



**Services Preparatory Institute, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.**  
सैनिकी सेवापूर्व शिक्षण संस्था, छत्रपती संभाजीनगर.

Gateway  
to a career  
in defence





## **SPI - PRAYER**

Grant me, O master by the grace,  
To follow all the good and pure.  
To be content with simple things.  
To use my fellows - not as means, but as ends.  
To serve them stalwartly,  
In thought, word and deed.  
Never to utter a word of hatred or shame,  
To cast away selfishness and pride.  
To speak no ill of others.  
To have mind at peace.  
Set free from care and led astray from Thee,  
neither by happiness nor woe,  
and keep me steadfast in it.  
Thus only shall I please Thee and serve Thee right.



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Believe That,  
**W**e  
**ill**  
**in.**





## Gateway to a career in defence

### Ø From the Director's Desk Ø

1 Services Preparatory Institute has been successfully nurturing the future leadership amongst the youth for more than four decades. The number of cadets joining various defence academies every year, substantiates this fact. Since its establishment in 1977, the primary goal of preparing the youth from the state of Maharashtra, for being good military leaders is being incrementally achieved with hardwork and determination of the cadets.

2 A large population of school children are making conscious efforts to seek admission at SPI, year after year. The SPI fraternity has been toiling day and night to provide an empowered life to these young aspirants and will continue progressively with renewed vigour.

3 The motto of SPI resonates the same: 'दृढ प्रयत्नेन सिध्यते' (Hard Work Prevails). Ceaseless efforts under all circumstances, guide you successfully towards your dreams.

4 The methodical training acquired at the institute has helped more than 550 cadets who are now discharging their duties working as officers in the Indian Armed Forces. Some of them have also won laurels through gallantry awards like Kirti Chakra, Shaurya Chakra and Sena Medal.

5 My appeal to the young students, their parents and teachers is, be inspired to look at the military leadership as a great way of life than just as a career. And to fulfil the same, the youth of Maharashtra should seize this opportunity of joining SPI. They will, thus, get a chance to contribute to the process of Nation building.

“Jai Hind”





## INTRODUCTION

### Genesis

1. With View to motivate and prepare the young boys to join the Defence Services in the Officer Cadre, a committee was formed under the chairmanship of Lt Gen SPP Thorat, (Retd), Kirti Chakra, Padmashree, DSO, D'Lit.
2. On the recommendations by this committee the unique Services Preparatory Institute was established at Aurangabad in 1977 with the aim of preparing boys physically, mentally and academically for entry into the National Defence Academy, (NDA) Khadakwasla
3. The Institute provides personalized coaching for UPSC (NDA) written entrance examination. The curriculum at SPI is formulated in such a way that, the cadets are prepared for the written examination (UPSC) and to appear for the Services Selection Board (SSB) interviews.

### Aim of SPI

4. To encourage the youth of Maharashtra to join the Armed Forces as officers.

### Organization

5. The Institute works under General Administration Department (Desk-28) of Mantralaya.
6. SPI is headed by a Director who is a retired Armed Forces Officer of the rank of Lt Colonel and above or equivalent ranks of Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.
7. A Governing Body (GB) is appointed by the Government to oversee functioning of SPI .
8. SPI has a dedicated and experienced staff most of whom are retired personnel from the Armed Forces, to look after training, discipline and welfare of the cadets all the time. A homely and caring atmosphere is also ensured.

### Location

9. The SPI is located at Sector N-12, CIDCO, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in a well established campus of 10 acres.

### Contact Us

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 for Girls (b) [www.girlspinashik.com](http://www.girlspinashik.com)





## **CHARTER OF AN SPI CADET**

**1. Aim of a Cadet.** To be a GOOD military leader in the FASTEST time frame by FAIR and SQUARE means.

**2. Rules and Regulation.** While in SPI, cadets are subject to certain rules and regulations. Few of the important ones are highlighted in this section for your information. As discipline is very important, it is recommended that the cadet be advised to strictly follow these rules during his stay at the SPI to ensure fruitful and productive training. The under mentioned do's and don'ts must be observed.

### **3. Do's.**

- (a) Do be punctual for all activities like, PT, games, classes, parades, mess etc.
- (b) Do be smartly dressed at all times for all activities in the prescribed dress code.
- (c) Do keep all your personal possessions neat and tidy at all times.
- (d) Do be courteous to your seniors and superiors at the SPI.
- (e) Do maintain the highest standard of honesty and integrity.

