



Webinar on

Career Pathways in Defence Sector

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Organised By

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About the Collaboration:

The **Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA)**, under the Department of School & Mass Education, Government of Odisha, in collaboration with **UNICEF Odisha** and Identity Foundation Trust, conducts career guidance webinars for secondary school students. The purpose of these sessions is to equip students in grades 9 and 10 with the necessary knowledge and confidence to make informed career decisions. The initiative focuses on strengthening the transition from school to higher education and the world of work through structured, student-friendly career awareness and guidance activities.

About the Webinar Series:

As part of the ongoing career guidance initiative, the sixth session of the Career Webinar Series was successfully organised by the Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA) on 6th December 2025, Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. The session focused on the theme “**Career Pathways in the Defence Sector**” and was conducted through a YouTube Live webinar.

The webinar was attended by students and faculty members from Grades 9 and 10 across Odisha, with the objective of familiarising participants with the diverse entry routes, roles, and long-term prospects available in the defence services. The session aimed to help students understand eligibility criteria, required skills, and preparation strategies for building a career in the armed forces, thereby encouraging them to consider the defence sector a viable, aspirational, and honourable career option.

No. of schools attended the webinar session	1,193
No. of boys attended the webinar sessions from grade 9 & 10	52,124
No. of girls attended the webinar sessions from grade 9 & 10	54,395
No. of students attended the webinar session from grade 9	56,227
No. of students attended the webinar session from grade 10	50,292
No. of students attended the webinar sessions (grade 9 & 10 combined)	1,06,519

About the Resource Person:

Brigadier Dr. Dukha Bandhu Pany (Retd.) exemplifies exceptional leadership, seamlessly integrating 33 years of distinguished military service with three years of corporate expertise as Vice President at Jindal Steel & Power and Utkal Mines. His academic prowess is equally impressive, holding a PhD in Management, an MBA in HR and Operations from Symbiosis International University, and a B. Tech in Electrical Engineering.

A Fellow of the Institution of Engineers (FIE) and the Institution of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering (FIETE), he is also a Certified Practitioner of Neuro-Linguistic Programming. Renowned as a visiting professor, leadership coach, trainer, motivational speaker, and consultant, Brigadier Pany imparts profound insights across multifaceted domains.



Currently, he serves as a partner at Artha-Dhara Corporate Advisory, delivering strategic and financial solutions to MSMEs and startups. Additionally, he advises the Centre for Human Development & Neuro Linguistic Research (CHDNLIR), driving innovative progress in human development and leadership initiatives.

Welcome Note from the Moderator:

Mr. Jasobant Narayan Singhlal, Founder and Director of Identity Foundation Trust, moderated the webinar session on **“Career Pathways in the Defence Sector”** by extending a warm welcome to students and teachers from schools across Odisha. He motivated participants to actively engage by listening attentively to the resource person and absorbing the valuable insights shared.

Mr. Singhlal underscored the critical role of such sessions in broadening students’ awareness of diverse opportunities within the defence services, extending beyond conventional career paths. He emphasised that understanding entry routes like NDA, CDS, and Agniveer—along with required skills Preparation strategies require curiosity and proactive involvement. Encouraging open interaction, he urged students to freely ask questions during the session, reinforcing that thoughtful dialogue is essential for effective career exploration and informed decision-making in the noble field of armed forces.



Defence Career for the students of Odisha:

Career pathways in the Indian defence services combine service to the nation, adventure, leadership development, and long-term job security. For students in Odisha, especially those from small towns and rural areas—defence careers open doors that go far beyond local limitations of exposure, infrastructure, and employment options. The resource person emphasised that the armed forces provide structured growth, disciplined training, and a respected social identity, helping young people build confidence and purpose. Choosing this path enables students not only to secure their own future but also to contribute meaningfully to national security and community development, making it a powerful and aspirational career option.

Why Choose Defence Services?

