



# AIR VETERANS' NEWS LETTER

## AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION, ODISHA BRANCH

(A monthly Newsletter of AFA, Odisha Branch, published at Bhubaneswar)

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### THINK IT OVER

**"BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF YOUR DREAMS AND WORK DILIGENTLY TO MAKE THEM A REALITY."**

### 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 MEMBERS

AFA Odisha branch welcomes the newly added under mentioned Air Veterans for becoming life member of AFA Odisha Corpus in the month of Dec 24.

SL NO.	RANK	NAME	AFA LM NO.
(a)	SGT	MK CHATTERJEE	25033
(b)	SGT	RAMESH CHANDRA KHUNTIA	20597
(c)	WO	LAXMIDHAR MALLICK	98850
(d)	SGT	DHARANI DHAR MAJHI	44150
(e)	HFO	SANJAY KUMAR SAHOO	97822
(f)	JWO	SUVENDU NATH KANUNGO	31193



**AFA ODISHA BRANCH WISHES A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 TO ALL ITS MEMBERS**

### A TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED

**SGT CHAUDHARY JITENDRA KUMAR DAS (RETD) DIED ON 15 DEC 24**



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Central Organisation ECHS  
Adjutant General's Branch  
IHQ of MoD (Army)  
Thimayya Marg,  
Near Gopinath Circle,  
Delhi Cantt - 110 010

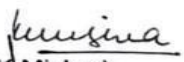
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16 Dec 2024

Regional Centre ECHS, Jabalpur  
PIN-901124  
Bldg No T-67A (Old OT)  
Military Hospital Complex  
Jabalpur (MP)-482001  
Email - [jdestjabalpur@echhs.gov.in](mailto:jdestjabalpur@echhs.gov.in)

### CLARIFICATION ON USAGE OF AYUSHMAN CARD AND ECHS SMART CARD BY ESM

1. PI refer your letter No 1405/Card/Clarification/ECHS-10 dt 10 Dec 2024.
2. It is intimated that ECHS is a contributory scheme and entitles all ESM drawing pensions from controller of Defence Accounts including those in receipt of Disability/ family pension and their dependents to be eligible for membership. The membership has been made compulsory for all pensioners wef 01 Apr 2003 and is optional for early retirees. As per laid down policy, a veteran who intends to join the scheme has to contribute/ submit a MRO for an amount based upon his rank. However no exemption of contribution is allowed please. In addn, the fwg pts are highlighted :-
  - (a) The contribution amount made by the ESM post 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1996 retirees is non-refundable.
  - (b) ECHS follows CGHS guidelines. As per policy in vogue, the veteran is not authorized to get the facilities both from ECHS and Central Govt/State Govt/PSUs/PMF funded scheme simultaneously. The recent government policy on PMJAY also has a clause stating that if any ECHS beneficiary joins PMJAY, he would have to forego his ECHS membership and it is irreversible.
3. In view the existing policy provisions as highlighted above, medical facilities both from ECHS and PMJAY is not entitled please.
4. For info pl.

  
(PK) Mishra  
Col  
Dir (Ops & Coord)  
for MD ECHS

Copy to:-

S&A Sec

For info wrt your e-mail dt 12 Dec 2024.

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Central Organisation ECHS  
Integrated HQ of MoD (Army)  
Adjutant General's Branch  
Thimayya Marg  
Near Gopinath Circle  
Delhi Cantt-110010

B/49762/AG/ECHS/2024/Advisory

26 Dec 2024

All Regional Centres (ECHS)

### ISSUE OF MEDICINE AT ECHS POLYCLINIC

1. Many ECHS beneficiaries are visiting ECHS PC from far flung areas with considerable expenditure on travel for genuine treatment and care with empathy. It has been observed that New MOs appointed at ECHS PCs are not conversant with ECHS guidelines and causing avoidable harassment to ECHS beneficiaries. Due to lack of various provisions, referral, treatment, medicine collection etc. are affected that may cause severe inconvenience to ECHS beneficiaries.
2. It is intimated that all new MOs should be fully conversant with ECHS guidelines before interacting with patients or turning down any authorised request and should properly be briefed by OIC, ECHS PC. Any lack of empathy or act of ignorance should be taken seriously.
3. All RCs are requested to disseminate the contents of this letter to all ECHS PCs under your AOR.
4. For your info and necessary action please.

  
(Sri Kant Kumar)  
Lt Col  
Jt Dir (Med)  
For MD ECHS

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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 HFO B Biswal / AV JWO Subhash Chandra Rout/ HFO BB Pattnaik on 99388 03614 / 82498 71552 / 8015796224 respectively @ Rs. 300/- per day.**



### 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 **20<sup>th</sup>** of every month.

### For Any Correction

For any correction kindly write to:

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

Amendments will be reflected in the next monthly eNewsletter.

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