



**DISABLED WAR VETERANS (INDIA) REGD.**  
THE ONLY ORGANISATION OF WAR DISABLED / BATTLE CASUALTIES  
RECOGNISED BY GOVT. OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

**डिसेबल्ड वार वेटेरन्स(इण्डिया) रजि.**

भारत में युद्ध एवं लड़ाई के अपंग/विकल सैनिकों के भारत सरकार,  
रक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त एकमात्र संस्था

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Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare  
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**GUIDELINES FOR PENSIONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS (PWAs) INCLUDING  
GRANT-IN-AID**

Greetings of the Day from DIWAVE!

1. Please refer to DIWAVE letter no DIWAVE/12/DOPPW/01 dated 16 Dec 2025 and tele conversation on 22 Dec 2025.
2. DIWAVE Annual Report 2024-25 is forwarded herewith as desired please.

Warm Regards,



**Encls** : As above

(SK Garg)  
Colonel (Retd)  
Executive President

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25: DISABLED WAR VETERANS (INDIA) REGD**

### **Introduction**

1. Disabled War Veterans (India) popularly known as DIWAVE was founded in 1978 and registered with Registrar of Societies vide Regd No 9904 dated 14 Dec 1978. It is one of 5 organisations granted recognition by the Government of India, Ministry of Defence, vide letter No 2(2)/DIWAVE/KSB/2004 dated 10 Nov 2004 and No 28(145)/2019/D(Res 1) dated 16 Sep 2019. In real sense, this is the only active organisation of War Disabled / Battle Casualties. It is a non-political, democratic, secular and voluntary organisation.

2. DIWAVE was as a result of the initiative taken by Capt. Narinder Kumar Mahajan, a 100% War Disabled Soldier of 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, who while admitted in Army Hospital R & R, felt the need to resolve some issues relating to the welfare of War Disabled Soldiers, but found the existing organisations inadequate for the task. He joined hands with Late Maj. Vijay Kumar, VrC, a War Disabled Soldier of Indo-Pak War 1965 to set up the new Organisation.

3. Disabled War Veterans (India) has been formed to help all members of the Indian Armed Forces who are War Disabled, invalided out of service as well as retained in service as also their dependents. DIWAVE has following two types of members :-

(a) Life members -1440

(b) Associate members -9117

4. DIWAVE's Mission is to reach out to every War Disabled Soldier/ Battle Casualty including those living in remotest corners of the country. DIWAVE has been contacting and approaching War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties through letters, messages and mails with a view to enrolling them as members and strengthening the Organisation. It has succeeded to a large extent in its objective but still a lot of work remains to be done.

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## Aim

5. The Aim of this organisation is to reach out to every War Disabled Soldiers /Battle Casualty to address their difficulties in day-to day life and any other issues cropped up affecting them. The organization is committed passionately to help them.

## Fact

6. It is nice that martyred are remembered always, whereas War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties is a forgotten lot and live life in anonymity.

## Sad Truth

7. When a Soldier is martyred, a family dies. There is no monetary benefit that can glue that family together. When a Soldier becomes a War Disabled, a family dies every day. Someone will scratch upon the wound of disability and kill the hopes of the family.

8. DIWAVE has faced many constraints such as paucity of funds, lack of office space, lack of staff etc. It is functioning only with the donation of the War Disabled members and a few well wishers. It doesn't get any funds from the Govt or other organisations. Thanks to generous donation by Smt. Karuna Pandit w/o Late Major Vijay Kumar VrC, DIWAVE now has its own office space at C6-18/1, Ground floor, Safdarjung Development Area New Delhi-110016.

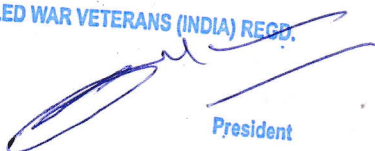
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**"MARTYR DIES ONCE**

**WAR DISABLED DIE EVERY DAY"**

A Martyr makes the ultimate sacrifice and gets instant recognition, but a War Disabled Soldier lives a life of anonymity. He becomes a face of the real effect of the war and a face of how society treats its soldiers. Does a life of anonymity mean that he was any less heroic on the battlefield? Should he bear the brunt of every soldier's decision to serve his motherland?

