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THINK IT OVER

**"HAPPINESS IS NOT SOMETHING READYMADE; IT COMES FROM
YOUR OWN ACTIONS."**



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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 Sep 25.

SL NO.	RANK	NAME	AFA LM NO.
1.	CPL	PALLETI HEMANTH KUMAR	100258
2.	SGT	DILLIP KUMAR MOHAPATRA	100259
3.	WO	SANJAY KUMAR LENKA	93981
4.	SGT	DHIREN CHANDRA ROUT	Applied

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1. **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.

2. **AFA ODISHA BRANCH ON OCCASION OF AFA RAISING DAY ON 15 SEP 25**

2.1. On the occasion of the Raising Day of Air Force Association, the Executive Council members of AFA Odisha meetwith Shri Babu Singh, Hon'ble MLA (Ekamra, Bhubaneswar) and presented him with a memento while pinning the AFA Flag Day sticker.



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2.2 **A PRIVILEGE TO MEET THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF ODISHA ON AFA RAISING DAY**

On the occasion of the Raising Day of Air Force Association, the Executive Council members of AFA Odisha meet with the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, at Raj Bhawan. On behalf of all Air Veterans, a memento and the AFA Flag Day sticker were presented to him with pride.

The Hon'ble Governor graciously interacted with us, appreciating the role of AFA Odisha in supporting national causes and encouraging us to actively participate in Government-led social welfare campaigns.



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2.3 MEETING WITH CO, 9 AIRMEN SELECTION CENTRE ON AFA RAISING DAY

On the occasion of the Raising Day of Air Force Association, the Executive Council members of AFA Odisha met with Gp Capt Sanjoy Pattnaik, Commanding Officer, 9 Airmen Selection Centre. On behalf of all Air Veterans, the AFA Flag Day sticker was presented to him with pride.



2.4 INVITATION BY JAIBABA AUTOMOBILES ON AFA RAISING DAY

As part of Air Force Association Raising Day celebrations, our members were invited by Jaibaba Automobiles, Bhubaneswar, where our Air Veterans were honoured and proudly participated in the launch of the Royal Enfield Meteor 350.



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2.5 AFA RAISING DAY CELEBRATION AT AFA OFFICE ODISHA BRANCH

On the occasion of the Raising Day of Air Force Association, the Executive Council members of AFA Odisha celebrated the raising day with Vice President and Secretary of AFA Odisha Branch.



3. AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION ODISHA HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF FELICITATING VEER NARI MRS. NARGIS NAQVI, WIFE OF MARTYR SQUADRON LEADER INTEZAM HUSAIN NAQVI (01 NOV 1945 – 27 SEP 1984)

Sqn Ldr Naqvi made the supreme sacrifice for the nation when his Mi-8 helicopter was shot down by Pakistan during Operation Meghdoot in 1984, while supporting India's strategic mission at Siachen. During her short visit to Odisha, Mrs. Naqvi was warmly received by Air Cmde Arabinda Mohanty, VSM (Retd), President AFA Odisha, Mrs. Smruti Mohanty, Sqn Ldr Atanu Kumar Panda (Retd), Secretary AFA Odisha, and Mrs. Koustuva Kabi. She shared her experiences as a Veer Nari, leaving us deeply inspired by her strength and resilience. The AFA Odisha fraternity salutes the sacrifice of Sqn Ldr Naqvi and the inspiring story of Mrs. Naqvi with pride and gratitude.



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4. **INSPIRING THE YOUTH, BUILDING THE FUTURE**

On 22nd September 2025, Nimapada Autonomous College organised a seminar on “Multiple Career Avenues” for aspiring students. We are proud to share that Air Commodore Arabinda Mohanty, VSM (Retd), President, Air Force Association Odisha, was invited as the Keynote Speaker. In his address, he highlighted the vast opportunities available in the Armed Forces, encouraging the youth to consider a career of pride, honour and service to the nation.

The seminar witnessed the participation of more than 200 UG and PG students, who engaged enthusiastically and gained valuable insights for their career journey.

Together, we continue to inspire the next generation to dream big aim high and serve with dedication.



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5. **MoU SIGNED BETWEEN KIIT UNIVERSITY AND INDIAN AIR FORCE ON 29 AUG 2025**

We are delighted to share that KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT-DU) has signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to extend educational support to serving personnel, their wards, and veterans. The Air Force delegation was led by Air Vice Marshal Harjit Singh Sardana, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Education), New Delhi.

As part of this partnership:

- 50% concession in tuition fees will be provided for the wards of serving and retired IAF personnel.
- 100% fee exemption will be given to the wards of those who lost their lives while in service.
- Admissions will be based on NEET (for medical & dental programmes) and KIITEE (for all other courses).

This MoU also paves the way for joint initiatives in research, short-term educational programmes and academic collaborations between KIIT faculty and the IAF education wing. A Joint Coordination Committee will oversee smooth implementation. This collaboration is a significant step in creating new learning opportunities, empowering the Air Force community and strengthening the bridge between the Armed Forces and leading educational institutions.

AFA Odisha appreciates this meaningful initiative that not only benefits our serving and retired Air Warriors but also reflects a shared commitment to inclusive education, growth and nation-building.



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HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR AIR VETERANS

1. Reference is made to this Society letter no. Air HQ/27956/GIS/Accounts dated 02 Feb 24, 14 Jun 24, 24 Sep 24, 25 Feb 25.
2. The Health Insurance Scheme (from M/s Care Health Insurance Company Limited through M/s Alliance Insurance Brokers Private Limited as an intermediary and AFGIS as a facilitator) for Air Veterans was launched on 08 Oct 24.
3. After completion of one year the scheme was renegotiated with Insurance Co and Health Insurance Scheme 2025 is now ready for renewal by existing members & fresh enrolment. Air Veterans who are desirous to take the insurance cover may visit following website for further details:
 - 3.1 https://iafpensioners.gov.in/ords/day_portals/r/afgis/home
 - 3.2 <https://allianceairforceveteranshealthpolicy.in/>
4. It may please be noted that the Health Insurance Scheme is in addition to ECHS and its membership is purely on voluntary basis.
5. It is requested that the same may please be disseminated to the Air Veterans through the IAF pensioner's website and during the FCBs.


(Nitin Bhargava)
Gp Capt
Secretary AFGIS

Copy to -

Air Force Association: For dissemination to Air Veterans through AFA Chapters.
C/o Air Force Station
Race Course Camp
New Delhi

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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 Pattnaik-8015796224/ AV JWO PN Swain-98187 63166 respectively @ Rs. 400/- per day + Electricity charges (as per prevailing rates).**



DRAWING ROOM



BED 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 **20th** of every month.

For Any Correction

For any correction kindly write to:

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Amendments will be reflected in the next monthly eNewsletter.

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