

United Service Institution of India



CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (CPME)

Preparatory Courses for Competitive and Promotion Examinations - 2027

Corres Course DSSC Examination

(Army, Air Force & Navy) and DSTSC - 2027

Contact Program DSSC (Army) - 2027

Corres Course Promotion Examination Part D - 2027

Corres Course Promotion Examination Part B - 2027

GEN INSTRS FOR USI PROFESSIONAL MIL EDN COURSES

GENERAL

1. The **United Service Institution of India (USI)**, through its **Centre for Professional Mil Education (CPME)**, conducts online and offline prep courses for competitive and promotion exams for offrs of the Indian Armed Forces. The principal courses are:-
 - 1.1. **DSSC/DSTSC Corres Course – Army.**
 - 1.2. **Contact Pgme (CP) DSSC.** For Army DSSC/DSTSC aspirants; conducted online and at USI of India Premises.
 - 1.3. **DSSC Exam Prep Course – Indian Air Force.**
 - 1.4. **Professional Management Exam-I (PME-I) – Indian Navy.**
 - 1.5. **Army Promotion Exam – Part B.**
 - 1.6. **Army Promotion Exam – Part D.**
2. USI has long-standing experience in conducting prep courses for DSSC, DSTSC and other competitive and promotion exams for offrs of the Army and Navy and, since 2024, the Indian Air Force (IAF). The Institution has experienced faculty, est academic processes, infrastructure and tech capabilities for conducting both online and offline courses.
3. During the past five years, USI has successfully conducted offline and hybrid Contact Programmes using virtual learning platforms. It also conducted the ARTRAC/Indian Army-endorsed online phase of the Command Pre-Staff Course (CPSC) in 2023 and 2024.
4. Details of courses, notices and updates are available on the USI website (www.usiofindia.org) under Centres → CPME. Important announcements are also displayed under 'What's New' and the quick link 'Message from Director CPME'. offrs are advised to visit the website periodically for the latest information.

PART I – CORRES COURSES

5. **Aim.** The aim of the USI Corres Courses is to assist Service offrs in preparing for their respective exams in a systematic, structured and comprehensive manner.
6. The courses provide year-round academic support through:-
 - 6.1. Structured and progressive study.
 - 6.2. Regular answer-writing practice.
 - 6.3. Exam-oriented test papers.
 - 6.4. Eval by experienced Directing Staff (DS).
 - 6.5. Personalised comments and feedback.
 - 6.6. Suggested/model answers.
 - 6.7. Supplementary study material and updates, where applicable.
 - 6.8. Interactive academic guidance and clarification of doubts.
7. **Methodology.** The Corres Courses are essentially progressive revision programmes and presuppose a reasonable degree of prior study by offrs preparing for the respective exams.
8. Test papers are issued at regular intervals for the subjects applicable to each exam. These papers are prepared by experienced DS in accordance with the syllabus and pattern of the actual exam and progressively cover the important aspects of each subject.
9. The final test paper in each subject normally covers the entire syllabus and serves as full-scale rehearsal before the exam.

10. Offrs are required to attempt the test papers independently, preferably under exam conditions, and submit their answer sheets to USI **duly scanned** for evaluation. Each answer sheet should clearly indicate:-

- 10.1. Subject.
- 10.2. Test Paper Number.
- 10.3. Course/Index Number.
- 10.4. Mobile Number.
- 10.5. Email address.

11. Answer sheets are evaluated by experienced DS and returned with comments **by mail**, feedback and guidance on content, structure and presentation. Suggested/model answers are also provided for self-assessment.

12. Answer sheets received less than 30 days before the actual exam may not be accepted for evaluation.

13. Enrolled offrs may seek clarification of academic doubts through email or other modes notified by USI. This facility is included as part of the Corres Course.

14. Tentative dispatch schedules for course material and test papers will be communicated to successfully registered offrs along with the gen instrs for the course.

PART II – COURSE-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

DSSC/DSTSC – Army

15. Offrs preparing for the Army DSSC/DSTSC exams may enrol for the relevant USI Corres Course for the following subjects:-

- 15.1. Tac A.
- 15.2. Tac B.
- 15.3. Administration and Mil Law.
- 15.4. Science and Mil Technology.
- 15.5. Current Affairs.
- 15.6. Mil History.

