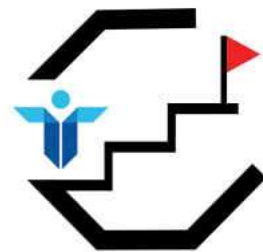


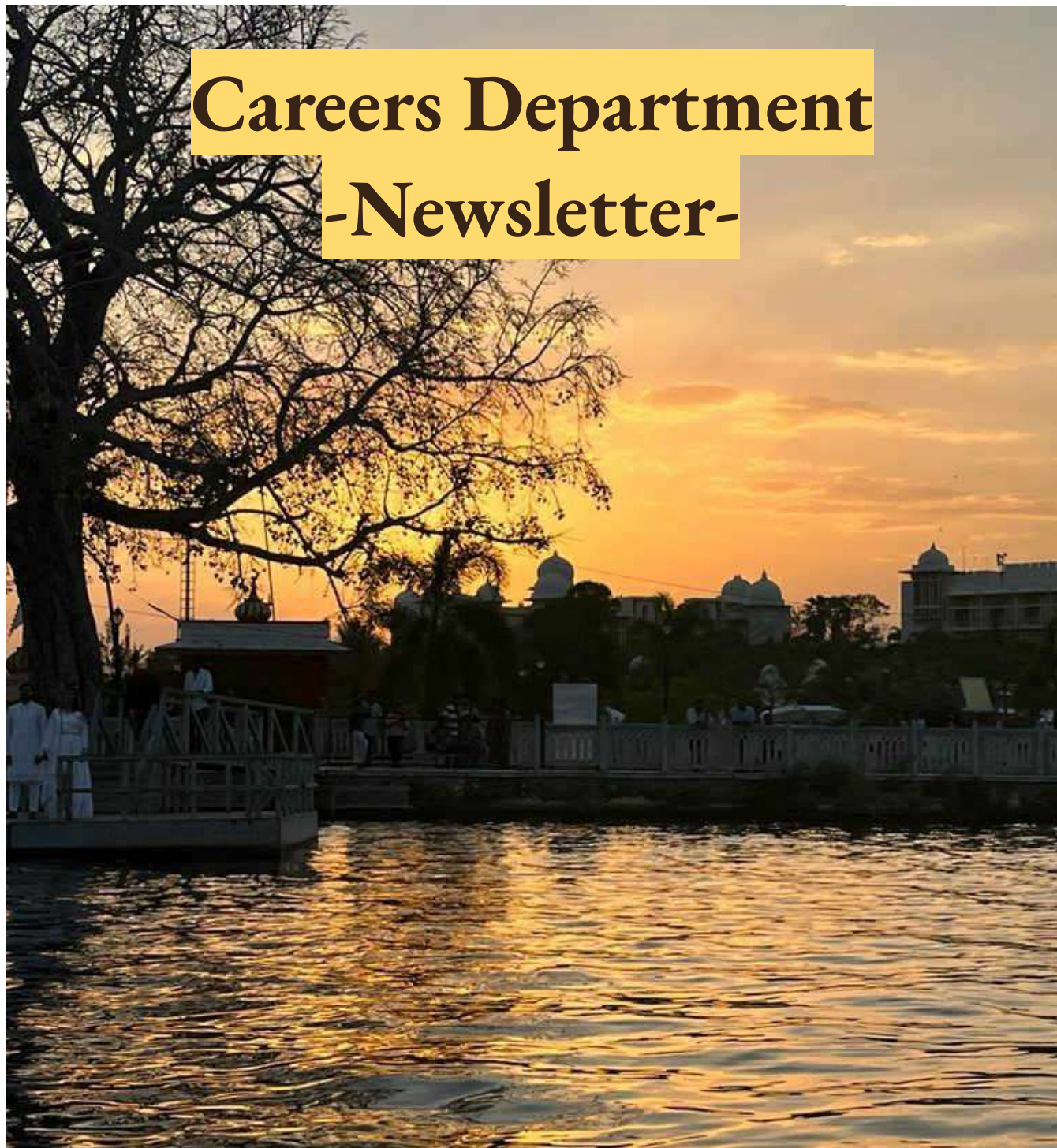


# The Next Step

Great guidance for a great future



## Careers Department -Newsletter-



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

A month of gleeful 30 days and celebrations. We present to you the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of “The Next Step”. This edition to a large extent incorporates another career option for the students. It is the responsibility of every citizen to carry out his duties and give back to the nation. Those who wish to join the Indian army and serve the nation ought not to be stopped. This newsletter contains all the information regarding the career, from ways to join the army to eligibility. This also includes information regarding the academies that provide training. At last this edition of the newsletter also accommodates links for online internships that will enhance your CV.

