSF, INBA, ECHS, etc., was distributed to all members on their arrival. Presentations on issues related to ECHS, INBA, pension and welfare were scheduled during the meeting. SBI representatives disseminated information regarding SBI DSP account and answered pension related queries of the members. The meeting was followed by lunch. The Controller of Personnel Services and other Staff Officer's at IHQ MoD(Navy) interacted with veterans and veernaris during lunch.
3. **Reception at Navy House**. General Reception on the occasion of Navy Day was scheduled on 05 Dec 17 at Navy House, New Delhi. 30 members of VSF attended the function with their spouses.
4. **Armed Forces Veterans' Day-2018**. In order to acknowledge the contribution of the veterans of the three services to the nation, 14 January has been nominated as the Armed Forces Veterans' Day. In 2018, the event at Delhi would be held at Manekshaw Center. Indian Navy will also be conducting the event at Mumbai and Port Blair on 14 Jan 18.

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5. Indian Navy has taken initiative to build a hostel at Delhi to provide temporary accommodation for widows of naval personnel who have died in harness till they move into their own accommodation. The construction activities are progressing well and are on schedule.

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6. **New INPA Website.** INPA is in the process of finalizing a tie up with Monster.com. Once in place, the partnership will allow INPA members to receive job alerts fitting their profile from monster.com. In addition, certain paid services from monster.com will also be available at discounted rates. The updated website is being designed to encourage direct interaction between job seekers and prospective employers. It also has various informative articles and videos to help veterans prepare for their second career. All existing INPA members will have to update their profile in the new website. The date of new website going live would be announced on DESA Blog and DESA website.

Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

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7. In line with the 'Skill India Mission', a MoU was signed between MoD and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 13 Jul 15 to enhance skill-set of ex-servicemen and to enable them to be gainfully employed in nation-building. Batches have commenced training from 01 May 17, wherein training has been imparted to over 2300 sailors. Training for another 600 sailors is planned till Mar 18. New proposals such as setting up of Maritime Sector Skill Council for maritime related jobs, membership of Governing Council of Aerospace & Aviation Sector have been taken up.

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8. **Closure of Tool Kit Scheme (AFFDF) w.e.f 31 Dec 17.** The tool kit scheme has been terminated. Pending cases (if any) will however be processed.

9. **Uploading of PPO by ESM Seeking Financial Assistance from AFFDF.** The relevant extract of KSB letter no 195/Welfare/Misc/2017 dated 07 Sep 17 and 11 Oct 17 with regard to the above issue is as follows:-

(a) The definition of ESM issued by Govt of India, for service personnel who have been released/discharge/retired after 01 Jul 84, mandates receipt of pension by the individual as a defining criteria.

(b) All ESMs/Widows of ESM retiring after 01 Jul 87 are requested to upload their PPO along with discharge book on KSB website while applying for welfare schemes by KSB from AFFDF. Without the PPPO the application will be rejected as basic status of ESM would not be fulfilled.

(c) The above will come into effect from 01 Apr 18.

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10. Relaxation of Age in Eligibility Conditions to Widows of Deceased Defense Personnel to Provide Opportunity for Appearing in the Selection Process.

(Reference:MoD letter 12(4)/98-D(AG) dated 30 Nov 17 and MoD(Fin) ID No 1(29)/2017/AG/319-PA dated 08 Nov 17). It has been intimated that as per provisions contained in Govt of India letter no 12(4)/98/D(AG) dated 16 Jul 99, four years' age relaxation is being granted by the Govt to widows of Defence Service Personnel who die in harness for participating in the recruitment process through Short Service Commission. However, in spite of the above provision of age relaxation, Ministry of Defence has been receiving numerous requests and representations from the widows of defence service personnel who die in harness for granting further age relaxation over and above four years. These cases are being processed on a case to case basis which is a time consuming process. Therefore, a need has been felt to make a policy framework to address the issue. It has now been decided, in supersession of Govt of India letter no 12(4)/98/D(AG) dated 16 Jul 99, to increase the upper age limit of eligibility for widows to provide opportunity for appearing in the selection process, in the following manner:

- (a) To raise the ceiling for eligibility for widows of deceased defence personnel to a maximum age of 35 years of age at the time of entry at pre-commissioning training institute(s), except for flying branch for which the Service Headquarters shall specify age limit in individual Service Orders:
- (b) Widows with children be accepted and
- (c) No relaxation to be granted insofar as educational qualification and selection procedures, including medical fitness, are concerned.

