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FROM PDESA'S DESK

1. Issues affecting the veterans have been our focus area and the same are followed up with vigour across all levels. Be it the implementation of OROP, skill development initiatives or issues relating to welfare of ESM, their dependents and veernaris, queries received at DESA have been progressed with concerned authorities.
2. On the OROP front, Government had recently notified the implementation modalities for the ESM and veernaris vide Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare notification 12(1)/2014/D(Pen/Pol)-Part-II dated 07 Nov 15. As per the government directives, payment of arrears would be made by the Pension Disbursing Authorities in four equal half yearly instalments, except for family pensioners and pensioners is receipt of gallantry awards, who were to be paid arrears in one instalment. The government has already released money for the first instalment of OROP in Mar 16 and by time this edition is put out, many of you would have received the same.
3. Successful conduct of the International Fleet Review at Visakhapatnam from 04 to 08 Feb 16 was a moment of pride, not only for the serving and retired naval personnel but for every Indian as the Navy aptly showcased the country's might. Warships and naval personnel from 50 countries participated in this event. One of the highlights of the event was International City Parade in which a marching contingent of ESM also took part, as also displayed on the front cover.
4. For construction of widows' hostel in New Delhi, all clearances have been obtained and sanction for issuance of the 'Build Permit' is likely to be accorded shortly.
5. Efforts are underway to assist retiring naval personnel to identify suitable job profiles/ job sectors based on mapping of their skill sets, aspirations and interests. In this direction, pilot project on skill mapping was undertaken for 734 sailors at Naval Pension Office (NAVPEN), Mumbai who were part of the Release Batch of Jan 2016.
6. As always, we would welcome suggestions, recommendations as also criticism, if any, towards ensuring that this newsletter improves with every edition and serves its intended aim. We sincerely hope that the information brought out in this issue would help the retired community to remain updated with the developments in the Navy.

New Delhi
31 Mar 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 73% 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)	sncrso-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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Navy Foundation

3. CNS Interaction with veterans was held on 21 Feb 16 at NOM Varuna Lawns at New Delhi. During the event, the Navy Foundation Magazine “Quarterdeck-2016” was released by Admiral RK Dhowan, Chief of the Naval Staff and President, Navy Foundation.

4. The 25th Admiral RD Katari memorial lecture was held in New Delhi on 26 Feb 16 under the aegis of Navy Foundation Delhi Chapter. Prof C Raja Mohan was the Chief Guest and he delivered a talk on “Naval Diplomacy – Imperatives for India”. The function was presided over by Admiral RK Dhowan, Chief of Naval Staff and President, Navy Foundation. Mrs Lalita Ramdas, daughter of Late Admiral RD Katari, senior Government officials and a large number of serving and retired naval officers were also present.

Veteran Sailors’ Forum

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5. **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 the new developments. In this regard, DESA team visited Alwar (Rajasthan) on 09 Jan 16 to interact with the veterans during Ex-Servicemen meet.

6. **Change of Navy Website.** Naval websites which were earlier hosted by various units/ establishment have been merged and the contents have been migrated to the website hosted at www.indiannavy.nic.in. The new website has been operational w.e.f. 04 Dec 15. A new page for DESA is under development and would be hosted as a link to the navy website. Veterans may note that this will include a discussion forum, grievances redressal portal, veterans’ directory and a document repository for ready reference by the veterans, veer naris and their dependents.

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](#).

Widows’ Hostel

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9. Consequent to the re-sizing of the plot, preparation of fresh “Submission Drawings” was undertaken and the same were submitted to Municipal Corporation of

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Delhi for obtaining “Build Permit”. After scrutiny and clearance of the drawings by the Town Planning Department, approval from Fire Department and Delhi Urban Arts Commission has been obtained. The final clearance towards commencement of construction is likely to be accorded shortly by South Delhi Municipal Corporation.

