

BSA NEWS LETTER 03/2021-2022

1. Last News Letter 02/2021-22 was issued on 04 Oct 2021.
2. Present strength of members who have paid life membership fees, as on 31 Dec 2021 is as under:

(a)	Offrs	1,769
(b)	JCOs and OR	<u>50,367</u>
	Total members	<u>52,136</u>

BSA Activities

3. **62nd Management Committee Meeting.** This was held on 30th Jul 2021. 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 Activities.** Details of funds spent on various welfare schemes and other welfare measures, in this financial year i.e. Apr 2021 to Dec 2021:-

Sr No	Scheme/ Grant	Beneficiaries	Amount
(a)	Edn Scholarship	48 JCOs and 157 ORs	2,06,400/-
(b)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	87 Widows and 159 Children	5,53,800/-
(c)	Distress Grant	05 ESMs, 04 Serving and 02 Widows	1,10,000/-
(b)	Imdt Grant to widow/NOK	30 x Widows / NOK	3,00,000/-
(c)	Marriage of Widows Daughter	Seven widows	1,75,000/-
(d)	Grant for Professional Course	16 x Child (Awardees of previous year)	1,60,000/-
(e)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	04 x Child (Awardees of previous year)	1,00,000/-
		Total	16,05,200/-

5. **Scholarship schemes of BSA.** Considering that results of all exams and competitive test have been delayed due to the prevailing conditions, it was decided to extend the dates of submission for our BSA scholarship schemes. Last dates of submission of applications for our schemes were extended as under :-
 - a) BSA Children Education Scholarship Scheme: Extended to 31Oct 2021.
 - b) Education grant for children of widows (EGCW): Extended up to 31Oct 2021.
 - c) Grant for Professional Courses Scheme: Extended up to 31Dec 2021(May be Extended further)

6. Boards for Children Education scheme and EGCW were held and Scholarships/Grants disbursed in Nov 2021, as per details given at para 4 (a) &4(b) above. The admissions for Professional courses are still in progress this year, hence dates for the scheme will be further extended.

7. **Col Kumar Scholarship.** This is a new Scholarship scheme instituted from this year. This scheme will run concurrently with the 'Grant for Professional Courses Scheme' and no separate applications are reqd. Applications of students pursuing 4 yr BE /BTech course and who have qualified for Advance JEE will be considered and one student will be selected for this scholarship of Rs 96000/- . The amount will be paid in four yearly installments of 24000/- . The Scholarship has been instituted by Col Vijay Kumar (Retd). He has donated a sum of Rs 17.8 Lacs which has been invested in FDs and the interest earned will be used to fund this scholarship.

8. **Felicitation of Children who join NDA / IMA / OTA etc for a pre-commission training.** It was decided, in the 62nd MCM that BSA will felicitate all children of our members who join above institutes, with a letter of felicitation and a cheque of Rs 5000/-. The aim is to encourage and motivate children of our members to join the armed forces as commissioned officers. One child who has joined the 145th NDA course has been felicitated recently.

9. **Information about demise of Bombay Sapper ESM.** Complete information about demise of ESMs is not available with record as well as BSA. Also a no of ESMs have expired during the recent pandemic. Hence efforts are being made to collect information about the same through an appeal on our website and through our ESM whats app group. All Bombay Sappers are again requested to send info about death of our Bombay Sappers ESMs known to them, giving details of widow/NOK and present address. BSA will then get in touch with them and firstly assist them in getting their pension started, (if not yet started) and provide any other reqd assistance. Information of BSA schemes like EGCW and other schemes will be sent to them, so that they can avail the benefits in future.

10. **Talk on BSA to Recruits.** It was decided during the 62nd MCM, that a talk on BSA giving details of its inception, aim and objectives as well as info about various schemes run by BSA will be given to all recruits on completion of their basic training. Those recruits who have already finished their trade training will be given this talk just before they are ready join their units, on completion of their training at the Centre. The talk is given by Brig SR Mazagaonkar, Director, BSA. 11 Nos of talks were given.

News from BEG & Centre

11. **Rajouri JCOs Institute (RJI).** This facility has been started in the erstwhile BEG & Centre JCOs mess bldg. The institute will provide social and recreational facilities to both serving as well as veteran JCOs of Bombay Sappers and their families. JCOs on becoming a member is reqd to pay a nominal refundable deposit of Rs 1000/- and a monthly subscription of Rs 200/-.The premises of the institute are also available to members for hosting private functions.

Performance of Bombay Sappers in Sports

12. **50th World Artistic Gymnastics Championship:-** Hav Yogeshwar Singh was selected to participate in 50th World Artistic Gymnastics championship which was held from 18 to 24 Oct 2021.

13. **5th Central south Asian Gymnastics Championship:-** Hav Debang Day was selected to participate in 5th Central South Asian Artistic gymnastics championship which was held from 26 to 31 Oct 2021 at Dhaka and he Won Gold medal.

14. **1st National Fin Swimming Championship 2021:-** 1st National fin Swimming Championship was held at Goa from 19-21 Nov 2021. Gp Swimming Team participated in the championship and won 14 x Gold, 09x Silver & four Bronze medals in the championship.

15. **64th National Shooting Championship:-** 64th National Shooting Championship was held at New Delhi from 18 Nov to 06 Dec 2021. Sub Gurpreet Singh of Gp Shooting team participated in the championship and won 01 x Silver medal and 01 x Bronze medal and Rect Ajinkya Chavan won silver medal in 50mtr Pistol event.

16. **Asian Rowing Championship 2021:-** Asian Rowing Championship was held at Bangkok, Thailand wef 06-13 Dec 2021. Hav Bittu Singh, Hav Jakar Khan, Hav Gurmeet Singh & Punit of gp Rowing team were participated and won 02 x Silver medal in Asian Rowing Championship.

17. **Hero Men's Asian Hockey Champions trophy 2021:-** Nb Sub Suraj Karkera of Gp Hockey team is selected in Men's Indian Hockey team for Asian Champions trophy 2021, This was held at Dhaka, Bangladesh wef 14-22 Dec 2021. Nb Sub Suraj Karkera was adjudged as best goalkeeper in the championship.

18. **Medals Tally:-** The total medal tally of BEG & Centre for past two yrs is given as under:-

Yr	Medal	Inter-national	National	Services	Army	Comd	Area	Total
2020	Gold	-	10	01	-	01	-	12
	Silver	-	07	-	-	01	-	08
	Bronze	-	03	-	-	-	-	03
	Total	-	20	01	-	02	-	23
2021	Gold	02	10	07	-	01	-	21
	Silver	03	07	18	01	02	-	31
	Bronze	02	03	06	-	-	-	11
	Total	07	20	31	01	03	01	63



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