

Defence Estates News

IDES Newsletter

Special Issue on the Defence Estates Day



Snippets of Celebration of Raising Day of Defence Estates Department at New Delhi



Defence Estates Day

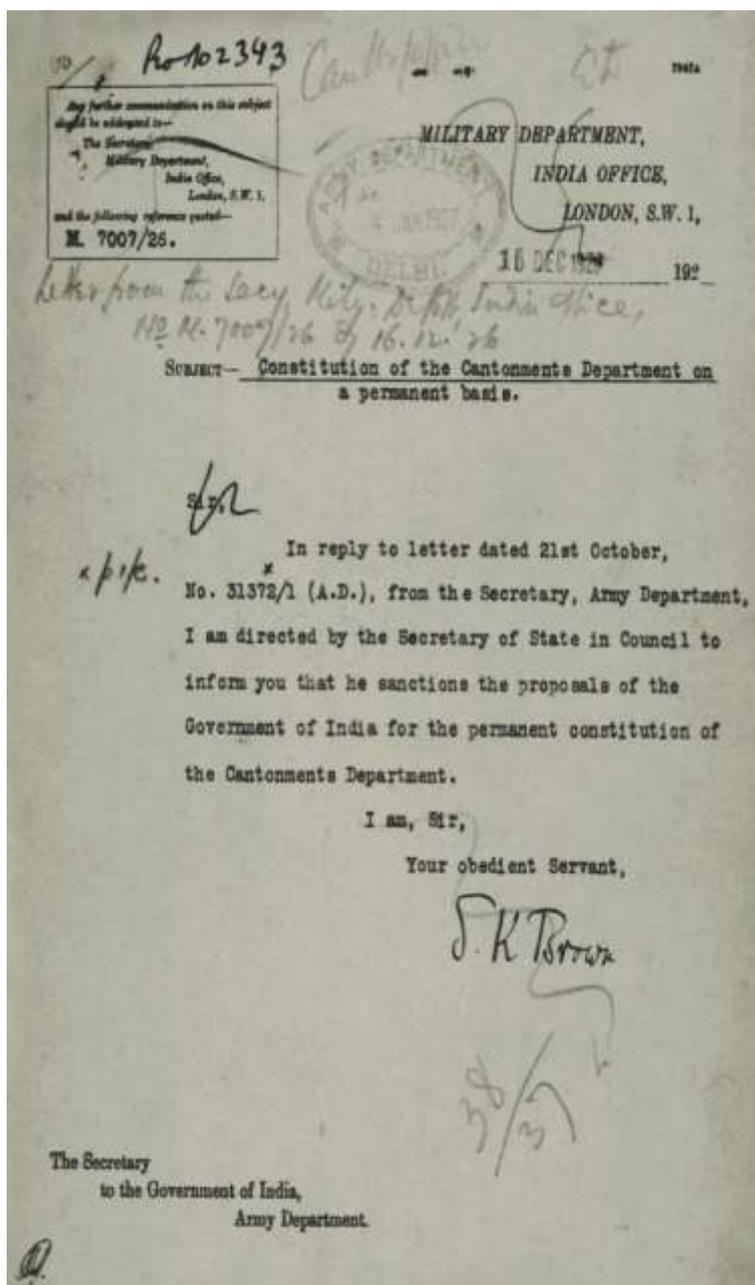
Background

The Defence Estates Organization in its present form traces its genesis to the year 1924, when the Cantonments Act was passed, followed by the enactment of the Cantonment Account Code, 1924 and the Cantonment Land Administration Rules, 1925. The legislative consolidation led to the acceptance of the hitherto ad hoc Cantonments Department as a permanent organization. Therefore, the Secretary Military Department, India Office, London vide their letter No. 7007/26 dated 16.12.1926 conveyed sanction to the constitution of the Cantonment Department on a permanent basis. This was the 1st step towards establishing a separate department (as a distinct civilian authority) for the administration of Cantonments.

Thereafter, in 1936, considering the duties laid down under the Cantonment Land Administration Rules, the Cantonments Department was re-organized into a Lands Branch and a Cantonment Executive Officers Service. Military Lands & Cantonments Service (ML&CS) was a post-Independence creation, resulting from amalgamation of the Cantonment Executive Officers Service and the Lands Branch of the Cantonments Department, the nomenclature of which was subsequently changed to Defence Lands & Cantonments Service (DL&CS) in 1977 and then to the Indian Defence Estates Service (IDES) in 1986.

In order to determine a date to celebrate the Defence Estates Day, various old records spanning the 88-year period of growth of department were studied and scrutinized. It emerges therefrom that the date of creation of a permanent Cantonments Department i.e. 16 December 1926 is the most crucial and oldest date on which the foundation of the Defence Estates Organization / Department, as it exists today comprising 62 Cantonment Boards, 37 Defence Estates Circles, 06 Directorates and the apex Directorate General, was laid.

It is felt that celebrating the Raising Day of the department would provide to its officers and staff a sense of identity and pride of being members of an eighty-eight year old organization. With this will spring an urge and a commitment to bring laurels and glory to the organization. In due course, the Defence Estates Day may become an occasion for doing an annual stocktaking of past performance and future challenges.



Defence Estates Day was celebrated with Fervour & Gaiety



Shri A.K. Antony, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri inaugurating the Defence Estates Day function at Directorate General Defence Estates, New Delhi
Directorate General Defence Estates under Ministry of Defence celebrated **Defence Estates Day** on 16th December to commemorate the creation of *Cantonments Department* (now called the **Directorate General Defence Estates**) which was established 87 years ago on 16th December, 1926. The Department has since evolved over the years from Military Lands & Cantonments Service (ML&CS) to Defence Lands & Cantonments Service (DL&CS) to the present Indian Defence Estates Service (IDES). The Department is responsible for the civic administration of Cantonments and tasks related to hiring, acquisition and management of Defence lands and custody of Defence land records.

The main function was organized in the Raksha Sampada Bhawan, the Headquarters of DGDE. Shri A K Antony, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri was the chief guest at the function which was also attended by Prof D P Agrawal, Chairman UPSC, Shri Jitendra Singh, Raksha Rajya Mantri, General Bikram Singh, Chief of Army



DGDE escorting Hon'ble RM & other dignitaries to AU&RC



A view of Dignitaries present on the occasion

Staff and senior officers of Ministry of Defence, Armed Forces and other Ministries of the Central Government. Raksha Mantri exhorted the officers of the Department to put in place effective systems to prevent, detect and remove encroachments from defence lands so that these

remain safe and available for its primary intended use. Shri Antony reiterated his concern on the issue of No Objection Certificates (NOCs). He emphasized that the officers must draw lessons from some recent cases of issuance of irregular NOCs regarding construction of buildings near defence installations wherein enquiries are going on. Ministry of Defence has issued new guidelines regarding issue of such NOCs to ensure a balance between security concerns of the forces and the right of public to undertake constructions on their land. Shri Antony emphasized that 'zero tolerance' towards corruption and malpractices should continue to be the



Hon'ble RM addressing the gathering



A view of the Audience

mantra of all concerned in the Ministry. Governance should not only be effective but it should also be honest and ethical. Speaking on the occasion, Raksha Mantri said that the role of the Defence Estates Department has always been important especially in maintaining records of defence lands spread over 17.5 lakh acres. This role has become all the more critical with the growing value of land. He said that if the responsibility of the Armed Forces is to protect the territorial borders of the Nation, then it is the duty of Defence Estates Department to protect the defence lands within the country.