### **4. Don'ts.**

- (a) Do not leave the SPI premises without proper permission.
- (b) Do not involve in smoking, drinking alcohol and consuming drugs, or have any such items in your possession.
- (c) Do not keep excess cash, jewellery, cell phones, any electronic or electrical appliances.
- (d) Do not possess any personal weapons, i.e.guns, fire arms knife etc.
- (e) Do not get tattoo on your body.

**5. It would help your son to settle down, if he practices the following simple activities before joining:**

- (a) Stitching of buttons and minor repairing of his clothes.
- (b) Polishing his shoes (leather and canvas).
- (c) Washing his under garments, socks and handkerchief.
- (d) Making his bed.
- (e) Keeping his clothes and personal effects neatly in his cupboard.
- (f) Keeping track of all his personal possessions.
- (g) Making a dhobi list and checking returns accurately.
- (h) Filling bank withdrawal form and maintaining his pocket money account.
- (i) Covering all textbooks and note books with laminated brown paper.
- (k) Labeling his possessions for identification.





## Facilities at SPI



### Manish Hall

Named after two martyred heroes, Lt Col Manish Kadam, KC (Posthumous), 9 Course SPI and Maj Manish Pitambare, KC (Posthumous), 14 Course SPI. This hall serves as an inspiration to the cadets.



### Library

Library has a collection of over 2500 books on various subjects. The collection contains encyclopedias, books on military science, biographies of prominent personalities and other interesting topics and subjects.



### Group Task Exercises

An exercise which is mandatory to pass the Services Selection Board interviews to get selected for the defence services. SPI has two arenas for Group Task Exercises.







### Dronacharya Hall

Provided with state of the art facilities to develop a healthy physique and stamina of the cadets



### Medical Care

An M.D. Doctor attends to the sick bay once a week. In case of serious cases, cadets are referred to a nearby hospital for the treatment. Treatment expenditure at the hospital is to be borne by the parents.



### Accommodation

The cadets are accommodated in well furnished & comfortable rooms, Each room is provided with the bedding and occupied by three cadets.



### Food & Messing

A balanced nourished diet of minimum 3200 calories per day is provided to the cadets.





## TRAINING AT SPI

### Aim of a Cadet

1. To be a GOOD military leader in the FASTEST timeframe by FAIR and SQUARE means.

### Our Mission

2. Devote all efforts to impart such training that the above aim is achieved. Our philosophy behind the training is :-

- (a) Focused and goal oriented approach.
- (b) Easily attainable targets to start with.
- (c) Gradual increase in the intensity in a scientific manner.
- (d) Develop officer like qualities through practical tasks.
- (e) Build a very strong physical and mental core.
- (f) Instill high standards of **honesty, integrity and loyalty**.

### Academics

3. Our major emphasis is on academics.

4. The cadets are admitted at school / junior college facility in Aurangabad, where they study in XI and XII class in the Science stream which includes the following subjects :-

- English ●Physics ●Chemistry ●Maths ●Biology or Electronics

5. They are required to maintain their academic performance of minimum **60% marks** in all SPI and College examinations, to retain their candidature at the SPI.





### UPSC (NDA) Entrance Examination and SSB Interview

6. A special orientation for the subjects of UPSC (NDA) entrance examination is given to the cadets by experienced faculty before and after the college hours. Emphasis is also laid on improving their power of expression in English.
7. The cadets are given practice in self expression by arranging Lectures, Debates, Quiz Competitions, Group Discussions and Outdoor Excursions. These activities develop their self confidence and bring out the hidden talents.
8. The curriculum is so structured that cadets are automatically prepared to face the SSB Interview.
9. The minimum educational qualification for admission to NDA is XII standard. Each cadet gets minimum of two chances to appear in the UPSC (NDA) entrance examination while he is at SPI in September and April, in the second year at SPI.

### Physical Training & Games

10. The aim is to ensure that cadets are in good physical condition to undertake the rigours of training at NDA.
  - (a) All cadets will have to participate in physical training in the morning and games in the evening.
  - (b) The SPI provides facilities for Foot Ball, Volley Ball, Hand Ball, Basket Ball, Hockey, Athletics, Cross Country, Boxing and Obstacles Course.
  - (c) Inter-section competitions for all above games are organised.