Purpose, Pride & Service:

Defence careers emphasise selfless service to the nation safeguarding sovereignty through border patrols, counterinsurgency, and disaster relief operations like floods or earthquakes, which instils profound purpose far beyond financial rewards. Officers and soldiers cherish the unparalleled camaraderie forged in shared hardships, creating lifelong bonds akin to family, and a powerful sense of identity symbolised by the uniform that commands universal respect. Unlike corporate jobs focused on profit and individual metrics, defence life builds unbreakable team spirit, resilience, and honour that endure post-service, offering fulfilment no pay cheque can match. This intrinsic motivation drives many to choose it over civilian opportunities.

Discipline, Adventure & Growth:

The resource person shared that military life builds key skills like discipline (following rules strictly), resilience (bouncing back from tough situations), courage (facing fears), and quick decision-making under stress. These qualities help in any job later, even outside the army, making you a strong leader anywhere.

He also highlighted about getting exciting adventures like as, climbing high mountains, sailing on ships, flying planes, or training with soldiers from other countries. These real-life thrills, high-altitude camps, sea voyages, parachute jumps; are impossible in normal office jobs, giving unforgettable experiences and confidence that last a lifetime.

Security, Benefits and Social Status

Defence officers get a clear career path with steady promotions, free housing, full medical care for family, cheap shopping at canteens, and lifelong pension after retirement. No worries about job loss or high costs.

In Odisha and across India, soldiers and officers earn huge respect from everyone—villages honour them as heroes. This pride lifts their whole family's status, opening doors for marriages, jobs, and community leadership that civilians rarely get.



Defence Services Landscape: Army, Navy, Air Force and Beyond:

Discussing about the core armed forces, the resource person highlighted that,

- **Indian Army** handles all land operations of soldiers fight on ground (infantry), drive tanks (armoured), fire big guns (artillery), build bridges (engineers), send signals (communications), manage supplies (logistics), and gather secrets (intelligence).
- **Indian Navy** protects seas and coasts where sailors operate warships and submarines, fly navy planes (aviation), fix ship engines (marine engineering), deliver supplies at sea (logistics), and guard Odisha's coastline from pirates or threats.
- **Indian Air Force (IAF)** rules the skies for pilots fly fighter jets and cargo planes, launch missiles, repair aircraft (technical jobs), and operate radars to track enemy planes. Each force works together: Army on land, Navy on water, Air Force in sky—protecting India 24/7.

Additionally, the resource person also highlighted about the broader defence ecosystem available for the aspirants:

- **Coast Guard** patrols seas, catches smugglers/fish thieves, rescues ships during storms, and protects Odisha's coastline.
- **Paramilitary Forces** (BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB) guard borders (BSF/ITBP), fight terrorists (CRPF), protect airports/railways (CISF), and handle riots/internal security.
- **State Police & Special Forces** include Odisha Police, Anti-Terrorist Squads, Cyber Crime units—uniformed jobs closer to home with good promotions and respect.



Entry Pathways After Class 12:

National Defence Academy (NDA)

NDA is the premier tri-services academy for future officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Eligibility

- Passed/appearing Class 12.
- For Army wing: any stream (as per current norms).
- For Air Force and Naval wings: Physics and Mathematics in Class 12.
- Age band around 16.5–19.5 years at time of joining.
- Open to both boys and girls, with phased increase in women's intake.

Selection Process

- Written exam conducted by UPSC twice a year (Mathematics + General Ability).
- SSB interview: psychological tests, group tasks, personal interview.
- Medical examination: physical standards, eyesight, medical fitness.

Training

- About three years at NDA followed by pre-commission training at IMA / Naval Academy / Air Force Academy.

Technical and Non-Technical Entries After 12th

- Technical Entry Scheme (TES) for 10+2 (PCM) students to join Army as technical officers (B. Tech route).
- Direct B. Tech. -based entries for Navy and selective entries for Air Force technical branches.
- Some sailor/airman/other ranks entries directly after Class 12 under Agniveer or equivalent schemes.