Senior Officers of MoD present on the occasion

Shri Antony also stated that while municipal areas were developing at fast pace, the civil areas of Cantonments were lagging behind. He asked the IDES officers to reverse this trend and put Cantonments back on path of rapid progress and development. He assured that the Defence Ministry will give all support towards urban renewal and development of Cantonments especially the civil areas. He said that he was conscious of the need to empower the Department and its funds requirement for various projects.



Shri H S Lamba, the Oldest IDES Officer, being felicitated by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri



Shri A.K. Antony, Hon'ble RM releasing the Survey Reports of Pokharan Range



Prof. D.P. Agrawal, Chairman UPSC, addressing the gathering.

On the occasion, Raksha Mantri also released land survey reports of Pokharan range, which is the largest field firing range for armed forces and Lansdowne Cantonment.

Prof. D.P. Agrawal, Chairman UPSC, underlined the fact that despite growing attraction for brains towards multinational companies, the civil services were increasingly receiving more applications from talented persons and civil services still get the best brains. He also assured that as per time-lines devised in the UPSC, all DPC proposals for promotion are now completed



Shri Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble RRM addressing the gathering.

within 30 days which is a milestone.

Shri Jitendra Singh, Raksha Rajya Mantri stated that he was well aware about the functioning of the Department and problems faced by it. He appreciated the recent initiatives taken by the DGDE, including establishment of Archival Unit & Resource Centre. He stated that the Defence Estates Department was the public face of the Defence Ministry as the Department has to constantly deal with public and fulfill their aspirations with regard to better governance



General Bikram Singh COAS giving his address.

and improved delivery system. He urged DGDE to adopt appropriate new technologies to improve delivery systems in the fields like survey of lands, detection of encroachments, water supply, road constructions, garbage disposal and environmental upgradation. He also laid stress on improving the financial base of the Defence Estates Department and extending Centrally sponsored schemes to Cantonment areas.

General Bikram Singh, COAS, while congratulating officers of the Department expressed the hope that the Army would immensely gain from the digitization of land records undertaken by DGDE and also from land survey and audit reports. He informed that he had already issued orders to all ranks in the

Army to work jointly with all stakeholders to not only preserve and optimally utilize precious lands but also to ensure renewal of Cantonment infrastructure.

Text of Speeches Delivered by Various Dignitaries on the occasion of the Defence Estates Day

Speech of Shri A. K. Antony, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri

Prof D.PAgrawal, Chairman, UPSC
Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Jitendra Singh,
Chief of Army Staff, General Bikram Singh,
Director General Defence Estates, Shri Ravi Kant Chopra,
Officers of the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces ,
Officers and staff of the Defence Estates Department
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to be in your midst on the momentous occasion of the first Raising Day of the Defence Estates Department. Raising Day gives an organization a sense of identity, pride and uniqueness. It gives the members an occasion to come together and develop a bonding with each other. I complement the Defence Estates Department for tracing its date of birth, if I may say so and for deciding to celebrate the Raising Day every year from now on.

The role of the Defence Estates Department has always been an important and a responsible one. It maintains records of defence lands spread over 17.5 lakh acres all over the country, manage lands entrusted to them and run the civic administration of Cantonments. With the growing value of land and corresponding growth in the incidence of unauthorized occupation of land, this role has become all the more critical.

Mahatma Gandhi had once said, "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed." Government lands too have become a victim to the tendency of greed. I expect the Defence Estates Department to evolve with all the transparency and fairness at its command to put in place effective systems to prevent, detect and remove encroachments from defence land, so that this precious asset remains safe and available for its primary intended use, namely for the defence of the country.

An area of concern is the issue of No Objection Certificates. For the last few years, instances of irregular issue of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for building constructions adjacent to defence establishments have come to light. While issuing NOCs, you must draw lessons from some of the enquiries that are going on regarding malpractices. With a view to avoid such instances, the Ministry has issued guidelines for the issue of NOCs for building constructions recently. The objective of these guidelines is to strike a balance between security concerns of the forces and the right of the public to undertake construction activities on their land. I would like to reiterate that these guidelines must be complied with strictly.

The Defence Estates Organization has been asked to survey all the defence lands in the country within a time period of three years and to also digitize all the land records. The organization has undertaken these tasks, but it needs to accelerate the pace of its work. Such tasks are not one-time challenges and need to be backed up with regular follow-up. Once surveyed, the defence lands must be inspected on a regular basis to ensure that they are safe and being put to the intended use. Towards this end, the Defence Estates Department has also been entrusted with the task of land audit. I expect you all to do this work honestly, meticulously and transparently to come out with constructive suggestions on how to improve the management of defence land.

At one point of time not long ago, Cantonments used to be progressive townships, generally better maintained than the neighbouring municipal areas. However, this trend has today been reversed. While neighbouring municipal areas are developing at a fast pace, the civil areas of the Cantonments are lagging behind. I would urge the officers of the Defence Estates Service to arrest this negative trend and to put Cantonments back on the path of rapid progress and development. The Ministry of Defence will provide all the necessary support conducive to urban renewal and development. However, the onus is upon all of you to make honesty, transparency and fairness your watchwords, both in thought and day-to-day action.

I am aware that you have faced serious challenges, of late. The adverse media publicity and pressures seem to have dented the mood and morale of the officers. The Ministry of Defence has been regularly monitoring the work of Defence Estates Department and just last month, a review was carried out. Such reviews must and will be held on a regular basis. I expect you to attach high priority to the difficulties being faced by the residents of Cantonments and attend to their problems promptly, efficiently and sympathetically. You should also treat public complaints as a feedback on your administration and your staff and make concerted efforts to improve your working in this light.

During my address in July last year, I had emphasized 'zero tolerance' towards corruption and malpractices. I wish to strongly reiterate that this should continue to be your mantra. Scrutiny by public and media notwithstanding, you must scrutinize each and every action of yours on the touchstone of your conscience. Governance should not only be effective, but it should also be honest and ethical.

I am also conscious about the need to empower the Defence Estates Department. While monitoring your work, I have been emphasising on release of funds required for timely completion of projects. I am aware of the demoralization among officers due to the delay in promotions as well as shortage of staff and officers. I have asked the Director General, Defence Estates and officers in the Ministry of Defence to ensure that the promotions to officers are given on time. The pressure on defence lands requires far more scientific management systems and new challenges would require capacity-building of the highest order.

