

A Transformative Scheme

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सत्यमेव जयते

Agnipath



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Agnipath Scheme

Key Features

- Enrolment model based on **Agnipath Scheme**
- **Opportunity to serve** in the Armed Forces as Agniveers
- **Pan India** merit based recruitment
- **Four years** tenure
- Attractive monthly emoluments & handsome **"Seva Nidhi"** package
- **100% opportunity** to apply for permanent enrolment
- Based on merit & organisational requirement, 25% Agniveers selected **based on central, transparent, rigorous system**, after four years





Eligibility

Age limit for applicants from 17 ½ to 21 years

Recruitment

Candidates will be enrolled under the respective Service Act for a service duration of four years including training period

No change in recruitment process

Training

Imparted rigorous military training in existing training centres

Service

Opportunity to serve the nation in varied terrain from mountains to deserts, on Land, Sea or Air



FINANCIAL PACKAGE

Composite Annual Package

1st year package -approx. ₹ 4.76 Lacs

Upgradation upto approx. ₹ 6.92 Lacs in 4th year

Allowances

Risk & Hardship, and other allowances as applicable

Seva Nidhi

30% of monthly emoluments to be contributed by individuals

Equal amount matched & contributed by the Government

Corpus of approx. ₹ 11.71 Lacs after four years, exempted from Income Tax

Death Compensation

Non-contributory life insurance cover of ₹ 48 Lakhs

Additional Ex Gratia of ₹ 44 Lakhs for death attributable to service

Pay for unserved portion upto four years including 'Seva Nidhi' component

Disability Compensation

Compensation based on % disability laid down by medical authorities

One time ex-gratia of ₹ 44/ 25/ 15 Lacs for 100%/ 75%/ 50% disability, respectively



On Completion of Tenure

All candidates entitled 'Seva Nidhi' on completion of four years

Skill Gained Certificate and credits for higher education

Screening Assessment

Centralised transparent screening, based on merit and demonstrated performance during Service

100% Agniveers can apply on volunteer basis to enrol in the regular cadre

Selection

Selection in a centralized, transparent and rigorous system

On enrolment in regular cadre, pay fixed as regular soldier. Pension as per extant regulations



एक परिवर्तनकारी योजना

राष्ट्र

- अनेकता में एकता पर आधारित **राष्ट्रीय एकीकरण** के लक्ष्य के साथ सभी क्षेत्रों की महिलाओं सहित युवाओं को समान अवसर
- सिविल सोसायटी में सैन्य लोकाचार वाले सशक्त, अनुशासित और कुशल युवाओं के माध्यम से **राष्ट्र का निर्माण**

सशस्त्र बल

- **बदलती परिस्थितियों व जरूरतों** के अनुकूल ऊर्जावान, सशक्त, विविध एवं अधिक प्रशिक्षित युवाओं के साथ युद्ध की बेहतर तैयारी
- कठोर एवं पारदर्शी चयन प्रक्रिया के जरिए **सर्वश्रेष्ठ युवाओं का चयन**
- **युवा ऊर्जा** और अनुभव के समुचित संतुलन वाले युवा प्रतिभा का चयन
- **स्किल इंडिया का लाभ** उठाते हुए तकनीकी संस्थानों के युवाओं को अवसर

व्यक्ति

- **युवाओं** के लिए सशस्त्र बलों में शामिल होने और राष्ट्र की सेवा करने के सपने को पूरा करने का **सुनहरा अवसर**
- सैन्य अनुशासन, प्रेरणा, कौशल और शारीरिक फिटनेस को **आत्मसात करने में युवा सक्षम बनेंगे**
- बेहतरीन स्किल्स, सर्टिफिकेट और डिप्लोमा/उच्चतर शिक्षा/क्रेडिट के जरिए आसानी से **समाज से जुड़ने में सक्षम होंगे**
- **अच्छा वित्तीय पैकेज** युवाओं को अन्य नागरिकों की तुलना में अधिक व्यवस्थित एवं जिम्मेदार बनाएगा
- वर्षों के सैन्य प्रशिक्षण, टीम निर्माण क्षमता, लोकाचार और भाईचारे की भावना वाले **आत्मविश्वास से भरे बेहतर नागरिकों का निर्माण**
- एक **अग्रिवीर का रिज्यूमे** इतना अनूठा होगा कि वो भीड़ में भी सबसे अलग नज़र आएगा