Officer Entries After Graduation:

For students who complete graduation (B.A., B.Sc., B. Com, B. Tech, professional degrees), multiple officer pathways open up.

Combined Defence Services (CDS)

- Conducted by UPSC, twice a year.
- Open to graduates in any stream with specific criteria for each academy.
- Leads to IMA, OTA, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy based on preference and eligibility.

Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT)

- Conducted by the Indian Air Force for Flying Branch, Ground Duty (Technical & Non-Technical).
- Open to graduates with required marks; engineering degree required for certain technical roles.

NCC Special Entry and Other Routes

- NCC 'C' Certificate holders can get direct SSB entries for certain Army, Navy, Air Force officer posts, bypassing written examinations.
- Judge Advocate General (JAG) entry for law graduates; other specialised entries exist for medical and education branches.



Officer vs Agniveer / Other Ranks:

Officer Roles

- Primarily **leadership, planning and command responsibilities**; leading troops, making operational decisions, managing logistics and strategy.
- Longer career span, higher starting pay, and comprehensive benefits.
- Selection is via rigorous written exams plus SSB and medicals.

Agniveer / Soldier / Sailor / Airman Roles

- **Agnipath scheme** recruits young people as Agniveers for a 4-year contractual period in Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- Focus is on **execution of tasks and operations on the ground**, operating equipment, and supporting unit-level missions.
- After four years, a percentage may be retained for longer service; others receive financial package and recognised experience for civilian careers.

The resource person emphasised for school students stresses respect for both tracks, while clarifying that the officer path requires higher academic and leadership expectations and longer training.

Agniveer Scheme: Structure and Prospects

Eligibility and Selection

- Educational requirement: usually **Class 10 or 12 pass**, depending on trade and service.
- Selection components:
 - Online or written test.
 - Physical fitness tests (running, push-ups, etc.).
 - Medical standards as per service norms.

Service Terms and Benefits

- **Service duration:** 4 years (non-extendable for most).
- **Benefits:** monthly package, risk and hardship allowances where applicable, uniform and medical benefits during service.
- At exit, a **Seva Nidhi package** and certificate of service help in further education or employment.

Future Pathways

- A portion of Agniveers can be absorbed into regular cadres subject to performance and service requirements.
- Others can pursue higher education, private sector jobs, or public-sector/security roles, leveraging their discipline, skills and experience.



Life in Training Academies:

Highlighting about the training routine at academies, the resource person shared that NDA, IMA, OTA, Naval Academy and Air Force Academy follow a tightly structured routine that turns an ordinary student into confident officers through hard work, fun activities, and constant learning, preparing them to lead soldiers in real missions. This includes.

- **Early Morning PT & Parade** – Running, exercises, marching to get fit and learn teamwork.
- **Morning: Classroom Learning** – Military strategy, weapons knowledge, maths, English, science.
- **Afternoon: Field Training** – Shooting practice, obstacle courses, tank driving, leadership games where cadets lead small teams.
- **Evening: Sports & Study** – Football/cricket for fitness, hobby clubs (music, drama), quiet time for books and revision.

Career Growth, Ranks and Promotions

Rank Structure

Typical rank progression in the Army (broadly similar patterns exist in Navy/IAF):

- Lieutenant → Captain → Major → Lieutenant Colonel → Colonel → Brigadier → Major General → Lieutenant General → General.

Promotion Criteria

- Promotions depend on service years, performance in courses, operational reports, and vacancies.
- Officers attend multiple in-service courses in tactics, technology, management, and foreign languages, which deepen expertise and support promotions.



Opportunities for Women in Defence:

Over the past 20 years, doors have opened wide for women in the armed forces. Girls can now join through major exams like NDA (after 12th), CDS and AFCAT (after graduation), SSC (short service), and special entries for doctors, lawyers, or teachers. They serve in key areas: technical jobs (fixing planes/ships), logistics (supply management), medical teams, legal branches, education roles, combat support, and even some frontline combat positions depending on the Army, Navy, or Air Force rules.