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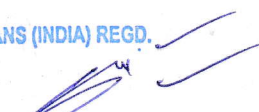
  
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10. DIWAVE has devoted itself with the cause and concern of well being of war disabled soldiers. It endeavors to:-

- (a) Reaching out to Disabled War Veterans in remotest corners of the country where Govt agencies lack connectivity.
- (b) Restore doubts of pensioners on policy letters by providing clarification on OMs/ Circulars issued by various Govt/ Armed Forces departments as well as information and guidance on pension, medical treatment and other retirement related matters.
- (c) DIWAVE is regularly making a valuable contribution for circulating the OMs, orders guidelines issued by the Department through print media, whatsapp groups and other means.
- (d) DIWAVE facilitates redressal of pensioner's grievances by registering their grievances on grievance portal and liaise with offices of Government of India (PCDA)/Record offices w.r.t. pensioners' grievances.
- (e) DIWAVE plays an active role in helping pensioners to submit Digital Life Certificates. For this purpose DIWAVE assists concerned banks to visit old/ sick/incapacitated pensioners at their homes/old age homes and at the hospital.
- (f) DIWAVE have a dedicated official e-mail (diwave1@gmail.com), website ([www.diwave.org](http://www.diwave.org)) and separate whatsapp groups (Whatsapp No. 9999011712) for helping and covering all War Disabled Veterans of the Armed Forces.
- (g) **Diwave** is active in Face book / Twitter and actively views all tweets and messages.
- (h) **DIWAVE** release Monthly Newsletter and Annual Magazine which showcase meetings, campaigns, activities and compendium of welfare /Pension related updates /Circulars etc.

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## **Major Achievements.**

11. Following major achievements:-

- (a) Separate Identify cards for War Disabled Soldiers are being issued.
- (b) War Disabled Soldiers are exempted from ECHS Charges.
- (c) ECHS cards with annotation **WAR DISABLED** have been issued which entitles priority treatment in ECHS Polyclinics to battle casualties & their spouses.
- (d) Priority for treatment in OPDs and admissions in Armed forces hospitals.
- (e) Broad-banding of Disability which has given legitimate financial security.
- (f) Removal of cap on war injury pension. Service Element plus war injury element was earlier restricted to maximum of basic pay i.e. 100%.

**For more information visit our website [www.diwave.org](http://www.diwave.org)**

12. DIWAVE is still struggling to achieve many more facilities / benefits to reduce the suffering of War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties and approaching the concerned departments and authorities.

- (a) Implementation of letter no 200847/Pen-C/1971 dated 24 Feb 1972.
- (b) Priority in admission to professional / medical colleges for the wards of the War Disabled Soldiers retained in service.
- (c) Exemption of Income-Tax to the War Disabled Soldiers retained in service / superannuated.
- (d) Enhanced pension for widows of the War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties.
- (e) Honorary rank for War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties.
- (f) Upgrading the ward for War Disabled Veterans / Battle Casualties in Empanelled Hospitals.

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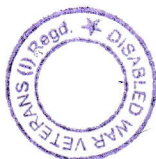


13. **Create Awareness of Govt Policies for War Disabled Soldiers.**

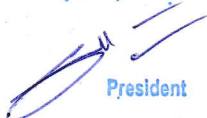
DIWAVE has reached out to **approx 7005 War** Disabled Soldiers through social media and to create awareness of Govt Policies including Welfare measures taken by MoD, KSB, DGR, State Govts, DIAV, ECHS, Service HQ, DGAFMS and other Govt/Semi Govt/Non Govt organisations.

**Audit**

14. DIWAVE has got its accounts audited for FY 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and submitted to Registrar of Societies. IT Return of ibid years have been submitted to IT authorities. There is no observation from ibid organization.



