



# AIR VETERANS' NEWS LETTER

## AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION, ODISHA BRANCH

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#### **THINK IT OVER**

**"HAPPINESS IS WHEN WHAT YOU THINK, WHAT YOU SAY, AND  
WHAT YOU DO ARE IN HARMONY."**

#### **MESSAGE TO ALL AIR VETERANS**

All veterans should check whether the name of their spouse in PPOs is matching with the name in Aadhar Card, PAN Card and Bank Account. In case of mismatch, Veterans may contact this office to know the procedure for carrying out corrections in service documents. This office has noticed mismatch in the names of spouses of some of our Air Veterans who had passed away. This had lead to avoidable hardships to their widows. This is an avoidable hardship. Veterans, who do not want to leave their family in financial distress on their demise, may please check/re-check that there is no mismatch in the names of their spouse in the PPO and other financial documents.

#### **AFA ODISHA BRANCH WELCOMES INCOMING MEMBER**

AFA Odisha branch welcomes the newly added under mentioned Air Veterans for becoming life member of AFA Odisha Corpus in the month of Nov 2025.

SL NO.	RANK	NAME	AFA LM NO.
1.	SGT	Gouri Shankar Pati	93187
2.	SGT	Dillip Kumar Mantry	28581
3.	SGT	Ranjan Kumar Sahoo	98271
4.	SGT	Kelu Charan Ranasingh	100177
5.	JWO	Pabitra Kumar Debata	100856
6.	SGT	Jibana Nanda Ray	87806
7.	JWO	Jogesh Chandra Lenka	99293

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### **A DAY OF HONOUR, CAMARADERIE AND COMMITMENT AT AFA ODISHA'S ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION**

The [Air Force Association Odisha](#) Branch successfully concluded its grand Annual Day Celebration on 16 November 2025, bringing together approximately 600 Air Veterans and their families at Jhumka Eco Park, Bhubaneswar. The spirit of 'Service Before Self' was palpable.

We began the proceedings by observing two minutes of silence to solemnly remember and honour the departed souls of our esteemed Air Warriors and their family members. Their legacy continues to inspire us.

#### **Honoring the Legacy:**

- Felicitation of our esteemed Veer Naris and Octogenarian/Nonagenarian members.
- Institution of the special 'Nari Shakti' category to recognize the extraordinary resilience of the wives of deceased veterans.
- Honouring select Veteran Achievers for their post-service contributions to society.

#### **Strategic Partnerships & Welfare:**

- Critical administrative support provided by officials from DAV and PCDA offering on-the-spot resolution for pension and administrative issues.
- Huge thanks to our co-sponsor, [Heritage Foods Ltd.](#), for not only supporting the event but also offering meaningful self-employment opportunities to our Air Veterans. This initiative is crucial for successful second career transitions!
- Tripartite MoU with [BRIDGE Bharat Council for Promotion of Innovation Research & Entrepreneurship](#), [KIIT - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology](#) and [Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster Foundation](#) to promote entrepreneurship and innovation among Air Veterans was also highlighted.

#### **Community and Culture:**

- A special thank you to the Founder and the talented children of Adruta Children Home for their participation and heartwarming contribution to the cultural program, enriching the event for all families present.

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### Inspiring the Future:

- Showcasing the success of state-wide Agniveer Vayu Awareness Drives, demonstrating our commitment to guiding the next generation of air warriors.

We are immensely grateful to Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh, PVSM VSM (Retd), Senior Vice President, AFA, for gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest.

This celebration underscores AFA Odisha's dedication to welfare, community-building and facilitating empowering second careers for our veteran community.



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No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/5  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions  
**Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan,  
Khan Market, New Delhi-110003  
Date:- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2022

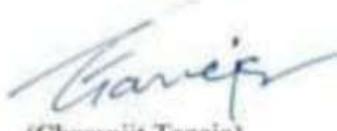
### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Sub:- Clarification regarding whether deductions towards commutation are required to be made from family pension for the remaining period in cases where the pensioner dies before the restoration of commuted pension-reg**

In accordance with Rule 5 of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981, a Government servant can commute for a lump-sum payment of an amount not exceeding 40 per cent of his pension. Further, in accordance with Rule 10-A of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981 the commuted amount of the pension shall be restored on completion of fifteen years from the date of reduction of pension on account of commutation becomes operative in accordance with Rule 6.

