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FOREWORD



1. The concept of a uniform carries deep symbolic meaning, transcending mere clothing. It stands as a powerful representation of identity, order, discipline and collective belonging. The word uniform itself is derived from Latin - uni, meaning “one” and forma, meaning “form” or “pattern”. Together, it highlights the idea of oneness and consistency - a visual and ideological representation of structured, united and disciplined organisation.

2. Uniform provides unique and distinguished identity to all members of Indian Army. It projects an image of professionalism, integrity, credibility and dependability. The essence of a uniform lies not only in its appearance but in its conformity to standards and uniformity. Consistency in dress reflects consistency in discipline, therefore, no element of the attire should deviate from prescribed norms reflecting true sense of responsibility and the pride of the soldier.

3. This booklet, ‘Army Uniforms - 2026’, has been meticulously compiled as the official reference for all recognised uniforms and dress protocols across the Indian Army. It includes comprehensive details on uniform specifications, which will enable correct wearing of all articles, insignias, badges and accoutrements. A Uniform Numbering Scheme of the three services has also been included in this booklet to ensure clarity, synergy and interoperability across the Armed Forces. This edition also reflects a considered step towards aligning our dress regulations with contemporary Indian ethos through the progressive removal of residual colonial - era practices, accoutrements and terminology. It is a document of authority and standardisation, intended to remove ambiguity and ensure that all members present themselves in a manner consistent with our institutional identity.

4. The guidelines contained in this book are not merely a set of instructions, but a reaffirmation of our institutional identity. They remind us that every time we wear the uniform, we represent the values, ethos and dignity of the Indian Army. With a smart appearance and impeccable turnout, we must continue to uphold these traditions with a strong sense of responsibility and pride.

Jai Hind!

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DISCLAIMER

All pictures/ images of personnel wearing uniforms in this booklet are representative in nature. The medals, ribbons and other accoutrements worn by personnel may not conform to their rank in the images. The purpose of the images in the book is to highlight the correct method of wearing articles and accoutrements.

CHAPTER - I

DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORMS AND DRESSES



Dress No 1



Dress No 1A



Dress No 1C



Dress No 2



Dress No 2A

DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORMS : TRI-SERVICE COMMON NUMBERING SCHEME

1. **General.** Unique dress numbers are assigned to each uniform for convenience and ease of reference. For every occasion there is a distinct uniform for all ranks. These uniforms are categorised under four major categories such as Ceremonial Dress, Working Dress, Mess Dress and Combat Dress. The numbers allotted to uniforms are generally common to both officers and JCOs/ OR. Certain uniforms, which are authorised only for officers, have been indicated at relevant paragraphs.

2. **Common Uniform Numbering Scheme.** A Common Uniform Numbering Scheme of three Services (Army, Navy and Air Force) has been adopted to ensure synergy and integration across the Services. This scheme enables easy understanding of appropriate uniform in a Tri-Service/ Inter-Service environment. Following points highlight the key aspects of the 'Common Uniform Numbering Scheme':-

- (a) In the Common Numbering Scheme of three Services, dresses are grouped into four major categories namely Ceremonial Dress, Working Dress, Mess Dress and Combat Dress.
- (b) Each major dress category has been assigned a Dress Number without any suffix (Dress No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7).
- (c) Variations of the major dress categories that are common to three Services are suffixed with 'A' and 'B' like Dress No 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B etc.
- (d) Any dress that is not common to all three Services and is specific only to a particular Service for example Dress No 1C applicable only to Indian Army has been suffixed with 'C'.
- (e) Suffix 'P' has been used to identify dresses, authorised for women officers and when applicable for women JCOs/ OR during the pre and post natal period.

3. Details of Tri-Service Common Uniform Numbering Scheme for Armed Forces are as under:-

S No	Category	Uniform No	Type of Uniform	Description	Authorised to	
(a)	Ceremonial Dresses	1	Winter Ceremonial	SD with Peak Cap and Full Medals	Officers only	
		1A	Winter Semi Ceremonial	SD with Peak Cap and Ribbons		
		1B	Blank			-
		1C	Winter Ceremonial	Angola Shirt with Peak Cap/ Beret and Full Medals	(i) All ranks (ii) No Tri-Service equivalent	
		2	Summer Ceremonial	Dark OG Shirt with Peak Cap/ Beret and Full Medals	All ranks	
		2A	Summer Semi Ceremonial	Dark OG Shirt with Peak Cap and Ribbons	Officers only	



Dress No 3



Dress No 3A



Dress No 3B



Dress No 3C



Dress No 4



Dress No 5



Dress No 6



Dress No 7



Dress No 7A



Dress No 7B



S No	Category	Uniform No	Type of Uniform	Description	Authorised to
(b)	Working Dresses	3	Winter General Duty (SD)	SD with Beret and Ribbons	Officers only
		3A	Winter General Duty (Jersey)	Angola Shirt with Jersey and Beret (Jersey/ this dress is authorised up to 30 June 2029)	All ranks
		3B	Winter General Duty (Battle Jacket)	Angola Shirt with Battle Jacket and Beret	All ranks
		3C	Winter General Duty (Angola)	Angola Shirt with Beret and Ribbons	All ranks
		4	Summer General Duty	Dark OG Shirt with Beret and Ribbons	All ranks
(c)	Mess Dresses	5	Winter Mess Dress	Dark Blue/ Green Patrol Jacket with Miniature Medals	Officers only
		6	Summer Mess Dress	Black Trousers with Cummerbund, White Half Sleeved Shirt, Zari based Rank Badges, Miniature Medals	Officers only
(d)	Combat Dresses	7	Digital Pattern Combat Dress	Digital Pattern Combat Dress with Beret/ FS Cap (Disruptive Pattern Combat Dress valid upto 31 Dec 2026)	All ranks
		7A	Digital Pattern Combat Dress less Jacket Combat	Combat Trousers and Combat T-Shirt with Beret/ FS Cap	
		7B	Digital Pattern Combat Dress with Coat Combat	Digital Pattern Combat Dress with Coat Combat	

DRESS No 1: WINTER CEREMONIAL (OFFICERS)**Army****Navy****Air Force**

DRESS No 1 : WINTER CEREMONIAL FOR OFFICERS (SD WITH PEAK CAP AND FULL MEDALS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 1 is applicable to officers. In Dress No 1, Dark Green OCM Shade No 1, Jacket and Trousers and Beige Colour Shirt with Black Tie, Peak Cap and Full Medals will be worn. Aiguillettes and Pouch Belt, as authorised/ applicable shall also be worn.

2. Jacket.

(a) **Material.** Terry-Wool.

(b) **Colour.** Dark Green OCM Shade No 1.

(c) **Design.**

(i) The jacket will be single-breasted, cut as a lounge coat with back seam, loose at the chest and shoulders, fitted at the waist and cut straight in front.

(ii) The collars will be stiff, with a depth of opening about 8 cm.

(iii) Two breast plain-patch pockets (13 cm wide and 16 cm deep) with one pointed flap (14 cm long and 3 cm wide and 6 cm at the centre) with press buttons on the outer edges and button hole at the centre point and secured by small sized buttons; two lower side pockets (18 cm wide and 20 cm deep) with slanting flaps (20 cm long and 7 cm wide) with a 2 cm backward slant.

(iv) The crown of the sleeves shall be 16 cm at the centre and 8 cm at the sides. Cuffs should be pointed.

(v) Four large-sized Regimental or General Officers' pattern buttons, as authorised, shall be fitted down the front.

(vi) Shoulder flaps of the same material as the jacket, fastened with a small Regimental/ General Officers' pattern button, as authorised.