### Development of Moral Fibre

11. **Motivation and Orientation to the Armed Forces.** Motivation is of utmost importance. The cadets are given exposure to life in the Armed Forces through a series of lectures, training films and visits to various Defence establishments.
12. **Discipline.** Cadets are expected to follow all orders and instructions meticulously.
13. **Development of Leadership Qualities** The cadets are introduced to various aspects of leadership, by participation in the routine activities of the institute.
14. **Communication & Allied Skills** It is mandatory for all cadets to communicate in English at all times. Emphasis is laid on extempore speech and group discussions.





## Preparation for SSB

15. Complete infrastructure for SSB training has been developed on the campus. It includes Individual Obstacles, Group Obstacles, Command Tasks and Group Tasks. Preparation for SSB will include the following:-
- Group Tasks.
  - Group Discussions and Lecturettes.
  - Personality Development.
  - Interview Techniques.
  - Individual and Group Obstacles.
  - Psychological Tests.
  - Intelligence Tests.

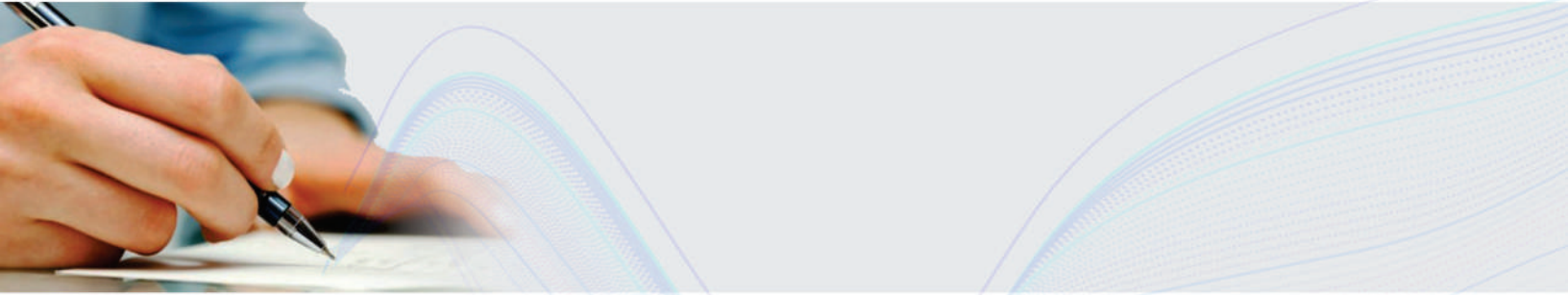
## Daily Routine

16.

Sr.No.	Time		Event
	From	To	
(a)	0530 hrs	----	Reveille
(b)	0600 hrs	0640 hrs	PT/Drill
(c)	0645 hrs	0715 hrs	Morning Assembly
(d)	0730 hrs	0830 hrs	Break fast
(e)	0830 hrs	1330 hrs	College Classes
(f)	1330 hrs	1530 hrs	Spare Time
(g)	1530 hrs	1600 hrs	Tea & Snacks
(h)	1600 hrs	1715 hrs	Games
(j)	1715 hrs	1800 hrs	Spare Time
(k)	1800 hrs	1930 hrs	SPI Class (I Period)
(l)	1930 hrs	2100 hrs	SPI Class (II Period)
(m)	2100 hrs	2130 hrs	Dinner
(n)	2130 hrs	2300 hrs	Self Study
(o)	2300 hrs	----	Lights Off

17. On Sundays SPI conducts extra UPSC classes in the morning. The cadets are given 'Out Pass' in the afternoon from 1400h to 1800h on Sundays.





