

## ISMO Newsletter 01/2022

1. At the outset, on behalf of all of us at DSSC, we wish our esteemed alumni a very Happy New Year 2022! We hope that this year brings health, happiness and success to all of you and your families, especially during these trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### TRIBUTE

2. On 08 Dec 21, in a tragic accident, the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, along with his wife and 12 other personnel were killed in a helicopter crash. The General was flying to DSSC to deliver a lecture to the 77<sup>th</sup> Staff Course (SC). A wreath laying ceremony was conducted at the Madras Regimental Centre on 09 Dec 21 to pay homage to the departed souls. Group Captain Varun Singh, SC, a DS at DSSC, who was the protocol officer to the CDS, was the only passenger who survived the crash. After battling the odds valiantly for a week, the officer succumbed to his injuries on 15 Dec 21.

### COURSE UPDATE

3. The third tutorial saw the course officers applying their knowledge of own service operations in a series of bi-service exercises and wargames. This helped them to understand the peculiarities of operational aspects of sister services as well as gave them an exposure to the nuances of planning Joint Air-Land Operations in plains and mountains and Joint Maritime Air Operations. The tutorial primarily focused on the joint aspects of warfare in a bi-service scenario and provided a launchpad to the course to move on to tri-service wargames scheduled in the fourth tutorial.

### INDUSTRIAL AND DEMONSTRATION TOUR (IDT)

4. The course proceeded for the IDT from 06 Jan 22 to 19 Jan 22. The tour was conducted in four different sectors namely Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Pune. The aim of the tour was to expose SOs & ISOs to the working culture and management of various industries and to witness the capabilities of Indian Armed Forces. The industries and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) visited included Serum Institute of India, Zen Technologies, IKEA, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) etc. The course witnessed a combat engineer's demonstration at the College of Military Engineering, Pune, an artillery Demonstration at the School of Artillery, Deolali, and a mechanised warfare Demonstration at the Armoured Corps Centre and School, Ahmednagar.

### SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (S&CA)

5. A number of S&CA activities were conducted in the third tutorial. Some of these were conducted on a larger scale to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. One such event was **Exercise Nautical Nilgiris** conducted at Paykara Lake on 13 Nov 21. The event included two competitions – a sailing race and a kayak race. Cdr SM Abdullah Woise from Bangladesh participated in the kayak race. Recreational water sports were also organised for all participants, including ladies and children. Indian Navy Day is celebrated on 04 Dec every year to recognise the efforts and achievements of the Indian Navy in Operation Trident during the Indo-Pak War of 1971.

As part of the celebrations, the **Chief of Naval Staff Golf Cup** was organised at the Wellington Gymkhana Club on 03, 04 and 05 Dec 2021. Indian Army Day is celebrated on 15 Jan every year to commemorate the occasion when General (later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa took over as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from General Francis Roy Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief of India, on 15 Jan 1949. The **Chief of Army Staff Golf Cup** was organised on 21 and 22 Jan 22 to mark this event. Both the events saw excellent participation from the golfers of DSSC. Maj Joshua Ingold from the UK and Lt Col Kim Wan Seong from the Republic of Korea participated in both the events.

### **SARDAR PATEL HERITAGE HALL**

6. Sardar Patel Hall (formerly Gandhi Hall) was amongst the first buildings to be constructed after the relocation of DSSC from Quetta (now in Pakistan) to The Nilgiris in Apr 1948. A part of this historic structure has now been converted into the DSSC Heritage Hall which showcases the journey of the College through the years. The Hall has a number of panels and interactive displays which take one down memory lane and remind one of the wonderful times spent in the College. A unique feature of the Heritage Hall is an interactive kiosk which has a database of all student officers and faculty members, past and present, of DSSC.

### **VARUN SINGH DIVISION DISCUSSION (DD) HALL**

7. The other part of Sardar Patel Hall has been converted into a state of the art DD Hall named the Varun Singh DD Hall in the memory of Group Captain Varun Singh, SC. The Hall was inaugurated by his wife, Mrs Geetanjali Singh on 18 Jan 22.

### **ARJUN OFFICERS' MESS AND INSTITUTE (AOMI)**

8. The Arjun Officers' Mess which was constructed in 2015 as a Student Officers' Mess, has been renovated and converted into a place for course officers to hang out with their families. The Mess has a modern gymnasium and two spacious and superbly furnished lounges - Rendezvous used for formal functions and Raptors for informal gatherings. The highlight of AOMI is the Sky Lounge which provides a picturesque view of the surroundings.



**ISOs tribute to the departed souls**



**Sailing Regatta**



**Chief of Naval Staff Golf Cup**



**Chief of Army Staff Golf Cup**



**Sardar Patel Heritage Hall**



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**Mrs Geetangali Singh inaugurating  
Varun Singh DD Hall**



**Rendezvous Lounge in AOMI**



**Raptors Lounge in AOMI**