3. Buttons - Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.

(a) **General Officers' Pattern Buttons.** All buttons on the jacket of Brigadier and above shall be anodised brass, General Officers' pattern. Four large sized buttons (diameter 2.5cm) will be fitted in front of the jacket, one small sized button on each pocket (diameter 1.5 cm) and one small sized button on each shoulder flap (diameter 1.5 cm).

(b) **Buttons on Cuffs.** Officers of the rank of Brigadier and above will have the following number of small sized buttons (diameter 1.5 cm) on the cuffs:-

- | | | | |
|-------|--------------------|---|--------|
| (i) | Brigadier | - | One. |
| (ii) | Major General | - | Two. |
| (iii) | Lieutenant General | - | Three. |
| (iv) | General | - | Four. |



Dress No 1 - Winter Ceremonial (Officers)



4. Buttons - Colonel and Below Rank Officers.

(a) **Regimental/ Corps Pattern Buttons.** All buttons on the jacket of Colonel and below will be anodised brass or lacquered in black for Rifle Regiments (as applicable) in Regimental/ Corps pattern. Four large buttons (diameter 2.5 cm) will be fitted in front of the jacket, one small sized button on each pocket (diameter 1.5 cm) and one small sized button on each shoulder flap (diameter 1.5 cm).

(b) **Cuffs.** No buttons will be provided on the cuffs for Colonel and below.

5. **Shirt and Neck Tie.** A Beige Coloured full sleeved shirt (S Kumar Shade No APC-218), made of terrycot fabric shall be worn. The shirt shall not have any pockets or flaps and shall be single-cuffed. A plain black polyester neck tie shall be worn.

6. Trousers.

(a) **Material** Terry-Wool.

(b) **Colour.** Dark Green OCM Shade No 1.

(c) **Design.**

(i) Trousers shall be plain, with the bottom shaped from the instep to the heel. They shall have a fly front with two side pockets and a single pleat in the front facing outwards.

(ii) The length of the trousers shall be sufficient long to cover the heel when standing.

(iii) Trousers shall have an extended square-end waist belt, 8 cm long. The width of the waist belt at the front shall be 5 cm and at the back 4.5 cm.

(iv) The opening of the side pockets shall be 10 cm (measured between tacks).

(v) The width at the bottom may vary from 43 cm to 48 cm.





Dress No 1 - Winter Ceremonial (Officers)

Note: For Dress No 1, the equivalent dress for Indian Army JCOs/ OR is Dress No 1C (Angola Shirt with Full Medals)



Articles to be Worn with Dress No 1

7. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(a)	Peak Cap or Pagri/ Hat (Colour)	Black	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern (As Applicable)
(b)	Band on Peak Cap/ Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(c)	Fifty (Sikh Personnel)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(d)	Badge on Peak Cap/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge
(e)	Shirt (Colour and Fabric)	Beige Colour Full Sleeved Shirt-Terrycot	
(f)	Neck-Tie (Colour and Fabric)	Plain Black Polyester	
(g)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised
(h)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(i)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(k)	Aiguillettes	As Applicable	
(l)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(m)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab shall be Bilingual. The Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)	
(n)	Full Medals	Yes	
(o)	Insignias	As Applicable	
(p)	Commendation Badges		
(q)	Formation Sign	Yes	

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(r)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern (only for Regimental/ Corps functions, as authorised)
(s)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)	
(t)	Socks	Black	
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue	

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 1

8. Details are as given below:-

- (a) Ceremonial and State functions.
- (b) Formal receiving, calling on or attending departures of the following dignitaries:-
 - (i) Hon'ble President of India.
 - (ii) Foreign Heads of State.
- (c) Visits by the Hon'ble President of India.
- (d) When attending ceremonial functions at Rashtrapati Bhavan/ Raj Bhavan/ Army House.
- (e) Attending receptions at Rashtrapati Bhavan and on Army, Navy and Air Force Day.
- (f) State Ceremonials.
- (g) State/ Military Funerals, Attestation Services and other Anniversary Parades.
- (h) Guard of Honour/ Ceremonial Inspections.
- (j) Investiture Ceremony.
- (k) Attending Ceremonial Parades but not parading with troops.
- (l) Wreath Laying at the War Memorial.
- (m) Court Martial Proceedings.
- (n) **Miscellaneous Ceremonial Events.** Colours Presentation, Republic Day Parade, Independence Day Flag Hoisting etc.
- (o) In addition, Dress No 1 shall also be worn once ordered by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General) for an appropriate occasion or duty. However, it shall not be worn in field areas unless specified by the Local Military Authority for a specific occasion.



Additional Instructions

9. Additional instructions with respect to Dress No 1 are as highlighted below:-

- (a) Boot HA PU (High Ankle Polyurethane - Ordnance pattern) with toe cap shall be worn if an officer is part of the parade with the troops. However, Reviewing Officer of Ceremonial Parade may wear Brogue shoes.
- (b) Aiguillettes shall be fixed to the first button (below the collar) of the SD Jacket (as authorised).
- (c) Full medals shall be horizontally centred and aligned with the left chest pocket button.
- (d) The lower edge of full medals shall be positioned one cm above from the button on the left pocket.
- (e) Commendation badges shall be worn 03/ 04 cm below the button on the left chest pocket.
- (f) When only one commendation badge is worn, it shall be horizontally centred and aligned to the left pocket. When two commendation badges are worn, they shall be placed equidistant on either side of the button on the left chest pocket. Senior commendation badge will be closer to centre of chest.
- (g) Formation sign, pouch belt and lanyard, where authorised, shall be worn. Officers authorised to wear aiguillettes shall not wear lanyard/ pouch belt simultaneously.
- (h) Only authorised insignias to be worn as per instructions on the same.



DRESS No 1A: WINTER SEMI CEREMONIAL (OFFICERS)**Army****Navy****Air Force**

DRESS No 1A : WINTER SEMI CEREMONIAL FOR OFFICERS (SD WITH PEAK CAP AND RIBBONS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Specifications of Dress No 1A are the same as those for Dress No 1 (SD), **the only difference being that ribbons shall be worn in place of full medals.** Rest all other articles and accoutrements shall remain same as in Dress No 1. Aiguillettes, as authorised, shall also be worn. Pouch Belt will not be worn.

Articles to be Worn with Dress No 1A

2. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(a)	Peak Cap or Pagri/ Hat (Colour)	Black	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern (As Applicable)
(b)	Band on Peak Cap/ Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(c)	Fifty (Sikh Personnel)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(d)	Badge on Peak Cap/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge
(e)	Shirt (Colour and Fabric)	Beige Colour Full Sleeved Shirt- Terrycot	
(f)	Neck-Tie (Colour and Fabric)	Plain Black Polyester	
(g)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised
(h)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(j)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(k)	Aiguillettes	As Applicable	
(l)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(m)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab shall be Bilingual. The Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)	
(n)	Ribbons	Yes	



Dress No 1A - Winter Semi Ceremonial (Officers)

Note: For Dress No 1A, equivalent dress for Indian Army JCOs/ OR is Dress No 3C (Angola Shirt with Beret and Ribbons)



S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(o)	Insignias	As Applicable	
(p)	Commendation Badges		
(q)	Formation Sign	Yes	
(r)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable	
(s)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)	
(t)	Socks	Black	
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue	

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 1A

3. Details are as given below:-

- (a) To be worn on occasions that are formal but not ceremonial.
- (b) At the discretion of local commanders, for events requiring a dress between working and ceremonial.