On this historic day for the Defence Estates Department, I convey my best wishes to each one of you and hope that this Day would inspire all of you to usher in a new dawn in the evolution of your organization. May this Raising Day inspire you all to set higher standards for yourself and scale newer heights. May I also add that if the responsibility of Armed Forces is to protect the territorial borders of our Nation, then it is the duty of Defence Estates Department to protect the defence lands within the country.

Thank you. Jai Hind

Speech of Gen. Bikram Singh, Chief of Army Staff

Hon'ble Raksha Mantri.
Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri.
Chairman UPSC.
Director General Defence Estates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. This day, as we all know, in addition to the raising of the Directorate General Defence Estates, also marks our astounding military victory in the 1971 war. Therefore, ladies and Gentlemen let me take this opportunity to convey the greetings and felicitations of all ranks of the IA to you all on this momentous and indeed auspicious occasion, which marks two very significant achievements and milestones in our history.
2. Dte General of Defence Estates is entrusted with the responsibility of land acquisitions and maintenance of all defence land records. Apart from looking after the management of vast tracts of defence lands and cantonment administration across the country, they also provide critical, and advisory inputs to the Defence Services in formulation of policies, rules and regulations to ensure the security and optimal utilisation of this precious resource.
3. Ever since the first cantonment was established in 1765 at Barrackpore to our present status of 62 cantonments and 229 military stations, the management of defence land and properties has been an evolutionary process. Initially vested with the Army itself, the Military lands and Cantonment service created in the 1940's graduated to the Indian Defence Estates Service in 1985.
4. Land is increasingly becoming a scarce commodity and our cantonments, which once existed in isolated hubs are today in many cases part and parcel of urban and semi urban population centres. This has in the natural process led to increased pressure on defence land and a vital need to protect them from encroachments.
5. In the recent past, defence land has increasingly come under the scanner for a variety of reasons. In the process, it has brought to the fore the need to improve and streamline our system with particular emphasis on record keeping, inventory management, mutation, boundary demarcation and security.
6. It is heartening to note that the Directorate General of Defence Estates under the aegis of Ministry of Defence has instituted a number of measures in this regard. In particular, the preparation of a digital data bank 'Raksha Bhoomi', establishment of Archival Units, scanning and microfilming of land records are some of the major steps in this direction.
7. In conjunction with the ongoing survey, demarcation and verification of defence land, we will be in a much stronger position to ensure the integrity of this precious national resource. The issue of mutation of defence land by State Govts is another area, which I am confident is being addressed by the Department.

8. As we move into the future, we need to look at maximum transparency and greater functional efficiency with foolproof eradication of the possibility of any malpractice. Towards this end, it is imperative that we improve the synergy between all Stakeholders and develop an efficient functional relationship. I have already passed directions in this regard and I am sanguine that challenges ahead will be met in a spirit of joint enterprise to achieve our common goals.
9. Once again on behalf of all ranks of the Indian Army, I wish Shri Ravi Kant Chopra and all members of Indian Defence Estate Service the very best in all their endeavors.
10. May the Directorate General of Defence Estates continue to grow from strength to strength.

Jai Hind

Speech of Shri Ravi Kant Chopra, DGDE

It is my proud privilege to welcome Hon'ble Raksha Mantri to the first-ever Defence Estates Day celebration. The illustrious political journey of Hon'ble Raksha Mantri began right from his school days. He has risen to his present eminent position from the grass-roots. En-route, he has been a member of Kerala Legislative Assembly for long years and has also been Chief Minister of Kerala. His political philosophy has a strong moral underpinning. His name has become synonymous with honesty, transparency and ethical conduct. He is a leader, who inspires and leads by personal example. Sir, we are extremely grateful to you for your gracious presence on this occasion.

Prof DP Agrawal has been Chairman, Union Public Service Commission since 16th Aug, 2008. He had joined the UPSC as a Member in Oct, 2003. Prof Agrawal did his M Tech and Ph.D from IIT, Delhi and was the Founder-Director of the Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior. He has made notable contributions as a public servant, researcher, educator and author. We welcome you, Sir, to the function and are grateful for your kind presence.

Shri Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, epitomizes youth, enthusiasm and dynamism. He has a mature head over his 41-year young shoulders. He did two terms as Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly before getting elected to the 15th Lok Sabha in 2009. He has been Minister of State for Home Affairs. On 28th Oct 2012, he took over as Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports as well as Union Minister of State for Defence. Sir, we extend a very hearty welcome to you.

General Bikram Singh, Chief of Army Staff has risen to this pinnacle after an extraordinary military career spanning over 40 years. He commanded 15 Corps as well as Eastern Command on his way to the top. He is a brilliant soldier, strategist and leader. Most of the work that Defence Estates Organisation does on ground is for the Indian Army. The presence of the Chief of Army Staff, therefore, gives us strength and support. While welcoming the Army Chief among us most heartily, I must add that the significance of the fact that Defence Estates Day coincides with the Vijay Diwas is not lost on us. I congratulate everyone present here on the historical occasion of Vijay Diwas. It is with a sense of utmost gratitude that I welcome all our esteemed guests, who have taken time out on a Sunday and come to share our happiness on the Defence Estates Day.

Friends, the Defence Estates Organisation in its present form traces its origin to the year 1924 when the Cantonments Act was passed. The ad-hoc Cantonments Department, which had been set up in its wake, was given a permanent status on 16th December, 1926, of which 86th anniversary we are celebrating today. Yes, it is our birthday today which, incidentally, we are celebrating for the first time and shall celebrate henceforth every year. The presence of such a large number of retired and serving, officers and staff of the Defence Estates Department, gives me reason to hope that this day will bring the members of the Defence Estates family closer to each other and create a bonding among them which is stronger than ever.

We hope that, in due course, the Defence Estates Day may become, apart from bonhomie and festivity, an occasion for annual stocktaking of past performance and future challenges. In that light, it may be in order for me to enunciate the Vision Statement of the Department. The vision of the Defence Estates Department is three-pronged: first, to develop Cantonments as model townships, which offer a wholesome environment and urban living to its residents; secondly, to establish a system of land management that vigorously secures defence land and ensures its optimum utilisation; and finally, to maximize satisfaction of all stakeholders, including the public, that comes in contact with the Department. It may also be timely to say that we hereby undertake to create a corps of professional and ethical work force capable of realising the vision of the Defence Estates Organisation.

Thank you.

