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THINK IT OVER

**“DON'T DOWNGRADE YOUR DREAM JUST TO FIT YOUR REALITY,
UPGRADE YOUR CONVICTION TO MATCH YOUR DESTINY.”**

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 Veteran for becoming life member of AFA Odisha Corpus in the month of Feb 25.

JWO Premranjan Tripathy (Retd) AFA Mem No. 96396

NEW APPOINTMENTS

It is informed that Sqn Ldr Atanu Kumar Panda (Retd), Mobile- 82498 01758 has taken over as Secretary, Air Force Association Odisha Branch with effect from 13 Feb 25.

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HANDING OVER OF IAF ENSIGN TO NOK OF DECEASED AFA MEMBER



Handed over IAF miniature Ensign as a token of remembrance to Mrs Urmila Mohanty wife of Late Sgt Amulya Kumar Mohanty (Retd), AFA LM No. 32545 in presence of Gp Capt Aniruddha Senapati (Retd) Vice President, Sqn Ldr Atanu Kumar Panda (Retd) Secretary, JWO Aruna Kumar Mohanty (Retd) Advisor and JWO PN Swain (Retd) Member EC of AFA Odisha Branch.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

1. As International Women's Day 2025 approaches, the Air Force Association, Odisha Branch aims to honor and felicitate the achiever daughters of our AFA members who have made noteworthy contributions at the State, National or International level.
2. To facilitate this, all District Chapters are requested to conduct a survey within their respective areas and submit the names and achievements of eligible candidates to the AFA Odisha office by 5th March 2025.
3. Kindly complete the nomination form for each candidate forwarded to all district chapters vide our letter AFA/ORI/11186/3/Wel dated 28 Feb 25. We encourage you to give wide publicity to this initiative to ensure maximum participation.
4. Let's come together to recognize and celebrate the exceptional achievements of the daughters of our AFA Odisha family.

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STOPPAGE OF PENSION DUE TO NON SUBMISSION OF LIFE CERTIFICATE

1. Many pensioners have not received pension for Jan 2025 month due to non-submission of Life Certificate due in Nov 24. These pensioners either did not submit Life Certificate or their Life Certificate was not accepted due to wrong submission or not accepted due to any other technical reasons and also they did not care to check the updated status of submitted Life Certificate. Pension for such cases for Dec 2024 was credited as one-month relaxation by SPARSH. Pension of Jan was also not credited if Life Certificate due in Nov 24 was submitted late and it was approved by SPARSH only on or after 21 Jan 2025.
2. Such affected pensioners should check their Life Certificate status by following methods.
 - (a) Log in SPARSH Portal and check validity
 - (b) Check in migration status without log in.
 - (c) In case Life Certificate submitted through Jeevan Pramaan, click this link <https://jeevanpramaan.gov.in/ppouser/login> , enter Pramaan ID and OTP and download Life Certificate. At the time of submission of Life Certificate, disclaimer should show 'Life Certificate subject to approval by SPARSH PCDA (P)'. Sample image is appended below. In case non-acceptance after 2-3 or more days, note at bottom of Life Certificate will show reason for non-acceptance of Life Certificate.
3. There may be following reasons for non-acceptance of Life Certificate by SPARSH.
 - (a) If, Life Certificate was not submitted with SPARSH PPO number and/or submitted for bank instead of SPARSH PCDA.
 - (b) If, Aadhaar number is not updated on SPARSH Portal or Aadhaar number is mismatching vis a vis SPARSH or Aadhaar name is mismatching (Demographic issue) and uploading/approval of Aadhaar on SPARSH portal is pending or Aadhaar consent has not been given by the pensioner on SPARSH portal. If so, take corrective actions before submission of fresh Life Certificate.
4. Life Certificate in SPARSH can be submitted any time during the year and it will be valid for further one year from the month of submission of Life Certificate. But due Life Certificate should be submitted well in time during validity month or in following month but it should be submitted well in time so that it is approved before 20th in following month after validity month. Otherwise, pension of the following month can be stopped.

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5. In case pension is stopped due to non-submission or incorrect submission of Life Certificate, submit Life Certificate immediately preferably through Jeevan Pramaan Face Rd Mobile App or through Finger Authentication with SPARSH PPO number and for SPARSH PCDA. Submit Life Certificate with SPARSH 12 digits PPO Number (Suffix 01 or 02 not to added) for SPARSH PCDA as per selections shown in appended images below. For type of pension, Service is to be selected for service pensioner and Family for family pensioner.

LIFE CERTIFICATE
(To be submitted by Pensioner once a year)

Certified that the pensioner [redacted] having Pension Payment Order No [redacted] account number (Pension) [redacted] has biometrically authenticated his presence and that he is alive as on 01-11-2024 at 18:35:08 vide Pramaan ID [redacted]

THIS PORTION MASKED

#04709895 #DPSAR

Disclaimer: This digital life certificate will be subject to acceptance by your pension processing centre SPARSH - PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad (SPARSH - PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad). This is a computer generated certificate and does not require signature.

Jeevan Pramaan ver 4.0.4

Pensioner Identification

Choose your ppo no. from here
Add new pension pp...

Pensioner Name [redacted]

Type of Pension: **Service**

Organisation Type: **Central Government**

Sanctioning Authority: **Defence - PCDA (P) Allahabad**

Disbursing Agency: **SPARSH - PCDA (Pensions)...**

Agency: **SPARSH - PCDA (Pensions)...**

PPO Number [redacted]

Account Number(Pension) [redacted]

*Are you Re-Employed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

*Are you Re-Married? ☐ Yes ☒ No

End **NEXT**

UIDAI UIDAI/UIDAI ONLINE

Jeevan Pramaan ver 4.0.4

Pensioner Identification

Choose your ppo no. from here
Add new pension pp...