### Admission Eligibility

1. **Domicile.** Domicile of Maharashtra State. Every cadet is required to submit the domicile certificate issued by the government to confirm his candidature.
2. **Age Limit, Sex, and Marital Status.** Only unmarried male candidates can apply. The Candidate must be born within the dates mentioned in the advertisement published every year.
3. **Educational Qualifications.**
  - (a) Candidates studying in 10th standard of State/CBSE/ICSE or equivalent pattern with English, Physics, Chemistry (or General Science) and Mathematics as subjects are eligible to appear for the SPI Entrance Examination.
  - (b) They must secure minimum 60% marks in 10th Examination.
  - (c) The candidate should have also secured minimum of 60% marks in VII, VIII and IX st. examinations.
4. **Physical Standards.** The Candidate should have the following 'physical standards' at the time of joining SPI. This list is not exhaustive, but it is a guideline. The cadet must be medically fit, to join the defence academies.
  - (a) Height : 157 cms
  - (b) Weight : 43 Kg.
  - (c) Chest : Without expansion : 74 cms expansion : 5 cm (minimum) for Boys
  - (d) Eye sight : 6/6 in a distant vision chart with better eye and 6/9 in worse eye. Myopia less than 2.0D and hypermetropia less than 2.0D Including Astigmatism. A candidate must have good binocular vision. Candidate should not be night blind and colour blind and should be able to recognise red and green colours.
5. **Selected candidates will have to produce a "Medical Fitness Certificate" signed by a qualified Registered Medical Practitioner at the time of joining. Separate medical test will be conducted at SPI for candidates within first few days after joining. Those who are declared 'Fit' by this panel will only continue at SPI.**

### How to Apply

6. Now, you can submit SPI Application Form Online only. Click on the tab "Online Application Form" on the Home Page of our website and follow the instructions.





## **Admission Procedure : Written Test and Interview**

**Admission to SPI is through Written Test and Interview. Both will be conducted in English only.**

### **Scheme of Written Test**

1. The written test will be conducted every year at various centres. Exact dates and place will be intimated on the website [www.spiaurangabad.com](http://www.spiaurangabad.com)
2. A single question paper in English will comprise of 150 questions in two parts.
3. Each question is for 4 marks. Total maximum marks are 600. Time allotted is 3 hrs.
4. The first part will be of Mathematics portion having 75 questions and the second part will be of General Ability portion having 75 questions.
5. The question paper will be of Multiple Choice Questions Format (MCQ), wherein, under each question, four suggested answers will be given. Candidate has to choose one which is the most appropriate and fill on the OMR sheet provided.
6. Every correct answer will be awarded (+) 4 marks and every wrong answer will be awarded (-1) mark. That means the exam will have negative marking system wherein for every wrong answer 1 mark will be deducted. No (+) or (-) marks will be given to the questions that are not attempted.
7. The General Ability paper will include questions on English, Science, Social Science/Social Studies, General Knowledge, Current Affairs and logical reasoning. The questions for English will include grammar, comprehension, error correction, synonym-antonym etc.
8. The paper will be set from the 8th to 10th Class syllabus of State Board/CBSE/ICSE boards. Apart from this a few questions on general knowledge, current affairs, mental ability may also be asked.
9. The Results will be uploaded on the website of the Institute.





## **Interview**

8. The Candidates who qualify in the written test will be interviewed by the Interviewing Board/Selection Committee. Interviews will be conducted at Pune and / or Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. It is based on General Intelligence, Personality Test and General Awareness of the candidate and knowledge about the current affairs. The interview is conducted in English and the candidates are expected to communicate in simple English.

9. Candidate should bring original copies of annual examination results of 7th,8th,9th and 10th board results (in case the interviews are held after the board results) along with the certificates of other achievements at the time of the interview. Final Merit list will be uploaded on the website

## **RESULT & STEPS THERE AFTER**

### **Selection and Joining SPI**

10. Based on the results the Entrance Examination conducted at various Examination Centers and the Interviews, a consolidated overall merits list will be prepared including a waiting list. It will be uploaded on the SPI website. The detailed "Joining Instructions" will be sent to all selected candidates by email. The first term of the new course will normally commence in the 1st/2nd week of June

### **Academic Terms & Vacations**

11. Academic year is divided in two terms viz first term and second term. At the end of the first term, vacations are granted during Diwali in the month Oct/Nov. At the end of second term vacations are granted during summers, most likely during the month of April/May.

12. Leave.- There are four types of leave at SPI.- summer break, winter break, sick leave and leave on compassionate grounds (on death of an immediate family member or a blood relation). No other type of leave is granted to a cadet.