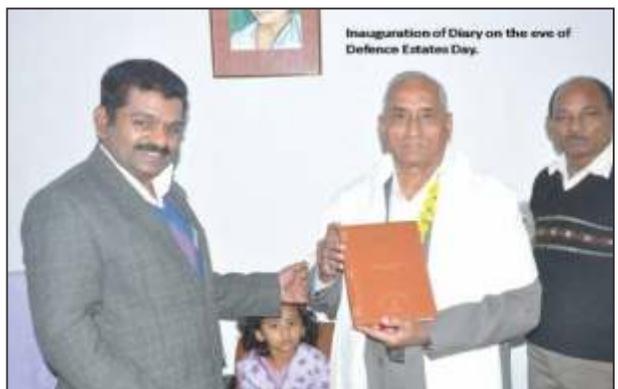
Defence Estates Day Celebrations in Central Command

Directorate of Defence Estates Central Command Lucknow and Cantonment Board Lucknow combinedly celebrated Defence Estates Day with fun, fair and gaiety. Blood donation camps were organized in which officers and staff donated blood. Drawing and singing competitions of school children were organized and prizes were distributed to winners. The retired officials of the Department were also felicitated on the occasion.



On 16.12.12 officers and staff of **DEO, Lucknow Circle** also celebrated Defence Estates day in the presence of the retired staff of the office, who were invited for the occasion.

The gathering was a pleasant blend of newly recruited youngsters and retired senior officials, who exchanged their ideas on the occasion. As part of the celebrations, a cake, which was made for the occasion, was cut. The retired officials were felicitated and a Diary to commemorate the eve was released by the senior most person amongst the retired officials. While, the Seniors made brief speech on their association and experience with the Defence Estates, the young recruits spoke about their dreams and expectations with Defence Estates organization. Mouth watering refreshments were served on the eve and the program concluded in a cheerful environment.



Chakrata Cantonment



DEFENCE ESTATES DAY', was celebrated on 16.12.2012 by the **Cantonment Board Chakrata**. Before celebration of 'Defence Estates Day', wide publicity was given by banners and pamphlets throughout the Cantonment area.

Main function was organized at Cantonment High School, Chakrata inviting all the Elected Members of the Board and general public of the Cantonment.

On this occasion a cultural programme was organized in the Cantonment High School at 1000 hours which was inaugurated by the Vice President, Cantonment Board Chakrata-A group song was sung by the students of class IX and X.



Thereafter, a Himachali Folk Dance was presented by the girls of class VIII. A poem was sung by class VII student. 'JAUNSARI FOLK DANCE' was also presented by the girls of Cantt. High School. A musical chair competition was conducted wherein students of Cantt High School participated.

At the end of the function Vice President, Cantonment Board Chakrata addressed the public. In this function Cantonment Board Chakrata staff, all the members of the Board, School children and general public took part with great enthusiasm.

Dehradun Cantonment

Defence Estates Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and positive spirit by **Cantonment Board Dehradun**. The function was held in Shaheed Durgamal Park which is opposite to Cantt. Board Office.



Mrs. Veena Maitra, former DGDE participated in the Defence Estates Day celebrations at Dehradun Cantonment Board



The Dignitaries present in the function were EX. DG Dr. (Mrs.) Veena Maitra, Shri Harbansh Kapoor, MLA (Prem Nagar Constituency), Shri Ganesh Joshi, MLA (Mussorie Constituency), Shri Guru Prasad Tiwari, Vice President Cantonment Board, other elected Members and Shri D. Madukar Naik (C.E.O Dehradun Cantt). The Staff of

the Cantonment Board Office, Hospital and School was also present in the function.

The Function started with lighting up of the lamp. This followed Speeches from the Honorable Dignitaries present. Dignitaries discussed about various issues relating to Cantonment area & also expressed their views so as to how things can be improved further in Cantonment area. Ex DG Dr. (Mrs.) Veena Maitra felicitated the retired Supervisory Staff of Dehradun Cantt. This followed a series of cultural programs by students of Shaheed Mekh Bahadur Gurung Girls Inter College and Blooming Birds. The Cultural program involved performances on songs and dances depicting Uttaranchal cultural Heritage. The Audience really enjoyed themselves. At the end of the function, a tea party was arranged for the guests, students, staff and other dignitaries.



Faizabad Cantonment

1st Rasing day of Defence Estate Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in **Faizabad Cantonment Board** office compound on 16-12-2012 (Sunday). The celebration began with the speeches by elected members and office staff this was followed by special 'Bara Khana' given by the Staff in the office compound for all the participants. Prayers were held for well being of department.



Fatehgarh Cantonment

Defence Estates Day was celebrated with great pleasure in the Cantonment Board Fatehgarh on 16th Dec, 2012.



The CEO briefed all those who were present about the day. The following programmes and activities were organized on Defence Estates day:

1. Cultural programme by Cantonment Board schools children.
2. Games:
 - Hockey Match(between Cantt Jr. High school boys),
 - Musical Chair(Female Staff of Cantt Board schools)
 - Cricket (Between Office staff and school staff)
3. Medical Camp (Free Eye and Teeth check-up camp). Prizes were given to the winners of the sports competition. Sweets were distributed to school children and all staff members.



Cantonment Board Jabalpur & DEO Jabalpur



Jabalpur: On the occasion of first Defence Estates Day, organized on 16th December, 2012 jointly by Cantonment Board Jabalpur and Defence Estates Office Jabalpur circle, a blood donation camp was organized at the Motilal Nehru Hospital. The camp was attended by CEO Shri KJS Chauhan, DEO Shri Rajeev Shrivastava, ADEO Shri A. K. Nema, RMO Dr D. K. Agarwal, LMO Dr Rupa Sarkar, members of Cantonment Board Jabalpur, Headmistresses and teachers of schools run by Cantonment Board Jabalpur along with the staff of the Board, the DEO office and Motilal Nehru Hospital. The District Civil Surgeon Jabalpur, Blood Bank Officer of Seth Govind Das Memorial District Hospital Jabalpur, Dr. Pramod Sharma also attended the camp with their team. Dr Pramod Shurma clarified the myths about blood donation and requested all to come forward for blood donation more often. Both the officers, the CEO and the DEO led from the front by donating blood themselves and exhorting others to do so on regular basis. 40 employees also donated the blood on the occasion. It was decided to make it Blood Donors' Day for Jabalpur Cantonment. On the occasion woolen cloths were distributed to the needy children under 'Pahal Scheme' run by Cantonment Board Jabalpur for slum area / non-school going children.

Lansdowne Cantonment

Lansdowne Cantonment Board celebrated the Defence Estates Day on 16th Dec 2012. The Cantonment Board staff, elected Members, ex-elected members and other citizens of the Cantonment were invited on the occasion. The Cantonment School children presented a cultural programme. The 16th December is also celebrated as "Vijay Diwas". Therefore, Col. (Retd) Y.S. Rawat, a citizen of the Cantonment, who participated in 1971 war, was invited for the occasion. A friendly "Cricket Match" was organized between Cantonment employees and others.



Mathura Cantonment

Preparatory work for celebration of this day at **Mathura** Cantonment Board was done by white washing/colour-



washing/painting of foot paths, roundels, parks and cantonment fund buildings. Lighting to the office was also done.

