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USI OF INDIA: DSSC ASPIRE 2026

Introduction

1. The USI of India has always been in the forefront of guiding Indian Armed Forces Officers for their in-service personal professional growth in terms of preparing and guiding them to face in-service growth oriented competitive and promotion exams. With changing times, the USI of India has evolved over the years to meet needs, expectations and professional aspirations of those Armed Forces Officers who look forward to seek excellence and believe in investing in their personal growth. Accordingly, in the first of the series for 2026, it is launching the **USI DSSC Aspire 2026 Programme**. Details are in succeeding paras.

The Course

2. The USI DSSC Aspire 2026 is being modeled as an '**Online Course**' for convenience of aspirants, in two capsules of about two weeks each. The first capsule is planned in the **first half of Dec 2025** as a prelude to the Command Pre-Staff Courses and the second is proposed in the **first half of May 2026**, after the Command Pre-Staff Course ends. The capsules are independent of each other with different **focus** and can be subscribed for individually or both together for maximum benefit. The two capsules are expected to be of great value to those who are yet to attend the Command Pre-Staff Course or have attended the same earlier; as also for those in UN Missions etc and some officers, who are unable to attend the Command Pre-Staff Course altogether for some reason or the other.

3. The aim of '**USI DSSC Aspire 2026 - ONE**' is to guide the 2026 Army DSSC Aspirants to start their preparation at the earliest before the Command Pre-Staff Course and give appropriate directions to their preparation efforts to maximize output. After they attend their Command Pre-Staff Course, the '**USI DSSC Aspire 2026 - TWO**' will focus on the last stage preparation guidance including self-evaluation of their preparation thus far, and provide essential tips to improve further, and face the Competitive Examination with their best foot forward.

Modalities

4. (a) **USI DSSC Aspire 2026 – ONE (01 Dec to 13 Dec 2025).** This course is planned for the subjects of Tactics A (**Tac A**), Tactics B (**Tac B**), Administration (**Adm**), Current Affairs (**CA**), Science & Military Technology (**SMT**), Military History (**MH**). The aim would be to get the aspirants to mentally prepare for the professional competitive examination, expose them to the nuances of preparation including guidelines, get an insight into the syllabus and initiate them into study. Apart from giving a specific overview of Tac A and Adm, as required for DSSC level examination, the Course will specifically focus on understanding of Tac B Appreciation Writing, delve into the Prescribed & Recommended MH study material (the Books per se), Backgrounders & Evolving Situation in CA and the basic understanding of SMT with Modern Trends. A set of sample question paper of above subjects will also be provided to understand pattern and attempted as OTW.
- (b) **USI DSSC Aspire 2026 – TWO (04 May to 16 May 2026).** The objective of this course would be to provide additional guidance post attendance of Command Pre-Staff Course. By that time, the aspirants would have a fair idea about their preparation and way ahead. This will be more in the form of likely Question-Answer / Doubt Clearance oriented sessions on different topics within the major heads of **CA**, **SMT**, **MH** and of course, covering various operations of war in **Tac B** and how to handle appreciations for undertaking such operations. This course will also include a **Mock Test** on the subjects of **CA**, **SMT**, **MH** and one Tac B paper. On receipt answer papers from the students, they will be evaluated by experienced Directing Staff (**DS**) and returned to them with comments and suggested answers.
5. (a) **Structure.** The USI DSSC Aspire 2026 ONE & TWO will be held **ONLINE** for about two weeks each, in an **interactive** mode undertaken by an **Experienced DS Body** and **Domain Experts**. Daily there will be **four** (04) sessions of **one** (01) hour each to include lectures followed by questions and answers. There will be a provision for additional questions and answers at the end of each day. Details as under :-
 - (i) Tac A - 02 Sessions for ASPIRE ONE.
 - (ii) Tac B - 04 Sessions for both ASPIRE ONE & TWO.
 - (iii) Adm - 02 Sessions for ASPIRE ONE.
 - (iv) CA - 10 Sessions ASPIRE ONE and 12 Sessions ASPIRE TWO.
 - (v) SMT - 10 Sessions ASPIRE ONE and 12 Sessions ASPIRE TWO.
 - (vi) MH - 12 Sessions for both ASPIRE ONE & TWO.
 - (vii) **Mock Tests** for USI DSSC Aspire 2026 TWO on weekend days (Question papers will be forwarded by email and maps by post).
- (b) **Timings.** The sessions will start at **1400h** and finish by **1800h** each day.
- (c) **Study Material.** Appropriate Study Material in terms of precis, hand-outs PPTs and one set of Question papers are planned to be provided to aspirant student officers in print / electronic modes in both capsules. As mentioned above, the USI DSSC Aspire 2026 – TWO will include a **mock test**, **correction** of papers by the **DSs** and provision of **suggested answers**.
- (d) **Fees.** The Courses are being conducted on fees catering **ONLY** for sustainability of the endeavour and ensure appropriate quality and credibility. Accordingly, a modest amount of Rs **10000** for **each** (ASPIRE ONE / TWO) capsule (plus mandatory Rs **1500** as **one-time** USI of India 'Course Membership Fee' for all USI of India courses in a year) is proposed per aspirant.

6. **Incentive.**

(a) An early bird discount of Rs 1000 on the basic fee of Rs 10000, will be given for registration by 22 Nov 2025 for USI DSSC Aspire ONE and 25 Apr 2026 for USI DSSC Aspire Two.

(b) Student Officers registering for **both** the USI DSSC Aspire 2026 ONE & TWO, **OR** **either** of the USI DSSC Aspire 2026 **coupled** with USI Correspondence Course, may be issued with one set of USI of India DSSC Contact Programme (tentatively planned in June /July 2026) Study Material **without** fees.

7. **Registration.** A simple email based **ONLINE** Registration is **open** from the date of issue of this letter at the USI of India by filling a Form and making an **Online** payment. Physical modes are **also** available at the USI of India premises. The '**Courses**' sub-section under '**Sections**' vertical in the USI of India website may please be referred to for the Form and Bank Details. Send an email for doubts, if any.

8. **Existing USI of India DSSC Courses.** The **existing** USI of India DSSC Entrance Examination Courses ie. The **Correspondence Course** and the **Contact Programmes** will **continue** as hither-to-fore for DSSC 2026. Registration for the same are also **open** with **same** fee structure of the year **2025**. The details are given in the website of USI of India.


9. **Contact.** For any clarification, the following may be contacted :-

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10. **Conclusion.** For the discerning DSSC Wellington aspirant Army Officers who want to excel in life and are keen to invest in their personal professional growth, the USI DSSC Aspire 2026 ONE & TWO are likely to be a **game changer** in their elusive quest for cracking the all important DSSC Entrance Exam. The USI of India remains committed to the endeavour in right earnest and would look forward to fruitful association.

11. This letter may please be given **wide publicity** upto unit level / functional levels as appropriate at the earliest, for information & registration by interested aspirants of DSSC 2026 Entrance Examination.


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