Permanent Commission and Equal Chances:

Big policy changes now give women permanent commission in many branches, meaning full 20–30-year careers with promotions to top ranks like Colonel or General—not just short-term jobs. The webinar told girls from Odisha villages or cities: your background doesn't matter. If you study hard (good marks in 12th/graduation), stay fit (running, exercises), and build mental strength (confidence, leadership), you can wear the uniform and lead just like boys.

Salary, Facilities & Comfortable Life:

New officers start with ₹56,100+ monthly basic pay, plus extra allowances for tough postings (high mountains, borders, ships) that can double the total. They get free housing (or rent money), cheap food/shopping at canteens, full family medical care, travel perks, 2-month annual leave, and lifelong pension after retirement. Families live in safe colonies with schools, clubs, and respect, far better security than most private jobs.

The resource person also added that Defence officers' children attend excellent schools in safe cantonment areas, often with CBSE curriculum, English-medium instruction, and facilities like labs and sports fields—better than many civilian towns. Families live in secure, disciplined colonies with 24/7 protection, parks, playgrounds, and clubs for yoga, music, drama. Regular sports events and community festivals build strong bonds and healthy habits. Every 2-3 years, families move to new postings (mountains, coasts, cities), which can disrupt routines. But it exposes children to India's diversity—Kashmir snow, Kerala beaches, Rajasthan forts—building adaptability and broad worldview that helps in future careers.



Post-Retirement and Second Careers:

The resource person highlighted that the defence officers retire at different ages depending on rank and service—typically in their 50s (around 52-60 years) with a secure package including lifelong pension, lump-sum gratuity, medical benefits for life, and continued access to canteen facilities. This financial safety net allows them to pursue fulfilling second careers without economic pressure.

Ex-servicemen excel in corporate roles like HR management, corporate security, operations leadership, and strategic planning, where their discipline and decision-making shine. Government positions such as advisory roles in ministries, public sector enterprises, or administrative posts; value their experience. In education, they become principals, faculty members, trainers, or leadership coaches in schools and management institutes. Entrepreneurship thrives too: starting security firms, consultancies, or adventure tourism ventures. In Odisha, with its booming NGO sector and CSR initiatives from steel plants and mining companies, they lead community projects, skill training centres, and rural development programmes, leveraging their service mindset for social impact while enjoying respect and stability.

Common Myths and Parental Concerns:

Addressing the queries received from the students and parents, the resource person emphasised that the selection standards, training quality, and welfare systems are robust and that careers are structured, not uncertain.

He further highlighted that many parents worry that defence means constant war and high risk of death. Reality: Most days involve peacetime work—training soldiers, building roads/schools in remote areas, flood/earthquake relief, UN peacekeeping abroad, and diplomatic missions. Combat is rare preparation.

Another fear is “*no life after retirement.*” Reality: Officers retire in their 50s with lifelong pension, gratuity, and medical benefits. They thrive in second careers—corporate management, government advisory roles, school principals, or starting businesses—using leadership skills while financially secure.

Similarly, “*Defence isn’t for girls.*” Reality: Women now join NDA, CDS, AFCAT with permanent commission across branches like technical, medical, logistics, and combat support. Policy changes ensure equal opportunities; thousands serve successfully as officers.





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Guidance for Grade 9 – 12 students in Odisha:

Academic Preparation for Defence Exams:

For NDA and technical entries, students must master core subjects: strong Mathematics and Physics for problem-solving, good English for communication and interviews, and General Knowledge covering history, geography, and current events. Daily newspaper reading builds vocabulary and awareness of India's defence forces, maps, international relations, and national issues—essential for UPSC written exams and SSB personal interviews.

