

INITIATIVES BY ARMY & TA WING

1. **Agnipath Scheme.** The MoD Launched the Agnipath Scheme on 14 Jun 2022 with following envisaged benefits for the Country as a whole:-

1.1 On completion of the four-year period, Agniveers will go to the society as disciplined, dynamic, motivated and skilled work force for employment in other sectors to pursue their career in job of their choice.

1.2 This scheme envisages providing opportunity to the youth to serve in the military for short duration.

1.3 It will also lead to a much more youthful and technically adept war fighting force by ensuring a fine balance between youthful and experienced personnel in the Armed Forces.

1.4 The scheme induces patriotism and discipline through the Agniveers in the entire society.

2. **Women Empowerment.** The following initiatives has been done by Indian Army for Women Empowerment:-

2.1 To provide quality education to girl child and motivate them to join Armed Forces, **induction of girl students at various Sainik Schools** has commenced. Lateral entry for admission of girl candidates in Class IX in all five Rashtriya Military Schools (RMSs) has commenced wef academic session 2024-25.

2.2 As a major boost for 'Women Empowerment', the entry of women cadets has started at the prestigious National Defence Academy. 20 vacancies per year being allotted for women cadets.

2.3 Short Service Commission women officers are now eligible for grant of **Permanent Commission** in various streams. Women officers are now being deputed at various **Diplomatic/ Foreign Assignments** abroad including staff courses abroad.

2.4 Indian Army has opened vacancies for enrolment of women officers in the Regiment of Artillery.

2.5 AMC & MNS. Ample opportunities are being given to women Medical Officers in various appointments including leadership positions in AMC. Equal opportunities are available to all women Medical Officers for career progression. Presently, 11 women medical officers are holding executive ranks (Brigadier and above) in AMC and besides AMC, there are opportunities for women in Military Nursing Services (MNS) as well.

2.6 In Indian Army, women are being inducted as **Personnel Below Officer Ranks (PBOR)**, wherein they are now employed in the Corps of Military Police as Other Ranks.

2.7 TA has opened vacancies for women to be enrolled for Engineering and Department TA positions.

3. National War Memorial. The MoD had taken initiative and got NWM inaugurated on 25 Feb 2019. In an endeavor to shed the colonial legacy and to honour the countrymen who have made the supreme sacrifice, in a befitting manner, the eternal flame (Amar Jawan Jyoti) at India Gate was merged with the eternal flame at National War Memorial on 21 Jan 2022.

4. Shaurya Gatha. Project Shaurya Gatha is an endeavor towards promoting Indian's rich military history and culture through a comprehensive Inter-Ministerial action plan driven by DMA. The Project envisages spreading awareness, specifically to our youth through structural and extensive outreach as under:-

4.1 Military E-museum Website.

4.2 Academic Curriculum.

4.3 National Policy on Prevention and Promotion of Military History.

4.4 Coffee Table Book of War Painting by Lt Col Arul Raj (Retd).

5. Border Tourism. An initiative has been launched to promote tourism to our border areas including sites of historic battle fields. IA Army Adventure Wing has been made the Nodal Agency and necessary coordination is being carried with the Ministry of Tourism regarding the same. A 'Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan App' was recently launched by the Hon'ble RM, as a one stop solution for travelers who aspire to visit historical battle-field destinations.