Indian Naval Placement Agency

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10. **Skill Development of ESMs.** Various initiatives are being progressed by INPA to facilitate skill certification of naval personnel based on the skillsets acquired during their active service. The certification would be provided by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) as per National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).
11. **Skill Mapping.** Efforts are underway to assist retiring naval personnel to identify suitable job profiles/ sectors based on mapping of their skillsets, aspirations and interests. In this direction, pilot skill mapping was undertaken for 734 sailors of release batch at Naval Pension Office (NAVPEN), Mumbai in Jan 2016.
12. **Opportunity as Trainers and Assessors.** A number of vacancies exist in the posts of trainers and assessors in private sector. Interested personnel may contact INPA at telephone 011-24121687 for details.
13. **Job Fair.** A job fair was conducted at Air Force Station, Jalhalli, Bangalore on 10 Jan 16. Officials from all the three services were present at the venue for smooth conduct of the event. This offered a good opportunity to ESM to interact with the representatives of various companies and apply for jobs of their preference.
14. **Change in INPA Email Id.** The email id of INPA has changed to inpa@navy.gov.in.
15. **How to Register with INPA.** The procedure to register with INPA is given below:-
 - (a) Go to Home page (www.inpa.net.in).
 - (b) Select ‘Register now’ for new members.
 - (c) Member login page appears.
 - (d) Fill up details to create login, User ID and Password.
 - (e) Fill up the registration form. For multiple selection, press “CTRL” button and select from list. Candidates are advised to choose maximum (five) options for Job Preference and Place of Preference.

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- (f) Upload resume and photographs.
- (g) Submit.
- (h) Temporary ID and Undertaking Form will be forwarded on the email id of the applicant.

16. **Registration Charges for INPA.** Annual registration charges are as follows: -

- (a) Officers & their dependents - Rs. 150/-
- (b) Sailors & their dependents - Rs. 100/-
- (c) Widows of naval personnel - Free

“Demand Draft”/ “At Par Cheque” for the payment of registration charges is to be prepared in favour of – “**INDIAN NAVAL PLACEMENT AGENCY**” payable at **NEW DELHI.**

17. **INPA Contact Details.**

Telefax: 011-24121687
Email – inpa@navy.gov.in

18. **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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19. **Case for additional ECHS Polyclinics.** A case of eight additional polyclinics has been taken up with Central Organisation, ECHS/MoD for inclusion in Phase-III expansion of

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ECHS. These ECHS polyclinics are being planned for **Ambarnath, Navi Mumbai, Cuttack, Keonjhar, Rourkela, Baripada, Bhadrak and Chalakudy.**

20. **Empanelment of Hospitals.** Recently many reputed hospitals have been empanelled with ECHS at Mumbai/ Kochi/ Vizag. Mumbai was having shortage of empanelled hospitals. Regional Centre Mumbai has made a significant progress for empanelling hospital in Mumbai. As on date, RC Mumbai, RC Visakhapatnam and RC Kochi have 31, 25 and 72 empanelled hospitals respectively.

21. **On-Line Bill Processing.** Prior to Apr 2012, all the bill processing in ECHS was done manually and no additional manpower was authorised for the same. This resulted in a considerable amount of delay in processing and payment of hospital bills, thereby leading to some of the good/ reputed hospitals to move away from ECHS. In order to obviate the same, the Govt have sanctioned 'on-line' bill processing by a Bill Processing Agency (BPA) i.e. UTI-ITSL. Online billing has commenced in various Regional Centers w.e.f. 01 Apr 2015.

22. **Enhancement of CFA Powers for Processing of Bills by Bill Processing Agency (BPA).** Govt of India has enhanced the CFA powers for sanctioning of payments and reimbursement of medical expenses for all online processing of hospitals bills under ECHS. The enhanced CFA powers are as follows:-

- (a) Director, Regional Centers ECHS - upto Rs. 3,00,000/-
- (b) Deputy Managing Director, ECHS - upto Rs. 5,00,000/-
- (c) Managing Director, ECHS - upto Rs. 10,00,000/-
- (d) Joint Secretary, ESW - upto Rs. 25,00,000/-
- (e) Secretary, ESW - above Rs. 25,00,000/-

23. **Availability of Medicines.** Availability of medicines in ECHS Polyclinics has been a matter of concern since long. Medicines required by ECHS Polyclinics are procured by AFMSDs and SEMOs of Service Hospitals and funds for the same are made available to the Office of DGAFMS by Central Organisation ECHS. Numerous measures have been instituted to improve availability of medicines by having Rate Contracts/ Price Agreements concluded for various stations under the aegis of DGAFMS.

