



# AIR VETERANS' NEWS LETTER

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## **THINK IT OVER**

**"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO TRY AND INSPIRE PEOPLE SO THAT THEY CAN BE GREAT IN WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO."**

## **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 April 25.

SL NO.	RANK	NAME	AFA LM NO.
1.	WO	SUDHIR KUMAR DASH	99600
2.	JWO	RAJANI KANTA SWAIN	98165
3.	SGT	PRASANTA KUMAR HOTA	99739
4.	HFO	DR. BHARAMAR BAR PRADHAN	A/F
5.	SGT	BIBHUTI BHUSAN MOHANTY	98859
6.	WO	DHIRENDRA KUMAR SWAIN	94001
7.	JWO	BIBHU DATTA MOHANTY	98856
8.	MWO	HARI BANDHU PANDA	98847
9.	SQN LDR	ATANU KUMAR PANDA	99796



## **A TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED**

**SGT RAGHUNATH PRADHAN (RETD) DIED ON 19 MAR 25**



**WG CDR JAYSHREE SAHU (RETD) DIED ON 17 APR 25**



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### **GLIMPSES OF SOME ACTIVITIES CARRIED DURING MONTH**



Handed over IAF miniature Ensign as a token of remembrance and Ex-Gratia Cheque to wife of Late Sgt Kamala Kanta Behera (Retd), AFA LM No. 56157 in presence of Sqn Ldr Atanu Kumar Panda (Retd) Secretary AFA Odisha Branch and EC members of AFA Balasore.



Family get together cum Reunion meet of Intake 132 MTI AF, Tambaram inducted in Oct 1980 at Puri on 29, 30 & 31 Jan 25. Around 180 members participated in the reunion meet.

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### **LAUNCH OF AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION ODISHA OFFICIAL WEBSITE**

Dear Esteemed Members,

1. We are pleased to inform you that you can now download the AFA Membership Form, AFA Newsletters, relevant policies, official letters and more from the official website of Air Force Association Odisha.
2. We are in the process of gradually adding more content to the website and plan to feature photographs, articles, blogs and updates from all District Chapters as well.
3. If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute content, you are welcome to share through mail [airforceassociation.orissa@gmail.com](mailto:airforceassociation.orissa@gmail.com) or directly via personal WhatsApp-82498 01758 (please avoid posting it in the group to maintain clarity).
4. Additionally, we would like to invite a few Air Veterans who are interested in volunteering as moderators to help us manage the website and social media platforms. Your support will be highly valuable in expanding our digital presence.

Visit our website:

<https://afaodisha.in/>

Follow our LinkedIn page:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/air-force-association-odisha/>

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### **AIR VETERANS LEAD THE WAY – INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION**

1. A highly productive virtual meeting was conducted on 10 Apr 25 by the Air Force Association Odisha Branch, with enthusiastic participation from our esteemed veterans and members.
2. The meeting was opened by Squadron Leader Atanu Kumar Panda (Retd), Secretary AFA Odisha, who welcomed the members and set the tone for an impactful discussion.
3. This session served as a follow-up to the strategic meeting held on 07 April 2025 at Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, chaired by Shri Aravind Agrawal, IAS, Commissioner-Cum-Secretary, Government of Odisha.
4. Veteran Group Captain J Brahma (Retd), President AFA Odisha, led the core discussion and shared the modus operandi for:
  - (a) Joint publicity campaigns and awareness drives across Odisha, keeping in view the low intake in various categories of the Armed Forces
  - (b) Career guidance for Armed Forces aspirants (including Agniveervayu)
  - (c) Setting up awareness cells in various districts
  - (d) Veteran-led training & boot camps at district and block levels
5. We were also joined by Veteran Wing Commander Jeyakumar Madurai Pillai, Founder – BRIDGE Bharat Council for Promotion of Innovation Research & Entrepreneurship, who shared valuable insights on mentorship and innovation collaboration with KIIT-Technology Business Incubator.
6. Together, we aim to increase the representation of Odisha's youth in the Armed Forces and build a framework where veterans empower the future warriors of India—while securing dignified roles for themselves in the state they served from.



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Air HQ (RK Puram)  
West Block-VI  
New Delhi

Air HQ/25795/41/ACCTSCST BM-II

17 Apr 25

All Command HQs (C Accts O)

AFCAO (P&C Wing)

SAUs under Air HQs (S Accts O)


### ADDITIONAL GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE COVER OFFERED BY STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)

1. Reference is made to letter of even no. dated 07 Mar 25.
2. It is intimated that the ibid letter on the subject is hereby **cancelled in toto**.
3. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IAF and SBI has been renewed on 17 Jan 25 which would remain valid for a period of 3 years i.e. up to 16 Jan 28.
4. SBI has enhanced various benefits for DSP account holders and the salient features have been uploaded in Dte of Accts website under the head 'Latest Update' and AFCAO website under the head 'Info Center'.
5. For information and further dissemination to Wgs/Stns/Units under AoR, please

920  
24/4/25



(R Rajesh)  
Wg Cdr  
Gp Cpt Accts (CS&T)

Copy to:   
Air Force Association :

SBI has intimated that only serving personnel would be eligible for Group Term Insurance cover

AVM Ashok Singh VSM (Retd)  
DBA (Air Force), SBI  
LHO Delhi, 11 Sansad Marg,  
Delhi- 01

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## INDIAN AIR FORCE ALL- INDIA



### Agniveervayu (Musician) Recruitment Rally (At New Delhi and Bengaluru)



Inviting online applications from eligible unmarried male and female candidates born between 01 January 2005 and 01 July 2008 (both dates inclusive).

Only registered candidates issued with Provisional Admit Card will be allowed to appear in the Recruitment Rally. The date, time and venue will be mentioned in the Provisional Admit Card.



### ONLINE REGISTRATION:

FROM 21 APR 2025 TO 11 MAY 2025



<https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in/>

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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. 500/- per day + Electricity charges @ Rs 5 per unit.**



### 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 [airforceassociation.orissa@gmail.com](mailto:airforceassociation.orissa@gmail.com)

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

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