16. For Current Affairs, offrs may download the précis and updates issued by ARTRAC and prepared by USI from the Army Intranet. In addition, quarterly supplements covering the International and Domestic Scene (IS & DS) are made available to enrolled offrs. Relevant handouts on contemporary developments may also be issued.

17. For Mil History, the précis issued by ARTRAC and prepared by USI may be downloaded from the Army Intranet. Additional study material, including Mil History maps prepared by experienced USI DS, may be provided to enrolled offrs. These maps are intended to facilitate a better understanding of prescribed Mil campaigns, biographical studies and minor studies, with emphasis on op art and their relevance in the contemporary context, as prescribed in the syllabus.

18. **Fee Structure.** The applicable fee is given at Appendix.

USI DSSC/DSTSC CONTACT PGME (CP) ARMY

19. **Aim.** To improve examination performance through a combination of mock tests under exam conditions, focused guidance sessions, and post-test discussions.

20. **Methodology.** The CP is a highly important and popular component of the course as it provides extensive writing prac and enables aspirant offrs to attempt Question Papers in TAC A, TAC B, ADM & LAW, SMT, MH, and CA under actual examination conditions. The format is well appreciated as it allows

aspirant offers to objectively assess their level of preparedness. The Guidance Sessions and Syndicate Discussions conducted both prior to and after the examinations help clarify last-minute doubts, provide valuable feedback, and facilitate the final stage of preparation for the DSSC Entrance Examination.

21. Candidates are advised to make best use of this facility and register immediately alongwith other preparatory courses mentioned before. For Hybrid Mode of CP, offers are expected to join online via WEBEX on the Link provided for Guidance Sessions. Question paper for them will be sent via email (maps via post) and students are expected to send answer sheets through speed post for correction and return along with suggested answers.

22. **Dts of Contact Pgme :-**

22.1. CP- I **28 Jun to 03 Jul 2027.**

22.2. CP-II **12 to 17 Jul 2027.**

23. **Fee Structure.** As per Appx.

DSSC Entrance Exam – Indian Air Force

24. Indian Air Force offers appearing for the DSSC Competitive Exam may enrol for the USI Corres Course for:-

24.1. Current Affairs – National Security and Geopolitics.

24.2. Mil History and Employment of Air Power.

25. The broad methodology will remain similar to that followed for the Army Corres Course. However, question papers, answer-writing methodology and study material will be tailored to the pattern and requirements of the IAF exam.

26. **Fee Structure.** As per Appx.

PME-I – Indian Navy

27. Indian Navy offers appearing for the Professional Management Exam-I (PME-I) may enrol for the relevant USI Corres Course.

28. The course covers, as applicable:

28.1. Current Affairs.

28.2. Mil/Naval History.

28.3. Maritime Strategy.

29. The course follows the general methodology outlined above, supplemented by Navy-specific question papers, study material, answer-writing practice and academic guidance.

30. **Fee Structure.** As per Appx.

Army Promotion Exams – Parts B and D

31. USI conducts Corres Courses for offers preparing for the Army Promotion Exams Part B and Part D.

32. Course material comprises professionally prepared test papers for all or selected subjects, aligned with the prescribed syllabus and exam pattern. Papers are structured progressively to develop knowledge, analytical ability and answer-writing skills.

33. For Current Affairs & Military History, offers may download the précis and updates issued by ARTRAC and prepared by USI from the Army Intranet. In addition, quarterly supplements covering the International and Domestic Scene (IS & DS) are made available to enrolled offers. Relevant handouts on contemporary developments may also be issued.

34. The courses may be undertaken in the formats notified by USI. Where soft-copy material is provided, it may be made available in a secure, non-downloadable format.

35. **Fee Structure.** As per Appx.

PART III – MEMBERSHIP AND ENROLMENT

Membership Requirement

36. Membership of the USI is a mandatory prerequisite for enrolling in a USI course.
37. Existing Life Members and Ordinary Members of USI may enrol by paying only the applicable course fee.
38. Offrs who are not Life or Ordinary Members are required to obtain Course Membership before enrolling.

Membership Categories and Subscription

39. The applicable membership categories are:-

39.1.**Life Membership** – Valid for 20 years. Armed Forces Offrs – Initial Membership: ₹14,000, Renewal: ₹10,000.

39.2.**Ordinary Membership** – Valid for three years. Armed Forces Offrs – Initial Membership: ₹5,000, Renewal: ₹4,000.