“A good education is a foundation for a better future.” I thank each one of you for taking the time and looking into our newsletter. We hope you will find this edition of “The Next Step” equally informative.

Editor-in-chief

Sidhi Agarwal

# CAREER OPTIONS IN THE ARMED FORCES



As we previously indicated in our Careers Newsletter, students in grades 11 and 12 are perplexed and having trouble selecting the best career path following graduation from high school. So, here we are with yet another career option for our students. All student streams have access to these dream employment alternatives. After completing their education, anyone who wants to join the Indian Army should be well-informed about the recruitment process. In order for the students to appropriately prepare for the same. This post that we have created could answer all of your questions about how to find a good career in the Ministry of Defence.

There are the following ways to join the Indian Armed Forces-



# 1. NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA)



The initial crest consisted of a sword, a quill pen, an anchor, and an eagle, symbolizing the four fields in which the Cadets received education at the National War Academy. The present Academy insignia was selected in 1948. The background is maroon, which is an apt colour of heraldry but also a symbol of chivalry and sacrifice. The crest is composed of the symbols of the three Services superimposed on each other and mounted on top of the Ashoka Capitol. The anchor supports the sword and both support the eagle. In this combined form they are no longer four separate entities but fused into one whole representing the joint Manship of the Armed Forces of India.

**Academy Motto-** The scroll or motto is fashioned on a ribbon at the base of the insignia upon which the sword hilts and the bottom of the anchor stand. The motto has been inspired and extracted from the Bhagavad Gita:

**(Karmanevadhikaraste ma phaleshu kadachina)**

(Your duty is action with no eye on the fruits it will bring)

The ideal ('nishkam karma') was put in the scroll in its English translation as 'Service Before Self'. In the fifties it was decided to do away with an **English motto and have a corresponding Sanskrit version, keeping in line with Indian culture. Thus, 'Service Before Self' was translated into 'Seva Parmo Dharm'.**

(Sources – <https://www.nda.nic.in/site-page-viewer/13>)

The National Defence Academy (NDA) exam is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) twice a year. The selection of the candidates is done on the basis of written tests, SSB interviews, and medical tests. On the basis of the candidate's performance in the above stages, the selected candidates are sent to 3 years of training.

## AFTER CLASS 12

### (a) NDA (BOYS)

Vacancies Per Course	320 (Twice a year) Army - 208 Air Force - 70 Navy - 42
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Jun and Dec, Notified by UPSC
Eligibility Criteria	
Age	16 ½ to 19½ yrs as on the first day of the month in which the course is due to commence
Qualification	12th Class of 10+2 System of Education of Equivalent for Army and with Physics and Maths for AF/Navy
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply Online on UPSC Website as per the dates given in the Notification in the months of Jun and Dec.
Likely SSB Date	Sep to Oct for Jan Course and Jan to Apr for Jul Course
Date Commencement of Training	Jan and Jul
Training Academy	NDA , Khadakwasla, Pune
Duration of Training	3 Yrs at NDA and 1 Yr at IMA

**(b) NDA (GIRLS) AFTER CLASS 12**

Vacancies Per Course	As per Notification
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Jun and Dec, Notified by UPSC
Eligibility Criteria	
Age	16 ½ to 19½ yrs as on the first day of the month in which the course is due to commence
Qualification	12 <sup>th</sup> Class of 10+2 System of Education of Equivalent for Army and with Physics and Maths for AF/Navy
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply Online on UPSC Website as per the dates given in the Notification in the months of Jun and Dec.
Likely SSB Date	Sep to Oct for Jan Course and Jan to Apr for Jul Course
Date Commencement of Training	Jan and Jul
Training Academy	NDA, Khadakwasla, Pune
Duration of Training	3 Yrs at NDA and 1 Yr at IMA

