

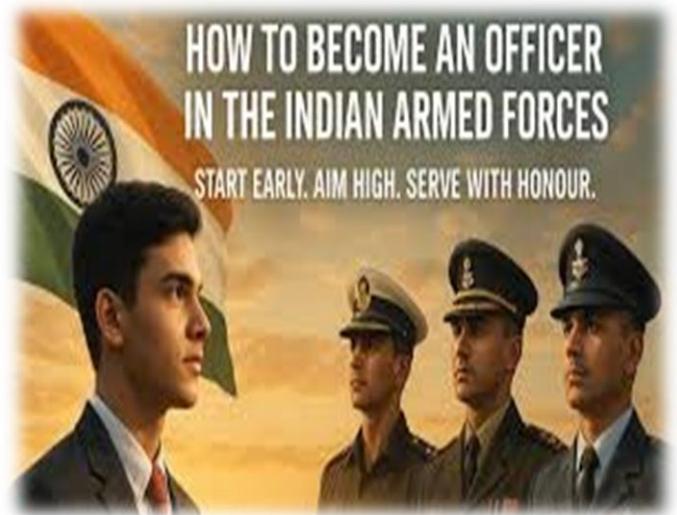
Career Compass May 2025



Defense Services - Career Opportunities

From The Desk of The Director Principal – I am delighted to share information about the prestigious **National Defense Academy (NDA)** and the various defense career opportunities now available to our students. A historic milestone was recently achieved with the first batch of 17 female cadets successfully passing out from the NDA, marking a new era of gender inclusion in the Indian Armed Forces. The inclusion of female candidates in NDA represents not just a policy change but a progressive step towards equal opportunity and national service. It opens doors for both our male and female students to consider a career in the defense forces—one that is rich in purpose, pride, and patriotism. These career paths not only offer excellent professional growth but also instill lifelong values of discipline, leadership, courage, and integrity. I strongly encourage all eligible students to seriously consider these noble career options and reach out to our career counseling team for detailed guidance and preparation. Let us inspire our youth to serve the nation with honor and determination.

From The Vice Principal – The comprehensive information about defense services entry schemes demonstrates that there are multiple pathways available regardless of your academic stream—whether Science, Commerce, or Arts. What particularly encourages me is that students can pursue these careers both immediately after 12th grade through NDA or after graduation through CDS and other specialized entries. This flexibility allows you to choose the timing that best suits your academic and personal goals. Remember, a career in defense services is not just a job—it's a calling that offers unparalleled opportunities for personal development and national service.



From The Career Counsellor - As your career counsellor, we want to emphasize the diverse opportunities available in defense services. Whether you're studying PCM and dreaming of becoming a pilot, or you're a Commerce student interested in administrative roles, or an arts student with leadership aspirations—there's a place for you in our armed forces. The key requirements are dedication, physical fitness, and mental resilience. I strongly recommend that interested students begin their preparation early, focusing on both academic excellence and physical conditioning. Please feel free to schedule individual counseling sessions to discuss your specific interests and create a personalized preparation strategy.

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To qualify for admission to the National Defense Academy (NDA), candidates must be Indian citizens aged between 16.5 and 19.5 years and have completed their 10+2 education from a recognized board. The NDA exam, conducted twice a year by UPSC, is open to both male and female aspirants seeking entry into the Army, Navy, and Air Force wings.

Candidates from all streams—Science (PCM), Commerce, and Arts—are eligible to apply for the NDA exam, provided they meet the other eligibility criteria such as age and physical standards. However, to join the Indian Navy or Air Force wings through NDA, candidates must have studied Physics and Mathematics in their 10+2; this means only Science (PCM) students are eligible for these two wings. Commerce and Arts students can apply and join the Army wing of the NDA, which does not require specific subjects in 10+2.

The selection process involves two main stages: a written examination and the Services Selection Board (SSB) interview. The written exam consists of two papers—Mathematics and General Ability Test (GAT)—and candidates who clear this stage are invited for the SSB interview, which assesses intelligence, personality, and leadership qualities through various tests and group activities. Medical fitness and document verification are also essential for final selection.

With the recent inclusion of women, girls interested in joining the Indian defense forces now have equal opportunity to apply and train at NDA. **Female candidates should focus on academic preparation, physical fitness, and developing leadership skills** to succeed in the highly competitive selection process. The NDA offers a unique platform for young women to pursue a distinguished career in the armed forces alongside their male counterparts.



