

BSA NEWS LETTER 01/2022-2023

1. Last News Letter 04/2021-22 was issued on 22 Apr 2022.
2. Present strength of members who have paid life membership fees, as on 08 Jul 2022 is as under:

(a)	Offrs	1,801
(b)	JCOs and OR	<u>52,197</u>
	Total Members	<u>53,998</u>

3. **Appointment of Gen Manoj Pande PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC as COAS.** 01 May 2022 was a Red-Letter Day for the Corp of Engineers in general and for the Bombay Sappers in particular. Gen Manoj Pande has risen to the helm of the 1.2 million strong Indian Army by breaking many a glass ceiling by sheer dint of his exceptional ability and unceasing hard work. We the Bombay Sappers are very proud of him and wish him a rewarding innings as the COAS.

BSA Activities

4. **64th Management Committee Meeting.** This was held on 06th May 2022. The minutes of the same have been uploaded on the BSA website and the ESM Whats Apps Gp. Minutes of meeting have also been promulgated to all veteran Offrs through the Gp Adjt Email group. Copies of minutes have also been sent to all Bombay Sapper units through AWAN & by post.
5. **Welfare Activities.** Details of funds spent on various welfare schemes and other welfare measures, in the financial year i.e. Apr 2022 to Jun 2022: -

Sr No	Scheme/ Grant	Beneficiaries	Amount
(a)	Edn Scholarship	-	-
(b)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	-	-
(c)	Distress Grant	-	-
(b)	Imdt Grant to widow/NOK	04 x Widows / NOK	40,000/-
(c)	Marriage of Widows Daughter	-	-
(d)	Grant for Professional Course	03 x Child (Awardees of previous year)	30,000/-
(e)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	02 x Child (Awardees of previous year)	50,000/-
(f)	Col Kumar Scholarship	-	-
(g)	Felicitation of Children who join NDA / IMA / OTA	-	-
(h)	Aid to GBA	-	-
(j)	Grant to Sapper Sarais	-	-
		Total	1,20,000/-

6. **Scholarships of Medical Stream Students.** As process of admissions for medical colleges was not over in March 2022, the board held for granting scholarships for professional courses, had recommended that a separate board be held in May/June 2022 to select two medical stream students for Grant for Professional Courses scheme and one medical student for Madhuri Gupta Scholarship.

7. This board was held now on 30 Jun 22 and three medical students were selected for above mentioned scholarships.

8. Final List of students selected in year 2021-22 for Grant for Professional Courses (GPC), Madhuri Gupta Scholarship (MGS) and Col Kumar Scholarship (CKS) is as under:

Sr.No	Scheme	Name of Students	Fathers Name	Stream	Amount	Remarks
(a)	MGS	Prathamesh M Solaskar	Sub Solaskar Mansing K (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	1,00,000/-	
(b)	MGS	Sujit Shinde	Sub Tanaji Shinde (Retd)	MBBS 1 st Yr	1,00,000/-	
(c)	CKS	R Kaviarasan	Sub R Rajendran (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	96,000/-	
(d)	GPC	Saqib Ali Rafik Pinjari	Sub Pinjari Rafik Ramjan (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/-	
(e)	GPC	Sanket S Khore	Hav Khore Sunil V (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/	
(f)	GPC	Sameer Kumar Pattnaik	Sub Maj PK Pattnaik (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/	

(g)	GPC	Tushar Pathak	Sub Dinesh Kumar Pathak (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/-	
(h)	GPC	Sujeet Sarjerao Gaikwad	Hav Sarjerao B Gaikwad	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/-	
(j)	GPC	Meenakshi Pandey	Hav Rajesh Prasad Pandey (Retd)	MBBS 1 st Yr	40,000/-	
(k)	GPC	Akshay V Kolhe	Sub Maj Kolhe Vitthal K	BE 2 nd Yr	30,000/-	
(l)	GPC	Ganesh Bhavar	Sub Maj Bhavar JS (Retd)	BE 2 nd Yr	30,000/-	
(m)	GPC	Sandeep Kaur	Sub Tarsem Singh (Retd)	MBBS 2 nd Yr	30,000/-	
				Total	6,26,000/-	

9. OP RAHUL: Borewell Rescue by a Bombay Sapper, Maj Gautam Suri, AGE (I) Naya Raipur.

(a) On 10th June 2022, Chhattisgarh Govt approached military auth for assistance in rescue of a 11-year-old child 'Rahul' who had fallen in an open bore well at Piridih Village in Jangir Champa district.