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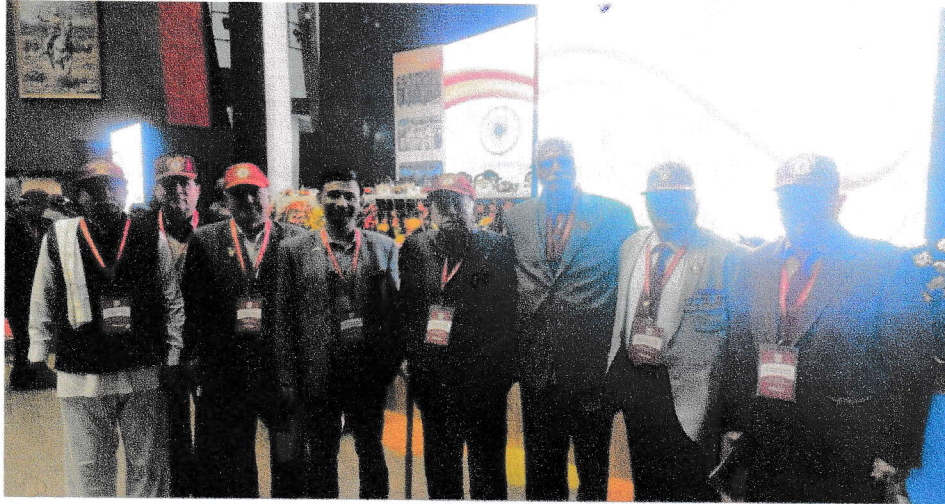
  
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## Activities during the Year 2024

1. **Veterans Day Celebration.** Maximum participation of War Disabled Soldiers was visible on Veterans Day Celebration on 14 Jan 2024 at Manekshaw Centre Delhi Cantt where MoD and Armed Forces Chiefs highlighted the welfare issues for Veterans and their families.



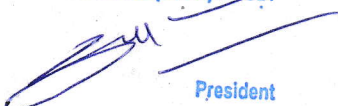
DIWAVE team @ veterans day

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### DIWAVE TEAM ON VETEANS DAY CELERBATION

2. **Republic Day.** The Republic Day (26 January) celebrated on every year across pan India. A large No. of War Disabled Veterans participated in the locally organized functions thus fostering a sense of awareness, camaraderie social interaction and collective well being
3. **Participate in Enthusia 2024 for Marathon Charity Partner.** Veer Mata Jijabai Technological Institute, Mumbai organized Marathon race of 5 kms and 10 kms on 11 Feb 2024 in which students and public was invited to run for War Disabled Soldiers. Institute selected **DIWAVE** as a charity partner and invited President Capt N K Mahajan and Secretary General Col Sunil Sharma to flag off the Marathon race and distribute the prizes to winners. The amount collected for charity has been sent by the Institute on termination of the 14 day sports fest.

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4 **Meeting with MD ECHS.** **DIWAVE** President, Capt N K Mahajan and Office Secretary Lt Col V K Kotnala attended the meeting on 15 March 2024 wherein ECHS updated the organizations on efforts taken by it to overcome health related issues. Critical issues affecting Medicare of War Disabled Soldiers were apprised to ECHS for remedial action at polyclinics.

5. **Executive Committee Meeting on 12 April 2024.** **DIWAVE** Executive Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2024 at 11:30 hrs in its office C6-18/1, SDA Hauz Khas New Delhi-110016.

6. **Meeting with War Disabled Soldiers in Meerut.** President **DIWAVE** attended a seminar of War Disabled Soldiers in Meerut on 19 April 2024, organized by Brig Nagender Singh. It's a small effort to create awareness and enroll War Disabled Soldiers as members **DIWAVE** who have still not joined it.



**Capt & Mrs NK Mahajan with Col Satvinder Singh OIC Veterans Node Meerut & Brig Nagender Singh.**

*(Signature)*  
President

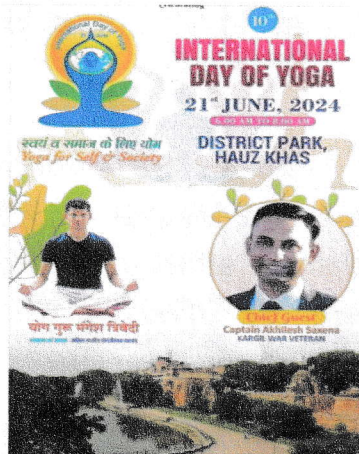




7. **Awareness Campaign.** Col C T Arasu Senior Vice President, Col Ranbir Singh, Gen Secretary of IESL with State Presidents & representatives of IESL Andhara Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orrisa & Tamil Nadu visited DIWAVE's office on Thursday the 13 June 2024 and assured all out help & support in its **Awareness Campaign.**



8. **Yoga Day.** International Yoga Day is celebrated annually on 21<sup>st</sup> June every year to promote the many benefits of practicing yoga for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Celebrations involve mass yoga session in various locations worldwide. A large No. of War Disabled Veterans participated in Yoga Day celebration at District Park Hauz Khas New Delhi and at their respective places of residence.