Pensioner Name [redacted]

Type of Pension: **Family**

Organisation Type: **Central Government**

Sanctioning Authority: **Defence - PCDA (P) Allahabad**

Disbursing Agency: **SPARSH - PCDA (Pensions)...**

Agency: **SPARSH - PCDA (Pensions)...**

PPO Number [redacted]

Account Number(Pension) [redacted]

*Are you Re-Employed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

*Are you Re-Married? ☐ Yes ☒ No

End **NEXT**

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IMPORTANT UPDATES ON ECHS

1. Printing of 64KB ECHS cards has been resumed wef 07 Jan 2025.
2. All dependent ECHS beneficiaries (excluding spouse), above 18 yrs of age to carryout Annual Validation as per MD ECHS letter No. B/49711-NSC/AG/ECHS/Gen Corrs dated 30 Jan 25. In case any issue write E-mail to jtitechs1@echsgov.in
3. for any clarification, kindly contact on Toll-Free No: 1800 114 115 or WhatsApp at +91-7703818578 / 7701976194 / 8448086480 / 8448086481
4. In case of any difficulty or problem faced at an Empanelled Hospital by ECHS Beneficiary, the first respondent is Director Regional Centre. Non availability of Beds, Poor services, Negligence, Substandard Treatment, Cash payment sought or any other issue regarding the Hospital to be brought to the notice of Director Regional Centre immediately.

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16 Jan 25

PRESERVATION OF NE DOCUMENTS (PERSONAL FILES)

1. As per AOC's Directive No. 01/2025 dated 10 Jan 25 (copy annexed) and Air HQ/41003/Misc/PA-III dated 18 Mar 1994 Personal Files (PFs) of Airmen / NCs(E) will be preserved for five years instead of 25 years after becoming non effective (except PFs involved in court cases).
2. Destruction of NE files beyond five years from discharge of air warrior will be carried out in a phased manner (i.e 2001-2005, 2006-2010, 2011-2015, 2016-2019 etc). The first batch of NE personal files from year 2001-2005 will be destroyed in Jul 2025.
3. The information about destruction of NE PFs may be disseminated to concerned agencies / veterans by giving wide publicity through all existing forum under your AoR. Also, the same may be hosted on the website of respective organisation. Further, requirement of NE personal files (i.e from 2001-2005) if any, may be submitted to this office by 10 Jul 25 before its destruction.
4. For your information and necessary action, please.


(Garima Bist)
Wg Cdr
OIC Recording Wing

Annexure: As stated

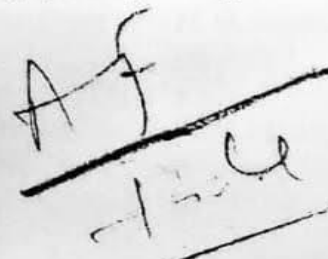
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B/49711-NSC/AG/ECHS/Gen Corr

30 Jan 2025

IHQ of MoD (Air Force)
IHQ of MoD (Navy)
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HQ West Comd (A/ECHS)
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HQ South West Comd (A/ECHS)
HQ ANC
HQ SFF & HQ Coast Guard

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All Regional Centers

ANNUAL VALIDATION OF ECHS MEMBERSHIP OF DEPENDENTS
BY SUBMISSION OF LIFE CERTIFICATE AND ELIGIBILITY
DOCUMENTS BY PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES

1. Please refer following:-

(a) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49711-SC/AG/ECHS dt 06 Jul 2022.

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(b) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2017 dt 26 Oct 2022.

(c) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2017 dt 27 Dec 27 Dec 2022.

(d) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49711-NewSmartCard/AG/ECHS dt 01 Mar 2023.

(e) Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2020 dt 13 Jul 2023.

(f) Central Organisation ECHS letter B/49711-NSC/AG/ECHS/Gen Corr dt 16 Jan 2024.

2. It is intimated that there is a change in procedure, to process unblocking of cards which are being blocked, for not able to carry out annual validation of dependents in time. The provision of three months window given to ECHS beneficiaries to carryout annual validation, vide letter mentioned at para 1 (f) is hereby withdrawn wef date of issue of this letter.

3. Henceforth for any ESM/Beneficiary, who has failed to upload documents to complete annual validation within period for which card was active, will be provided a **window of one year for uploading documents and completing annual validation, however ECHS beneficiary will not be permitted to avail medical facilities, for the duration, till annual validation has been approved. ECHS card of the beneficiary will be blocked if Annual validation is not carried out by the beneficiary, even after one year from the date of expiry of last annual validation.** The competent authority has approved following actions, to facilitate such beneficiaries to get their cards unblocked and annual validation approved: -

(a) **Action by Primary beneficiary/ESM.**


(i) Submit offline/online application along with the required self-attested documents separately, dependent wise excluding parents to OIC Polyclinic.

(ii) Re-submit the application rectifying the observations raised by OIC PC.

(b) **Action by OIC Polyclinic:** Scrutinize application received from Primary beneficiary/ESM/Dependent and approve on basis of correctness of documents. In case, of any observations in documents, OIC PC will reject application and ask beneficiary to resubmit application. OIC PC is also authorised to seek any additional financial documents for verification.

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4. It is pertinent to note that, ECHS Card of beneficiary will be activated for a duration of one year only, wef date when annual validation of respective card has been approved by OIC PC. For info and necessary action pl.


(BS Poswal)
Brig
Dy MD ECHS
For MD ECHS

Copy to:-

MoD (DESW)

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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

Transit Accommodation facility 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 Rout-82498 71552 / HFO BB Pattnaik-8015796224/ AV JWO PN Swain-98187 63166** respectively @ Rs. 300/- per day.



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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

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Amendments will be reflected in the next monthly eNewsletter.

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