### (c) Technical Entry Scheme (TES) 10+2

Vacancies Per Course	90 (Twice a year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by DG Rtg AG's branch IHQ of MOD(Army) in May/Jun & Oct/Nov
Eligibility Criteria	
Age	16 ½ to 19½ yrs as on the first day of the month in which the course is due to commence
Qualification	10+2 Physics, Chemistry & Maths (aggregate 60% and above and appeared in JEE (Mains) for B.E/B.Tech to apply)
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply online on the Official website of DG Rtg <a href="http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in">www.joinindianarmy.nic.in</a> as Notified in the Notification.
Likely SSB Date	Aug to Oct and Feb to Apr
Date Commencement of Training	Jan and Jul
Training Academy	OTA Gaya
Duration of Training	5 Yrs (1 Yrs OTA GAYA & 4 Yrs CTWS) Permanent Commission after 4 Yrs. Phase-I- 01 Year Pre-commissioning Training at OTA Gaya & 03 Years at CME Pune/MCTE Mhow/MCEME Secunderabad Phase-II- 01 Year Post commission training at CME Pune/MCTE Mhow/MCEME Secunderabad

## 2. ENTRY SCHEMES - GRADUATION UPSC



**(a) Indian Military Academy Direct (IMA) -** The Indian Military Academy (IMA) is one of the oldest military academies in India, and trains officers for the Indian Army. Located in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, it was established in 1932 following a recommendation by a military committee set up under the chairmanship of General (later Field Marshal) Sir Philip Chetwode. From a class of 40 male cadets in 1932, IMA now has a sanctioned capacity of 1,650. Cadets undergo a training course varying between 3 and 16 months depending on entry criteria. On completion of the course at IMA cadets are permanently commissioned into the army as Lieutenants.



### **SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

The IMA cadets are required to undergo training at the academy for one year. While the graduates of a non-military college have to carry forward the training for one and a half years. The candidates who make it up to IMA are selected through various competitive exams.

There are various levels for which candidates have to prepare themselves for joining IMA. Some of the basic pre-requisite requirements for selection are Age limit, Physical and Medical requirements, etc,



If you are an Army aspirant, you need to check out the selection procedure of the Indian Military Academy Examination (IMA exam) attested below:

1. Written Examination
2. Medical Test
3. Interview

The IMA aspirants must have a degree in any discipline from a recognised university. Similar to any other force, you need to pass the entrance exam to join IMA.

Vacancies Per Course	200 (Twice a year).
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by UPSC under the aegis of CDSE in Jul and Nov
Eligibility Criteria	
Age	19 to 24 years
Qualification	Graduation from a Recognised University.
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply Online on UPSC Website as per the dates given in the Notification in the months of Jul and Nov.
Likely SSB Date	Aug / Sep and Feb / Mar
Date Commencement of Training	Jan and Jul
Training Academy	IMA, Dehradun
Duration of Training	1 ½ Years

**(b) OTA - Officers Training Academy** transforms young graduates into commissioned Officers armed with requisite military knowledge, leadership skills, and morals & ethics of highest order. It is that prestigious gateway to the Army that equips the young minds to fight & win for our country with panache, second to none. The Army is not a profession, it's a way of life.



### **SCC (Non-Tech) Officers Training Academy (Non-Technical Men)**

Vacancies Per Course	175 (Twice a year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by UPSC under the aegis of CDSE in Jul and Nov
Eligibility Criteria	
Age	19 to 25 yrs
Qualification	Graduation from a Recognised University.
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply Online on UPSC Website as per the dates given in the Notification in the months of July and Nov.
Likely SSB Date	Nov / Dec and May / Jun
Date Commencement of Training	Oct and Apr
Training Academy	OTA Chennai
Duration of Training	49 Weeks

**(c) Short Service Commission  
Non-Technical Women**



Vacancies Per Course	12 (Twice a year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by UPSC under the aegis of CDSE in July and Nov
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	
Age	19 to 25 years
Qualification	Graduation from Recognized University.
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply Online on UPSC Website as per the dates given in the Notification in the months of Juyl and Nov.
Likely SSB Date	June / July and Nov / Dec
Date Commencement of Training	Oct and Apr
Training Academy	OTA Chennai
Duration of Training	49 Weeks