9. **Executive Committee Meeting on 19 July 2024.** DIWAVE Executive Committee Meeting held on 19 July 2024 at 11:30 hrs from it's office C6-18/1, SDA Hauz Khas New Delhi-110016.

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10. **Kargil Vijay Diwas.** Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on 26<sup>th</sup> of July in India, to observe India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War for ousting Pakistani Forces from their occupied positions on the mountain tops of Northern Kargil District in Ladakh in 1999. A day etched in sacrifice, courage, and patriotism. Kargil was not just a military victory, it was a reminder that the spirit of India is unbreakable.



DIWAVE held a small get together on 26 July 2024 for celebrate and honour our martyrs and wounded soldiers. A large number of War Disabled Veterans participated in the locally organized functions thus fostering a sense of awareness, camaraderie social interaction and collective well being.

11. **Meeting with Chief of Defence Staff.** The CDS and the Secy DESW interacted with Veterans on various issues on 17 Jul 2024. The meeting was basically arranged to give a talk on Agniveers by CDS. The Presidents and representatives of the five MoD Recognized ESM Organisations (Diwave, IESL, AFA, ABPSS & NEXCC) attended the meeting. President Diwave, Capt N K Mahajan, Col Sudhir Kumar Garg, Col Ajit Singh Rana and Col Sunil Sharma were present in the meeting. The points and issues concerning War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties were submitted to CDS, copies of the same were handed to Secretary DESW, Adjutant General, DG DC&W, Joint Secretary (Army) and Brig DIAV.

12. **Meeting with Brig DIAV.** DIWAVE President Capt N K Mahajan and Executive President Col Sudhir Kumar Garg held meeting with Brig VS Pathania, DDG DIAV on 07 Aug 2024. Brig DIAV assured that he would look into the issues of war Disabled Veterans with compassion and vigour.



13. **Independence Day.** A large No. of War Disabled Veterans participated in the locally organized functions thus fostering a sense of awareness, camaraderie social interaction and collective well being. A large no of Institutions felicitated the War Disabled Veterans on this special occasion. National talks were organized at Educational institutions.

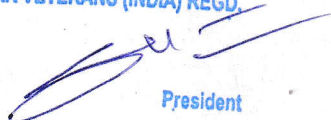


**Sub Vishmadev Ghosh (Diwave Member)**

Today, 78<sup>th</sup> Independence day has been celebrated at the office of Block Development Officer, Burwan with Joy, honour and respect. Thanks to the Ex-Army officials who participated in this occasion and made the programme successful.

14. **The Har Ghar Tiranga.** Campaign in 2024 was a nationwide initiative held from August 9-15, 2024, to encourage citizens to hoist the Indian flag at their homes as a symbol of patriotism and to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The 2024 event was the third edition of the campaign, which included various activities like Tiranga runs, concerts, and the popular online activity of uploading selfies with the flag on the official website. DIWAVE members took active part at their respective home stations.

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Today led the Har Ghar Tiranga  rally at Leh Main Market.

15. **Annual General Meeting of DIWAVE:** - Annual General Meeting of DIWAVE held on 08 Sept 2024 in its office C6-18/1, SDA Hauz Khas NEW DELHI -110016.
16. **Meeting with DGMS (ARMY).** A meeting was held with Lt Gen Sadhna S Nair, VSM, DGMS (Army) on 24 Sept 2024. Diwave President Capt N K Mahajan, Col Sudhir Kumar Garg and Capt Akhilesh Saxena were present in the meeting. The meeting addressed various concerns related to the medical treatment of War Disabled Soldiers and Battle Casualties. DGMS (Army) agreed to look into the medical issues of War Disabled Veterans. A coord officer at DGMS (Army) was appointed to ensure desired problems at Any Military Hospitals are promptly attended.
17. **Swachhata Pakhwada.** In 2024, the "Swachhata Pakhwada" was observed from September 1 to 15 under the Ministry of Education. Additionally, the "Swachhata Hi Seva 2024" fortnight was held from September 17 to October 2, during which various ministries and departments organized cleanliness drives. Members were requested to spread awareness and importance of 'SWACHHATA'.

DIWAVE organized Swachhata Pakhwada from 28 Sept to 02 Oct 2024 in Block C Safdarjung Development Area. Some War Disabled members of local area and **DIWAVE** participated in swachhata abhiyan actively.

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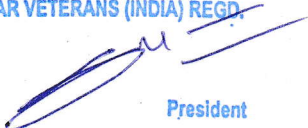
18. **Executive Committee Meeting on 26 Oct 2024.** DIWAVE Executive Committee Meeting held on 26 Oct 2024 at 11:30 hrs from it's office C6-18/1, SDA Hauz Khas New Delhi-110016 to update members on policy matters.

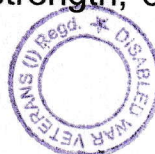
19. **Diwave Foundation Day.** Disabled War Veterans (India) popularly known as DIWAVE was founded in 1978 and registered with Registrar of Societies vide Regd No 9904 dated 14 Dec 1978. In real sense, this is the only active organisation of War Disabled / Battle Casualties. It is a non-political, democratic, secular and voluntary organisation. A small get-together arranged in DIWAVE office for celebrate its Foundation Day on 14 Dec 2024.



20. **Vijay Diwas.** Vijay Diwas, celebrated every year on 16 December reminds us of the historic win of India over Pakistan in the Indo-Pak war eventually leading to the liberation of Bangladesh. This war went on for 13 days and ended with Pakistan surrendering 93,000 soldiers. Vijay Diwas is the day that highlights India's military strength, commitment to justice and

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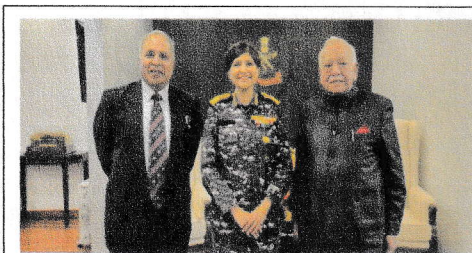


humanitarian values. DIWAVE honours its War Disabled Veterans of Indo-Pak 1971 operations.



21. **Meeting with DG Artillery.** First meeting concerning the War Disabled Soldiers was held on 24 Dec 2024. Next meeting be planned at Artillery Centre, Nasik Road Camp in Dec 2025. DG Artillery has invited all War Disabled Veterans from Artillery for Meeting at Artillery Centre Nasik. A good initiative towards War Veterans by The Artillery Regiment.

22. **Meeting with DGAFMS.** DIWAVE President Capt N K Mahajan and Executive President Col Sudhir Kumar Garg held meeting with Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin, AVSM, VSM, DGAFMS on 10 Jan 2025. The issues related to medical treatment and care of war disabled soldiers were discussed. The DGAFMS assured full support to our problems and concerns for early remedial action.



Diwave President Capt N K Mahajan & Executive President Col Sudhir Kumar Garg with DG AFMS Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin , AVSM, VSM



23. **Veterans Day Celebration.** Veterans Day Celebration on 14 Jan 2025 was held at Manekshaw Centre Delhi Cantt where MoD and Armed Forces Chiefs highlighted the welfare issues for Veterans and their families. The battle casualties and members DIWAVE had good strength for the celebrations.

24. **Executive Committee Meeting on 18 Jan 2025** DIWAVE Executive Committee Meeting held on 18 Jan 2024 at 11:30 hrs from it's office C6-18/1, SDA Hauz Khas New Delhi-110016.

25. **Diwave Executive Committee Meeting.** DIWAVE Executive Committee meeting held at 1100hrs on 15 Feb 2025 (Saturday) at C6-18/1, SDA, New Delhi -110016.

26. **Meeting with MD ECHS.** Col Sudhir Kumar Garg (Retd) Executive President and Secretary General Col Sunil Sharma attended the meeting "ECHS Update for ESM Associations" on 07 March 2025. MD ECHS heard the problems faced by veterans and he assured that all out efforts would be made to overcome the issues brought before ECHS.

27. **Representation for Inclusion of Income Tax Exemption.** With inputs from the **DIWAVE** members, a letter was sent to the Chairman, Parliament Select Committee on 28 Feb 2025 on 'IT Exemption for War Disabled Soldiers' for inclusion IT Bill 2025. DIWAVE delegations met the following members of the Select Committee:-

(a) Col Ajit Singh Rana (**DIWAVE** member) met Mr. Deepinder Hooda MP and Member Select Committee on 10 March 2025. On 11 March 2025, Col Ajit Singh Rana and Col Jitendra Kumar Chaurasia met Capt Varitto, MP Goa also member Select Committee and handed over the memorandum from DIWAVE.



Col Ajit Singh Rana and Col Jitendra Kumar Chaurasia with Capt Varitto, MP Goa.

(b) On 18 March 2025, a petition on subject was handed over to H.E. Shri Bandaru Dattatraya Ji, Hon'ble Governor Haryana by **DIWAVE** delegation led by Col SK Garg (Retd) Executive President, Col AS Rana (Retd) and Brig Narinder Singh (Retd).

(c) Col Sudhir Kumar Garg, Executive President **DIWAVE** and Col Ajit Singh Rana held a meeting with Hon'ble Shri Eatata Rajender, MP and Member Select Committee on 19 March 2025 for taking up our cause of IT Exemption.



Col Sudhir Kuamr Garg (Executive President DIWAVE) and Col Ajit Singh Rana had a very fruitful meeting with Hon'ble Shri Eatata Rajender, MP and Member Select Committee this morning.

### Common Issues

28. Ongoing issues Related Medical treatment welfare, jobs pertaining to Disabled War Veterans with **DESW, DIAV, AG, QMG, ECHS** are listed below which need attention and execution by concerned authorities.

#### ECHS

- (a) Display of Sign Board: Priority treatment of War Disabled / Battle Casualties in each and every ECHS Polyclinics.
- (b) Reduction of staff in ECHS Polyclinics: Results fatigue harassment & Demoralizing to beneficiaries.
- (c) ECHS card with Annotation "**War Disabled**".
- (d) Refund of ECHS Membership amount charged from War Disabled Soldiers.
- (e) Upgrading the Ward for War Disabled Soldier Soldiers / Battle Casualties and their spouses.
- (f) Problem faced by War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties due to new software.





(g) Local Purchase, Procedure for NA medicines and other arbitrary practices.

(h) Issue of Repair of Prosthesis.

(j) Revision of rates for procurement on purchase of hearing aids.

(k) Priority for employment for wards for war disabled soldiers in ECHS.

**QMG.** Unique CSD “**smart card**” to War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties and their families for priority in billing etc.

**AG.**

(a) **Introduction Of Badge For War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties.** **DIWAVE** has requested to AG introduce a badge appropriately designed for War Disabled Saddlers / Battle Casualties.

(b) Implementation of Order No 200847/Pen-C/1971 Dated 24 Feb 1972.

(c) Priority for Reservation /preference to the wards of Armed forces personnel by states /UTs for admission to medical /professional /non professional courses.

(d) Reversing the priority for Wards of War Disabled / Battle casualty retained in service.

(e) Extend invitations to the War Disabled / Battle casualties and ensure separate enclosures for them in Armed Forces and National functions.

**29. Solved cases of DIWAVE Members in 2024.**

(a) **DIWAVE** has taken up case for the refund of ECHS amount (Rs. 67000/-) charged from No 2602464A Hav Eranna M of 9 Madras. He got his refund of ECHS amount and confirm in Feb 2024.

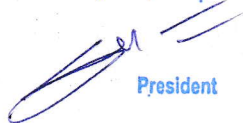
(b) After a long correspondence by **DIWAVE**, No. 5454925M NK Raju Thapa received his War Injury element as per his entitlements and arrears of war injury element amount Rs 10,63,814/- has been granted on 20 May 2024.

(c) **DIWAVE** has taken up a case regarding non reflecting War Injury Elements in the PPO of No 14804038Y Ex NK Aswar Ganesh Shriram with PCDA (P). A Corrigendum PPO duly reflecting War Injury Element has been issued to the individual on 02 April 2025.

(d) **DIWAVE** have received an application along with required documents for financial assistance for daughter marriage grant in r/o No 3385990M Sep Shamsheer Singh of Sikh Regiment. **DIWAVE** has written to R & W section DIAV for the same. **DIWAVE** received confirmation from R & W Section vide letter no B/45391/Gen/AG/R&W on 25 April 2025 His application is now being progressed for verification by section maintaining the database. Thereafter, his name will be included in payment list.

(e) **DIWAVE** has received an application from Ex NK Farmaji Variva regarding deduction in pension without intimating any reason. **Diwave** has approach to all concern departments. Refund of recovered amount Rs. 100758/- has paid on 07 April 2025.

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