अग्निपथ



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मुख्य विशेषताएं

- **अग्निपथ योजना** पर आधारित भर्ती का मॉडल
- अग्रिवीर के तौर पर सशस्त्र बलों में **सेवा करने का सुनहरा अवसर**
- **पूरे देश** में मेरिट के आधार पर भर्ती
- **चार साल** का कार्यकाल
- आकर्षक मासिक वेतन और **"सेवा निधि" पैकेज**
- स्थायी भर्ती के लिए आवेदन का **100% अवसर**
- योग्यता और संगठनात्मक आवश्यकता के आधार पर, चार साल के बाद **केंद्रीय, पारदर्शी, कड़ी प्रक्रिया** के जरिए 25% अग्रिवीरों का चयन





पात्रता

आवेदकों के लिए आयु सीमा
17 1/2 से 21 वर्ष तक

भर्ती

सेवा संबंधित अधिनियम के तहत उम्मीदवारों
को प्रशिक्षण अवधि सहित चार साल की सेवा अवधि
के लिए भर्ती किया जाएगा

भर्ती प्रक्रिया में कोई बदलाव नहीं

प्रशिक्षण

मौजूदा प्रशिक्षण केंद्रों में कठोर सैन्य
प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया जाएगा

सेवा

पहाड़ों से लेकर रेगिस्तान तक के विभिन्न इलाकों
में, जल, थल या वायु में राष्ट्र की सेवा का अवसर



वित्तीय पैकेज

कुल वार्षिक पैकेज

प्रथम वर्ष का पैकेज - लगभग ₹4.76 लाख

चौथे वर्ष में लगभग ₹6.92 लाख तक की बढ़ोतरी

भत्ते

जोखिम और कठिनाई संबंधित एवं अन्य भत्ते, जो लागू हों

सेवा निधि

प्रत्येक अग्रिवीर को अपने मासिक वेतन का 30%
का योगदान देना होगा

सरकार द्वारा समान राशि का योगदान किया जाएगा

चार वर्षों के बाद लगभग ₹ 11.71 लाख
की राशि मिलेगी, जो आयकर से मुक्त होगी

मृत्यु पर मुआवजा

₹48 लाख का गैर-अंशदायी जीवन बीमा कवर

सेवा के दौरान मृत्यु होने पर ₹44 लाख की
अतिरिक्त अनुग्रह राशि

'सेवा निधि' घटक समेत चार साल तक के
अप्रयुक्त हिस्से का भुगतान

अपंगता की स्थिति में मुआवजा

चिकित्सा अधिकारियों द्वारा निर्धारित दिव्यांगता के
प्रतिशत के आधार पर मुआवजा

दिव्यांगता के लिए क्रमशः ₹44 / 25 / 15 लाख 50% / 75% / 100%
की एकमुश्त अनुग्रह राशि



कार्यकाल पूरा होने पर

चार साल पूरे होने पर सभी उम्मीदवार 'सेवा निधि' के हकदार होंगे

प्राप्त कौशल का प्रमाण पत्र और उच्चतर शिक्षा
के लिए क्रेडिट का प्रावधान

स्क्रीनिंग का मूल्यांकन

सेंट्रलाइज्ड पारदर्शी स्क्रीनिंग, योग्यता और सेवा के दौरान
प्रदर्शन के आधार पर आंकलन

100% अग्रिवीर नियमित कैडर में भर्ती के लिए अपनी
स्वेच्छा से आवेदन कर सकते हैं

चयन

एक केंद्रीकृत, पारदर्शी और कठोर प्रक्रिया से चयन

नियमित कैडर में भर्ती होने पर नियमित सैनिक तौर पर
निर्धारित वेतन। मौजूदा नियमों के अनुसार पेंशन



In a transformative reform, Cabinet clears
'AGNIPATH' scheme for recruitment of youth in the
Armed Forces

Agniveers to be enrolled under respective Service
Acts for four years

Attractive monthly package with Risk & Hardship
allowances as applicable in the three Services

One time 'Seva Nidhi' package to be paid
to Agniveers upon completion of engagement period
of four years

46,000 Agniveers to be recruited this year

Armed Forces to have a younger, fitter, diverse
profile for facing future challenges

Posted On: 14 JUN 2022 1:12PM by PIB Delhi

The Union Cabinet today approved an attractive recruitment scheme for Indian youth to serve in the Armed Forces. The scheme is called AGNIPATH and the youth selected under this scheme will be known as *Agniveers*. AGNIPATH allows patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the Armed Forces for a period of four years.