DRESS No 1C: WINTER CEREMONIAL (ALL RANKS)

AUTHORISED ONLY TO INDIAN ARMY



DRESS No 1C : WINTER CEREMONIAL FOR ALL RANKS (ANGOLA SHIRT WITH PEAK CAP/ BERET AND FULL MEDALS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 1C is applicable to all ranks. In Dress No 1C, full sleeved Angola Shirt and Dark OG Trousers with full medals will be worn. Officers will wear Peak Cap whereas JCOs/ OR will wear Regimental/ Corps Pattern Beret, as authorised. A scarf may also be worn in Dress No 1C by all ranks, however it is not mandatory.

2. **Shirt.**

(a) **Material.** The fabric for the Angola Drab shirt shall be Polywool (50% Wool and 50% Polyester).

(b) **Colour.** The colour shall be Raymond's Shade No 02 of Quality No 3928 or as per Ordnance pattern.

(c) **Design.** The design shall be as per Ordnance pattern. The front portion of the shirt shall be in two pieces open front. There shall be two patch pockets on each side, with flaps having press buttons on the outer edge and button hole at the central point, secured by small sized buttons. The shirt shall have five buttons on right side forepart. There shall be shoulder flaps, 14-16 cm in length (depending on shoulder width), on either side of collar for putting rank embellishments. No slip-ons with rank embellishments shall be fitted over the shoulder flaps. The button of shoulder flap shall be 1.5 cm away from the in-collar joint. However, it shall remain beneath the collar.

3. **Trousers.**

(a) **Material.** Terrycot.

(b) **Colour.** Dark Olive Green (Raymond's shade No 641 of Quality No 2949 or Shade No 13 of Quality No 2345) or as per Ordnance pattern.

(c) **Design.** The design shall be as per Ordnance pattern. Each front side shall have one pleat facing the side seam at waist. The trousers shall have two side pockets and one jetting type hip pocket on the right under side, without flap, but with a loop for fitting with button. The trousers shall have three tapered end type belt loops, 2 cm wide at joining seam with the belt and 4.5 cm at the buttonhole side, with an effective space between the top edge and button loop being 9 cm. The trousers shall have an extended square type waist belt, 8 cm long. The opening of side pockets (between tacks) shall be 16 cm and the opening of hip pockets (between tacks) shall be 12.5 cm. The width of the bottom may vary from 43 cm to 48 cm.





Black Brogue
Shoes

Boot HA PU with Toe
Cap while being part
of Ceremonial Parade

Dress No 1C - Winter Ceremonial Dress (All Ranks)



Articles to be Worn with Dress No 1C

4. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	Peak Cap or Pagri/ Beret/Hat (Colour)	Black	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern (As Applicable)	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(b)	Band on Peak Cap/ Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(c)	Fifty (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(d)	Badge on Peak Cap or Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge	
(e)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps Pattern backings, as authorised	
(f)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(g)	Scarf (Colour and Fabric) - Optional	Maroon (Pantone Shade:19-1862TC) of Satin	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(j)	Aiguillettes	As Applicable		
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(l)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab shall be Bilingual. The Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)		
(m)	Full Medals	Yes		
(n)	Insignias	As Applicable		
(o)	Commendation Badges			
(p)	Formation Sign	Yes		
(q)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Only for Regimental/ Corps functions, as authorised)	As per Regimental/ Corps Traditions (For Regimental/ Corps functions only)
(r)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)		

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(s)	Belt:- (i) Colour and Material	(i) Black leather (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted)		
	(ii) Buckle and Badge	(ii) Chrome finished buckle with Anodised Brass Indian Army Badge on it	(ii) As per Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(t)	Socks	Black		Olive Green
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue		
(v)	Shoes - Ceremonial Parade with the Troops	Boot HA PU (Ordnance pattern) with toe Cap		
(w)	Shirt Buttons	Khaki Brown	Khaki Brown or Regt/ Corps Pattern	

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 1C

5. Details are as given below:-

(a) **For Officers.**

- (i) When forming part of a Ceremonial Parade with troops like Contingent Cdr of Republic Day Parade, Colours Presentation, Guard of Honour etc.
- (ii) When ordered by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General) for an appropriate occasion/ duty.

(b) **For JCOs/ OR.**

- (i) Ceremonial and State functions.
- (ii) Formal receiving, calling on or attending departures of the following:-
 - (aa) Hon'ble President of India.
 - (ab) Foreign Heads of State.
- (iii) Visits by the Hon'ble President of India.
- (iv) When attending ceremonial functions such as at Rashtrapati Bhavan/ Raj Bhavan/ Army House.



- (v) Attending receptions at Rashtrapati Bhavan and on Army, Navy and Air Force Day.
- (vi) State/ Military Funerals, Attestation Services and other Anniversary Parades.
- (vii) Guard of Honour/ Ceremonial Inspections.
- (viii) Investiture Ceremonies.
- (ix) Wreath Laying at War Memorial.
- (x) Court Martial Proceedings.
- (xi) **Miscellaneous Ceremonial Events.** Colours Presentation, Republic Day Parade etc.
- (xii) In addition, Dress No 1C shall also be worn when ordered by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General) for appropriate occasion or duty.

Additional Instructions

6. Additional Instructions with respect to Dress No 1C are as highlighted below:-

- (a) Aiguillettes (as applicable) will be fixed to the first button (after the collar) of Angola Shirt. Officers authorised to wear aiguillettes shall not wear lanyard/ pouch belt simultaneously.
- (b) Full medals shall be horizontally central aligned with the left chest pocket button.
- (c) The lower edge of full medals shall be one cm above the button on the left chest pocket.
- (d) Commendation Badges will be worn 03/ 04 cm below the button on the Left chest pocket.
- (e) When only one commendation badge is worn, it shall be horizontally centred and aligned to the left pocket. When two commendation badges are worn, they shall be placed equidistant on either side of the button on the left chest pocket.
- (f) Only black brogue shoes shall be worn, except when part of the parade with troops.
- (g) When part of the parade, Boot HA PU (Ordnance pattern) with toe cap will be worn by all ranks. However, the Reviewing Officer of the Ceremonial Parade may wear brogue shoes.
- (h) Dress No 1, 1A and 1C, respectively shall not be worn in field areas unless specified by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General) for a specific occasion.



DRESS No 2: SUMMER CEREMONIAL (ALL RANKS)



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 2 : SUMMER CEREMONIAL FOR ALL RANKS (DARK OG SHIRT WITH PEAK CAP/ BERET AND FULL MEDALS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 2 is applicable to all ranks. In the Dress No 2, Dark OG shirt and trousers with Peak Cap and Full Medals will be worn. JCOs/ OR will wear a Beret in place of the Peak Cap. Aiguillettes and Pouch Belt, as authorised/ applicable, shall also be worn.

2. **Shirt.**

(a) **Material.** Terrycot.

(b) **Colour.** Dark OG (Raymond's shade No 641 of Quality No 2949 or Shade No 13 of Quality No 2345) or as per Ordnance pattern.

(c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. The front portion of the shirt shall be in two pieces open at the front. There will be two patch pockets on each side, with flaps having press buttons on the outer edge and a button hole at the central point, secured by small sized buttons. The shirt shall have five buttons on the right side forepart. There will be shoulder flaps, of length 14-16 cm (depending on shoulder width), on either side of collar for putting rank embellishments. **No slipons with metal rank embellishments shall be worn over the shoulder flaps.** The button of shoulder flap shall be 1.5 cm away from the in-collar joint. However, it will remain hidden beneath the collar. The sleeve length should not be more than 2-3 cm above the elbow-fold.

3. **Trousers.**

(a) **Material.** Terrycot.