24. **Provision of Medical/ Dental Equipment.** The Govt has revised the scales of medical/ dental equipment authorised to ECHS Polyclinics. This includes major medical

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equipment such as X-Ray machines, auto analysers and minor medical/ dental equipment. Procurement of medical equipment has also been put on a fast track.

25. **Temporary Issue of ECHS Smart Cards.** The contract of M/s SITL for ECHS smart cards has expired on 31 May 15. The contract for new cards is likely to be awarded by 01 Jul 16. Temporary cards are being issued to the ECHS beneficiaries till then.

26. **Revised Eligibility Criteria.** Govt sanction has been accorded for bringing ECHS beneficiaries at par with that of CGHS w.e.f. 31 Oct 14. Details are as follows:-

Ser	Relationship	Criteria
(a)	Son	Till he starts earning or attains the age of 25 years, whichever is earlier
(b)	Daughter	Till she starts earning or gets married, irrespective of the age limit, whichever is earlier
(c)	Son or daughter suffering from permanent disability of any kind (physical or mental)	Irrespective of age limit
(d)	Dependent daughters divorced/ abandoned or separated from their husband/ widowed daughters and dependent sisters unmarried/ divorced/ abandoned or separated from their husband/ widowed sisters	Irrespective of age limit
(e)	Minor brother(s) who are dependent on the veteran and minor children of widowed/ separated daughters	Up to the age becoming a major

27. **Revision of Pay for Contractual Staff.** The pay for contractual staff has been revised w.e.f. 27 Nov 15 as follows:-

Ser	Category	Earlier	Revised
(a)	Officer-in-Charge Polyclinic	46,000/-	60,000/-
(b)	Medical Officer	46,000/-	60,000/-
(c)	Medical Specialist & Gynecologist	55,000/-	70,000/- (for 1st year contract appointment) 80,000/- (for 2nd year contract appointment)
(d)	Dental Officer	46,000/-	60,000/-

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28. **Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA).** Government of India has enhanced the amount of FMA from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/- w.e.f. 19 Nov 14 vide GoI MoD letter No.1(10)/2009-D(Pen/Policy) dated 05 May 15 for pensioners/ family pensioners who were not members of ECHS prior 01 Apr 03.

29. **Recent Developments.** The following developments/ improvements have taken place in the ECHS functioning:-

(a) The case for hiring of suitable building for ECHS Polyclinic at East Delhi has been taken up with Central Organisation, ECHS and Dept. of ESW/ MoD for early operationalisation of ECHS Polyclinic at East Delhi.

(b) Details of Aadhar card of ESM and their dependents have been included in the application form (Rev 2015) for ECHS Smart Card w.e.f. 01 May 2015. However, it is not a mandatory requirement.

(c) ECHS beneficiaries who are holding a valid ECHS card and are residing in districts not covered by ECHS shall be eligible to obtain treatment from Government (Central/ State/ Local Self Government) hospitals and submit the medical re-imbursment claim to the ECHS Polyclinic without obtaining referral from Polyclinic located outside their district.

(d) Govt has approved sanction for reimbursement of 'Air Travel Charges' to ECHS beneficiaries in emergency.

(e) No referrals will be issued by ECHS Polyclinics to empanelled hospital which are not online for billing w.e.f. 01 Apr 15.

(f) Dept. of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances under the guidance of PMO has developed CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) for facilitating easy lodging of a grievance by an aggrieved citizen.

(g) A total of 15 light vehicles were released for newly sanctioned Regional Centers on 04 Sep 2015.

(h) CGHS rates for cancer surgery for hospitals empanelled under CGHS has been revised w.e.f. 11 Sep 15.