The AGNIPATH scheme has been designed to enable a youthful profile of the Armed Forces. It will provide an opportunity to the youth who may be keen to don the uniform by attracting young talent from the society who are more in tune with contemporary technological trends and plough back skilled, disciplined and motivated manpower into the society. As for the Armed Forces, it will enhance the youthful profile of the

Armed Forces and provide a fresh lease of ‘Josh’ and ‘Jazba’ whilst at the same time bring about a transformational shift towards a more tech savvy Armed Forces – which is indeed the need of the hour. It is envisaged that average age profile of Indian Armed forces would come down by about 4-5 years by implementation of this scheme. The nation stands to immensely benefit by infusion of highly inspired youth with deeper understanding of self-discipline, diligence and focus who would be adequately skilled and will be able to contribute in other sectors. The dividends of a short military service to the nation, society and the youth of the nation are immense. This includes inculcation of patriotism, team work, enhancement of physical fitness, ingrained loyalty for the country and availability of trained personnel to boost national security in times of external threats, internal threats and natural disasters.

This is a major defence policy reform introduced by the Government to usher in a new era in the Human Resource policy of the three Services. The policy, which comes into immediate effect, will hereafter govern the enrolment for the three services.

Benefits to the *Agniveers*

Agniveers will be given an attractive customised monthly package along with Risk and Hardship allowances as applicable in the three services. On completion of the engagement period of four years, *Agniveers* will be paid one time ‘SevaNidhi’ package which shall comprise their contribution including accrued interest thereon and matching contribution from the Government equal to the accumulated amount of their contribution including interest as indicated below:

Year	Customised Package (Monthly)	In Hand (70%)	Contribution to <i>Agniveer</i> Corpus Fund (30%)	Contribution to corpus fund by GoI
All figures in Rs (Monthly Contribution)				
1st Year	30000	21000	9000	9000
2nd Year	33000	23100	9900	9900
3rd Year	36500	25580	10950	10950
4th Year	40000	28000	12000	12000
Total contribution in <i>Agniveer</i> Corpus Fund after four years			Rs 5.02 Lakh	Rs 5.02 Lakh
Exit After 4 Year	Rs 11.71 Lakh as SevaNidhi Package (Including, interest accumulated on the above amount as per the applicable interest rates would also be paid)			

The ‘Seva Nidhi’ will be exempt from Income Tax. There shall be no entitlement to gratuity and pensionary benefits. *Agniveers* will be provided non-contributory Life Insurance Cover of Rs 48 lakh for the duration of their engagement period in the Indian Armed Forces.

During this period of service to the nation, the *Agniveers* will be imparted with various military skills and experience, discipline, physical fitness, leadership qualities, courage and patriotism. Post this stint of four years, the *Agniveers* will be infused into the civil society where they can contribute immensely towards the nation building process. The skills gained by each *Agniveer* will be recognised in a certificate to form part of his unique resume. *Agniveers*, on completion of the four-year tenure in the prime of their youth, will be mature and self-disciplined with the realisation to become better version of himself/herself both professionally as also personally. The avenues and opportunities that will open up for their progress in the civil world after *Agniveer* tenure would certainly be a big plus towards nation building. Moreover, the ‘Seva Nidhi’ of

approximately Rs 11.71 lakh would aid the *Agniveer* to pursue his/her future dreams without the financial pressure, which is normally the case for young people from the financially deprived strata of society.

The individuals, selected for enrolment in the Armed Forces as regular cadre, would be required to serve for a further engagement period of minimum 15 years and would be governed by the existing terms and conditions of service of Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks in Indian Army and their equivalent in Indian Navy and Indian Air Force and that of Non Combatant enrolled in the Indian Air Force, as amended from time-to-time.

The scheme will lead to much more youthful and technically adept war fighting force by ensuring a fine balance between youthful and experienced personnel in the Armed Forces.

Advantages

- A transformative reform of recruitment policy of the Armed Forces.
- A unique opportunity to the youth to serve the country and contribute to Nation Building.
- Armed Forces profile to be youthful and dynamic.
- Attractive financial package for the *Agniveers*.
- Opportunity for *Agniveers* to train in the best institutions and enhance their skills & qualifications.
- Availability of well-disciplined and skilled youth with military ethos in civil society.
- Adequate re-employment opportunities for those returning to society and who could emerge as role models for the youth.