T-20 Cricket tournament was arranged at 0900 hours between the employees which included group D employees too. After the tournament, there was tea break followed by Cultural programme in Church road school premises. The school children, teachers, employees and ex-employees gave their performances on stage. Soon after the cultural event, CEO addressed the employees and explained about the importance of the day. Prizes/mementos were distributed to the winners/participants by the Vice-President and CEO of the Cantonment Board. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks at around 1300 Hours.

Meerut Cantonment Board & DEO Meerut



Meerut Cantonment Board celebrated Defence Estates Day on 16th December, 2012. To make the occasion memorable, an Environment Awareness Rally was organized, in which about 700 students of Cantonment Board Schools took part. An on the spot painting competition was conducted in the premises of C A B Inter College of the Board on the topics relating to environmental protection. Best three paintings were awarded with cash given prizes. Similarly, the best slogans on environment were selected and were given cash prizes. The rally was highly appreciated by the residents of the Cantonment and

was reported widely in the local press. On this day, the Citizens Charter was dedicated to the residents of Meerut Cantonment Board, which was released jointly by the Guest of Honour Dr. Harvir Sharma, an expert of Defence Studies and Shri Suresh Nagar, Defence Estates Officer, Meerut Circle.



DEO Meerut organized the following activities on the eve of the Defence Estates Day on 16.12.2012:

1. Saplings were planted in the office compound.
2. Retired staff was invited to share their experiences with the new recruits.
3. A quiz competition for the staff was organized relating to the Defence Estates Service

Ranikhet Cantonment

Dec 16th, 2012 the 1st Defence Estates Day was celebrated by **Ranikhet Cantonment Board** in the premises of its Sadar Bazar High School. On this occasion, the Board organized a campaign about benefits of “door to door garbage collection” and against use of polythene with the cooperation of students of Kendriya Vidhyala, Army Public School & Cantonment High School, Sadar Bazar, Ranikhet. A free health check-up medical camp was also organized for residents of Ranikhet on this occasion. A



number of prominent figures and dignitaries and celebrities of the station like Lt. General Dr. M.C. Bhandari, President Cantonment Board and Members of the Board etc as well as the Cantonment Staff/School Staff were invited to join the program. The President, Cantonment Board, Chief Executive Officer,

Cantonment Board delivered speeches about the importance of Defence Estate Department. A cultural program was presented by the students of Cantonment Board School which included patriotic songs, folk dances and songs based on the Kumoun culture. A sports event was also organized in which the office staff and the students of Cantonment Board School participated. Prizes were also awarded to the best performers to encourage their talents. At the end, the visitors were given refreshments. As this day is also celebrated as Vijay Diwas by Defence Forces. To commemorate the occasion, many army personnel, Cantonment Board staff as well as general public of Ranikhet participated in candle march from Gandhi Chowk to War Memorial at Somnath Ground.

Bareilly Cantonment

Bareilly Cantonment Board and office of **DEO Bareilly** jointly celebrated Defence Estates Day on 16th December wherein staff of both offices and Cantonment Board members participated. To mark the occasion, the Cantonment Board organized a free medical camp and a large number of ordinary citizens benefitted from it.



Clement Town Cantonment

Defence Estate Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and positive spirit by **Cantonment Board, Clement Town**. The function was held in Cantonment Hospital premises opposite to Cantt Board office. The Dignitaries present in the function were EX. PD – Mr. M. Nautiyal, Ex-CEO, Cantt Board, Vice President Cantonment Board, other elected Members and Shri Arvind Kumar Dwivedi, CEO, Cantt. Board, Clement Town and Staff of the Cantt. Board Office, Hospital and School.



Shri Bhupinder Singh Kandari, VicePresident, Cantt. Board presenting the flowers to Mrs & Mr. Mahavir Nautiyal, former PDDE, Southern Command



The Function started with lighting up of the lamp. This followed speeches from the Honorable Dignitaries present. Dignitaries discussed about various issues relating to Cantonment area & also expressed their views so as to how things can be improved further in

Cantonment area. All retired staffs were felicitated by Cantonment Board, Clement Town. This followed a series of annual cultural programs by students of Cantt Jr. High School and Little Scholars English medium school.

Roorkee Cantonment

Cantonment Board Roorkee celebrated the 1st Indian Defence Estates Day on 16.12.2012. On this occasion, various games were organized for the students of Cantonment Board High School as well as for the staff and members of the Board. The winners were given away prizes by **Shri Ravi Raj, Principal Director, Defence Estates, Central Command, Lucknow**, who was present in the station. A cultural programme was presented by the students of the



Cantt. Board High School which was attended by the PD, DE, PCB Brig D.V. Setia, Vice President, Elected members, senior residents of Roorkee

Cantonment area, members of School Management Committee and guardians. Solo song, group songs/ group dances were presented by the students. Shri Ravi Raj PD, DE, CC, Lucknow & Brig D.V. Setia, PCB presented the prizes to the followings during the cultural programme:-



1. Cash prizes to the participants who got the Rank/ Position in the Cantonment Board School cultural meet held at Kanpur Cantt (3-5th Nov, 2012)
2. Distributed the scholarship to the 1st / 2nd /3rd rank holders in the classes from class 1st to 9th during the session 2011-2012 by the PD,DE,CC, Lucknow
3. Prizes distributed to the students who participated in the cultural programme.

Shahjahanpur Cantonment

The following new initiatives were taken by Cantonment Board Shahjahanpur on the occasion of Defence Estates Day on 16th December, 2012

1. Inauguration of vocational training for school girls on handicraft for duration of 6 months.
2. Distribution of free school dresses for girl students of class IX of the Board's school.
3. Medical Check-up of the girls between age of 12 to 16 under 'Kishori Clinic'.
4. Dental examination was conducted by Dr. Seema Khan, Dentist, and Cantonment Dispensary.
5. For the civil public of Cantonment area free medical camp was organized wherein, Dr. MA Khan, RMO Dr. Ravimohan, Homeo Physician and Dr. Seema Khan, Dentist, checked up the patients and free medicines were distributed by the Board.
6. Hockey match was organized at Cantonment Girls High School and Trophies were distributed to winner and runner team.





Danapur Cantonment

On the occasion of Defence Estate Day (16th December) **Cantonment Board Danapur** reaffirmed its commitment towards the people by organizing three health camps (Blood Donation Camp, Eye check up and Dental camp). Celebrations were extended to the little ones by organizing a painting competition for the school children .When night fell the office building was lighted in blue to end the day with joy and hope.



Varanasi Cantonment

Varanasi Cantonment Board celebrated Defence Estates Day by organizing health check up and medicine distribution to 100 patients, blood donation camp with the help of Indian Medical Association, free cataract operations, free audiometric check up and distribution of tricycle to handicapped persons free of cost. 89 Nos. Cycles were given to class VIII to X girl students of Cantonment Board School free of cost with the help of donation given by local public.