(j) Central Organisation, ECHS has intimated that no approval is required for listed cardiac procedure. However, for unlisted procedure prior approval of service Cardiologist is required.

(k) AFVs (Armed Forces Veterans) who have taken up employment in Central/ State Govt/ PSUs organization have to choose one of the schemes either ECHS or CGHS.

30. **List of Documents for Re-imburement of ECHS Claims.** The following documents are to be attached for re-imburement of ECHS claim before submitting to the respective parent polyclinics:-

- (a) Contingent bill with revenue stamp and signature thereon.
- (b) Application to OIC for re-imburement.
- (c) ECHS card's photocopy.
- (d) EIR/ Referral from Reception (within 48 hours).
- (e) Emergency Certificate.
- (f) Discharge Summary.
- (g) Bills Summary.
- (h) Bill break up.
- (j) All reports (X-Ray & Lab Reports etc).
- (k) Payment Receipt.
- (l) Cancelled Cheque.
- (m) Stent Invoice, Cover & Implant Invoice (only Cardio & Ortho cases).
- (n) Drug Certificate (for Drugs/ Consumables more than Rs.1000/- per drug).

Note. All documents (Bills, Discharge Summary and Reports) to be stamped and signed by the hospital.

31. **Some Important Dos & Don'ts.**

- (a) **Dos.**
 - (i) Report to the nearest ECHS Polyclinic in case of any ailment.

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(ii) Obtain a referral before availing treatment in any empanelled hospital/facility.

(iii) Inform the nearest ECHS Polyclinic within 48 hours, if an ECHS beneficiary gets admitted to a non-empanelled facility in an **Emergency**. Conditions for emergency admissions are as under:-

- (a) Acute Cardiac conditions/ syndromes.
- (b) Vascular catastrophes.
- (c) Cerebro-Vascular accidents.
- (d) Acute respiratory emergencies.
- (e) Acute abdominal pain.
- (f) Life threatening injuries.
- (g) Acute poisoning and snake bite.
- (h) Acute endocrine emergencies.
- (j) Heat stroke and cold injuries of life threatening nature.
- (k) Acute renal failure.
- (l) Severe infections leading to life threatening situations.
- (m) Any other condition in which delay could result in loss of life or limb.

(b) **Don'ts.** Do not get treated in a non-empanelled facility without obtaining prior sanction, as grant of 'Ex Post Facto' sanction is not permissible.

32. **False declaration of Dependents.** False declaration of dependents in ECHS application will result in disqualification of ECHS membership for life and forfeiting of one time ECHS subscription deducted at the time of retirement.

33. **Grievance Redressal Mechanism.** All grievances received from veterans are being replied to, including information sought under RTI. Grievances are to be addressed through e-mail via internet and through website **pgportal.gov.in** of DoESW. In addition to the above, an Arbitration Committee has also been formed at Central Organisation ECHS to address concerns of empanelled hospitals. Grievances, if any, may be addressed to the under mentioned functionaries:-

Managing Director Central Organisation ECHS Maude Lines Delhi Cantt – 110010 Tele: 011 – 25684846, Mob: 8527794678	Director (Complaints & Legal) Central Organisation ECHS Maude Lines Delhi Cantt – 110010 Tele: 011 – 25684946 E Mail ID: jdclechs-mod@nic.in
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34. **ECHS Website.** All information regarding ECHS, including list of empanelled facilities, forms for membership and latest policies etc. are available on www.echs.gov.in.

35. **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.

36. **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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37. An interactive web-portal of KSB Sectt with domain name www.ksb.gov.in was launched by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on 11 Mar 16. Before this, the Sectt was using website of Dept of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence.