(b) Maj Gautam Suri, a Bombay Sapper who was posted as AGE (I), Naya Raipur was sent by the Sub Area HQ to carry out a recce. He found that the child had fallen in a 8 to 10 inch dia borewell shaft and was stuck at a depth of 60 ft. On his advice, it was decided to excavate soil next to the bore well up to a depth of 60 ft, where the child was stuck and then carryout horizontal tunneling to reach the child.

(c) Excavation was started with help of NDRF & SDRF. However due to the presence of Dolomite Rock, heavy duty Poclain machine had to be deployed. On 12th June an additional Army team of 01 JCO and 17 ORs were deployed and Pinjore Rock drills were used to break a massive rock wall encountered enroute. Due to limited space available a special tripod was fabricated to support the Pinjore Rock drill horizontally. The clearing of rock and debris in the last 2 to 3 ft of the horizontal tunnel to reach the child was meticulously planned and executed with utmost care and precision to avoid collapse of the bore well.

(d) The child was finally pulled out safely at 0015 hrs on 15 June 2022, after an operation lasting more than 100 hrs.

(e) This operation was a fine example of the joint efforts in planning and execution by Army, Disaster Management Teams and Local Administration. The coordination and final command & control exercised by the army team led by Maj Gautam Suri, speaks volumes about discipline, grit and sheer determination displayed by this team.

(f) The event was widely covered by the national & international media. Videos can be seen on

(i) <https://youtu.be/kMKZjEKTp9k>,

(ii) <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-61813897>

(iii) <https://www.news.com.au/national/boy-pulled-alive-fram-borewell-after-104-hours/video/ba147375c336vla38d9fb>

Performance of Bombay Sappers in Sports

International Level

10. **Sr Asian Wrestling Championship.** Sr Asian Wrestling Championship was held at Mongolia wef 19-24 Apr 2022. Spr Prem of Gp Wrestling team, BEG & Centre, Kirkee participated in the sub championship in Greco/Roman style and secured 6thPosn.

11. **1st COAS International High Altitude Tri Adventure Competition 2022.** 1st COAS International High Altitude Tri Adventure Competition 2022 was held at Jomsung, Nepal wef 21 May 2022. Spr Vinayak Kute of Gp Sports Climbing team participated in the sub event and secured team gold medal.

12. **Federation International Gymnastics World Cup Challenge** Federation International Gymnastics World Cup Challenge was held at Osijek, Croatia wef 09-12 Jun 2022. Hav Yogeshwar Singh of Gp Gymnastics team participated in the sub championship.

13. **Senior Asian Wrestling Championship** Senior Asian Wrestling Championship was held at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan wef 19-26 Jun 2022. Spr Gaurav Dhoon of Gp Wrestling team participated in the sub championship and secured Bronze Medal.

14. **17th FIG World Aerobics Gymnastics Championship** 17th FIG World Aerobics Gymnastics Championship was held at Guimares, Portugal wef 16-18 Jun 2022. The fwg sportsmen of Gp Gymnastics team participated in the sub event: -

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(a)	Nk (L)	Sandeep Ramola	Participated
(b)	Spr	Anikate Chakraborty	

National Level

15. **Sr National Wrestling Federation Cup.** Sr National Wrestling Federation Cup was held at Ranchi, Jharkhand wef 18-19 Apr 2022. The fwg sportsmen of Gp Wrestling team, BEG & Centre, Kirkee participated and won following medals: -

<u>S. No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Represent</u>	<u>Medal</u>
(a)	Nk	Sangram Patil	SSCB	Silver
(b)	Spr	Gaurav Duhoon	UP	4 th Posn

16. **17th Sr Open National championship 2022** 17th Sr Open National Sailing championship 2022 was held at Mumbai wef 21-24 May 2022. Spr Doiphode of Gp Sailing team participated in the championship and won a Bronze Medal.

17. **India Grand Prix Series** India Grand Prix Series Athletics Championship was held at Bhubaneswar, Orissa wef 21-24 May 2022. The fwg sportsmen of Gp Athletics team participated in the sub event and secured fwg posns: -

<u>S/No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Posn</u>
(a)	Hav	Ankesh Choudhary	800m	2 nd
(b)	Spr	Prakhash Gerde	800m	4 th
(c)	Hav	Manu D P	Javelin Throw	3 rd

18. **61th National Inter State Sr Athletics Championship** 61th National Inter State Sr Athletics Championship was held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu wef 10-14 Jun 2022. The fwg sportsmen of Gp Athletics team participated in the sub championship and secured fwg medals:

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medal</u>
(a)	Hav	Siva S	Gold
(b)	Hav	Manu D P	Gold
(c)	Hav	AnkeshChoudhary	Silver
(d)	Hav	Usaid Khan	Participate
(e)	Spr	Deepak Yadav	Participate
(f)	Spr	Prakash Gardade	Participate



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