Physical Fitness and Healthy Habits:

Start fitness from Class 9: daily 2-3 km running, push-ups, sit-ups, rope climbing, and sports like football or kabaddi to meet academy standards. Avoid mobile/gaming addiction; prioritize 7-8 hours sleep, balanced diet (dals, veggies, milk), and time management—wake early, study fixed hours. These habits, stressed in defence guidance, build the discipline officer's need.

NCC and Leadership Activities:

Join school NCC for drill practice, annual camps, adventure treks, and military etiquette—giving direct SSB advantage and 'C' certificate for special entries. Participate in debates, quizzes, elocution, and school captain roles to develop confidence, quick thinking, and group leadership skills tested during SSB group tasks and psychological tests.



Inspiration for Students from Small Towns and Rural Odisha:

Background Doesn't Limit Defence Dreams:

Odisha's career webinars repeatedly stress that your family background, village location, or government school doesn't decide your future—your preparation does. Consistent hard work, smart study habits, and determination can take any student from rural Odisha to NDA or officer ranks.

Success Stories from Small Towns:

Thousands of officers and soldiers hail from villages and small towns across India, including Odisha's blocks like Nayagarh, Kendrapara, and Kalahandi. Many studied in Odia-medium schools, yet succeeded through daily study routines, fitness practice, and mental toughness. They cleared UPSC exams and SSB interviews purely on merit.

Transformational Power for Rural Youth:

For rural Class 11-12 students, defence offers a life-changing path: secure job with respect, family support through pension/housing, and chance to serve India while becoming community heroes. Your

uniform inspires younger siblings and neighbours, proving village boys/girls can lead nations. Start today—study, run, build character. Destiny awaits your effort.

Authentic Information Sources:

Students are strongly advised to rely on **official websites and government-backed resources**, not rumours or unverified coaching claims:

- www.joinindianarmy.nic.in – Indian Army recruitment and notifications.
- www.joinindiannavy.gov.in – Indian Navy entries.
- www.careerindianairforce.cdac.in / www.afcat.cdac.in – Air Force entries & AFCAT.
- www.upsc.gov.in / www.upsconline.nic.in – NDA and CDS exam notifications and syllabi.
- National and state-level career portals, including Odisha Career Guidance channel, for webinars and guidance.



Conclusion:

Brigadier Dr. D B Pany concluded by saying defence careers aren't just jobs; they're a life of purpose, pride, and transformation. From NDA after 12th to Agniveer after 10th, every path welcomes Odisha's rural and urban youth, including girls, with equal opportunities. Science stream helps most, but preparation in studies, fitness, and character matters more than background. Forget myths—peacetime work builds nations, pensions secure futures, and women lead with honour. Start today: run daily, read newspapers, join NCC. Visit official sites like joinindianarmy.nic.in. Your uniform can change your village, support your family, and protect India. Choose defence—serve with courage, lead with heart. Jai Hind!

Queries from the Students:

Name	Questions	Response
Biswanath Nayak	I'm in Class 10 now, how can I join army after completing my matriculation?	After Class 10 (matriculation), join Indian Army as Agniveer (General Duty) through rallies or online exams at joinindianarmy.nic.in . Process: physical tests (running 1.6km in 5:45min, push-ups), written exam (Maths, GK, English), medical check. Age 17.5-21 years. No graduation needed—4-year service with training, pay, and skills for future jobs.
Babita Das		
Anchalik High School, Jamgaon		
Labanya Behera		