38. The web portal has complete information about various welfare schemes for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) and their dependents and workflow software for online admission of PM's Scholarship Scheme (PMSS), under which 5500 scholarships are being disbursed in every academic year to support professional degree level education of wards of ESM/ widows etc. The PMSS software has following facilities:-

- Submission of online applications by ESM/ their dependents from anywhere and anytime, using their smart phones, laptop and desktop computers etc.
- Online processing of e-applications by respective ZSBs/ RSBs, and selection of the applicants by KSB Sectt as per guidelines of the schemes.
- Generation of merit list and preparation of payment list for releasing the scholarship amounts into bank account of the applicants through RTGS/ NEFT.
- Sending intimation to applicants about submission of their applications, selection of the applicants and releasing of related payments, by auto-generated SMSs/ Emails.
- Checking/ tracking status of e-applications by the respective applicants on real time basis.

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39. **One Rank One Pension (OROP)** The Govt vide MoD letter No. 12(1)/2014/D(Pen/Policy)-Part-II dated 03 Feb 2016 has notified One Rank One Pension tables. Circular No. 555 dated 04 Feb 2016 is relevant in this regard. This circular is available on the PCDA (P), Allahabad website www.pcdapension.nic.in

40. **Officers' Pension.** All retiring officers are required to submit the following documents as per Appendix to 'Navy for Life and Beyond – Officers' on issue of retirement letter by IHQ MoD(N)/DOP:-

Ser	Name of Document	To be Forwarded to
(a)	Application for retiring pension (02 copies each). (Include contact details and Aadhaar details of self, wife and dependents) - Appendix 'B'	NAVPEN & IHQ MoD(N)/DPA
(b)	Declaration for Anticipatory/ Provisional Pension (02 copies each) – Annexure to Appendix 'B'	
(c)	Application for Commutation of pension (Part I & II) – Form of Declaration (02 copies each) – Appendix 'C'	
(d)	Nomination Form 'A' (03 copies to NAVPEN and 01 copy to IHQ MoD(N)/DPA)	
(e)	Joint Photograph with wife duly attested overleaf (03 copies to NAVPEN & 02 copies to IHQ MoD(N)/DPA)	
(f)	Copy of cancelled cheque of pension account in duplicate	
(g)	Information to be furnished by the Officer to CO/ OiC of unit eight months prior to retirement (in triplicate) – Appendix 'A'	NAVPEN
(h)	NOK/ Nomination forms along with a family photograph and a self photograph in uniform	IHQ MoD(N)/DOP

41. **Post Retirement Death Insurance Extension Scheme (PRDIES).** Insurance cover under PRDIES 1982 is provided for Rs.10 lakh to officers and Rs. 5 lakh to sailors for 30 years from the date of retirement or 75 years of age, whichever is earlier, against one time subscription of Rs. 62,100/- (for officers) and Rs. 36,000/- (for sailors).

42. **Ordinary Family Pension (OFP).** When a sailor dies while in service or after having retired with a pension, on account of a cause neither attributable to nor aggravated

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by Naval Service, the widow is entitled to the Ordinary Family Pension. In the absence of widow, eldest eligible child is granted Ordinary Family Pension. It is calculated at 30% (BP+GP+MSP+XP+CA) + DR thereon. The following is relevant regarding enhanced rate of ordinary family pension which is calculated at 50% (BP+GP+MSP+XP+CA) + DR thereon:-

- (a) In case of death in service, for a service person who has rendered 07 years of service, the enhanced rate is payable for 10 years.
- (b) In case of death as pensioner, enhanced rate is payable for 07 years from the date of death or upto the age of 67 years, whichever is earlier.

43. **Special Family Pension (SFP).** Granted to the Next of Kin when the death of the service personnel is attributable to service. It is also granted when the service pension is in receipt of disability pension and dies within a period of 07 years from the date of release/ retirement and is considered to have died of the diseases for which he was granted disability pension, if it can be so established by the competent medical authority. It is calculated at 60% of (BP+GP+MSP+XP+CA) +DR (Payable for life)

44. **Liberalized Family Pension (LFP).** Granted to the Next of Kin of the service person killed in war or war like conditions including terrorist action and battle inoculation exercises. It is calculated at 100% of (BP+GP+MSP+XP+CA) + DR (Payable for life).

