



## **UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION OF INDIA**

### **CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (CPME)**

#### **BROCHURE**

#### **Epitome of Career Progression Programmes for Indian Military Since Last 150 Years**

The Institution aims to improve professional competency of serving officers of all services of Indian Military, besides assisting them in preparing for Promotion and Competitive Exams, systematically and comprehensively.

## **Evolution**

- ❖ Started holding military war games in mid 1880s.
- ❖ Started assisting officers to prepare for exams in tactical fitness for command & promotion in 1903.
- ❖ Started pgmes to assist officers in preparing for Staff College in 1910.
- ❖ By 1914, there were 23 pgmes offered to interested offrs on payment.
- ❖ Since 1958 conducting courses for promotion & DSSC/DSTSC Competitive exams, and Professional Military Education (PME) Course of Indian Navy. Only institution in the country conducting course for DSSC/Navy.
- ❖ From 2023 started conducting Online DSSC Pre-Staff Course for Indian Army.
- ❖ From 2024 started conducting DSSC Preparatory Courses for Indian Air Force also.
- ❖ Prep of study material for Army, Air Force and Navy.
- ❖ Online and Hybrid Model of courses being conducted at USI, in addition to physical courses. Infrastructure for both is available.
- ❖ Please visit USI of India Website <https://www.usiofindia.org>



## **Success Rate**

- ❖ The success rate in competitive exams has been approx. 80-90%. 17-18 out of 20 Competitive vacancies.
- ❖ Results placed on website every year.
- ❖ During Pandemic also (2020 & 2021) all courses were conducted on line successfully.
- ❖ In Part B Exam held on online model, 100% students passed in 1st year, later pass percentage of USI students has been 30% higher than the average of overall result in Part B and D.



## **CURRENT COURSES**

### **USI OF INDIA DSSC ASPIRE 2026**

- ❖ The USI DSSC Aspire 2026 is modeled as an '**Online Course**' for convenience of aspirants, in two capsules of about two weeks each.
- ❖ The **First capsule** (1<sup>st</sup> half Dec 2025) precedes the Command Pre-Staff Courses, while the **Second** (1<sup>st</sup> half May 2026) follows them.
- ❖ **Indep yet complementary**, the capsules can be taken **separately** or **together**, and will benefit offrs -- be they First Timers, Revisiting, or Unable to attend the Command Pre-Staff Course, incl those on UN Msns.
- ❖ **USI DSSC Aspire 2026 – ONE** will help aspirants begin early and channelise preparation before the Comd Pre-Staff Course, while **USI DSSC Aspire 2026 – TWO**, after Comd Pre - Staff course, will provide final-stage guidance, self-evaluation, and tips to refine efforts for the Competitive Exam.
- ❖ **USI DSSC Aspire 2026 ONE & TWO** are also applicable for **Air Force Officers** for the Subject of **CA**.



### **Modalities**

- ❖ **USI DSSC Aspire 2026 – ASPIRE ONE** aims to **prep aspirants** for the DSSC exam by familiarizing them with the syllabus, exam guidelines study methods to start prep in right earnest. It provides an Overview of Tac A & Adm, Understanding Tac B Appre Writing, Delve into prescribed & recommended MH books , Cover backgrounds and evolving CA trends, Focus on basic SMT understanding with modern trends. **ASPIRE TWO** is designed & oriented around Questions & Answers and **Doubt Clearing sessions** on CA, SMT, MH, and Revise Tac B appres for most types of ops. It incls a **Mock Test** (CA, SMT, MH, and one Tac B paper) with eval and comments by experienced Directing Staff.

### **Corres Courses**

- ❖ **Corres Courses** are conducted at USI of India for all subjects of **Indian Army DSSC/DSTSC** competitive exam, **Part B** Promotion Exam and all subjects of **Part D** Promotion Exam less special to Corps.
- ❖ For **Indian Navy** Corres Course is being conducted for **Paper I Professional Management Examination (PME)**. For **Indian Air Force**, from 2024 Corres Course (for **MH & CA**) are being conducted for **DSSC Entrance Competitive Exam**.
- ❖ Courses are oriented towards prep offrs for promotion & competitive exams in **planned & sequential** manner.