### **Discipline & Adhering to the Daily Routine**

13. Military form of discipline is expected to be maintained at SPI all the time and in all activities. Emphasis is given that the cadet maintains a high standard of personal turn-out and conduct in and outside the campus. Any act of indiscipline is dealt with strictly. An agreement to this effect is executed and signed by the parents/guardians of the cadet at the time of joining. For issues related to ragging please refer to paragraph 2(c) under heading Withdrawal under section Joining SPI.





## Joining SPI

### Fee Structure

1. **Boarding Charges** . A sum, as decided by the Govt. of Maharashtra from time to time, is charged for six months in advance towards the boarding charges. It is required to be paid at the beginning of each term. At present it is Rs.3000/- per month.
2. **Security Deposit** . An amount of Rs.3000/- (Rs.1500/-in case of SC/ST candidates) is collected at the time of joining. It will be refunded only if cadet joins any of the Defense Academies at any stage in life.
3. **College Fees** . College fees (11th & 12th class) and other charges as decided by the college from time to time will be paid by the parents / guardians through SPI only.
4. **Cadet Expenditure** . Apart from these the cadets have to pay additional money for their Kit, training visits, training aids, barber and washer man charges, news papers & periodical charges, etc.
5. **Penalty Clause** . In case a cadet leaves SPI after joining, then the complete fees once paid WILL NOT be refunded. In addition he will be required to pay penalty to be decided later, at the time of his departure.

### Withdrawal

6. The Director, SPI has the authority to rusticate any cadet and withdraw his name from the roll on any of the following grounds:
  - (a) Remains ill for a period of 56 days (considered physically unfit to carry on with the daily routine of the institute).
  - (b) Become medically unfit or is declared to be medically unfit by medical pane of SPI.This includes only false information provided during the joining procedure or later.
  - (c) Involves in ragging activities and/or found harmful for other cadets in the hostel.(Orders of the Honorable Supreme Court dated 16th Oct 2000 & Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging ACT, 1999 amended from time to time will be implemented.)
  - (d) Consistently fails to secure minimum 60% marks in SPI or the School tests/examinations, or fails more than three times in any of the PT tests.
  - (e) Fails to maintain SPI discipline.
  - (f) If Boarding Charges, Fees and other dues are not paid in time by the parents.
  - (g) Any other reason, as deemed fit.







### Salient Points: The Armed Force

1. Apart from the pride of guarding the Nation, the attributes that a career in the Armed Forces offers are:-
 

(a) Professional Advancement.	(e) Social Status.
(b) Job Satisfaction.	(f) Quality of Life.
(c) Job Security.	(g) Variety and Adventure.
(d) Economic Stability.	

#### Professional Advancement

2. The promotional avenues available to an army officer are given below similar avenues are there for the officers of the Navy and the Air force
 

(a) <b>By Time Scale.</b> Captain (2 Yrs of Service). Major (6 Yrs of Service). Lieutenant Colonel (13 Yrs of Service).	(b) <b>By Selection.</b> Colonel. Brigadier. Major General. Lieutenant General. General.
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#### Economic Stability

##### During Training

3. Cadets at the IMA, OTA, Cadet Training Wing at CME, MCME, and MCTE get a fixed stipend RS.21,000/-per month.

##### On Retirement

4. Pension at 50% of last pay drawn.
5. Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Provident Fund etc.
6. Free medical treatment including for dependants.

#### Types of Commission

##### 7. Permanent Commission

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (a) NDA.                           | (d) Engineering Graduates.   |
| (b) 10+2 TES Entry.                | (e) University Entry Scheme. |
| (c) Direct Entry after Graduation. | (f) Law Graduates.           |

##### 8. Short Service Commission

- (a) After Graduation-Non-tech (Men & Women)
- (b) After Graduation-Tech (Men & Women)
- (c) NCC Spacial Entry (Men & Women)

##### 9. Opportunities: After Standard XII.

- (a) NDA (Army Wing) - XII (Any Branch).
- (b) NDA (Navy & Air Force) - XII with Physics & Mathematics.
- (c) Naval Academy (Navy) - XII with Physics & Mathematics.
- (d) 10+2 TES (Army & Navy) - XII pass with PCM Group marks 70% & above.