11. These orders will come into effect from the date of issue of the order. Service Headquarters to amend their respective instructions accordingly.

12. Enhancement of Monetary Allowances Attached to the Post Independence Gallantry Awards.MoD vide notification No 3(37)/2017/D(Cer) dated 16 Nov 17 amended earlier MoD notification 3(6)/93/D(Cer) dated 31 Jan 95 regarding monetary allowance to the post-Independence gallantry awardees. Ministry has conveyed enhanced payment of monetary allowance at the following rates to all receipts, irrespective of rank and income, of the following Post-Independence gallantry awards, with effect from 01 Aug 17:-

Ser	Gallantry Awards	Existing rate of Monetary Allowances (Rs per month)	Revised rate of Monetary Allowances (Rs per month)
(a)	ParamVir Chakra (PVC)	10,000	20,000
(b)	Ashoka Chakra (AC)	6,000	12,000
(c)	MahaVir Chakra (MVC)	5,000	10,000

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(d)	Kirti Chakra (KC)	4,500	9,000
(e)	Vir Chakra (VrC)	35,00	7,000
(f)	Shaurya Chakra (SC)	3,000	6,000
(g)	Sena/Nao Sena/Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)	1,000	2,000

13. The allowances shall be admissible to the recipient of the award and on his death to his widow lawfully married by a valid ceremony. Ordinarily, the widow who was first married shall receive the allowance but with the special sanction of the Govt the allowances may be divided equally between the lawful widows of recipient. When the award has been made posthumously to a bachelor, the monetary allowances shall be paid to his father or mother, and in case the posthumous awardee was a widower, the allowance shall be paid to his son below 18 years or unmarried daughter as the case may be. Each bar to the decoration will carry the same amount of monetary allowance as admissible to the original award. The monthly monetary allowance will be paid in respect of all gallantry awards received by an individual. Payments, if any, already made for the period beyond the date of issue of this letter will be adjusted against the payment due under this letter.

14. **Compassionate Appointment of Divorced Daughter**. The Govt of India vide MoD (Lab) letter no.19(1)/2016-D(Lab) (Pt.II) dated 06 Mar 17, in consultation with Department of Personnel & Training, has clarified that a divorced daughter may be considered as a dependent family member of the deceased government servant for compassionate appointment and also for the purpose of allocation of points, subject to the conditions mentioned below:-

- (a) She was wholly dependent on the government servant at the time of his/her death in harness or retirement on medical grounds, and
- (b) She must support other dependent members of the family.

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15. **Identification/ Verification of Additional Documents in Absence of Aadhar Number**. As per provision under para 1(3) of the under mentioned MoD Notification, till the Aadhar is assigned to the beneficiary of pension benefits, benefits shall be given to such individuals subject to the production of certain identification documents as specified in the Notification. These documents shall be checked by an officer specifically designed by the Ministry for that purpose. In this regards, the concerned Pension Disbursing Agency (PDA) responsible for disbursement of pension is hereby designed for checking the identification of documents for grant of the pension benefits till the Aadhar is assigned to the pension beneficiaries.

{Authority: Ministry of Defence, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Notification no 14(2)/2014/D(P/P) (Part-I) published in Gazette of India on 03 Mar 2017 vide no S.O.747 (E)}

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SOME IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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1. **Indian Navy Website (<https://www.indiannavy.gov.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.gov.in)**. This is official website of Ministry of Defence, which provides all MoD/Govt orders/circulars and publications which are useful to ESM for eg ‘Sainik Samachar’.
4. **Ministry of Personnel (www.persmin.gov.in)**. The Website of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
5. **PCDA Allahabad (www.pcdapension.gov.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.gov.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 (<https://indinavy.gov.in/inpa>)**. 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.gov.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 AFNHB 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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IMPORTANT E-MAIL IDs

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AFNHB	directorgeneral@afnhb.org
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DNPF	dnpf@navy.gov.in
DPA (Samadhan)	samadhan@navy.gov.in samadhan.indiannavy@gmail.com
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