

ISMO Newsletter 03/2021

Dear Esteemed Alumni

Greetings once again from the ISMO, DSSC, Wellington!

We are happy to report that the 77th Staff Course is proceeding full steam ahead. In terms of the restructured learning model of the course, the Service Specific Module comprising of the first two tutorials has been completed and the busy third tutorial is progressing smoothly. The second tutorial saw student officers (SOs) understand the nuances of service specific operational planning processes and their application in various structured conflict scenarios to develop a deeper understanding of the complexities of planning a campaign in pursuit of laid down objectives. The third tutorial flagged off the Joint/Integration module, in which SOs are being provided exposure to Joint Operational Planning Process and will take part in Bi-service exercises with sister services. The overall improvement in the COVID situation nationwide also enabled smooth conduct of the much anticipated Forward Area Tour (FAT) along with all planned Sports and Co-curricular activities.

Some of the major activities which have been conducted since our last newsletter are as follows:-

DSSC Badminton Open

The DSSC Badminton open was conducted between 05-18 Aug 21. The event witnessed widespread participation from all course officers including International Student Officers (ISOs).

Angling

The inaugural angling was conducted on 14 Aug 21 at Glenmorgan and the second angling event was conducted on 09 Oct 21 at Emerald Lake.

Sailing Regatta

The second watermanship exercise at Pykara was conducted on 04 Sep 21. Cdr and Mrs Alex Burton (United Kingdom) won the Mixed Kayaking event. A large number of ISOs and their families also visited Pykara on this day for recreational sailing.

Hike

Two hikes were conducted on 18 Sep 21 and 23 Oct 21. A large number of ISOs participated in both the events along with their families.

Forward Area Tour (FAT)

The FAT for 77th SC was conducted between 24 Sep – 01 Oct 21. SOs were distributed into various groups and visited forward locations in multiple sectors of the country. The visit helped the SOs to understand the operational realities faced by field formations in the border areas.

Staff College Amateur Dramatics Society (SCADS).

The SCADS put up the much anticipated cultural programme on 29 Oct 21. As always, ISOs also participated to make the event memorable and enjoyable.

Organised Visits for ISOs

An organised visit to the Madras Regimental Centre was conducted for ISOs and their families during the third tutorial. ISOs of the Naval Wing visited the Naval Hydrological Office in Dunmore House, Coonoor.

Visit of the Defence Minister of India

DSSC was privileged to host the Honourable Defence Minister of India Shri Rajnath Singh on 29 Aug 21. The Honourable Defence Minister addressed the college on various issues of contemporary relevance and took on a number of questions posed by the SOs of 77th SC. He also interacted with ISOs over a cup of tea.

We would like to express our appreciation for your continued response and as indicated in the previous newsletter, please send us your contributions, articles, snippets, photos and anything that you would like to share with our young minds here. We are proud of our association with all our International Alumni and would like to keep the bonds strong and active.

We sign off by wishing all of you and your families the very best for the forthcoming festive season. Take care and stay safe!!

With warmest regards.



Glimpses from SCADS – 77 SC



Watermanship activities at Pykara – ISOs day out



Exploring the Outdoors – Mountain Biking and Hiking



Visit to Madras Regimental Centre



Glimpses from FAT – 77 SC