- ◆ Corres Courses are conducted through dispatch of **Study mtrl, Publications and Mock Test papers** at regular intervals for all/chosen subject(s). The schedule is notified in the beginning.
- ◆ Syllabus as laid down by the Service HQs.
- ◆ **MockTest papers** set by experienced DSs, on the pattern of the actual exams, & cover all imp aspects of subject(s) in a graduated manner.
- ◆ The final test paper in each subject covers the entire syllabus for the subject(s), as a dress rehearsal, just before the actual exam.
- ◆ Students **answer** test papers in their own time under exam conditions and **send** the answer sheets by post.
- ◆ Answer sheets are **corrected** by an experienced DS & returned to the offr, duly marked with detailed comments and personal guidance notes.
- ◆ **Suggested answers** are sent for guidance of the students along with answer sheet
- ◆ **Study mtrl** incl maps for **MH**, to make comprehension of prescribed mil campaign and biography easier are provided along with application of op art, **wherever applicable**, to students.
- ◆ For **CA** comprehensive quarterly pamphlets covering **International and Domestic** scenes are sent.
- ◆ The Course Mtrl is revised & updated every year.
- ◆ Results of all exams are **analysed** at the end of Courses and the weaknesses are addressed in the next Course.
- ◆ **Feedbacks** are incorporated. Study material and modalities are thus aligned to actual exams, policies changes in services and as per need to enhance professional capabilities of serving officers.
- ◆ **Continued Guidance, Corrections and Interactive Learning** remains the focus of Corres Courses.
- ◆ **Online** guidance and doubt clearing sessions are also conducted at regular intervals.

### **Interactive Course**

- ◆ The Courses have been remodeled as 'Interactive Course'.





- ◆ Enrolment to the Course entitles students, to seek clarification and amplification on subject (s) by corres / emails.
- ◆ Addl **Handouts** may be given based on pattern of questions asked by students in interactive mails.

### **Contact Pgmes (CPs) for Army DSSC/DSTSC**

- ◆ **Three** CPs of **six** days each are conducted in **June –July** (Just before exams) for offrs, who have prescribed for it.
- ◆ CPs are conducted at the **USI of India premises**, in Delhi on **Hybrid** mode. Offrs who cannot attend CPs physically can attend through **online** mode. Separate test papers set for each subject for all pgmes.



- ◆ Modeled as **dry run** for actual exams.
- ◆ Consists of **Mock Test, Correction and Discussion.**
- ◆ **Guide** students on exam and answering techniques.
- ◆ **Clarify** doubts on entire syllabus for all subjects.
- ◆ **Discussion** on question papers issued by USI of India or from other sources.
- ◆ **Explain** imp subjects/issues.
- ◆ USI of India is plg to undertake **CP for Part D**, especially for offrs on the verge of **losing** seniority/ on **compulsory** chance for DSSC, subject to No of regns.

### **Faculty**

- ◆ Faculty / DS Body consists of Retd and Serving offrs. Specialists, Min HC/NDC/Instr Class A and DSSC qualified having **passion** of paying back to org. Over 100 offrs on panel from Lt Gen to Lt Col / equivalentsl. Student to DS Ratio 10:1 or less.
- ◆ Permanency of staff Institutional knowledge.
- ◆ Panel of instrs incl those delivering talks in HC Course, DSSC, Core Pgmes, Jt Services Capsules and NDC Exs.
- ◆ USI of India empanelled instrs are provided to various CPSC on demand, for the offline phase being conducted by the Comnds.



## **Facilities**

- ◆ Infra available for Physical as well as Online mode. Tech enabled classroom with smart boards, upgraded audio-visual facilities.
- ◆ Adequate ground Staff.
- ◆ Institutional Knowledge and experience.
- ◆ Digital payment facilities are available
- ◆ Updated Website.
- ◆ Simple Online Regn process involves just two emails for regn.
- ◆ All details given in the **Courses Vertical** on **website** of USI of India  
<https://www.usiofindia.org/>
- ◆ Excellent Library, dining and limited lodging facility available.



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