# 3. ENTRY SCHEMES - GRADUATION NON UPSC



## (a) SSC (JAG) – Men

Vacancies Per Course	10(As Notified)(Twice a year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by Directorate General Recruiting / AG Branch in Jul/Aug and Jan/Feb
Eligibility Criteria	
Age	21 to 27 years
Qualification	LAW Graduate with 55% Aggregate Marks and eligibility for registration of Bar Council of India/State. In addition, the CLAT PG Score of the Preceding year is mandatory for all candidates (including LLM-qualified and LLM-appearing candidates)
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply online on the Official website of DG Rtg <a href="http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in">www.joinindianarmy.nic.in</a> as Notified in the Notification.
Likely SSB Date	Dec / Jan and Jul / Aug
Date Commencement of Training	Apr and Oct
Training Academy	OTA, Chennai
Duration of Training	49 Weeks



Age	19 to 25 years
Qualification	Graduate with 50% Aggregate marks, 2/3 Years service in NCC Senior Div Army with minimum 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam.
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply offline as Notified in the Notification through NCC Dte
Likely SSB Date	Dec / Jan and Jun / July
Date Commencement of Training	Apr and Oct
Training Academy	OTA, Chennai
Duration of Training	49 Weeks

#### **(d) NCC (SPL) Entry Women**

Vacancies Per Course	Four (Twice a year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by Directorate General Recruiting / AG Branch in June and Dec
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	
Age	19 to 25 years
Qualification	Graduate with 50% Aggregate marks, 2/3 Years service in NCC Senior Div Army with minimum 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam.
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply online as Notified in the Notification through NCC Dte.
Likely SSB Date	Dec / Jan and June / July
Date Commencement of Training	Apr and Oct
Training Academy	OTA, Chennai
Duration of Training	49 Weeks

# 4. ENTRY SCHEMES - GRADUATE TECHNICAL ENTRIES



## (a) TGC (Engineers) - Men

Vacancies Per Course	60 (As Notified) (Twice a Year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by Directorate General Recruiting / AG Branch in Mar/Apr and Sep/Oct.
Eligibility Criteria	
Age	20 to 27 years
Qualification	BE / B Tech in notified streams of Engineering
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply online on the Official website of DG Rtg <a href="http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in">www.joinindianarmy.nic.in</a> as Notified in the Notification.
Likely SSB Date	Mar / Apr and Sep / Oct
Date Commencement of Training	Jan and Jul
Training Academy	IMA, Dehradun
Duration of Training	One Year

**(b) Short Service Commission Tech (Men)**

Vacancies Per Course	100 (As Notified) (Twice a year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by Directorate General Recruiting / AG Branch in Jun / Jul and Dec/Jan
Eligibility Criteria	
Age between	20 to 27 years
Qualification	Engineering Degree in notified stream
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply online on the Official website of DG Rtg <a href="http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in">www.joinindianarmy.nic.in</a> as Notified in the Notification.
Likely SSB Date	Dec-Jan and Jun-Jul
Date Commencement of Training	Apr and Oct
Training Academy	OTA, Chennai
Duration of Training	49 Weeks

**(c) Short Service Commission (Technical) Women**

Vacancies Per Course	20 (As Notified) (Twice a year)
Notification Published in Employment News and leading Daily news Paper	Notified by Directorate General Recruiting / AG Branch in Jun / Jul and Dec/Jan



Eligibility Criteria	
Age	20 to 27 years
Qualification	Engineering Degree in the notified stream.
Marital Status	Un Married
How to Apply	Apply online on the Official website of DG Rtg www.joinindianarmy.nic.in as Notified in the Notification.
Likely SSB Date	Dec-Jan and Jun-July.
Date Commencement of Training	Apr & Oct
Training Academy	OTA Chennai
Duration of Training	49 Weeks

Sources - <https://joinindianarmy.nic.in/>

#### ONLINE INTERNSHIPS:

- (a) <https://www.oxfordscholastica.com/online-summer-school/internships/>
- (b) <https://internshala.com/internships/work-from-home-internships/>
- (c) <https://www.supros.in/s/store/courses/Internship>
- (d) <https://www.internhq.com/about-you/high-school-internships/>
- (e) <https://www.coursera.org/collections/courses-for-high-school-students>

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