Dibya Ranjan Sahoo	What are the eligibility criteria for joining army?	Indian Army Eligibility Criteria (2025): ● Age: 17½-21 years for Agniveer (most entries); varies for NDA (16½-19½), CDS (19-24). ● Education: Class 10th pass (45% aggregate) for Agniveer GD; 10+2 PCM (50%) for NDA technical; Graduation for CDS/SSC. ● Nationality: Indian citizen. ● Physical: Height 162-170cm (region-wise), fitness tests (1.6km run <5:45min). ● Marital: Unmarried for most entries
Sonali Maharana	For defence for services, what stream we should choose in 11th and 12th	Science stream (PCM - Physics, Chemistry, Maths) is best for 11th-12th to join defence services. Required for NDA Navy/Air Force wings, TES, and technical entries. Army NDA wing accepts any stream, but PCM gives maximum options across all forces.
Omm Sairam Das, Government Upgraded High School, Purana	Is there any height parameters to get into defence services	Yes, strict height standards exist for defence services (2025): Army: 157cm (Gorkha)-170cm (Eastern states); chest 77cm. Navy: 157cm minimum (males), 152cm (females). Air Force: 162.5cm (males), 152cm (females); stricter for pilots. Region-wise relaxations for North-East, Gorkha, etc. Full physical standards on joinindianarmy.nic.in. Weight proportionate to height; BMI checked
Neelima Aditi	Do we need to appear NDA for all army related job	No, NDA is ONLY for officer entry after 12th. Army jobs have multiple paths: Officers: NDA (after 12th), CDS/SSC (after graduation), NCC Special Entry. Soldiers/Agniveer: Direct rallies after 10th/12th—no NDA, just physical + written tests. Clerks/Tradesmen: CEE exam after 12th.
Tanmay Raja		
Dibya Ranjani Rout	What is the minimum qualification for Navy?	Minimum Navy qualification (2025): ● Sailors/Agniveer: Class 10th pass (45% aggregate). ● Artificer Apprentice/SSR: 10+2 PCM (50%). ● Officers (NDA/10+2 B. Tech): 12th PCM (50%). ● Officers (Direct): Graduation (any stream for Executive; Engineering for Technical).
Ajit Kumar Shetty	What is the minimum qualification for	Minimum Air Force qualification (2025):

	Airforce?	• Airmen/Agniveer Vayu: Class 10+2 with Physics, Maths, English (50% aggregate). • Group X (Technical): 10+2 PCM (50%) or Engineering Diploma. • Group Y (Non-Technical): 10+2 any stream (50%). • Officers (NDA/AFCAT): 12th PCM (50%) + Graduation (60%).
Dibyashree Biswal	What are the technical institutes for girls to get in to defence services?	Technical Institutes for Girls in Defence (2025): • NDA (Khadakwasla): Technical wing after 12th PCM. • TES (IMA Dehradun): Army Technical Entry Scheme (B. Tech). • INA (Ezhimala): Naval Technical Officers. • AFA (Dundigal): Air Force Technical Branch via AFCAT. • IIST (ISRO): Space tech for defence roles. Girls eligible via NDA, CDS, AFCAT, SSC Tech—permanent commission available. Apply through UPSC portals
Ankita Kumari	What are the criteria to get into the defence services especially for girls?	Defence Services Criteria for Girls (2025): • Age: 17½-21 (Agniveer/NDA), 19-24 (CDS/AFCAT). • Education: 10th/12th PCM (50%) for entry-level; Graduation (60%) for officers. • Physical: Height 152-157cm, BMI 17-27, 1.6km run <7:30min, push-ups/sit-ups. • Medical: Vision correctable to 6/6, no major illnesses. • Exams: NDA/CDS/AFCAT written + SSB interview.
Jyoti Prakash	What is para commando and what is the eligibility and physical ability criteria to get into it?	Para Commando (Para SF): Elite special forces unit of Indian Army's Parachute Regiment for counterterrorism, hostage rescue, covert ops behind enemy lines. Eligibility: Serving soldiers/officers volunteer after basic training (no direct entry). Physical Criteria: 3-month probation—extreme fitness: 20+ pull-ups, 5km run <20min, obstacle courses, mental endurance tests. Only 10-15% pass.
Dayanand Naik	Are there any officer recruitment opportunities for girls?	Yes, abundant officer opportunities for girls (2025): • NDA: After 12th (permanent commission). • CDS: After graduation (IMA/OTA).