39.3.**Course Membership**. Serving Army, Navy and IAF Offrs: ₹1,500.

39.3.1. Course Membership – Terms and Conditions. Course Membership is governed by the following conditions:

39.3.1.1. It is valid for 365 days from the date of joining.

39.3.1.2. It is applicable to one exam course only, namely DSSC, DSTSC, Part B, Part D, PME-I (Navy) or DSSC (IAF), including authorised formats for that exam during the relevant period.

39.3.1.3. It is applicable only to Armed Forces offices who are not already Life or Ordinary Members of USI.

39.3.1.4. The Course Membership fee of ₹1,500 is payable in addition to the applicable course fee.

39.3.1.5. Course Membership is non-renewable. A fresh Course Membership is required for another course or a subsequent exam, as applicable.

39.3.1.6. Course Members are not entitled to receive the USI Journal or exercise voting rights.

39.3.1.7. Course Members may avail themselves of other institutional privileges, including use of the USI Library, attendance at lectures and talks, and applicable concessional facilities.

39.3.1.8. USI reserves the right to revise Course Membership and course fees.

39.3.1.9. Each Course Member will be allotted a unique Course Membership/Index Number, comprising the prefix CM, followed by a four-digit serial number and year in brackets, e.g., CM/0001 (27).

Application and Registration

40. The prescribed Membership/Registration Form is available on the USI website under the CPME. Registration and Course Membership formalities may be completed online.
41. Applicants are required to furnish:-
 - 41.1. USI Membership Number, if applicable.
 - 41.2. Service Number.
 - 41.3. Rank.
 - 41.4. Name.

- 41.5. Unit and Parent Arm/Service.
- 41.6. Postal address.
- 41.7. Course, subject(s) and year of exam.
- 41.8. Email address.
- 41.9. Mobile number.

- 42. Applicants should clearly indicate the course, format and whether they wish to enrol for the complete course or only specific subject(s), where this option is available.
- 43. The applicable course fee, as detailed in Appendix, is to be remitted in advance.
- 44. If an officer wishes to deposit fees or collect study material through a representative, the representative must carry an authority letter from the officer concerned indicating the representative's particulars and the relevant course/subject(s).

PART IV – ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Dispatch of Study Material

- 45. Dispatch of study material will commence according to the notified schedule or after receipt of the completed application, requisite documents and applicable fees, as appropriate.
- 46. Study material may be issued in hard-copy or soft-copy format, depending upon the course, security classification and prevailing instructions. Those opting for online test papers will be provided the program at a discounted rate. However, in case of DSC/DTSC hard copies only will be sent for Tac B.
- 47. Material sent by post will normally be dispatched through Registered/Speed Post. Offrs attending courses of instruction at training establishments should coordinate with local postal authorities to prevent loss or misplacement.
- 48. Where applicable, additional postal charges will be:-
 - 48.1. Registered Post – ₹300.
 - 48.2. Speed Post – ₹600 for the entire course.

Withdrawal and Refunds

- 49. Offrs are advised to confirm their eligibility for the relevant exam/course before enrolling.
- 50. Withdrawal from a course is normally not permitted. However, requests arising from serious medical reasons, exigencies of Service or circumstances beyond the officer's control may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 51. An officer seeking withdrawal will be required to:-
 - 51.1. Submit a written application stating the reasons.
 - 51.2. Return all study material issued, where applicable.
 - 51.3. Bear the actual expenses already incurred by USI.
- 52. The Course Membership fee is non-refundable.
- 53. After deduction of applicable expenses and receipt of study material, the balance course fee, if any, may be refunded at the discretion of USI.
- 54. If a course is cancelled by USI, the tuition/exam fee may be refunded to the extent determined by the Institution.

Study Material – Copyright and Security

- 55. All course material issued to offrs is the copyright of the United Service Institution of India, New Delhi. Reproduction, unauthorised dissemination, sharing or further distribution in any form is prohibited.

56. Course material is issued exclusively for the personal use of the registered officer, who is responsible for its custody and security.
57. Material will not be supplied to one officer against the membership or registration of another officer.
58. Any classified or security-sensitive material issued as part of a course must be handled in accordance with applicable Armed Forces security instructions.
59. Course material is designed to cover the prescribed syllabus in an easily comprehensible form without unnecessarily duplicating material already issued by the respective exam authorities.
60. Suggested/model answers will normally adhere to the prescribed word limits and follow the principle of being Clear, Concise and Logical.
61. Current Affairs material will generally cover relevant developments up to approximately one month before the exam, subject to the course schedule.
62. Course material is intended for individual registered officers and is not for issue to units, formations, institutions or libraries.