45. **Pending Enquiry Award (PEA).** Upon the death of a married sailor, it takes some time for the requisite Board of Inquiry and Fatal documents to be prepared and approved by IHQ MoD(N). Hence, this award, which is equal to the rates of Ordinary Family Pension without the Dearness Relief is paid to the widow of a married sailor until the commencement of Family Pension. It is subsequently adjusted against the arrears of pension. PEA is calculated at 30% of (BP+GP+MSP+XP+CA) and the payment is made by Release Centre through Money Order/Cheque/ECS.

46. **Uploading of LPDC on NAVPAY Internet Website.** Last Pay Drawn Certificate (LPDC) giving details of Pay and Allowances last drawn by retiring Officers/ Sailors are issued and handed over to personnel at the time of retirement. The revised LPDC in case of any change in the entitlements, are also issued to the Ex-Service Men(ESM) and forwarded by post. LPDC is a vital document and is required for pay protection/ fixation, in case an individual joins any Govt Dept/ PSU. At times, the document does not reach the destination, resulting in repeated reminders/ telephonic calls from affected ESMs. To avoid such eventualities, and to overcome the administrative inconvenience to the retired Naval Personnel, all personnel retiring from 01 Jan 16 can directly download the LPDC from NAVPAY website <http://navpay.gov.in>.

47. **7th Central Pay Commission News.** The 7th Central Pay Commission had submitted its recommendation to the Government of India on 19 Nov 15. The government has set up an empowered committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary to review the

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recommendation on priority. Various concerns raised by the Defence Forces are also being looked into by the empowered committee.

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48. **Entitlement of Four Wheelers.** Entitlement of four wheelers is be under:-

Ser	Category	CC	Periodicity
(a)	Officers (Incl Retd & Widows)	3000	Once in four years
(b)	JCO Granted Honorary Commission & Equivalent (Incl Retd & Widows)	2500	Once in four years
(c)	JCO & Equivalent (Incl Retd & Widows)	2000	Once in service & once after retirement. First car after ten year of Service. Gap between purchases of two cars is to be ten years. If the late husband had purchased only one car then widow is eligible to buy one car through CSD after gap of 10 years from the date of last purchase.
(d)	OR & equivalent (Incl Retd & Widows)	1800	Once in service & once after retirement. First car after ten years of service. Gap between purchases of two cars is to be ten years. If the late husband had purchased a car each while in service/ after retirement then the widow will not be eligible to buy a car. In case late husband had purchased only one car then widow can buy one through CSD after gap of 10 years from the date of last purchase.
(e)	Civilian Officers of MoD paid out of Defence Estimates and Officers of CSD (Grade Pay RS.6600/- and above)	3000	Once in four years

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Merit Scholarship Scheme from INBA

49. Merit scholarship scheme from INBA was started from the academic year 1971-72, to promote higher education among children of serving and retired sailors. Scheme was extended for the children of serving and retired officers from the academic year 1980-81.

50. The eligibility criteria for the merit scholarship is given below.

(a) **Admissibility.**

- (i) Only first two children irrespective of number of children in family.
- (ii) Children pursuing recognised higher courses post 10+2 exams.
- (iii) Children who pass all subjects in first regular attempt and also should not have been absent in any paper without proper reason.
- (iv) Children who take admission to Graduation/ Diploma courses within two academic years after passing 10+2 or graduation as the case may be.

(b) **Minimum Marks for Consideration (Aggregate of All Subjects).**

(i) **Fresh Awards.**

	Serving/ Retired Officer's Children		Retd. Sailors Children/ Serving Sailor's Sons	
<u>Level</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Humanities</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Humanities</u>
10+2 Marks (Board) (for pursuing Graduation)	80%	75%	65%	60%
Last Exam Passed (children not meeting threshold percentage criteria for fresh award of scholarship).	65%	65%	65%	60%

Note: If a child does not meet the laid down criteria at 10+2 level then he/ she would not be eligible for the scholarship for 1st year of graduation but as soon as the child meets the requisite criteria at **any**

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level/ year of graduation or post graduation then the child will be eligible for the scholarship for next academic year.