Allahabad Cantonment

Allahabad Cantonment Board celebrated Defence Estates Day with enthusiasm and gaiety. On this occasion a free health checkup camp for diabetics, High Blood Pressure and asthma was organised at Cantonment General Hospital. Blood Donation camp and plantation of trees was also organised.



Defence Estates Day Celebrations in Southern Command

Ahmednagar Cantonment



Ahmednagar Cantonment Board celebrated the 16th Dec., 2012 as 86th Defence Estates Day. Wide publicity was made and invitations were sent to all Board Members, Dist. Collectorate office, Ahmednagar, Hon'ble MP, Hon'ble MLA, Ex-members, Sr. Citizens of the Cantt area & All Cantt Board & DEO staff for attending the function.



The summary of programme held on the occasion is as follows:

1. The function was inaugurated by Shri. Shaikh Kalim Rafique, Vice President, Cantt Board, Ahmednagar.
2. Speeches were delivered by Chief Guest, Shri. Pramod Kumar Singh, CEO and Staff (one from office, school and hospital) on the following subject : "Defence Estates Day", functions of Cantonment Board, Activities & Development in Cantonment/Defence area.
3. A cultural programme [Musical Chair & Singing (Patriotic Songs)] was arranged for the staff.
4. Prize distribution of cultural programme.

Babina Cantonment



Cantonment Board Babina celebrated Defence Estates day on 16th December, 2012 in its office premises, wherein the following activities were held:

1. All the elected and nominated members of the Board were invited on the occasion, apart from the District Authorities, like District Magistrate, SSP etc.
2. Inauguration of the programme was done by the President, Cantonment Board, Babina by cutting of ribbon.
3. All the members present were briefed about the history and

functions of Defence Estates organization.

4. All Group "C" and "D" including hospital and teaching staff as well as retired employees were invited for the occasion.
5. A cultural programme was held by the students of Cantonment Board primary school.
6. A health camp was organized by the Cantonment General Hospital for the employees and the general public. Proper arrangement of break-fast was made for the invitees, staff, school children and the general public.



Dehuroad Cantonment



Defence Estates Day was celebrated by **Dehuroad Cantonment Board** on 16th December, 2012. The inaugural function was chaired by Ms Geeta Parti, Joint Director, Defence Estates, Southern Command. All elected members of the Board were also

present at the occasion. One of the well known writer and poet Dr. Shaligram

Bhandari was also invited for the function. On this day various functions and games like, musical chair competition and best dressed competition for ladies and men were organized and small gifts were given to the winners. Tambola games and orchestra were also organized on this occasion. At the end of the function, light refreshment was served to all.



Deolali Cantonment

Cantonment Board Deolali organized the Defence Estates Day on 16th December, 2012 by organizing Inter School



Drawing/Painting Competition for school students and Blood Donation Camps at the Cantonment General Hospital. 894 students from 18 schools situated within Deolali Cantonment participated in the Inter School Drawing/Painting Competition. 4 groups of students were made and cash prizes were given to the winners. The Blood Donation Camp was

inaugurated by Brig. S. Sabharwal, President Cantonment Board. Shri T.P Karanjkar, Vice President of the Board, Brig. H. S.

Minhas, Health Officer and



SEMO, Shri Amol Jagtap, CEO and Cantonment Board members were present on the occasion. Elected members and staff of the Board donated blood. Thereafter, a get-together function was organized in the Cantonment Board office, which was attended by the President, Vice President, elected and nominated members and staff of the Board, besides the dignitaries from the town.



Kamptee Cantonment



Defence Estates Day was celebrated by **Kamptee Cantonment Board** on 16th December, 2012. Ms Promila Jaiswal, Chief Executive Officer inaugurated the day by lighting lamp in the office premises. Different sports events were organized for the staff and winners were given away prizes. Shri Sankeshav Chinnaiyya won the best employee (Safaiwala) award. Besides, a blood donation camp was organized in the Cantonment General Hospital, which was inaugurated by wife of Brigadier Satish Vasade. The camp was conducted by the doctors of Mayo Hospital. 50 persons donated blood on the occasion.



Pune Cantonment

Pune Cantonment Board celebrated Defence Estates Day on 16th December, 2012 at Mahadji High School of the Board at Wanorie Bazar. To mark the occasion, various programmes like blood donation camp, exhibition of medicinal plants, cultural programmes by staff and teachers were held. The themes highlighted in the cultural programmes were saving the girl child and unity in diversity.



Kirkee Cantonment



Inauguration of Defence Estates Day celebrations was done by Mrs. Malati Krishnakumar, former DGDE at Kirkee Cantonment Board

Kirkee Cantonment Board celebrated Defence Estates Day with fun and gaiety. Mrs. Malati Krishnakumar, retired IDES officer, graced the function. She inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp and addressing the gathering. Cultural programmes were also organized on the occasion.

Saugor Cantonment



Cantonment Board Saugor celebrated the Defence Estates Day on 16th December, 2012. On this day, Science Exhibition and Sports Meet were organized in which students of all schools of the Board participated.

St. Thomas Mount Cantonment



St Thomas Mount Cantonment Board celebrated Defence Estate Day on 16th December, 2012. The day began with a warm welcome to Vice-President, Elected member and staff of Cantt. Board. Speeches on the



importance of Defence Estates Day were delivered. Thereafter, the “Samadhan” Public Grievance redressal cell of St. Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram Cantonment was inaugurated by the Vice-president. After the inauguration a presentation with a live Demo was given on Application and effective monitoring of Public Grievance through Samadhan. To mark the weeklong Celebration, an ICDS centre at Mathias Nagar, and public distribution shop in Viswanathapuram, St Thomas mount were inaugurated in the premises provided by the Board.

Defence Estates Day celebrations in Western Command

The Defence Estates Day was celebrated on 16th December, 2012 in the **Directorate of Defence Estates, Western Command, Chandigarh** with great joy and enthusiasm. The programme was presided over by Shri Ashwani Kumar, PD DE, Western Command and was attended by other officers and staff with their family members. Addressing the



gathering, the PD brought out the challenges faced and successes achieved by the Organization. He also highlighted the conscious efforts made by the Organization ranging from the scanning and digitization of defence land records; a major shift from manual working in the offices to computerization, survey and demarcation of defence lands; creating departmental infrastructure to induction of new and highly enthusiastic team of officers, SDOs and other staff. The PD also narrated his memorable journey with

the Defence Estates Organization. He exhorted all to celebrate the Defence Estates every year with great enthusiasm. He suggested to all officers and staff to commemorate the Defence Estates Day each year by sending SMS as in the case of birthdays and festivals. Dr. J S Mahi and Shri J S Dhadwad, Directors, also addressed the gathering. On this occasion, cultural items from the staff and also their children were also presented.



