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IMPORTANT EVENTS

New Year get-together of IDST Pune Branch was organized on 16th Jan 2025 at IDST Pune Branch office.

The first two batches of the M. Tech Course in Defence Technology have been completed

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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Members,

We are glad to place in your hands this 17th issue of E-Bulletin for the period from 1st Jan 2025 to 30th June 2025. During these six months we have successfully completed some of the assignments taken up by IDST Pune Branch. The contract for integrated M. Tech. in Defence Technology is expected to be signed with AERO in November 2025. We wish our readers will be happy reading this, as we report some of the important events and meetings that took place during this period.

BRANCH REPORTING MEETINGS

1. Regional Council Meeting

During the period of this issue two Regional Council meetings were held on 20th March 2025 and 25th June 2025. In these meetings, discussion were held on status of IDST projects and financial position of the Pune Branch. Dr. DB Sarwade, Chairman briefed the Regional Council Members about the progress of the current IDST projects and progress of the new CAPSIs in pipeline and the plan of action. Moreover, he also briefed about the decisions taken in Central Council meeting.

2. New Member

It is one of the rare occasions when we had no new member registered at IDST Pune Branch during the period of Jan to Jun 2025

3. Central Council Meeting

During the period of this issue, two IDST Central Council meetings were conducted online on 28th Feb 2025 and 16th May 2025.

4. Audits

Internal Audit: Internal Audit for IDST, Pune Branch for the financial year 2024-25 was carried out by Dr. RR Sanghvi as Chairman and Shri. RB Sale, as a member on 18th and 19th June 2025.

External Audit: External Audit for IDST, Pune Branch for the financial year 2024-25 was carried out by Shri Manoj Chaubey, CA on 26th and 27th June 2025.



EVENTS

1. NEW YEAR (2025) GET-TOGETHER

A New Year (2025) get-together of IDST Pune Branch was organized on 16th Jan 2025 at IDST Pune Branch office. About 35 Nos. of members attended the function. Dr. DB Sarwade, Chairman introduced newly elected Regional Council Committee members for the years 2025-26. He also briefed about activities carried out during the last calendar year. High tea was arranged on this occasion.



2. FELICITATION FOR IDST PUNE REGION MEMBERS ON COMPLETION OF 80 YEARS OF AGE



A felicitation program was organized by IDST Pune Branch on 11 April 2025 for members who completed 80 years in 2024. The Editorial Board on behalf of IDST, Pune Branch wishes all the members, who completed 80 years of age, a long, healthy & peaceful life.

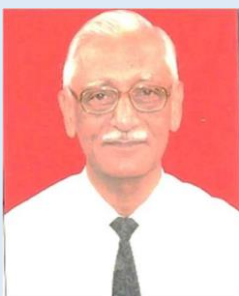
M. TECH COURSES IN DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY

- The first two batches have been completed this M. Tech. Course.
- The students of third batch have been placed at various DRDO labs / industries for project / dissertation work and will complete the work in next 2 to 3 months.
- The first year of the fourth batch for the course at VJTI and DKTE is completed.
- The contract for Integrated M. Tech. course in Defence Technology is expected to be signed with AERO in November 2025.



SAD DEMISE OF IDST MEMBERS, PUNE REGION DURING JAN 2025 TO JUN 2025

We feel extremely sorry to report that four of our IDST, Pune Branch members have left for their heavenly abode. We offer our deepest condolences to the members of the bereaved family and their near and dear ones. May their soul rest in peace and may GOD give their families a strength to bear the irreparable loss.



Maj Gen (Retd) D Kapil, AVSM

Maj Gen (Retd) D Kapil, IDST Pune Region Membership No. P-488, retired as Director ARDE Pune on 01st Apr 1996 and passed away on 22 Jan 2025. He was fondly known as Gen Kapil and during his tenure as Director PXE, Balasore and ARDE, Pune he made vital contributions in the field of Guns & Ammunitions and the Pinaka Multi Barell Rocket System, to name a few. His contribution at IDST Pune region specially 4 years tenure as Chairman, IDST Pune Branch is also well known.



Mr. VS Gaydhankar

Mr. VS Gaydhankar, IDST Pune Region Membership No. P-164, retired from ARDE Pune as Scientist 'G' on 30th Apr 1998 and passed away on 05th Feb 2025. He was an old timer and was known to head the design and development of the Air Defence Gun System at ARDE, Pune. His major contributions were in the work related to the high RPM 30mm Gatting Gun.



Dr. Amarjit Singh

Dr. Amarjit Singh, IDST Pune Region Membership No. P-839, retired from HEMRL Pune as Scientist 'G' on 31st Dec 2011 and passed away on 14th Mar 2025. He was second-in-command at HEMRL, Sutarwadi, Pune and in the process held many important positions. Besides his technical contributions to the field of high energy materials he held important portfolio like the Administration Group and Material Management Group. Besides he was also the Chairman of DATE Committee constituted by the DRDO for evaluation of projects before sanction.