2. References/representations have been received in this Department seeking clarification whether deduction towards commutation are required to be made from family pension for the remaining period in cases where the pensioner dies before the restoration of commuted pension.

3. It is clarified that in such cases monthly commuted amount of pension is not required to be deducted from family pension and family pension shall be paid in full without any deduction in this regard.



(Charanjit Taneja)  
Under Secretary

1. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India (as per standard distribution list).
2. C&AG of India, UPSC, etc. as per standard endorsement list.

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### CAUTION NOTICE BY SBI

### BEWARE OF MOBILE NUMBER CHANGE FRAUD

(ISSUED IN PUBLIC INTEREST)

**FRAUDSTER'S AIM: TO REPLACE YOUR REGISTERED MOBILE NUMBER WITH THEIRS**

#### HOW THEY TRAP YOU

- ▶ You receive a call/SMS offering "faster processing of your PPO" or stating "verification pending for your PPO". They threaten to block or not to release your pension if not acted immediately.
- ▶ Do not click on the link sent by the fraudster and do not disclose your personal information.
- ▶ Bank never asks for PPO verification through phone, SMS, links or ATM visits.

#### HOW TO STAY SAFE

- ▶ Never share personal/financial information - Username, Password, ATM PIN, OTP with anyone.
- ▶ Download/update Banking Apps only through Google Play Store/ App store.
- ▶ For any doubt/query always contact your Home/Nearest Branch or call our customer care at 18001234/18002100.
- ▶ To report a cybercrime: Call Cybercrime helpline number 1930 or visit [cybercrime.gov.in](http://cybercrime.gov.in).
- ▶ Always read SMS / email alerts carefully and don't click on any suspicious / unknown links received through SMS / WhatsApp.
- ▶ Your registered mobile number is the key to your bank account. Keep it safe, keep it secure and protect your account from fraud.

**{Please respond to calls prefixed with 1600. It's genuine, it's secure- it's your bank}.**

**Stay Alert. Stay Safe.**

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Tele : 011-25687194 / Extn : 23297303

Air Force Record Office  
Subroto Park  
New Delhi – 110 010

AFRO/5033/4/RW(ADM) dated 11 Sep 25

All Zila Sainik Boards (Welfare Officer)

सैनिक कल्याण विभाग	
सचिवालय	
उपसचिवालक (प्र.)	
उपसचिवालक (पु.व)	
उपसचिवालक (सैनिक)	
लेखा अधिकारी	✓
अधिकारी	✓
विभाग	17
दिनांक	6/1 SEP 2025

### CORRESPONDENCE FOR ISSUES RELATED TO AIR VETERANS

1. The Indian Air Force is ever committed towards welfare of our Air Veterans and their family pensioners. With the aim of synergising and synchronising the functioning of various elements/formations working towards pension and welfare of Air Veterans, Directorate of Air Veterans (DAV) was formed on 17 Sep 12 at Subroto Park New Delhi. Consequently, the role of Pension & Welfare Wing at AFRO was transferred to DAV. This Directorate is mandated to deal with pensionary matters/benefits, resettlement, documentation and grievances / representation of IAF veterans and their dependents.
2. The directorate is entrusted with the following major responsibilities:-
  - 2.1 Processing / Settlement of pensionary benefits including service pension, family pension, gratuity, commutation and related entitlements.
  - 2.2 Management of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) related matters.
  - 2.3 Handling of grievances / representations.
  - 2.4 Maintenance of veteran records and liaise with O/o PCDA (P), JCDA(AF) and other agencies for smooth settlement of issues.
  - 2.5 Coordination for resettlement, reemployment and welfare measures for IAF veterans.
3. It has been observed that despite DAV being fully functional, a substantial volume of correspondence from ex-servicemen continues to be addressed to AOC, AFRO. This practice results in duplication of work, unnecessary delays in addressing grievances and diversion of resources from AFRO's primary role of serving personnel record management.
4. In order to streamline the process and ensure expeditious disposal of veteran related matters, all correspondence pertaining to IAF ex-servicemen and their dependents may please be addressed directly to:

Directorate of Air Veterans  
AFRO Building,  
Subroto Park, New Delhi  
PIN – 110010

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5. All Zila Sainik Boards are requested to disseminate the same under their jurisdiction to ensure proper routing of all future correspondence for the benefit of IAF veterans and their families.