PART V – MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

General Instructions

63. Detailed instructions and the programme of work will be issued at the commencement of each course.
64. All Corres relating to a course should be undertaken directly by the registered officer and not through the officer's unit or relatives.
65. Officers visiting Delhi may visit USI and interact with the Director CPME/concerned DS for course-related assistance and academic guidance.
66. Visiting hours are: 1130–1230 hrs and 1400–1545 hrs, Monday to Friday, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and gazetted holidays.
67. All officers registered will ensure that their postal address and Mail ID will be kept updated in the USI database. Any change should be intimated on occurrence to ensure timely dispatch of the course material.

Contact Details

68. The contact details are as under:-

United Service Institution of India

USI of India Complex
 Opposite Signals Enclave
 Rao Tula Ram Marg
 Delhi Cantt – 110010

Postal Address

69. Postal address of USI is:-

Director CPME
 United Service Institution of India
 Post Bag No. 8
 Vasant Vihar PO
 New Delhi – 110057

Telephone and Mail ID

70. USI can be contacted as under:-

USI Exchange: **20862320 / 20862321**

Extension 207 – Director Courses

Extension 210 – Superintendent, Course Section

Director Courses (Direct): **20862325**

Helpdesk: **8447961959 / 9315601332**

Email: dircpme@usiofindia.org

COURSES FEES & DETAILS 2027

Courses	Dates		Subjects	Tuition Fee (Add Rs 1500 Course Membership fees if not a member)		Auth
	Commencement of Corres Course	Actual Exam		All Subjects	Each Subject	
CORRES COURSEs						
DSSC/DSTSC [Army] (Offline)	4 th Week of Dec 2026 Regn Open	Sep 2027	☐ Tac ‘A’ ☐ Adm & Military Law ☐ SMT ☐ CA ☐ MH ☐ Tac ‘B’	Rs 9000/-	Rs 1300/- for Tac A. Rs 1200/- for Adm & ML. Rs 1500/- for SMT. Rs 2000/- each for CA & MH. Rs 3000/- for Tac B.	SAO 7/S/2013/GS & Appx A to IHQ of MoD (Army) Letter No A/17053/01/GS/MT-2 dt 24 May 2015.
DSSC/DSTSC [Army] (Online)	4 th Week of Dec 2026 Regn Open	Sep 2027	☐ Tac ‘A’ ☐ Adm & Military Law ☐ SMT ☐ CA ☐ MH ☐ Tac ‘B’	Rs 6500/-	Rs 1000/- for Tac A. Rs 1000/- for Adm & ML. Rs 1300/- for SMT. Rs 1500/- each for CA & MH. Rs 2000/- for Tac B.	SAO 7/S/2013/GS & Appx A to IHQ of MoD (Army) Letter No A/17053/01/GS/MT-2 dt 24 May 2015.
DSSC (CONTACT PGME) (Offline)	CP-1 : 28 Jun to 03 Jul 2027. CP-2 : 12 to 17 Jul 2027. Regn Open	2027	☐ Tac ‘A’ ☐ Adm & Military Law ☐ SMT ☐ CA ☐ MH ☐ Tac ‘B’	Rs 8000/-		Mock Test & Guidance/Discussion
DSSC (CONTACT PGME) (Online)	CP-1 : 28 Jun to 03 Jul 2027. CP-2 : 12 to 17 Jul 2027. Regn Open	2027	- do -	Rs 5000/-		Online mode
DSSC (IAF) (Offline)	4 th Week of Dec 2026 Regn Open	Jul 2027	MH and CA	Rs 6000/-	Rs 3000 each	
DSSC (IAF) (Online)	4 th Week of Dec 2026 Regn Open	Jul 2027	MH and CA	Rs 4600/-	Rs 2300 each	
PME-I (Navy) (Offline)	2 nd Week of Jan 2027 Regn Open	Jul 2027	☐ Paper 1 PME (Consisting of Current Affairs, Military/ Naval History and Maritime Strategy)	Rs 3000/-		
PME-I (Navy) (Online)	2 nd Week of Jan 2027 Regn Open	Jul 2027	- do -	Rs 2300/-		
PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS						
Part ‘B’ (Offline)	IV th Week of Dec 2026 Regn Open	Jun/Jul 2027	☐ Tac ☐ Adm ☐ ML ☐ MH ☐ CA	Rs 3000/-	Rs 800/- each for Adm & ML. Rs 1000/- each for MH, Tac & CA.	SAO 11/S/85 & IHQ of MoD (Army) Letter No A/15055/ONLINE/GS/MT-2 dt 07 Mar 2019.
Part ‘B’ (Online)	IV th Week of Dec 2026 Regn Open	Jun/Jul 2027	- do -	Rs 2300/-	Rs 600/- each for Adm & ML. Rs 800/- each for MH, Tac & CA.	- do -
Part ‘D’ * (Offline)	I st Week of Apr 2026 Regn Open	Oct 2027	☐ Adm ☐ Tac ☐ ML ☐ MH ☐ CA	Rs 5000/-	Rs 1000/- each for Adm & ML. Rs 1500/- each for MH, CA & Tac.	SAO 11/S/85 & Appx C to IHQ of MoD (Army) Letter No A/17053/01/GS/MT-2 dt 24 May 2015.
Part ‘D’ * (Online)	I st Week of Apr 2026 Regn Open	Oct 2027	☐ Adm ☐ Tac ☐ ML ☐ MH ☐ CA	Rs 4300/-	Rs 800/- each for Adm & ML. Rs 1000/- each for MH, CA & Tac.	-do-