(b) **Colour.** Colour will be Dark OG (Raymond's shade No 641 of Quality No 2949 or Shade No 13 of Quality No 2345) or as per Ordnance pattern.

(c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. Each front side shall have one pleat facing the side seam at the waist. The trousers shall have two side pockets and one jet type hip pocket on the right underside, without flap, but with a loop for fitting with button. The trousers shall have three tapered end type belt loops, 2 cm wide at joining seam with belt and 4.5 cm at buttonhole side, with effective space between top edge and button loop being 9 cm. The trousers shall have an extended square type waist belt 8 cm long. Opening of side pockets (between tacks) will be 16 cm. Opening of hip pockets (between tacks) will be 12.5 cm. The width of the bottom may vary from 43 cm to 48 cm.



Black Brogue
Shoes

Boot HA PU with Toe
Cap while being part
of Ceremonial Parade

Dress No 2 - Summer Ceremonial (All Ranks)



Articles to be Worn with Dress No 2

4. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	Peak Cap or Pagri/ Beret/ Hat (Colour)	Black	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern (As Applicable)	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(b)	Band on Peak Cap/ Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(c)	Fifty (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(d)	Badge on Peak Cap or Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge	
(e)	Scarf (Colour and Fabric) - Optional	Maroon (Pantone Shade:19-1862TC) of Satin	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(f)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised	
(g)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(j)	Aiguillettes	As Applicable		
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(l)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab will be Bilingual. The Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)		
(m)	Full Medals	Yes		
(n)	Insignias	As Applicable		
(o)	Commendation Badges	As Applicable		
(p)	Formation Sign	Yes		
(q)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Only for Regimental/ Corps functions, as authorised)	As per Regimental/ Corps Traditions (For Regimental/ Corps functions only)
(r)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)		

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(s)	Belt:- (i) Colour and Material	(i) Black leather (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted)		
	(ii) Buckle and Badge	(ii) Chrome finished buckle with Anodised Brass Indian Army Badge on it	(ii) As per Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(t)	Socks	Black		Olive Green
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue		
(v)	Shoes - Ceremonial Parade with the Troops	Boot HA PU (Ordnance pattern) with toe cap		
(w)	Shirt Buttons	OG Colour	OG Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern	

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 2 (All Ranks)

5. Details are as given below:-

- (a) Ceremonial and State functions.
- (b) Formal receiving/ calling on or attending departures of the following:-
 - (i) Hon'ble President of India.
 - (ii) Foreign Heads of State.
- (c) Visit by the Hon'ble President of India.
- (d) When attending ceremonial functions at Rashtrapati Bhavan/ Raj Bhavan/ Army House.
- (e) Attending receptions at Rashtrapati Bhavan and on Army, Navy and Air Force Day.
- (f) State Ceremonials.
- (g) State/ Military Funerals, Attestation Services and other Anniversary Parades.
- (h) Guard of Honour/ Ceremonial Inspections.
- (j) Investiture Ceremonies.
- (k) Attending Ceremonial Parades but not parading with troops.



- (l) Wreath Laying at the War Memorial.
- (m) Court Martial Proceedings.
- (n) **Miscellaneous Ceremonial Events.** Colours Presentation, Republic Day Parade, Independence Day Flag Hoisting etc.
- (o) In addition, Dress No 2 shall also be worn once ordered by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General) for appropriate occasion/ duty.

Additional Instructions

6. Additional Instructions with respect to Dress No 2 are highlighted below:-

- (a) Aiguillettes (as applicable) will be fixed to the first button (after the collar) of Dark OG Shirt. Officers authorised to wear aiguillettes shall not wear lanyard/ pouch belt simultaneously.
- (b) Full medals shall be horizontally central aligned with the left chest pocket button.
- (c) The lower edge of full medals shall be one cm above the button on the left chest pocket.
- (d) Commendation Badges will be worn 03/ 04 cm below the button on the left chest pocket.
- (e) When only one commendation badge is worn, it shall be horizontally centred and aligned to the left pocket. When two commendation badges are worn, they shall be placed equidistant on either side of the button on the left chest pocket. Senior commendation badge will be closer to centre of chest.
- (f) Only black brogue shoes shall be worn, except when part of the parade with troops.
- (g) When forming part of the parade, Boot HA PU (Ordnance pattern) with toe cap will be worn by all ranks. However, the Reviewing Officer of the Ceremonial Parade may wear brogue shoes.
- (h) Dress No 2 shall not be worn in field areas unless specified by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General) for a specific occasion.
- (j) Only authorised insignias to be worn as per instructions on the same.



DRESS No 2A: SUMMER SEMI CEREMONIAL (OFFICERS)**Army****Navy****Air Force**

DRESS No 2A : SUMMER SEMI CEREMONIAL FOR OFFICERS (DARK OG SHIRT WITH PEAK CAP AND RIBBONS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 2A is authorised to officers only. Specifications of Dress No 2A are the same as those of Dress No 2, **the only difference being that ribbons shall be worn in place of full medals.** Rest all articles and accoutrements shall remain the same as on Dress No 2. Aiguillettes, as authorised, shall also be worn. Pouch Belt will not be worn.

Articles to be worn with Dress No 2A

2. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(a)	Peak Cap or Pagri/ Beret/ Hat (Colour)	Black	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern (As Applicable)
(b)	Band on Peak Cap/ Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(c)	Fifty (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(d)	Badge on Peak Cap or Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge
(e)	Scarf (Colour and Fabric) - Optional	Maroon (Pantone Shade:19-1862TC) of Satin	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(f)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised
(g)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(j)	Aiguillettes	As Applicable	
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(l)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab shall be Bilingual. The Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)	



Dress No 2A - Summer Semi Ceremonial (Officers)

Note: For Dress No 2A, the equivalent dress for Indian Army JCOs/ OR is Dress No 4 (OG Shirt with Beret and Ribbons)



S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(m)	Ribbons	Yes	
(n)	Insignias	As Applicable	
(o)	Commendation Badges	As Applicable	
(p)	Formation Sign	Yes	
(q)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable	
(r)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)	
(s)	Belt:- (i) Colour and Material	(i) Black leather (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted)	
	(ii) Buckle and Badge	(ii) Chrome finished buckle with Anodised Brass Indian Army Badge on it	(ii) As per Regt/ Corps Pattern
(t)	Socks	Black	
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue	
(v)	Shoes - Ceremonial Parade with the Troops	Boot HA PU (Ordnance pattern) with toe cap	
(w)	Shirt Buttons	OG Colour	OG Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 2A

3. Details are as given below:-

- (a) To be worn on occasions which are formal but not ceremonial.
- (b) At the discretion of local commanders, for events requiring a dress between working and ceremonial.

DRESS No 3: WINTER GENERAL DUTY (OFFICERS)



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 3 : WINTER GENERAL DUTY FOR OFFICERS (SD WITH BERET AND RIBBONS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Winter General Duty i.e. Service Dress (SD) with beret and ribbons is numbered as Dress No 3. This Dress is applicable to officers only. **All specifications of Dress No 3 are same as Dress No 1, with the following exceptions:-**

- (a) Beret will be worn in place of the Peak Cap.
- (b) Ribbons will be worn.
- (c) Aiguillettes will not be worn.
- (d) Pouch belt will not be worn.
- (e) Shoulder Cord (as applicable) may be worn by the authorised.

