

TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008

“A QUITTER NEVER WINS, AND A WINNER NEVER QUILTS”

## DEFENCE SERVICES

If courage to do things differently is the way you define yourself, If you like adventure, rules and regulations are your key to life, then The Defence Services are the career calling for you. The beating of the drums, blazing guns and cannons, crisp uniforms, patriotism, everyday a new adventure, a disciplined lifestyle, makes the adrenalin in your body hit the roof and excite you, the defense forces is the place you ought to be. The Defense Services include THE INDIAN ARMY, THE INDIAN NAVY, THE INDIAN AIR FORCE, and THE COAST GUARDS AND THE PARAMILITARY FORCES. We would be discussing each of these wings of the Defense Forces in greater details in the subsequent days. To start with we will discuss about THE INDIAN ARMY.



### THE INDIAN ARMY

The Indian army is the oldest wing of the defense forces prevailing in India. Its prime responsibility is to conduct land-based warfare and provide security to the country. THE INDIAN ARMY is the third largest army in the world, and is known for its prowess and skills. The ARMY is one place where professional growth takes place at every step. As an officer in the Indian Army, you will be heir to a glorious heritage. Blended perfectly with the latest in hi-technology, training techniques and strategic doctrines. You will be part of one of the world's finest Armies. Trained not just to be an officer, but a SOLDIER'S SOLDIER. An Indian Army Officer is the hallmark of what every human being aspires to be.... A pillar of strength and courage, whose mettle has been put through the acid test time and again. It will teach you to face the toughest of situations in life with panache you have never known before. It will help you become a multidimensional personality who will be a force to reckon with. Interested? The Indian Army is a place where you'll never stop learning. Nowhere else can you get such phenomenal opportunities to constantly hone and upgrade your skills? The ARMY builds Men and Women of Character.

The ARMY (NDA) awards you a Bachelor's degree in Arts, Science or Computer Science on completion of your training. If you join the technical stream, you will be offered a Graduate and Post Graduate degree in Engineering from one of the finest institutes of technology in the country. If you are selected for the prestigious Defence Services Staff College course. You'll be awarded a Master of Science degree in Defence and Strategic Studies. The Indian Army also runs some of the country's most prestigious academies and institutes. This covers a wide range of subjects from engineering to medicine, administration to strategy, and armament technology to management. The choice is indeed limitless. In fact, you can even get into Research & Development, if you desire. That's not all. You can also take a study leave amidst your tenure for an added educational qualification. Some of the various wings of the army are the ARMoured CORPS, ARTILLERY, INFANTRY, TECHNICAL BRANCH, MEDICAL BRANCH, ARMY SERVICE CORPS, ORDINANCE CORPS, INTELLIGENCE CORPS AND THE EDUCATION CORP

**NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA):** The National Defence Academy houses some of the finest infrastructure for professional army training in the country. It gives you innumerable opportunities to develop your personality and cultivate new interests. Three years in NDA and you will become a graduate & gentleman Cadet, ready for final phase of training at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun before you are commissioned as an officer. You can take the NDA entrance exam while in class XII. Once you clear this exam, the next step is a Services Selection Board (SSB) interview, which will last 5 days. The last step in the process is a medical test. After this, all you have to do is wait for your 10+2 results and the NDA merit list. Once you clear these you will be in NDA.

### Admission Details

#### Eligibility Criteria

XII Class / Equivalent passed certificate conducted by State Board / Universities. Candidate appearing for above examination can also apply.

Unmarried male candidates only

Age between 16 1/2 to 19 years

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**Nationality** - A candidate must be either:

A citizen of India, or A subject of Bhutan, or A subject of Nepal, or A Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, the East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia and Vietnam, with the intention of permanently setting in India) Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India. Certificate of eligibility will not, however, be necessary in the case of candidates who are Gorkha subjects of Nepal.

**Admission Form**-About a year before the commencement of a Course, a brief notice appears in the leading daily newspapers and a detailed notification in the Government of India Gazette, offering about the entrance examination to be held by the UPSC six months later at Agartala, Ahmedabad, Aizwal, Allahabad, Bangalore, Bareilly, Bhopal, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chandigarh, Cochin, Cuttack, Delhi, Dharwar, Dispur (Guwahati), Gangtok, Hyderabad, Imphal, Itanagar, Jaipur, Jammu, Jorhat, Kavaratti (Lakshadweep), Kohima, Lucknow, Madras, Madurai, Nagpur, Panji (Goa), Patna, Port Blair, Raipur, Sambalpur, Shillong, Shimla, Srinagar, Tirupati, Trivandrum, Udaipur and Vishakhapatnam.

**How to Apply**-A candidate seeking admission to the examination must apply to the Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur, House, New Delhi-110011, on the application form published in newspapers. The candidates may utilise the original form published in newspapers or in "Employment News" and fill up the columns in their own handwriting with ball-point pen. They may also use the application form and the Attendance Sheet neatly typewritten on white paper (foolscap size) in double space typed on only one side of the paper. There is no objection to candidates using printed/Application Form and Attendance Sheet, if available, from private agencies as long as the format is exactly the same as published in the advertisement. Candidates who have appeared for the previous examinations will not be considered. The envelope containing the application should be superscribed in bold letters as "APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL ACADEMY EXAMINATION".

**Dates- April / May and October / November.**

**Selection Procedure**

The process of selecting cadets for the National Defence Academy is split into three phases:  
A written examination held by the Union Public Service Commission.  
An interview by the Service Selection Board to assess a candidate's officer potentialities (Intelligence and personality test).  
A medical examination by a Service Medical Board.

**Scheme of the Examination**

The subjects of the written examination, the time allowed and the maximum marks allotted to each subject are as follows:

Subject	Code	Duration	Max Marks
Mathematics	01	2 1/2 hours	300
General Ability	02	2 1/2 hours	600

The papers in all the subjects will consist of objective type questions only. The question papers (Test Booklets) will be set in English only.

**Syllabus for Entrance Examination**

Paper I - Mathematics: (Maximum Marks 300), Paper II - General Ability  
Part A - English (Maximum Marks 200)  
Part B - General Knowledge (Maximum Marks 400)  
Section A (Physics), Section B (Chemistry), Section C (General Science), Section D (History, Freedom Movement etc)  
Section E (Geography), Section F (Current Event)