Note.

1. Special to Corps subject for Part D not conducted.
2. For MH studies Syllabus see Annexure attached.
3. Membership extra.

**MILITARY HISTORY CAMPAIGNS AND BIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES FOR
DSSC/DSTSC EXAMINATION : 2027**

Ser No	Campaign/ Biography/	Prescribed Books	Recommended Books
1.	Campaign Burma Campaign	Official History of The Indian Armed Forces in the Second World War (1939 – 45) : The Reconquest of Burma, Vol 1 by Dr Bisheswar Prasad.	End of Empire : British and The Japanese Invasion of India, 1944 by Robert Lyman.
2.	Biography Field Marshal William Slim.	Defeat into Victory : Battling Japan in Burma and India, 1942-45 by Field Marshal Vicount Slim.	-
3.	Minor Study Op Art – Strategy	Strategy – The Indirect Approach (Ch 3 & 4 only) by Liddle Hart.	-

**MILITARY HISTORY CAMPAIGNS AND BIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES FOR
PROMOTION EXAMINATION PART 'D' : 2027**

Ser No	Campaign/ Biography/	Prescribed Books	Recommended Books
1.	Campaign Indo-Pak War : 1971	The India – Pakistan War of 1971: A History by Dr. SN Prasad & Dr. UP Thapliyal.	-
2.	Biography Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.	Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw : Soldiering with Dignity by Lt Gen Depinder Singh, PVSM, VSM (Retd).	-
3.	Minor Study Op Art – Sun Tzu : The Art of War.	Sun Tzu – The Art of War by Natraj Publications.	-

**MILITARY HISTORY CAMPAIGNS AND BIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES FOR
PROMOTION EXAMINATION PART 'B': 2026**

Ser No	Campaign/ Biography/	Prescribed Books	Recommended Books
1.	Campaign Third Battle of Panipat	Solstice at Panipat 14 Jan 1761 : An Authentic Account of Panipat Campaign by Uday S Kulkarni.	-
2.	Biography Shivaji.	Shivaji and His Times (Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 12 only) by Jadunath Sarkar.	-
3.	Minor Study Israel-Hezbollah Conflict – 2026.	Isreal's Long War with Hezbollah : Military Innovation and Adaptation (Chapters 1,3,4,8 and 9 only) by Raphael D Marcus.	-

❖ **INDIAN AIR FORCE: RECOM STUDY MTRL – MIL HISTORY AND EMP OF AIR POWER AND CURRENT AFFAIRS, NATIONAL SECURITY AND GEOPOLITICS** - As given out by Air HQ.

❖ **INDIAN NAVY: RECOM STUDY OF CURRENT AFFAIRS, MILITARY/NAVAL HISTORY AND MARITIME STRATEGY** – As given out by Naval HQ.