## Join Defense Services

Sr. No.	Course / Entry	In Emp News and Leading Daily News Paper	Eligibility Criteria		Application to be recd by	Trg Academy	Duration of Trg
			Age	Qualification			
1.	NDA	May and Dec Notified by UPSC	16 ½ to 19 ½ yrs (As on first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	12th Class of 10+2/Equivalent for Army and with Physics and Maths for A/F & Navy	--	NDA Pune	3 Yrs at NDA & 1 Yrs at IMA
2.	TES 10+2 (Tech)	May and Nov Notified by Addl Dte Gen Rtg/AG's Br	16 ½ to 19 ½ yrs (As on first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	10+2 with Phy. Chem & Maths (aggregate 70% and above to apply)	--	OTA, Gaya	5 Yrs (1 Yrs OTA & 4 Yrs CTWS) Commission after 4 years
3.	IMA (DE)	Notified by UPSC in Jun and Nov	19 to 24 yrs (As on first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	Graduate from recognized university	--	IMA, Dehradun	1 ½ Years
4.	SSC (NT) (Men & Women)	Jun and Dec	19 to 25 years as on 01 Jan of the year in which course is to commence for Apr course and 01 Jul of the year in which course is to commence for Oct course.	Graduate from recognized university	--	OTA, Chennai	49 Weeks
5.	NCC (spl) (Men & Women)	Notified by Addl Dte Gen Rtg/AG's Br Jun and Dec	19 to 25 years as on 01 Jan of the year in which course is to commence for Apr course and 01 Jul of the year in which course is to commence for Oct course.	Graduate 50% Aggregate marks, 2 yrs service in NCC Senior Div Army with minimum 'B' Grade in 'C' Certificate Exam.	As Notified	OTA, Chennai	49 Weeks
6.	TGC (Engineers)	Notified by Addl Dte Gen Rtg/AG's Br in May and Nov	20 to 27 yrs (As of first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	BE/B Tech in notified Streams of Engg	May & Nov	IMA, Dehradun	One Year
7.	UES (Engineers)	Notified by Addl dte Gen Rtg/AG's Br in May and Jun	19 to 24 yrs (As on first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	Pre final year students of Engineering Degree Course	31 Jul by HQ Command	IMA, Dehradun	One Year
8.	TGC (EDN) AEC	Notified by Addl Dte Gen Rtg/AG's Br in Apr and Oct May and Nov	23 to 27 yrs (As of first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	MA/MSc in 1st OR IInd division in notified subjects from recognized university	May & Nov	IMA, Dehradun	One Year
9.	SSC (Tech) (Men & Women)	Notified by Addl Dte Gen Rtg/AG's Br in Jan and Jun	20 to 27 yrs (As of first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	Engineering Degree in notified discipline	Jan/Feb & Jul/Aug by Rtg Dte AG's Branch	OTA, Chennai	49 Weeks
10.	JAG (Men & Women)	Notified by Addl Dte Rtg/AG's Br Jun and dec	21 to 27 yrs (As of first day of the month in which course is due to commence)	Graduate with LLB with 55% marks. Registered with Bar Council of India/State	31 Jul by HQ Command	OTA, Chennai	49 Weeks

For further details

Army Website : [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in)

Navy Website : [www.joinindiannavy.nic.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.nic.in)

Air Force Website : [www.joinindianairforce.nic.in](http://www.joinindianairforce.nic.in)





## **CADET'S COMMANDMENTS**

**we take the following pledge  
in the spirit of the commandments**

**The Nation** :The Nation's honour and interests come first, always and everytime.

**The Services** :We pledge to maintain the high traditions of the SPI and keep them always bright and strong.

**The SPI** :We are proud of the SPI.We, at all times, will endeavour to uphold its reputation by our conduct, bearing and manners, both within and out side the campus.

**The Corps and Cadets** :We are a family, We are loyal to each other We act as one man.

**Truth** :We will always follow the harder Right rather than the easier Wrong.

**Discipline** :We will obey all orders at once. We will never leave a task unless permitted to do so by a superior.

**Punctuality** :We will make punctuality our second nature.

**Supervision** :We will work without any need of supervision. Supervision is unnecessary when duty is performed conscientiously.

**Work and Play** :We will work hard and play hard. We will keep ourselves physically fit, mentally alert and morally upright.

**Gentlemen** :As aspirants of becoming officers of the Defence Services, we will learn to conduct ourselves like a Gentlemen.



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