Articles to be worn with Dress No 3

2. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(a)	Beret or Pagri (Colour)	Dark OG	Regt/ Corps Pattern (As Applicable)
(b)	Band on Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(c)	Fifty (Sikh Personnel)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(d)	Badge on Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge
(e)	Shirt (Colour and Fabric)	Beige Colour Full Sleeved Shirt-Terrycot	
(f)	Neck-Tie (Colour and Fabric)	Plain Black Polyester	
(g)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised
(h)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(j)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(k)	Aiguillettes	Not Applicable	
(l)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern



Dress No 3 - Winter General Duty (Officers)



S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(m)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab shall be Bilingual. Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)	
(n)	Ribbons	Yes	
(o)	Insignias	As Applicable	
(p)	Commendation Badges		
(q)	Formation Sign	Yes	
(r)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable	
(s)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)	
(t)	Socks	Black	
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue	

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 3

3. Details are as given below:-

- (a) General Duties.
- (b) Dress No 3 shall not be worn in field areas (unless specified by Local Military Authority not below the rank of Major General).

DRESS No 3A: WINTER GENERAL DUTY (JERSEY - ALL RANKS)



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 3A : WINTER GENERAL DUTY (JERSEY) FOR ALL RANKS (ANGOLA SHIRT WITH JERSEY AND BERET)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 3A is applicable to all ranks. In Dress No 3A, a full sleeved Angola Shirt, Jersey Woollen Pullover and Dark OG trousers shall be worn. Dress No 3A is valid upto 30 June 2029 after which the dress will cease to exist. A transition period upto 30 June 2029 has been provided to enable all ranks to shift to Dress No 3B (Battle Jacket).

2. **Shirt.**

- (a) **Material.** Polywool (50% Wool and 50% Polyester).
- (b) **Colour.** Raymond's Shade No 02 of Quality No 3928 or as per Ordnance pattern.
- (c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. The front portion of the shirt shall be in two pieces open front. There will be two patch pockets on each side, with flaps having press buttons on the outer edge and button hole at the central point, secured by small sized buttons. The shirt shall have five buttons on right side forepart. There will be shoulder flaps, of length 14-16 cm (depending on shoulder width), on either side of collar for putting rank embellishments. No slip-ons with metal rank embellishments shall be fitted over the shoulder flaps. The button of shoulder flap shall be 1.5 cm away from the in-collar joint. However, it will remain hidden beneath the collar.

3. **Jersey.**

- (a) **Material.** Pure Wool.
- (b) **Colour.** Dark Olive Green.
- (c) **Design.** The Jersey, in knitted two - ply dark olive green pure wool 2x2 yarn, shall be of ribbed design, with ribs 7 mm wide and 1.5 mm high, set 2 mm apart. The body and the sleeves shall be uniform in appearance. The cuffs shall be 16 cm in length and the bottom band 8 cm deep, compacted to fit the hips and wrists snugly. The jersey shall reach 4 cm above the wrist point. The V-neck should have a 3 cm wide edging, strengthened with an OG cloth patch. Shoulders and elbows shall be strengthened with OG cloth patches. Flaps shall be Velcro fixed at the neck-ends. Chevrons for other ranks shall be stitched on the sleeve length. The jersey shall have a pen-pocket, 7 cm below the shoulder joint on the left arm.

4. **Trousers.**

- (a) **Material.** Terrycot.
- (b) **Colour.** Colour will be Dark OG (Raymond's Shade No 641 of Quality No 2949 or Shade No 13 of Quality No 2345)/ BD Serge as per Ordnance pattern.





Dress No 3A - Winter General Duty (Jersey - All Ranks)



(c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. Each front side shall have one pleat facing the side seam at the waist. The trousers shall have two side pockets and one jet type hip pocket on the right under side, without flap, but with a loop for fitting a button. The trousers shall have three tapered end type belt loops 2 cm wide at joining seam with belt and 4.5 cm at buttonhole side, with effective space between top edge and button loop being 9 cm. The trousers shall have an extended square type waist belt 8 cm long. Opening of side pockets (between tacks) will be 16 cm. Opening of hip pockets (between tacks) will be 12.5 cm. The width of the bottom may vary from 43 cm to 48 cm.

Articles to be Worn with Dress No 3A (Jersey)

5. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	Beret/Pagri (Colour)	Dark Olive Green	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(b)	Band on Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(c)	Fifty (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(d)	Badge on Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge	
(e)	Scarf (Colour and Fabric) - Optional	Maroon (Pantone Shade: 19-1862TC) of Satin	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(f)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised	
(g)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(j)	Aiguillettes	Not Applicable		
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable		
(l)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab will be Bilingual. Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)		

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(m)	Full Medals	Not Applicable		
(n)	Ribbons			
(o)	Insignias			
(p)	Commendation Badges			
(q)	Formation Sign			
(r)	Pouch Belt			
(s)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)		
(t)	Belt (will be worn under Jersey):- (i) Colour and Material	(i) Black leather (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted)		
	(ii) Buckle and Badge	(ii) Chrome finished buckle with Anodised Brass Indian Army Badge on it	(ii) As per Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(u)	Socks	Black		Olive Green Woollen
(v)	Shoes	Black Brogue		
(w)	Shirt Buttons	Khaki Brown	Khaki Brown or Regt/ Corps pattern	
(x)	Shoulder Cord	As Applicable		

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 3A (Jersey)

6. General Duties or when specified by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General).

Additional Instructions

7. The dress may be specified for defined period.

8. Even after Dress No 3A ceases to exist, Jersey may be retained for wear during PT by JCOs/ OR.



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DRESS No 3B: WINTER GENERAL DUTY (BATTLE JACKET - ALL RANKS)



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 3B : WINTER GENERAL DUTY (BATTLE JACKET) FOR ALL RANKS (ANGOLA SHIRT WITH BATTLE JACKET AND BERET)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** The Battle Jacket is being reintroduced as the winter outerwear for all ranks, in place of the Jersey. In Dress No 3B, a full sleeved Angola Shirt, Battle Jacket and Dark OG Trousers shall be worn. A transition period of three years (till 30 June 2029) will be followed during which either the Jersey or the Battle Jacket may be worn. On completion of the transition period, the Jersey (Dress No 3A) will no longer be authorised as part of the Winter General Duty Dress. However, the Jersey may be retained for wearing during winter physical training only.

2. **Specifications of Shirt and Trousers of Dress No 3B.** Same as Dress No 3A.

Battle Jacket

3. **Material.** BD Serge (35% Polyester and 65% Merino Wool).

4. **Colour.** Colour will be Raymond's Shade No 0005 of Quality No 537657.

5. **Design.**

(a) **Collar.** The collar shall be a combined (fall and stand) collar. Fall shall have Front 9.5 cm and Back 7.5 cm (back stand 3.5 cm, fall 4cm). The collar shall commence at center front.

(b) **Front Extension and Closure.** The front shall be provided with an extension of 1.6 cm. There shall be a snap button just below the collar on the placket. There shall be five buttons along the centre front using 20 ligne buttons. The first button shall be placed 8 cm from the snap button. Subsequent buttons shall be spaced at 9 cm intervals. The first buttonhole shall be horizontal and all remaining buttonholes shall be vertical.