The Defence Estates Day was also celebrated in all the field offices under Western Command. This included various cultural activities in their offices and schools and health camps in the hospitals.



Ambala Cantt. Board & DEO Ambala

The first Defence Estates Day was celebrated in the **Ambala Cantonment Board** office on 16th December 2012. It was attended by all staff of the office and the members of the Cantonment Board Ambala. The Vice President of the Board, Shri Virender Gandhi narrated the significance of the day. He also informed about the importance of such days in developing camaraderie amongst the members of the Defence Estates Organization. Shri Kedar Burande, CEO told that this occasion has helped in developing the esprit de corps amongst all. Such feeling of unity would definitely be helpful for delivering effective, efficient, honest and ethical governance, benefiting the common man of the Cantonment.



Similar programme was held in the office of **DEO Ambala**. It was attended by all staff of the office. The officials took part in the Defence Estates Quiz Competition held to mark this occasion. The Defence Estates Officer, Sh Kedar Burande informed the staff about the historical importance and present significance about the celebration of Defence Estates day. He also inaugurated the newly renovated 'Important Land Record Section' of the office. The DEO also unveiled the duplicated laminated volumes of MLRs for its day to day use by the staff.

Dalhousie & Bakloh Cantonments



Cantonment Board, **Dalhousie and Bakloh** jointly celebrated 16th December, 2012 as Defence Estates day in the compound of Cantonment Board Dalhousie. At 1200 hrs all the employees of both the Cantonments gathered in the premises of the Cantonment Board, Dalhousie. The Chief Executive Officer addressed all the employees about the services/functions of Defence Estates organization. The entire employees showed keen interest in knowing more about the Department. At last CEO thanked all the participants with a promise to celebrate the Defence Estates day next year on same day i.e. 16.12.2013.

Jalandhar Cantonment

In **Jalandhar Cantonment Board** a series of functions were organized for celebration of Defence Estates Day. The celebration started with a 'clean cantonment green cantonment' drive wherein tree plantation was carried out on 13/12/2012. On 14/12/2012, a small function was organized in "SPARSH" treatment centre for special children in



Cantonment General Hospital where sweets were distributed to the special children. Meritorious girl students were honoured in a function organized in Cantonment Board Girls Senior Secondary School on 15/12/2012 and finally on 16/12/2012 a function was organized in Cantonment Board Office where a quiz competition was held and prizes distributed to the winners.



Jammu Cantonment Board celebrated the Defence Estates Day on the 16th December 2012. Wide publicity was done about the day by sending invitations to public through advertisements published in two local newspapers Daily Excelsior and Amar Ujala. Sh. R P Singh, **Principal Director Defence Estates, Northern Command** was the Chief Guest in the function which was presided over by Ch. Shamsher Singh, Vice President, Cantonment Board Jammu. People from different walks of life, like ward members, ex-employees, public in general, Journalists from print media, T V channels as well as staff of Cantonment Board, DEO staff and staff of Directorate Defence Estates, Northern Command were present. The main function was

organized at G B Pant Cantonment General Hospital where 13 new laboratory tests have been added in addition to existing tests already done in Laboratory of the Cantonment General Hospital. All laboratory tests were made available free of cost to public on 16th December 2012. The Chief Guest congratulated all the participants and apprised about the setup of Defence Estates Organization and its functions. All Elected Members and distinguished guests were provided with Mementos. Quilts were distributed to the poor on the occasion. Cantonment Board building and G B Pant Cantonment General Hospital buildings were decorated with lights. The function was widely covered in the print and electronic media.



IDES News

- The Indian Defence Estates Service (IDES) Group 'A' Recruitment Rules 2013 have been notified vide SRO No. 7 dated 17th January 2013. These rules replace the IDES Group 'A' Rules 1985.
- Shri Rahul Dua, IDES (1983) has been appointed as Joint Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat.
- Shri D. Madhukar Naik, IDES, (2002) has been appointed as PS to Shri P. Balram Naik, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- Shri Rakesh Mittal, IDES (1995) has been appointed as Director in Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Shri Valeti Prem Chand, IDES(1994) has been appointed as Director in Ministry of Commerce.
- Shri Jagtap Rajendra Chandrakant, IDES (2001) has gone on deputation to the Pune Municipal Corporation as Additional Commissioner.

News from NIDEM

New Entrants in IDES



Shri M. Venkat Narsimha Reddy joined IDES on 15th Oct, 2012. He has done M.Tech in Biotechnology from IIT Madras. Before joining IDES, he worked as a Business Analyst in private sector. He is fond of reading.



Shri Abhishek Mani Tripathi joined IDES on 18th Sept, 2012. He is B.Tech in Electronics & Communication. He worked for 2 years as Chip Designer Engineer in a private engineering company at Bangalore. He is interested in reading books, cricket and lawn tennis.



Shri Vikash Kumar joined IDES on 20th Sept, 2012. He is M.Sc.(Chemistry), NET, B.Ed., M.A.(English Literature). He worked in Rajasthan Govt. and has also been a teacher. He is fond of travelling and reading.



Shri Vineet Kumar joined IDES on 01st Nov, 2012. He is B. E. in Electronics and Communication. Before joining the service he worked for 8 years in BHEL. He is fond of watching movies and walking.



Shri Veera Venkata Rakesh Reddy P joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. He has done B.Tech. (ECE). Before joining IDES he worked in Satyam computers and Samsung India Electronics Ltd. His hobbies are reading books and watching documentaries.



Shri B. Ajith Reddy joined IDES on 14th Dec, 2012. He is B. Tech from IIT Madras. Before joining IDES, he worked as a Trade Analyst in private sector. He takes keen interest in reading nonfiction, watching movies and trekking.



Ms. Divya Shivram joined IDES on 24th Dec, 2012. She is B.Tech in Electronics & Communication. Reading Upanishads and other spiritual texts, learning languages and cultures and Pot Painting are her favourite past-time apart from singing and listening to music.



Shri Harish Verma P. joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. He has done B. Sc.(Visual Communication) and M. A. (International Relations). His hobbies include writing poems, reading books, photography and playing badminton.



Shri Sakthi Ganesan S joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. He has done B.E. (Automobile) and M.A. in Public Administration. He has worked in Infosys for 1 year. He is fond of body building , playing cricket and reading books.



Shri Abhijeet Sanap joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. He is B.E. in Electrical Engineering. Before joining IDES he worked for Reliance Industries. He is fond of travelling and reading.



Shri Pawar Vilas Harishchandra joined IDES on 31st Dec, 2012. He has done B.E. (Mechanical) and has worked for 2 years in private sector before joining IDES. His hobbies are playing chess and cricket.



Shri Harsha H. E. joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. He is B. Tech in Electronics & Communication. Before joining IDES he worked as Software Engineer for 8 years in private sector. He is fond of writing short stories.



