

## BACKGROUND

The Bombay Sappers Association was established in May 99 after obtaining approval in principal, from Government of India. The Association was registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 on 22 May 99. This is a unique Association of members drawn from serving and retired Officers, JCOs and Other Ranks of Bombay Sappers.

The present Chairman is **Lt Gen Michael Mathews, VSM\*\***, **Col Comdt 'The Bombay Sappers'** under whose able guidance the BSA is functioning as a vibrant organization.

The Association has grown to 47401 members as on 18 Dec 2017 (Offrs 1634, JCOs/OR 45767). The office of the Association has been functioning at BEG & Centre, Kirkee and a Chapter of the Association has been opened at Chandigarh.

The BSA is governed by the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations. **BSA is authorized to issue Certificate under Income Tax Act Section 80G** for claiming tax rebate on donations given to the Association.

## AIM

To promote esprit-de-corps and to promote general welfare matters of all ranks of Bombay Sappers, both serving and retired and their families.

## OBJECTIVES

- To enable members, as old comrades, to keep in touch with each other and with the Bombay Sappers so as to promote and foster spirit of brotherhood and comradeship among its members.
- To promote esprit-de-corps and social interaction amongst its members and their families.
- To engage in such other activities as may be incidental or ancillary to the attainment of the above objectives.

- To assist in the rehabilitation of widows / widowers amongst retired including their family members.
- To undertake all welfare activities.
- All the incomes, earnings, movable, immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized and applied toward the promotion of its aim and objectives.

## WELFARE SCHEMES

**(a) BSA Education Scholarship.** This is a merit scholarship given to children of serving/retired Bombay Sappers and their widows, studying in **class V to class XII**. every year (scholarship amounts Rs. 800/- to Rs. 1200/- each).

**(b) Education Grant to the Children of Widows (EGCW) :-** The widows of Bombay Sappers are given this grant to promote the education of their children. It is given from **Nursery to Graduation** for each child (amounts from Rs. 2,400/- to Rs.5,000/- per child pa is disbursed).

**(c) Grant for Professional Courses –** 10 meritorious students who are pursuing Engineering/Medical/MBA and Hotel Management courses are selected every year for this grant. They receive Rs.10,000/- per year for the duration of their respective course.

**(d) Madhuri Gupta Scholarship** A scholarship of Rs 1,00,000/- each given to two meritorious students every year who are pursuing B.Tech/MBBS courses(after having qualified for Advance JEE exam for admission in IITs or qualified for 15% Govt quota seats in NEET exam). This is disbursed in four yearly installments of Rs 25,000/- each. This scholarship is funded by Col NC Gupta (retired).

**(e) Grant to widows' for Daughter's Marriage:-** Rs. 25,000/- given to the widow on the occasion of their daughters marriage. Marriage Invitation card and certificate from Gram panchayat/Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer/Corporator must be sent to this office to avail this grant, as and when the daughters' marriage is fixed.

**(f) Immediate Grant to NOK.** Immediate Grant of Rs 10,000/- is given to NOK on demise of any JCO/OR while in service.

**(g) Distress Grant.** BSA also offers financial grant upto Rs. 10,000/- for serving and retired soldier, who are in distress eg. heavy loss due to natural calamity, assisting soldier's child in case of severe disability etc. It also gives help to widows and orphans in distress.

**(h) Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship.**

A scholarship of Rs. 3,000/- each is given to five wards of widows staying in Gurnam Boys Academy. This is funded by Capt R Dasannacharya (Retired).

**(j) Gurnam Boys Academy.** BSA also gives financial assistance of about Rs. 5 Lakhs every year to Gurnam Boys Academy where sons of Bombay Sappers get admission to pursue their studies and build their careers. The boys are motivated and given training to become good citizens and to become officers in Armed Forces or in civil depending on their aptitude.

**(k) Sapper Sarai.** BSA has created four Sapper Sarai at Pune, Amritsar, Jalandhar and Delhi where members can stay for short duration.

**(l) Any other form of Help.** BSA acts as nodal point for providing any help/ information to all members. All COs of units/Bns act as Nodal Officer.

## Appeal for Donation

Donations can be sent by sending crossed cheques payable to **THE BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION** on our address or Donors can directly donate on our SBI bank, detail is given below.

Acct Name : **BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION**  
Acct No : **10655958827**  
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