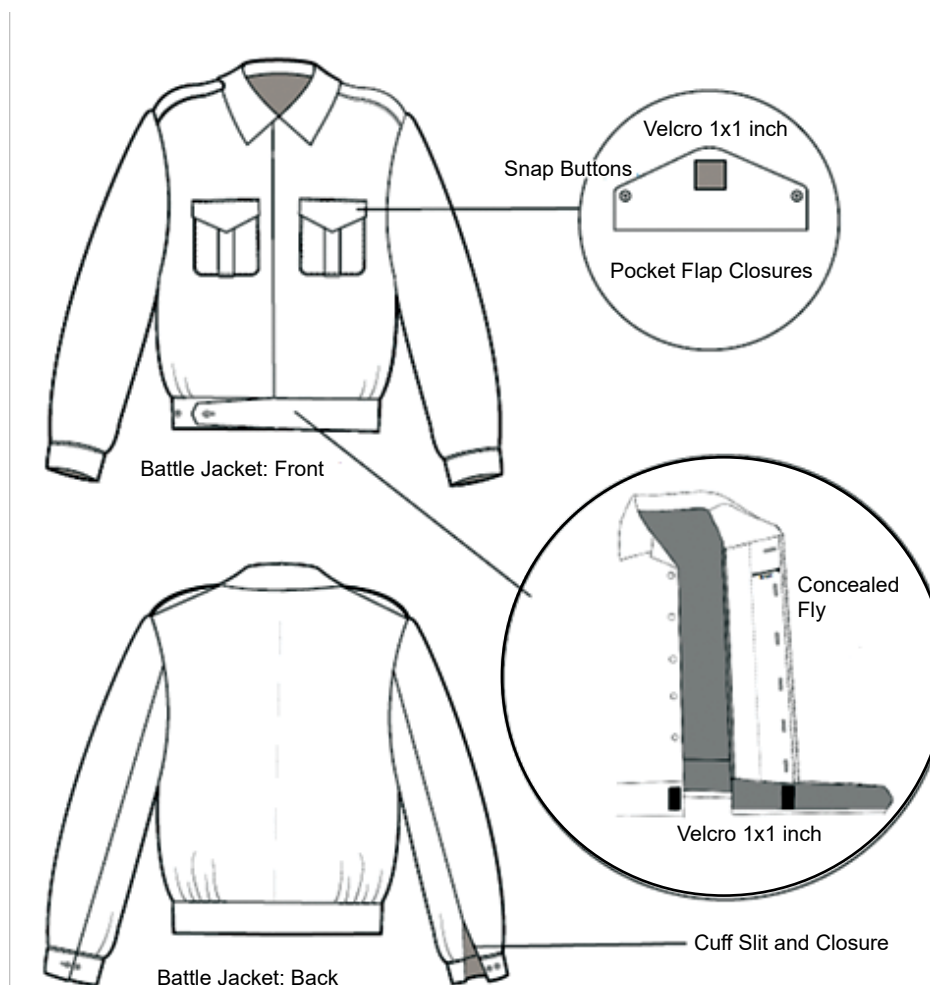
(c) **Patch Pocket.** A patch pocket shall be positioned 5 cm from the centre front. The top edge of the pocket shall be located 16 cm below the neckline. Width and length shall be 15.5 cm and 16.5 cm respectively. A box pleat of 3.5 cm width shall be provided at the centre. The bottom edge shall be rounded.

(d) **Pocket Flap.** Width and height shall be 15.5 cm and 7 cm at centre respectively, tapering to 3.5 cm at edges with curved shaping. The flap shall be positioned 2 cm above the pocket. Closure shall consist of 1 x 1 inch Velcro at the centre and two snap buttons (press buttons) at the edges of the flap.

(e) **Facing/ Placket.** The buttonholes on the left side of the front shall be provided in a fly (8 cm wide) so as to be faced with self material (same cloth as jacket).

(f) **Pleats.** All excess fabric at the hem of the jacket shall be gathered and secured via knife pleats positioned just above the 6.5 cm waistband. A total of 16 knife pleats shall be provided, all directed towards the side seams. Pleats shall be identical in both self fabric and lining. Front shall have three pleats distributed within 18 cm from centre front towards the side seam, while the back shall have five pleats positioned near the side seam. All pleats shall be spaced approximately 2.5 cm apart.

(g) **Sleeves.** The sleeves shall be two-piece sleeves having cuff width of 6 cm and cuff slit length of 9 cm. 2 buttons, 2.5 cm apart from each other shall be provided on the cuff. In addition, a pleat shall be positioned 4.5 cm from the slit.



Battle Jacket : Design Specifications



(h) **Lining.** The jacket is to be fully lined. The lining must be cut and finished exactly 1 cm shorter than the outer shell hem.

(j) **Waistband.**

(i) The waistband shall measure 6 cm in width, tapering to 5 cm at the left extension which shall terminate in an arrowhead shape. The left side shall extend and overlap the right by 18.5 cm.

(ii) Buttons shall be stitched on the right side, with the first button positioned 21.5 cm from the center front and the second button 3.5 cm from the first button. The subsequent 2 buttons shall be placed 2.5 cm apart. The waistband shall also be provided with a 1 inch x 1.5 inch Velcro.

Articles to be Worn with Dress No 3B (Battle Jacket)

6. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	Beret/ Pagri (Colour)	Dark Olive Green	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(b)	Band on Pagri (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(c)	Fifty (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(d)	Badge on Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge	
(e)	Scarf (Colour and Fabric)	Not Applicable		
(f)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised	
(g)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(j)	Aiguillettes	Not Applicable		
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable		
(l)	Shoulder Cord	Not Applicable	As authorised	

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(m)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab will be Bilingual. Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)		
(n)	Ribbons	As Applicable		
(o)	Insignias	Not Applicable		
(p)	Commendation Badges			
(q)	Formation Sign			
(r)	Pouch Belt			
(s)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)		
(t)	Belt (will be worn under Battle Jacket):- (i) Colour and Material	(i) Black leather (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted)		
	(ii) Buckle and Badge	(ii) Chrome finished buckle with Anodised Brass Indian Army Badge on it	(ii) As per Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(u)	Socks	Black		Olive Green Woollen
(v)	Shoes	Black Brogue		

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 3B (All Ranks)

7. General Duties in peace stations or when specified by the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General).



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DRESS No 3C: WINTER GENERAL DUTY (ANGOLA - ALL RANKS)

AUTHORISED ONLY TO INDIAN ARMY



DRESS No 3C : WINTER GENERAL DUTY (ANGOLA) FOR ALL RANKS (ANGOLA SHIRT WITH BERET AND RIBBONS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 3C is applicable to all ranks. In the Dress No 3C, a full sleeved Angola Shirt and Dark OG Trousers shall be worn.
2. **Shirt.**
 - (a) **Material.** Polywool (50% Polyester and 50% Wool).
 - (b) **Colour.** Raymond's Shade No 02 of Quality No 3928 or as per Ordnance pattern.
 - (c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. The front portion of the shirt shall be in two pieces open front. There will be two patch pockets on each side, with flaps having press buttons on the outer edge and button hole at the central point, secured by small sized buttons. The shirt shall have five buttons on right side forepart. There will be shoulder flaps, of length 14-16 cm (depending on shoulder width), on either side of collar for putting rank embellishments. No slip-ons with metal rank embellishments shall be fitted over the shoulder flaps. The button of shoulder flap shall be 1.5 cm away from the in-collar joint. However, it will remain hidden beneath the collar.
3. **Trousers.**
 - (a) **Material.** Terrycot.
 - (b) **Colour.** Dark OG (Raymond's Shade No 641 of Quality No 2949 or Shade No 13 of Quality No 2345)/ BD Serge as per Ordnance pattern.
 - (c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. Each front side shall have one pleat facing the side seam at the waist. The trousers shall have two side pockets and one jet type hip pocket on the right under side, without flap, but with a loop for fitting a button. The trousers shall have three tapered end type belt loops 2 cm wide at joining seam with belt and 4.5 cm at buttonhole side, with effective space between top edge and button loop being 9 cm. The trousers shall have an extended square type waist belt 8 cm long. Opening of side pockets (between tacks) will be 16 cm. Opening of hip pockets (between tacks) will be 12.5 cm. The width of the bottom may vary from 43 cm to 48 cm.