Shri Ajay Kumar joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. He is B. Tech. in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur. He worked for more than five years in different field of Software, Finance, and Teaching. His interests are watching movies, stock market.



Shri Varun Kalia joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. He is B. E. in Computer Science. His hobbies include cooking, playing guitar and keyboard.



Ms. Lalrinpuii Hrahsel joined IDES on 17th Dec, 2012. She has done M.A. in International Relations. Before joining IDES she worked briefly as Sub Deputy Commissioner in Govt. of Mizoram. She is fond of trekking and reading.

DEN accords a warm welcome to the new entrants to the IDES fraternity

Training Courses conducted by NIDEM

National Institute of Defence Estates Management (NIDEM) is a premier institute for training of IDES officers and staff of Defence Estates Organization. Following courses have been conducted / arranged by NIDEM during 2012-2013:

COURSES CONDUCTED SO FAR DURING THE YEAR 2012-13

Sl.No.	Name of the Course	Duration	No. of Participants	Category of Participants
1.	Training Course on “Electronic Total Station”	16 th to 20 th April 2012	14	SDOs of DEO Offices
2.	Training Course on “Electronic Total Station”	23 rd to 27 th April 2012	16	SDOs of DEO Offices
3.	Training Course on Alfresco and Document Management System	1 st to 2 nd August 2012	14	DEOs/CEOs
4.	Course on “Establishment Rules”	10 th to 12 th September 2012	21	OSs / TAs /UDCs of Defence Estates Organization
5.	Training Course on “Reservation in services for SCs/STs/OBCs	3 rd to 5 th October 2012	32	CEOs and Dealing Assistant of Cantonment Boards / Directorates
6.	Training on Survey Technology at IIT Roorkee	8 th to 18 th October 2012	19	SDOs of DEO Offices
7.	Training Course on “Administrative Vigilance and Disciplinary Proceedings”	10 th to 12 th October 2012	17	IDES Officers Group ‘A’ working as CEOs & DEOs
8.	Vertical Mix Programme for IDES Officers	3 rd and 4 th January, 2013	21	CEOs/DEOs/Officers of Directorate from Junior Middle and Senior levels
9.	Orientation Course for CEOs (Probationers) and ADEOs (1 st Batch)	7 th to 25 th January, 2013	10	CEO (Probationers) and ADEOs
10.	Training Course of Survey Technology at IISM Hyderabad	9 th January 2013 to 16 th May, 2013	35	SDOs (Grade III & II)
11.	Orientation Course for CEOs (Probationers) and ADEOs (2 nd Batch)	28 th January to 14 th February	12	CEO (Probationers) and ADEOs
12.	Training Course on “Administrative Vigilance and Disciplinary Proceedings”	19 th to 21 st February, 2013	14	IDES Officers Group ‘B’ working as CEOs & DEOs
13.	Course of Financial Rules for Heads of Department	25 th to 27 th February, 2013	28	13 CEOs, DEOs and officers from Directorates/DG DE and 15 Probationers of 2012 batch.
14.	Training Course on Right to Information	4 th to 5 th March, 2013	17	Public Information Officers of DE Organization (DEOs officers and DE Directorates)
15.	Training Programme on Pension and Other retirement Benefits	7 th to 8 th March, 2013	20	Dealing Assistants of DE organization

Obituaries



Shri S. S. Grewal
(1966 - 2012)

Dear Colleagues,

This is to share my deep anguish and sorrow at the sad and untimely demise of Shri S S Grewal, IDES : 1990. The Indian Defence Estates Service has lost a brilliant officer an exceptional human being and a member of the IDES family.

Shri Grewal was a well educated and finely groomed person. He studied in the Bishop Cotton School, Shimla and Guru Nanak Public School, Ludhiana, where he was adjudged the best athlete in 1980 and was also the School Prefect (1980-81). In his graduation course, for which he studied in the Govt College, Ludhiana, he topped the batch of 1985. A keen sportsman, Shri Grewal represented his State (Punjab) as the Captain in National Softball Championship. Before joining the service he also graduated in Law from Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Shri Grewal joined IDES on 27.08.1990. He had a wide and varied experience in service. He was a professional of impeccable integrity and an acute sense of rectitude. The sudden and unexpected death of Shri Grewal at the young age of 46 has come as a shock to all of us. His loss to the Department is permanent and irreplaceable. Shri Grewal is survived by his wife and two children. He has also left behind his doting parents and other family members & relatives, in immense grief.

Let us all, in our moments of personal grief, spare a thought for the bereaved family and pray that they get the strength to suffer this irreparable loss. Defence Estates Service has lost a brilliant officer, an exceptional human being and a member of the IDES family.

Director General Defence Estates



Shri K. Raghunathan
(1925-2012)

Dear Colleagues,

This is to share my grief at the sad demise of Shri K Raghunathan, Ex Director General, Defence Lands & Cantonments. Shri Raghunathan joined service on 17th September, 1945. An officer of the pre-Independence era, he passed away on 14th August, 2012 at Mumbai at the age of 87.

Shri Raghunathan will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. He was an able administrator and a trusted colleague. Shri Raghunathan is survived by his wife Smt. R Padma, children, K R Sridhar, R Nand Kumar, Mala & Barath Rengarajan and grandchildren, Nisha and Nitin.

May the Almighty bestow upon the bereaved family the strength to bear this loss, which we all share with them.

Director General Defence Estates



Shri Rajeshwar Ram
(1946 – 2012)

Dear Colleagues,

This is to share my grief at the sad demise of Shri Rajeshwar Ram, Assistant Defence Estates Officer (Retd.), on 23rd August, 2012. Shri Ram joined the Defence Estates Organisation on 16.12.1970 as an SDO in the Office of Military Estates Officer, Siliguri Circle. He retired on 31.07.2006 from the Directorate General, Defence Estates.

His contributions to the Department, during his career of more than 35 years, were many and varied. Even after his retirement, Shri Ram continued with his dedicated and selfless service to this Organisation, which can never be forgotten. An industrious and trusted worker, he was always held in high esteem by his colleagues.

May the Almighty bestow upon the bereaved family the strength to bear this loss, which we all share with them.

Director General Defence Estaes



Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma
(1958-2012)

Dear Colleagues,

The Defence Estates family lost another member on 22 December, 2012. First we lost S.S. Grewal (Gary) in July, 2012 and now Sunil Kumar Sharma. It was difficult to come to terms with this shocking event, one tragedy after the other. You all must have felt the same way. He was only 55 years old, and had so many responsibilities to fulfil.

His departure for the heavenly abode has left a huge gap in the lives of those who were connected with him, whether in his family or in profession. Words fail me in condoling his death. I can only pray to God to give strength to his immediate family as well as the Defence Estates family to bear this irreparable loss.

Director General Defence Estaes



Front View of “Raksha Sampada Bhawan” - Directorate General Defence Estates

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