Terms & Conditions

Under the AGNIPATH scheme, the *Agniveers* will be enrolled in the Forces under respective Service Acts for a period of four years. They would form a distinct rank in the Armed Forces, different from any other existing ranks. Upon the completion of four years of service, based on organisational requirement and policies promulgated by the Armed Forces from time-to-time, *Agniveers* will be offered an opportunity to apply for permanent enrolment in the Armed Forces. These applications will be considered in a centralised manner based on objective criteria including performance during their four-year engagement period and up to 25% of each specific batch of *Agniveers* will be enrolled in regular cadre of the Armed Forces. Detailed guidelines will be issued separately. The selection will be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Armed Forces. 46,000 *Agniveers* will be recruited this year.

Enrolment will be undertaken through an online centralised system for all three services with specialised rallies and campus interviews from recognised technical institutes such as Industrial Training Institutes and National Skills Qualifications Framework, among others. Enrolment will be based on 'All India All Class' basis and the eligible age will be in range from 17.5 to 21 years. *Agniveers* will meet the medical eligibility conditions laid down for enrolment in the armed forces as applicable to respective categories/trades. The educational qualification for *Agniveers* will remain as in vogue for enrollment in various categories. {For example: For entry into General Duty (GD) soldier, the educational qualification is Class 10}.

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FAQs

1 What is the Agnipath scheme and what are its advantages?

Ans: AGNIPATH Scheme in the Indian Armed Forces is a scheme wherein **selected candidates** will be enrolled as Agniveers for **four years period**.

On completion of the four year period, Agniveers will **go to the society as disciplined, dynamic, motivated and skilled work force** for employment in other sectors to pursue their career in job of their choice.

Based on organisational requirement and policies promulgated by the Armed Forces, **Agniveers** after completing their engagement period, **will be offered an opportunity** to apply for enrolment in the permanent cadre. Of these upto **25% of Agniveers will be selected to be enrolled in the Armed Forces as a regular cadre**.

The scheme provides an avenue to Indian youth, desirous of serving the country to get recruited in the Armed Forces for a short duration.

The scheme enhances the youth profile of the Armed Forces.

Advantages

This proposal envisages providing opportunity to **the youth to serve in the military for short duration**.

It will also lead to a much more **youthful and technically adept war fighting force** by ensuring a fine balance between youthful and experienced personnel in the Armed Forces.



2. What are the broad objectives of the Scheme?

Ans: The broad objectives of the Scheme are:

- To enhance **youthful profile** of the Armed Forces so that they are at their fighting best at all times with increased risk taking ability.
- To **attract young talent** from the society to effectively exploit, adopt and use emerging modern technologies with enhanced technical thresholds of intake while leveraging Technical Institutions of the country.
- To provide an opportunity to the **youth who may be keen to serve the Nation** in uniform albeit for a **short period of time**.
- To imbibe The Armed Forces **ethos, courage, camaraderie, commitment and teamwork** in the youth.
- To provide **abilities and qualities such as discipline, dynamism, motivation and work-skills** so that the youth remains an asset.

3. What benefits are envisaged to be accrued from the scheme?

Ans: The scheme would be a win win situation for the Armed Forces, Nation, individuals and the society at large.

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4. What would be the impact of the scheme on the operational preparedness of the Armed Forces?

Ans: The operational effectiveness of the Armed Forces will enhance by this Scheme. By having a younger profile which is more fighting fit with less encumbrances, it is expected that the risk taking capability of these personnel would be higher. With the infusion of technology and revamping of the training programmes, the Armed Forces would ensure that the **personnel inducted under the scheme have the same skill sets** which are **required to meet the operational challenges**. Since the **training standards are clearly defined**, and monitored by the highest authorities in the Armed Forces, it would be ensured that the Agniveers meet the highest professional standards.

5. The Scheme envisions younger age profile of the Armed Forces. Is the Age eligibility criterion for enrolment under the Scheme different from the earlier practice?

Ans: Candidates between **17½ to 21 years** of age meeting other educational, physical and medical criteria would largely be **enrolled as Agniveers**. The Scheme also aims to **harness the “Skill India”** initiative by enrolling candidates qualified in **ITI/Diploma holders** in future with the necessary skills for certain technical trades.