  
(Garima Bist)  
Wing Commander  
OIC Recording Wing (Adm)

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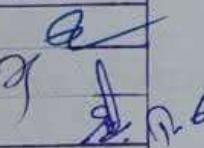
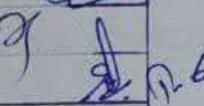
Air Force Association  
C/o Air Station New Delhi  
Race Course  
New Delhi – 110 003

Request to disseminate the same under  
your jurisdiction.

Gp Capt AV (A&N)  
Directorate of Air Veterans  
Subroto Park  
New Delhi – 10

For information, please.

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RBE No. 123/2025

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
रेलवे बोर्ड (RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(NG)II/2021/RC-4/1

New Delhi, Dated:- 10.12.2025

The General Manager (P),  
All Zonal Railways  
(As per standard mail list)

**Sub:-** Engagement of Ex-Servicemen as Pointsman on contract basis against vacancies until availability of regularly appointed candidates.

**Ref:-** Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)II/2021/RC-4/1 dated 06.11.2024 (RBE No. 104/2024).

Attention is invited to Board's letter under reference above. Keeping in view the operational requirements, the issue regarding contract engagement of Ex-Servicemen as Pointsman in Railways against short term vacancies in the Pointsman category of posts, as an interim measure pending availability of regularly appointed candidates has been under consideration of the Board for some time.

2. The matter has been examined and accordingly Board (MoBD, MF & CRB) have decided that Ex-Servicemen may also be allowed to be engaged as Pointsmen in terms of Board's letter No. E(NG)II/2021/RC-4/1 dated 06.11.2024 (RBE No. 104/2024) subject to following conditions as applicable for the category of Pointsman only :-

(i) In case of shortfall and if there is urgent requirement of filling up of vacancies of the Pointsman category for operational requirements in absence of a regularly appointed Pointsman, then Ex-Servicemen may be engaged as Pointsmen by the Zonal Railways on contract basis directly through Ex-Servicemen Welfare Boards under the Central/State Governments.

(ii) Prior to being put on a working post, the said Ex-Servicemen so engaged will first be subjected to the full initial training prescribed for the post of Pointsman on payment of contractual remuneration and on successfully passing the prescribed course be put to the working post. The candidates who do not pass in the prescribed training or otherwise are not found suitable to work as Pointsmen, will be discharged forthwith after making due payment as per terms & conditions of the contract for the period spent on training.

(iii) Total number of such engagements will be 5058 (Five Thousand and Fifty eight only) over all the Railways as per the zone-wise requirements indented already in the

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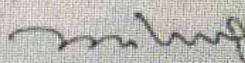
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current recruitment or the number of actual vacancies in the category of Pointsman, whichever is lower. Such engaged Ex-Servicemen will be terminated on joining of regularly appointed persons from open market through RRCs. This aspect should be closely monitored at the Zonal level and the terms and conditions of the said contract must have a clause to this effect.

(iv) The permission for engagement of Ex-Servicemen as Pointsmen in the above mentioned manner would initially be valid upto 31.12.2026. Their further extension will be permitted depending on vacancy position at that time, for which ZRs should specifically obtain prior approval of Board.