Articles to be Worn with Dress No 3C

4. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	Beret/ Pagri (Colour)	Dark Olive Green	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(b)	Band on Pagri (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(c)	Fifty (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern	



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S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(d)	Badge on Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge	
(e)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised	
(f)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(g)	Scarf (Colour and Fabric) - Optional	Maroon (Pantone Shade:19-1862TC) of Satin	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(j)	Aiguillettes	Not Applicable		
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(l)	Name Tab (Plastic Laminated)	Name Tab will be Bilingual. Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)		
(m)	Ribbons	As Applicable		
(n)	Insignias			
(o)	Commendation Badges			
(p)	Formation Sign			
(q)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable		
(r)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)		
(s)	Belt:- (i) Colour and Material	(i) Black leather (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted)		
	(ii) Buckle and Badge	(ii) Chrome finished buckle with Anodised Brass Indian Army Badge on it	(ii) As per Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(t)	Socks	Black		Olive Green Woollen
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue		
(v)	Shirt Buttons	Khaki Brown	Khaki Brown or Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(w)	Shoulder Cord	As Applicable		

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 3C

5. General Duties.

DRESS NO 4: SUMMER GENERAL DUTY (ALL RANKS)



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 4 : SUMMER GENERAL DUTY FOR ALL RANKS (DARK OLIVE GREEN SHIRT WITH BERET AND RIBBONS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 4, Dark OG shirt and trousers is applicable to all ranks.
2. **Shirt.**
 - (a) **Material.** Terrycot.
 - (b) **Colour.** Dark OG (Raymond's Shade No 641 of Quality No 2949 or Shade No 13 of Quality No 2345) or as per Ordnance pattern.
 - (c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. The front portion of the shirt shall be in two pieces with an open front. There will be two patch pockets on each side, with flaps having press buttons on the outer edge and a buttonhole at the central point, secured by small sized buttons. The shirt shall have five buttons on right side forepart. There will be shoulder flaps, of length 14-16 cm (depending on shoulder width), on either side of collar for putting rank embellishments. No slippers with metal rank embellishments will be worn over the shoulder flaps. The button of shoulder flap shall be 1.5 cm away from the in-collar joint. However, it will remain hidden beneath the collar. The sleeve length should not be more than 2-3 cm above the elbow-fold.
3. **Trousers.**
 - (a) **Material.** Terrycot.
 - (b) **Colour.** Dark OG (Raymond's shade No 641 of Quality No 2949 or Shade No 13 of Quality No 2345) or as per Ordnance pattern.
 - (c) **Design.** Design will be as per Ordnance pattern. Each front side shall have one pleat facing the side seam at waist. The trousers shall have two side pockets and one jet type hip pocket on the right under side, without flap, but with a loop for fitting with button. The trousers shall have three tapered end type belt loops, 2 cm wide at joining seam with belt and 4.5 cm at buttonhole side, with effective space between top edge and button loop being 9 cm. The trousers shall have an extended square type waist belt 8 cm long. Opening of side pockets (between tacks) will be 16 cm. Opening of hip pockets (between tacks) will be 12.5 cm. The width of the bottom may vary from 43 cm to 48 cm.





Dress No 4 - Summer General Duty (All Ranks)



Articles to be Worn with Dress No 4

4. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	Beret/ Pagri	Dark Olive Green	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(b)	Band on Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(c)	Fifty (Sikh pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(d)	Badge on Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge	
(e)	Scarf (Colour and Fabric) - Optional	Maroon (Pantone Shade:19-1862TC) of Satin	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(f)	Rank Badges	Anodised Brass Rank Badges w/o any backing	Anodised Brass (or lacquered in Black, as applicable) Rank Badges with Regt/ Corps backings, as authorised	
(g)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(j)	Aiguillettes	Not Applicable		
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(l)	Name Tab (Plastic laminated)	Name Tab will be Bilingual. The Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)		
(m)	Ribbons	Yes		
(n)	Insignias	As Applicable		
(o)	Commendation Badges			
(p)	Formation Sign	Yes		
(q)	Pouch Belt	Not Applicable		
(r)	Cane/ Baton	Regt/ Corps Pattern (Not mandatory)		
(s)	Belt:- (i) Colour and Material	(i) Black leather (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted)		
	(ii) Buckle and Badge	(ii) Chrome finished buckle with Anodised Brass Indian Army Badge on it	(ii) As per Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(t)	Socks	Black		Olive Green
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue		
(v)	Shirt Buttons	OG Colour	OG Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(w)	Shoulder Cord	As Applicable		

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 4

5. General duties.

DRESS No 5: WINTER MESS DRESS (OFFICERS)**Army****Navy****Air Force**

DRESS No 5 : WINTER MESS DRESS FOR OFFICERS (DARK BLUE/ GREEN PATROL WITH MINIATURE MEDALS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 5, Winter Mess Dress is applicable to officers only. In Dress No 5, Dark Blue/ Green Patrol with Miniature Medals, Insignias and Commendation Badges will be worn. Aiguillettes, as authorised, will also be worn.

2. Tunic and Trousers.

(a) **Material.** Serge.

(b) **Colour.**

(i) **For Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Dark Blue Colour only (Pantone Shade 19- 4010 TC).

(ii) **For Colonel and Below Rank Officers.** Dark Blue/ Green Colour as per Regimental/ Corps pattern.

3. Patrol Jacket Design.

(a) Patrol Jacket should be cut broad back with two curved seams. Two side-slits 15 cm deep at the side seams.

(b) Five medium sized Regimental/ General Officers' pattern buttons (diameter 1.9 cm) as authorised, down the front starting 2 cm to 3 cm below the collar fastening.

(c) Arm-length of the Jacket should be up to the knuckles of the hand, with two breast plain patch pockets, 14 cm wide and 15 cm deep, with one pointed flap 13 cm X 6 cm with press buttons on the outer rounded edges and button-hole at the centre point and secured by small sized buttons. Sleeves will have pointed cuffs 6 cm deep at the back, rising to a point 14 cm high in the front.

(d) The point of the pockets will be in line with second button down the front of the jacket.

(e) There will be a stand-up collar not more than 5 cm high, fastened by small hooks and eyes and attached cloth loop of same material 4 cm wide at the base.

(f) Piping of Scarlet Colour on the cuffs only for Brigadier and above rank officers.

4. Buttons - Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.

(a) **General Officers' Pattern Buttons.** All buttons on the jacket of Dark Blue patrol for Brigadier and above rank will be General officers' pattern anodised brass. Five medium sized buttons (diameter 1.9 cm) in the front of the jacket and small sized (1.5 cm diameter) buttons on pocket flaps, cuffs and epaulettes.





Piping of Scarlet Colour
on the Cuffs - Brigadier
and above Rank only

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(b) **Buttons on Cuffs.** Officers of the rank of Brigadier and above will have the following number of small buttons (diameter 1.5 cm) on the cuffs: -

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|-------|--------------------|---|--------|
| (i) | Brigadier | - | One. |
| (ii) | Major General | - | Two. |
| (iii) | Lieutenant General | - | Three. |
| (iv) | General | - | Four. |

(c) **Gorget Patches.** Miniature button (diameter 1.2 cm).

5. Buttons - Colonel and Below Rank Officers.

(a) **Regimental/ Corps Pattern Buttons.** All buttons on the jacket of Dark Blue/ Green Patrol for Colonel and below rank will be Anodised Brass or lacquered in Black for Rifle Regiments, as per Regimental/ Corps pattern. Five medium sized buttons (1.9 cm diameter) in the front of the jacket and small sized (1.5 cm diameter) buttons on pocket flaps, cuffs and epaulettes.