(ii) **Continuation of Scholarship.** Those already in receipt of scholarship may apply for continuation for pursuing prospective higher courses provided they score a minimum of 60% marks in aggregate of all subjects in the last qualifying examination. In case of MBBS course 50% marks are prerequisite.

(c) **Serving Sailors' Daughters and Serving Officer's Daughter (if she is the only child in the family).** There are no minimum marks prescribed. The requirement is that they must pass all subjects of the examination in first regular attempt.

(d) **Children of Deceased Personnel (Pensioners).** Minimum of 50% marks in aggregate of all subjects is pre-requisite.

(e) Scholarship from INBA is initially tenable for the minimum duration of the graduation and thereafter for post graduation courses. A maximum of six scholarships are provided if, there is not gap in study. **The scholarship amount not availed during a particular year due to any reason what-so-ever can not be made good in the subsequent years.** Scholarships are to be renewed every year by forwarding a fresh application competed in all respects. In case the marks sheet or any other requisite documents have not been received from the University/ Institution as yet, the application must be sent to reach IHQ MoD (Navy) by the due date **i.e. 01 Nov.** The deficient documents/ certificate may be sent afterwards immediately on receipt. In no case the application shall be delayed.

51. The present rate of Merit scholarship is given below which was enhanced in the last AGM of INBA held on 12 Jun 14 at Kochi.

	Rates per annum for Serving Personnel	Rates per annum for Retired Personnel (Pensioners only)
Boarder (Hostlers)	25,000/-	20,000/-
Day Scholar	15,000/-	15,000/-

52. Every year nearly 4000 applications for scholarship are received at INBA from all over India (including retired sailors and widows). 01 Nov is the last date for the submission of the applications.

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53. Merit scholarship meeting is held every year in the month of Feb/ Mar to consider the applications for award of merit scholarship by the board of officers. A sum of about Rs. 5 to 6 crores is disbursed every year for these scholarships.

Financial Assistance from INBA to Family Members of Unmarried Officers/ Sailors Who Die in Harness

54. At present Navy run welfare schemes under the aegis of INBA for the family members of married officers and sailors who die in harness. On the similar lines, the administrators of INBA have approved the following welfare schemes from INBA to family members of unmarried officers and sailors who die in harness:-

- (a) Grant of Rs 50,000/- extended for marriage of one sister.
- (b) Re-imburement of fees for vocational course upto Rs 50,000/- to mother only on case to case basis.
- (c) Self help economic venture upto Rs 1 Lakh to mother only on case to case basis.
- (d) Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS) has been extended for two unmarried sisters with effect from Academic Year 2015-16. The eligibility criteria for the special scholarship to unmarried sister will remain same as for Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS). The same is enumerated below:-
 - (i) The Special Scholarship is admissible to sisters of unmarried officers and sailors who die in harness.
 - (ii) Special Scholarship to school/ college going sisters of unmarried officers and sailors who die in harness from Play School to Post Graduation.
 - (iii) Special Scholarship is given to those who pass all examination in first regular attempt.
 - (iv) The requirement of producing bills has been waived off upto class XII with effect from Academic Year 2015-16. However, attested bills/ receipts of expenditure need to be attached along with the prescribed application form for Graduation and Post Graduation.
 - (v) The Special Scholarship Scheme provides re-imburement of actual expenditure on education, subject to the upper ceiling as follows:-

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Class	Amount (in Rs) per annum
Play School to KG	10,000/-
I-VIII	20,000/-
IX-XII	30,000/-
Graduation	30,000/-
Post Graduation	30,000/-
Legal/ Vocational	40,000/-
Computer/ Management	50,000/-
Engineering/ Medical	75,000/-
Boarding/ Lodging	50,000/-

55. Other eligibility conditions for Special Scholarship will remain unchanged as contained in Navy Order (Special) 01/07 and IHQ MoD (N) letters issued from time to time.

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IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

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:-

<u>DIRECTORATE OF ESM AFFAIRS (DESA)</u>	
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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/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.

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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://navpay.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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