

## BSA NEWS LETTER 01/2023-2024

1. Last News Letter 04/2022-23 was issued on 04 May 2023.
2. Present strength of members who have paid life membership fees, as on 11 Jul 2023 is as under:

(a)	Offrs	1,847
(b)	JCOs and OR	<u>52,445</u>
	Total Members	<u>54,292</u>

### BSA Activities.

3. **68<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting.** This was held on 20 May 2023. The minutes of the same have been uploaded on the BSA website and the ESM Whats Apps Gp. Minutes of meeting have also been promulgated to all veteran Offrs through the Gp Adjt Email group. Copies of minutes have also been sent to all Bombay Sapper units through AWAN & by post.

4. **Welfare Schemes.** Details of funds spent on various welfare schemes and other welfare measures, in this financial year i.e. Apr 2023 to Jun 2023 are as under: -

Sr No	Scheme/ Grant	Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs)
(a)	Edn Scholarship	-	0.00
(b)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	-	0.00
(c)	Distress Grant	01 ESMs, 01 Serving, 01 Widow	60,000/-
(d)	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant	01 Serving	10,000/-
(e)	Imdt Grant to widow/NOK	10 x Widows / NOK	1,00,000/-
(f)	Marriage of Widows Daughter	01 x Widows	25,000/-
(g)	Grant for Professional Course	04 x Children (Awardees of previous years)	40,000/-
(h)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	03 x Children (Awardees of previous years)	75,000/-
(j)	Col Kumar Scholarship	-	0.00
(k)	Felicitation of Children who join NDA / IMA / OTA	-	0.00
(l)	Aid to GBA	-	0.00
(m)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	-	0.00
(n)	Subsidy of FORCE Course participants	-	0.00
(o)	Grant to Sapper Sarais	-	0.00
		<b>Total Rs</b>	<b>3,10,000/-</b>

5. **Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant Scheme.** This new scheme has been started from this year. Maj R Dave (Retd), son of Late Lt Col AS Dave (both Bombay Sappers) has donated an amount of Rs 10 Lacs which have been invested in FDs. An amount of Rs 65000/- will be available as interest every year, which will be used to fund this scheme. The existing BSA distress grant scheme gives only Rs 20,000/- as a one time grant to persons applying for Fin assistance. However, there are cases who may require additional help. Hence such cases will be given additional financial assistance

from the amount of Rs 65000/- available every year. No separate applications are required to be made for this scheme. The additional amount to be given will be decided by the Board of Offrs while considering cases for grants to be given from existing BSA Distress Grant scheme. SOP of this scheme has been uploaded on our website and also promulgated to units through AWAN and ESM whats app group and the email group of veteran officers.

6. **BSA membership to Agniveers**. It has been decided after due deliberations that Agniveers will not be offered life membership of BSA. They will be offered Ordinary Membership which will be valid till the end of their tenure as Agniveers. There will be no compulsion for Agniveers to accept this membership. All Agniveers who will be permanently absorbed in Bombay Sappers will be then made life members of BSA.

7. **Investment of BSA Funds in Non-Banking Finance Companies and Mutual Funds**. It was decided in the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM that we will be investing our funds in NBFC and MFs after getting due approval from the Charity Commissioner. BSA has received the ruling from the Charity Commissioner on the subject and now Rs 82 lacs have been invested by withdrawing the amount from our Fixed Deposits with SBI. This will enable us to get higher returns on our investments.

8. **Reminder of last dates of applications for our educational scholarship schemes**. A letter has been sent to all units and also sent on whats app group to ESMs giving the last dates of applications for our various schemes. These are as under:

Ser	Name of BSA Scheme	Last date of receipt of application	Remarks
1	Education Scholarship scheme	31 Aug 2023	
2.	Education Grant to the Children of widows	15 Sept 2023	
3.	Grant for Professional Courses	15Sept 2023	See note below *

***Note: Last Date for Submission of applications will be postponed if Admission Process of Engineering and Medical colleges get delayed. Please ring up BSA Office on tele no 8237004424 before sending application form.***

9. **FORCE Course** BEG & Centre has signed an MOU with AWPO and started a FORCE course which helps retiring persons to get knowledge of competitive exams being held for various govt appointments and other appointments in Banks etc. They are given three months training to prepare for this exam and also given help to apply for these jobs even after completion of this course. The course is conducted by professionals from outside. The cost to the individual is about Rs 30,000/- out of which BSA will now pay Rs 5000/- to members of BSA, wef April 2023. Latest course is presently running in Adm Bn BEG & Centre

### **Performance of Bombay Sappers in Sports: -**

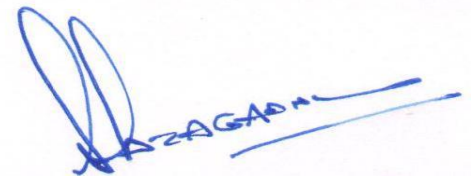
10. **Gymnastics Aerobic Sr National Championship 2022-23**. Gymnastics Aerobic Sr National Championship 2022-23 was held at Bangalore from 29-31 Mar 2023. The following players of Group Gymnastics Team participated and won the medals as mentioned below:-

Ser No	Rank	Name	Medal	Remarks
(a)	Nk	Sandeep Chand Ramola	02 x Gold	
(b)	Nk	Saroj Kumar Prajapati	Gold	
(c)	Spr	Anikate Chakraborty	Gold	
(d)	Spr	Rommya Majumder	Gold	

11. **World Cup Archery Stage-I 2023** World Cup Archery Stage-I 2023 was held at Antalya, Turkey wef 18-23 Apr 2023. Hav B Dhiraj of this Centre participated in the sub event and won 01 Bronze in individual event and 01 Silver in Team event.

12. **World Rowing Cup 1 2023.** World Rowing Cup 2023 was held at Zagreb, Croatia wef 03-07 May. The following players of this Centre participated in the sub event: -

<b><u>S No</u></b>	<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Medal/Posn</u></b>
(a)	Hav	Punit Kumar	4 <sup>th</sup> Posn
(b)	Spr	Vipul Ghurde	6 <sup>th</sup> Posn
(c)	Spr	Ankit Kasanya	6 <sup>th</sup> Posn



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