6. Can the Agniveers opt for enrolment in the Permanent Cadre?

Ans: Based on organisational requirement and policies promulgated by the Armed Forces, all Agniveers after completing their engagement period, **will be offered an opportunity** to apply for enrolment in the permanent cadre. These applications will be considered by a centralised transparent rigorous screening system which would be based on merit and demonstrated performance during service. **Upto 25% of the Agniveers** would be selected for enrolment in the permanent Cadre as per the existing Terms and Conditions. Selection of Agniveers for further enrolment into the Armed Forces will be the **exclusive jurisdiction of the Government through laid down policies**.

7. How does the scheme compare to the other nations?

Ans: A **careful analysis** of the methodology of induction, retention and release of Armed Forces personnel in **various developed countries** was carried out to **adopt the best practices** being followed in these countries. The analysis revealed the following:

- **Primarily Volunteer Model.** All countries including those who have conscription have a volunteer Armed Forces once the mandatory time stipulation is over.



- b. **Enrolment Procedures.** Majority of the countries follow multiple enrolments models at various stages of military career enabling soldiers to voluntarily continue or exit service.
- c. **Retention.** All countries after the initial compulsory service period, retain soldiers based on their choice and a meritorious selection process.
- d. **Training.** All countries have a shorter initial training period. Specialised training is imparted once the soldier is selected for service for a longer duration.
- e. **Incentivisation of Exit.** These incentives vary from country to country but generally are in the following fields:
 - i. Relaxation/Incentives to pursue higher education.
 - ii. Financial package on exit.
 - iii. Credits in education qualifications for type and duration of service rendered.
 - iv. Advantage for recruitment in the permanent cadre.
 - v. Some assurance of job on exit.
- f. The Agnipath scheme aims to follow the same model and similar incentives as have been given in the developed countries.

8. Regimental system is one of the motivating factors for soldiers and officers to bond and perform beyond the call of duty during wartime. Will the induction change the same?

Ans: We shall be retaining the Regimental system, since the Scheme envisages selecting the best of the Agniveers and only those who proved their mettle, the cohesiveness of the unit would be ensured by these personnel. Further, these aspects would be focussed upon and accentuated by training received once the Aginveer reaches the unit.

9. Since there is going to be a limited training period, would it be adequate to meet the operational challenges?

Ans: Youth today eat better, run faster and longer, are more adept to technology and adept more easily to change. The aim to exploit the talent of the present day generation in our training patterns while simultaneously utilizing technology such as simulators to ensure an effective training programme. Since the basic qualification and qualities available with the youth have improved over the years, it gives us an opportunity to restructure the training pattern with more time being available for both physical and technical training. It also gives us an opportunity to review our present training pattern to make them contemporary, technology based and tailor made for the requirements of the Armed Forces.





10. Is the Agnipath scheme likely to be opened to women?

Ans: It is envisaged that in future women will be inducted in a progressive manner for joining the Armed Forces under the Agniveer Scheme.

11. How will this scheme ensure recruitment from all over the country?

Ans: The Scheme aims to capitalize on the broad based talent pool of the Nation and select the best for a career in the Armed Forces. The **present pattern of selection** into the Armed Forces is **not being changed** with the introduction of the scheme. The **only change** that is happening is in the **Terms and Conditions** of the service. As you all are aware, that the three Services are having **well established selections centers** spread over the country which have enabled them to recruit people from even the remotest part of the Nation. Since these very selection centers would continue to undertake the responsibility of recruiting personnel, we expect that the **all India representation would not be affected** by the introduction of the Scheme.

12. What is the financial package offered to an Agniveer in the Armed Forces?

Ans: Composite Annual Package

- 1st year package approx. **Rs. 4.76 Lacs.**
- Upgradation upto approx. **Rs. 6.92 Lacs** in 4th year.

Allowances

- Risk & Hardship, Ration, Dress, Travel allowances as applicable.

SevaNidhi

- 30% of monthly emoluments to be contributed by individuals.
- Equal amount matched & contributed by the Government.
- Corpus of Rs.10.04 Lakhs plus accrued interest, exempted from Income Tax, after four years.

Death Compensation

- Non-contributory life insurance cover of Rs. 48 Lakhs.
- Additional Ex Gratia of Rs. 44 Lakhs for death attributable to service.
- Pay for unserved portion upto four years including 'SevaNidhi' component.

Disability Compensation

- Compensation based on % disability laid down by medical authorities.
- One time ex-gratia of Rs. 44/25/15 Lakhs for 100%/75%/50% disability respectively.