Mr. PJ Berry

Mr. PJ Berry, IDST Membership No. P-1169, retired from ARDE Pune as Scientist 'D' on 31st Mar 2017 and passed away on 05th Apr 2025. In ARDE, Pune his major contributions were in the field of design and development of Guns and Howitzers, He also contributed for the test and evaluation of gun and related sub-systems at PXE, Balasore and other ranges in the country.



GREETINGS TO MEMBERS

Our members who celebrate their birthdays during this period (Jan to Jun 2025) are as follows :

- Jan** 1) Dr. HS Yadav, 2) Mr. P Ramachandran, 3) Mr. VK Sahare, 4) Mr. US Pandit, 5) Mr. RB Sale, 6) Mr. GC Adhikari, 7) Mr. RK Chouhan, 8) Smt. Kirtikar Namrata. 9) Prof Jayant V Ghate.
- Feb** 1) Mr. R Shankar Narayanan, 2) Mr. VK Ramakrishnan, 3) Mr. Suresh S Markale, 4) Mr. Goutam Kumar Sarkar, 5) Mrs. C P Mahajan, 6) Mr. Alok Asoke Mukherjee
- Mar** 1) Mr. SS Pol, 2) Mr. CR Mani, 3) Mr. YJD Prasad, 4) Mr. PG Shrotri, 5) Mr. D Sarkar, 6) Mr. M Ramamurthy, 7) Dr. BR Gandhe, 8) Dr. Prof. Muralidhar Rao Patkar, 9) Capt. Anant Vijay Bahl, 10) Dr. Asit Baran Samui, 11) Mr. Anil M Barve, 12) Dr. Bikash Chandra Chakraborty, 13) GP. Capt. G S Sandhu, 14) Dr. RJ Mukhedkar
- Apr** 1) Mr. DK Dattagupta, 2) Maj. Gen SS Sharma, KC, VSM, 3) Air Cmde Raghubir Singh, 4) Mr. Kishan Singh, 5) Mr. AK Mondal, 6) Mr. MD Sahu, 7) Mr. KK Radhakrishnan, 8) Mr. SS Kulkarni, 9) Dr. Suresh G Kulkarni, 10) Prof. BL Somani, 11) Mr. R.V. Katare, 12) Mr. Sudhir Gajanan Avachat, 13) Cdr. Bharat P Thatte, 14) Mr. Dershan Lal Sapra, 15) Mr. DD Dhawale, 16) Mr. Munis Abdul Rehman Shaikh
- May** 1) Mr. VS Sugur, 2) Mr. BS Mohan, 3) Mr. KR Sivan, 4) Dr. KV Prabhakaran, 5) Mr. SP Mane, 6) Maj. Gen Kamala Singh, 7) Mr. NK Chopra, 8) Dr. KSS Iyer, 9) Brig. SB Ghorpade, 10) Maj. Gen. PK Govila, 11) Mr. KP Joshi, 12) Dr. TD Sharma, 13) Mr. HR Khadilkar, 14) Mr. PK Nanawaty, 15) Mr. S R Shinde, 16) Dr. N Karuppaiah, 17) Mr. Satwinder Singh, 18) Mr. B Sashidharan, 19) Mr. KK Mishra, 20) Mr. MS Kulkarni, 21) Dr. Raj Kumar.
- Jun** 1) Mr. RR Gosavi, 2) Mr. KK De, 3) Dr. JP Agarwal, 4) Brig. RG Wastrad, 5) Mr. Rajendra Kumar Syal, 6) Mr. SP Shaha, 7) Mr. SH Vaidya, 8) Mr. Uday Nanal, 9) Mr. KC Jacob, 10) Mr. RM Dhodia, 11) Mr. K.T. Kulkarni, 12) Mr. S Subramanyam, 13) Mr. Alok Abani Ghosh, 14) Mr. Ramnath Pandharinath Waykar, 15) Mr. V S Ghadge, 16) Mr. S M Danali, 17) Mr. M S Labade, 18) Mr. M M Lavalekar, 19) Mr. B G Polke, 20) Smt. Sandipa Chakraborty, 21) Mr. R Sasurla, 22) Dr. Mannohan Singh, 23) Mr. GS Gunnapure

**WE ALL WISH THEM : “GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN A LONG PEACEFUL LIFE”
SO MANY OF OUR BEST MEMORIES INCLUDE YOU ALL. HERE'S TO ANOTHER YEAR OF MAKING
MORE MEMORIES TOGETHER.**

FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION AMONGST MEMBERS OF IDST AND THEIR ASSOCIATES

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