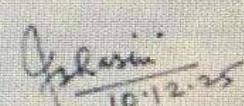
  
(U. K. Tiwari)  
Director Estt.(N)  
Railway Board

New Delhi, dated:- 10.12.2025

No. E(NG)II/2021/RC-4/1

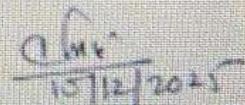
**Copy to:**

- i. The Principal Financial Advisor, All Indian Railways/PUs.
- ii. The Principal Director of Audit, All Indian Railways/PUs.
- iii. The Dy. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Rlys) Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

  
10.12.25  
For Member Finance/Railway Board.

**Copy to:**

- i. The General Secretary, NFIR, Room No.256-C, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ii. The General Secretary, AIRF, Room No.248, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

  
10.12.2025  
For Principal Executive Director(IR)/Railway Board

**Copy to:**

- i. PSO/Sr. PPS, PPSs, PSSs, PA to: CRB & CEO, M/Finance, M/Infra, M/T&RS, M/O&BD.
- ii. DG-HR, AM-Staff, UDFC.
- iii. P(E) - II/Spl. Branch of Railway Board.

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### **ETIQUETTES /NORMS FOR POSTINGS IN AFA ODISHA GROUP AND CAPITAL REGION WHATSAPP GROUP**

Members are requested to follow the enlisted guidelines before any posting to the above-mentioned group.

1. Only matters related to the welfare of AVs & their families to be posted.
2. Important service matters of general interest only to be posted.
3. Greetings / messages on days of National interest viz Republic Day, Independence Day, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, IAF Day, AFA day can be posted.
4. Greetings on New Year, and days of religious importance of all religions may be posted.

#### NOTE:-

- A. All such greeting messages in para 3&4 ARE TO BE POSTED ON BEHALF OF AFA, PREFERABLY BY ONE OF THE GROUP ADMIN ONLY.
- B. No reciprocator messages from individual members needed.
- C. However, the Dist Chapters can reciprocate.
- D. Members may disseminate such messages to their families.
5. Messages relating to death, serious mishap, sickness, extreme distress that calls for help to any AV can definitely be posted by any one so as to initiate suitable action by the AFA(O).
6. NO PERSONAL MESSAGES such as Good Morning/ Birthday, Marriage anniversary wishes to be posted in this group. This can be conveyed on personal basis only.
7. We the Air Veterans need no reminder to be disciplined & respectful towards each other in our action and deeds, befitting to the ethics of Air Force as Air Warriors or as Air Veterans.

**WITH MUTUAL SUPPORT, LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR BETTER TOMORROW.**

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## NOTICE

**Fully Furnished Rooms (AC) with Kitchen for Veterans and families visiting Bhubaneswar** is available at AFA Odisha Branch Office premises at Leelakunj Plot No. 2612 MAA Santoshi Marg, Patrapada (Bhubaneswar). Needy personnel may contact incharge of the Guest Room AV JWO Subhash Chandra Raut- 82498 71552 / HFO BB Patnaik- 8015796224/ AV JWO PN Swain- 98187 63166 respectively @ Rs. 400/- per day + Electricity charges (as per prevailing rates).



## **DRAWING ROOM**



## BFD ROOM



## KITCHEN



# AN APPEAL TO ALL THE AIR VETERANS

**Our expenses, involving various organized programs, are increasing every year. Our sources of income are limited to the 50% share of New Membership Fees, interest received from our Fixed Deposits and occasional donations from our generous members.**

If over 8500 strong State Members of our Branch come together with their small efforts, we may be able to collect a decent amount which could be used to serve you better. As the saying goes, "***it's the small drops of water that make an ocean!***"

Here are the ways to contribute:-

1. Air Veterans can order AFA, Odisha T-Shirts, Caps, Mugs and other items with logo to share, gift to others.
2. Air Veterans can give their advertisement in this eNewsletter with very nominal charges which will be added to generate more revenue for this organization.

## TO ADD CONTENT IN THIS ENEWSLETTER

- (i) It is to inform you that the contents received from dist. Official email ID will be added in this eNewsletter and not to send us by any other means.
- (ii) It is also intimated you to provide content by **20<sup>th</sup>** of every month.

### For Any Correction

*For any correction kindly write to:*

Editor AFA Odisha [airforceassociation.orissa@gmail.com](mailto:airforceassociation.orissa@gmail.com)

*Amendments will be reflected in the next monthly eNewsletter.*

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