		● AFCAT: Air Force officers. ● SSC Tech: Engineering graduates. ● NCC Special Entry: NCC 'C' certificate holders. Permanent commission in technical, logistics, legal, medical branches; combat support roles. Same standards as boys.
Shriya Simran Dash	How a student with near vision can join NDA? Are there any possibilities?	Near vision problems: Glasses allowed if correctable to 6/6 distant vision. NDA criteria: ● Distant: 6/6 both eyes (corrected). ● Near: N5 both eyes. ● No colour blindness. LASIK surgery permitted after 20 years age if stable for 1 year. Consult eye specialist for medical fitness.
Biraja Nandini Swain	What is the qualification to apply for clerk posts in army?	Army Clerk (GD/SKT) Qualification (2025): ● Class 12th pass any stream (minimum 60% aggregate in 10th+12th). ● Computer Knowledge: MS Office (Word, Excel), typing speed 35 wpm English/30 wpm Hindi. ● CEE Exam: Maths, English, GK, Reasoning, Computer Awareness. ● Physical: Height 162cm (males), 1.6km run <13:30min.
Pujarini Behera	What is Agniveer and Agnipath and can girls get into this?	Agniveer: 4-year soldier/sailor/airman contract after 10th/12th via rallies/physical tests. Pay ₹30,000-40,000/month + skills training. Agnipath: Scheme for all 3 forces (Army/Navy/Air Force) youth recruitment. Girls Eligible: Yes, Agniveer Vayu (Air Force), Navy Matric Recruit, Army GD entries open for females.
Purnima Singh	How to prepare for the entrance examinations of NDA?	NDA Entrance Exam Preparation Strategy Mathematics (300 marks): Master Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Matrices, Probability from NCERT 11th-12th. Solve 50 questions daily; focus high weightage (300+ marks). Use RS Aggarwal/Pathfinder. GAT (600 marks): English (grammar, vocab, comprehension)—read Wren & Martin; GK (Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography, Current Affairs)—daily newspapers + Lucent GK. Revise NCERT 6th-12th. Plan: 4-6 hrs study 2 hrs Maths, 2 hrs GAT, 1 hr mocks/PYQs. Weekly full tests. Fitness daily. 6 months consistent prep clears written exam.

Attendance Details:

Districts Name	Schools Count	Class IX		Class X	
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
ANGUL	144	3,432	3,382	3,196	3,267
BALASORE	14	367	322	313	319
BARGARH	22	648	732	598	755
BHADRAK	47	1,030	1,041	823	877
BOLANGIR	14	337	562	309	456
BOUDH	14	398	494	368	448
CUTTACK	75	1,437	1,248	1,236	1,025
DEOGARH	1	13	6	6	12
DHENKANAL	33	839	794	706	726
GAJAPATI	2	42	10	35	24
GANJAM	141	3,956	4,208	3,543	3,740
JAGATSINGHPUR	126	2,332	2,253	2,137	2,130
JAJPUR	20	414	418	429	402
JHARSUGUDA	30	646	556	561	478
KALAHANDI	4	196	177	176	110
KANDHAMAL	3	68	83	50	115
KENDRAPARA	29	559	638	504	573
KEONJHAR	4	131	89	141	93
KHORDHA	125	3,200	3,571	2,554	2,905
KORAPUT	65	1,639	2,127	1,566	2,050
MALKANGIRI	3	76	56	64	58
MAYURBHANJ	53	1,081	1,083	1,007	1,001
NABARANGAPUR	3	116	83	92	77
NAYAGARH	134	2,899	2,580	2,542	2,228
NUAPADA	2	75	50	65	48
PURI	5	108	123	95	83
RAYAGADA	24	530	454	463	382
SAMBALPUR	2	29	18	27	11
SONEPUR	20	343	612	333	534
SUNDARGARH	34	627	889	617	809
Total	1,193	27,568	28,659	24,556	25,736
Class-wise Total		56,227		50,292	
Gender-wise Total		52,124 (Boys)		54,395 (Girls)	
Grand Total		1,06,519			



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Photos from the Ground:

