

Report on CDS (Combined Defence Services) Recruitment Pathway Session by Colonel Khushwinder Singh

Venue: ICFAI University, Building 4 Hall

Resource Person: Colonel Khushwinder Singh, Indian Army

1. Introduction - ICFAI continues its commitment to guiding students toward diverse career opportunities, with a special focus on nurturing national service aspirations. As part of this initiative, a dedicated session on the CDS (Combined Defence Services) Recruitment Pathway in the Indian Army was organized. The session was led by Colonel Khushwinder Singh, a seasoned officer with extensive experience in defence services and recruitment.

2. Session Overview - The session was designed to provide students with a clear understanding of the CDS examination, eligibility criteria, selection process, and life in the Indian Army. Colonel Khushwinder Singh delivered the talk in a highly interactive format, encouraging students to ask questions and engage directly.

Key areas covered during the session included :

- **CDS Exam Structure:** Detailed breakdown of the written examination conducted by UPSC, including subjects, pattern, and marking scheme for IMA, INA, AFA, and OTA entries.
- **Eligibility & Age Limits:** Clarification on academic qualifications, age criteria, and gender-specific entries for different academies.
- **SSB Interview Process :** Insights into the 5-day Services Selection Board process, psychological tests, group tasks, and personal interviews.
- **Training & Career Path:** Overview of training at IMA, OTA, and other academies, followed by career progression, service conditions, and opportunities within the Army.

- **Myths & Misconceptions:** Colonel Singh addressed common myths about defence careers and emphasized discipline, leadership, and resilience as core requirements.

3. Student Engagement - The session was marked by active participation from students. They engaged in Q & A segments, seeking clarity on preparation strategies, physical fitness requirements, and balancing academics with CDS preparation. Colonel Singh's real-life anecdotes and candid advice made the session highly relatable and motivating. Students appreciated the practical insights on how to build officer-like qualities from an early stage.

4. Conclusion - The CDS session by Colonel Khushwinder Singh proved to be both informative and inspiring. It gave ICFAI students a realistic roadmap for pursuing a career in the Indian Army through the CDS route.

At ICFAI, we remain committed to fostering student aspirations and providing platforms that turn dreams into achievable goals. Sessions like these reinforce our role in equipping students with the knowledge, confidence, and direction needed to serve the nation. Would you like me to also make a shorter version suitable for a college newsletter or social media post?

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