Both men and women can join the Indian defense forces after graduation, and there are several entry schemes available for graduates from any discipline. The most prominent route is the Combined Defense Services (CDS) Examination, conducted by UPSC twice a year, which allows graduates to join the Army, Navy, or Air Force as officers. For the Army, both men and women can apply through the Officers Training Academy (OTA), while entry to the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Air Force Academy (AFA), and Indian Naval Academy (INA) is generally open to men, though women have increasing opportunities in specific branches and roles.

Graduates from diverse academic backgrounds—such as Commerce, Law, Computer Science, Engineering, MBBS, Agriculture, and Veterinary Science—can join the Indian defense forces, with entry options and eligible branches depending on their qualifications.

Commerce and Arts Graduates: Eligible for the Indian Army (Officers Training Academy, OTA) through the Combined Defense Services (CDS) exam. Both men and women can apply for the OTA, which offers **Short Service Commission (SSC)** roles.

Engineering Graduates: Can join as technical officers in the Army through the Technical Graduate Course (TGC) and SSC(Tech) entries (TGC for men, SSC(Tech) for both genders), or the Navy and Air Force through technical branches. Engineering students can also apply for the University Entry Scheme (UES) (mainly for men).



After Graduation - Most graduates—regardless of their field—can join the Indian Army as officers, while technical and professional degrees open additional opportunities in the technical, legal, and medical branches across the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Women are eligible for nearly all these entry schemes, especially through OTA, SSC(Tech), JAG,

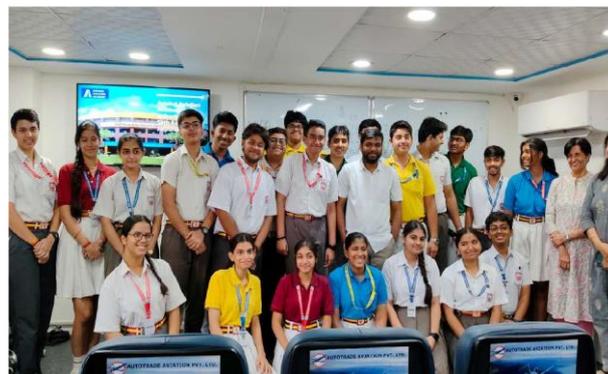
Events in May 2025

Career in Aviation: A Session by Aviakul Aviation Academy on 1st May 2025

Senior students of Grades 11 and 12 had the opportunity to attend a career counselling session on aviation conducted by Mr. Vaibhav Varun, Managing Director of the Aviakul Group of Companies, at the Aviakul Aviation Academy.

The session aimed to introduce students to exciting and rewarding career paths in the aviation industry, with a special focus on becoming a Commercial Pilot. Mr. Varun shared valuable insights into the skills, qualifications, and pathways required to enter the field. The session was highly engaging, with students showing keen interest and curiosity.

This initiative successfully bridged the knowledge gap for students aspiring to explore careers in aviation and offered them clear guidance and encouragement.



Session on Liberal Education on 8th May 2025

As part of our career awareness initiatives, a special session on Liberal Education was conducted by Ms Niyati Gautam, Territory Manager, Ashoka University for our senior students. The session offered valuable insights into the concept of Liberal Arts, a multidisciplinary approach to undergraduate education that encourages students to explore a broad range of subjects across humanities, sciences, and social sciences before choosing a specialization.

Unlike traditional programs that focus on a single stream, Liberal Education emphasizes critical thinking, communication, creativity, and problem-solving—skills essential for success in today's dynamic world. Students have the flexibility to design their own academic pathways, combining subjects like Philosophy with Computer Science, or Economics with Political Science.

The session helped students appreciate the value of a flexible and holistic learning environment, encouraging them to think beyond conventional career routes.

Celebrating the Success of the University Fair

Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Ghaziabad, hosted a vibrant University Fair on Thursday, 22nd May 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with enthusiastic participation from Grade 11 and 12 students.

Seventeen reputed universities from India and abroad engaged with students and parents, offering insights into admissions, courses, and career pathways. The fair provided an excellent opportunity for students to interact directly with university representatives, helping them make informed decisions about their higher education goals.

We sincerely thank all participating institutions and career organizations for their valuable contribution in guiding and empowering our students.



Soft Skills Session for Grade 12

On Friday, 23rd May 2025, a Soft Skills session was conducted for Grade 12 students by Ms. Sanandi Sachdeva, Assistant Professor at Jaipuria Institute of Management. The session focused on strengthening students' communication abilities—an essential skill for academic and professional success. Topics covered included the ground rules of effective communication, verbal and non-verbal communication, and the impact of body language.

Students developed a deeper understanding of how to communicate confidently and effectively—an essential skill for interviews, presentations, and life beyond school.