(b) **Cuffs.** No buttons will be on the cuffs for Colonel and below rank.

(c) **Gorget Patches.** Miniature button (diameter 1.2 cm).

6. Trousers Design.

(a) Trousers will be plain, bottom shaped from the instep to heel, fly front with two side pockets, having a single-pleat in the front facing outwards.

(b) Length of the trousers should be long enough to cover the heel when standing, with width of bottom not exceeding 47 cm.

(c) Single Scarlet Colour stripe for Brigadier and above rank officers and Regimental/ Corps colour stripes for Colonel and below rank officers, as applicable, shall be stitched along the outer side seams of the trousers restricted to 4 cm in width.

(d) Opening of side pockets shall be 10 cm (between tacks).

(e) The trousers shall have buttons for braces.

7. **Shirt Design.** A white terrycot full sleeved shirt, without collar and pocket, soft front with single semi-stiff cuffs will be worn under the Patrol jacket.



Articles to be Worn with Dress No 5

8. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S. No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(a)	Side Cap	Not Applicable	
(b)	Pagri with Badge (As Applicable)	Black with General Officers' Pattern Badge	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern with Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge
(c)	Fifty (Sikh Pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(d)	Band on Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(e)	Base of Epaulettes	Triple plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari)	(i) Colonel Only. Triple plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari or Black Mohair Plaited Chains, as applicable) (ii) Lt Colonel and Below. Double plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari or Black Mohair Plaited Chains, as applicable)
(f)	Rank Badges	Silver Colour rank badge in Zari on Scarlet Colour backing	Regt/ Corps pattern Zari based Rank Badge with Regt/ Corps colour/ pattern backings, as applicable
(g)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(j)	Aiguillettes	As Applicable	
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	
(l)	Name Tab (Plastic laminated)	Name Tab will be Bilingual. The Name will be written in Hindi (Top) and English (Bottom)	
(m)	Miniature Medals	Yes	
(n)	Insignias	As Applicable	
(o)	Commendation Badges		
(p)	Formation Sign	Not Applicable	
(q)	Pouch Belt		
(r)	Cane/ Baton		
(s)	Socks	Black	
(t)	Shoes	Black Brogue	
(u)	Jacket Buttons	Anodised Brass General Officers' Pattern	Anodised Brass or lacquered in Black in Regt/ Corps Pattern
(v)	Shoulder Cord	Not Applicable	

Note: Side Cap has been removed from Dress No 5. However, side cap may be worn during regimental functions in civil dress by all ranks as per Regt/ Corps design, with Colonel of Regiment as approving authority.



Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 5

9. Details are as given below:-

- (a) State functions at Rashtrapati Bhavan/ Raj Bhavan (when specified in invitation).
- (b) When dining-in or attending formal evening entertainments and receptions at residence of the Prime Minister, COAS, CNS, CAS and GOC-in-C (or their equivalent ranked officers in sister services).
- (c) State functions in honour of foreign Heads of State/ Prime Minister on State visit.
- (d) Dining-in/ out at Officers' Mess and for other service functions as may be ordered.
- (e) When a visiting Head of State of a foreign country holds a reception or formal dinners.
- (f) Receptions and functions by Heads of Diplomatic Missions to meet Heads of States of their country.
- (g) Entertainment in service establishments other than informal socials.

Additional Instructions

10. This dress will be worn between Retreat and Reveille or on orders of Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General).

11. Pouch belt will not be worn.



DRESS No 6: SUMMER MESS DRESS (OFFICERS)**Army****Navy****Air Force**

DRESS No 6 : SUMMER MESS DRESS FOR OFFICERS (BLACK TROUSERS AND WHITE SHIRT WITH CUMMERBUND AND MINIATURE MEDALS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 6, Summer Mess Dress is applicable to officers only. In Dress No 6, white half sleeved shirt with Cummerbund and black trousers will be worn.
2. **Shirt.**
 - (a) **Material.** Terrycot.
 - (b) **Colour.** White.
 - (c) **Design.**
 - (i) A half-sleeved shirt with normal turned-out collars.
 - (ii) There will be no pockets on the shirt.
 - (iii) The sleeve length should not be more than 2-3 cm above the elbow fold.
3. **Buttons.**
 - (a) **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** White 'Mother of Pearl'/ synthetic buttons will be used.
 - (b) **Colonel and Below Rank Officers.** White 'Mother of Pearl'/ synthetic buttons or black buttons as per Regimental/ Corps pattern.
4. **Trousers.**
 - (a) **Material.** Terrycot.
 - (b) **Colour.** Black.
 - (c) **Design.**
 - (i) Trousers will be plain, bottom shaped from the instep to heel, fly front with two side pockets, having single-pleat in the front facing outwards.
 - (ii) The length of the trousers should be long enough to cover the heel when standing with width of bottom not exceeding 47 cm.
 - (iii) Trousers will have a single-cut pocket on the hip without button and without flap.
 - (d) The opening of side pockets shall be 10 cm (between tacks).
5. **Cummerbund.**
 - (a) **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Black Cummerbund with Army Crest.
 - (b) **Colonel and Below Rank Officers.** Regimental/ Corps pattern.





Dress No 6 - Summer Mess Dress (Officers)



Articles to be Worn with Dress No 6

6. Articles to be worn are enumerated below:-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(a)	Side Cap	Not Applicable	
(b)	Pagri with Badge (As Applicable)	Black with General Officers' Pattern Badge	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern with Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge
(c)	Fifty (Sikh Pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(d)	Band on Pagri	Scarlet Colour	Scarlet Colour or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(e)	Base of Epaulettes	Triple plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari)	(i) Colonel Only. Triple plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari or Black Mohair Plaited Chains, as applicable) (ii) Lt Colonel and Below. Double plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari or Black Mohair Plaited Chains, as applicable)
(f)	Rank Badges	Silver Colour Rank Badge in Zari on Scarlet Coloured backing	Regt/ Corps pattern Zari based Rank Badge with Regt/ Corps colour/ pattern backings, as applicable
(g)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable	
(h)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)
(j)	Aiguillettes	As Applicable	
(k)	Lanyard	Not Applicable	
(l)	Name Tab	Yes	
(m)	Miniature Medals		
(n)	Insignias	As Applicable	
(o)	Commendation Badges		



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S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers
(p)	Formation Sign	Not Applicable	
(q)	Pouch Belt		
(r)	Cane/ Baton		
(s)	Cummerbund	Black with Army Crest	Regt/ Corps Pattern
(t)	Socks	Black	
(u)	Shoes	Black Brogue	
(v)	Shirt Buttons	White Mother of Pearl/ Synthetic	White Mother of Pearl/ Synthetic or Black as per Regt/ Corps Pattern
(w)	Shoulder Cord	Not Applicable	

Note: Side Cap has been removed from Dress No 6. However, side cap may be worn during regimental functions in civil dress by all ranks as per Regt/ Corps design, with Colonel of Regiment as approving authority.

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 6

7. Details are as given below:-

- (a) State functions at Rashtrapati Bhavan/ Raj Bhavan (when specified in invitation).
- (b) When dining-in or attending formal evening entertainments and receptions at residence of the Prime Minister, COAS, CNS, CAS and GOC-in-C (or their equivalent ranked officers in sister services).
- (c) State functions in honour of foreign Heads of State/ Prime Minister on State visit.
- (d) Dining-in/ out at Officers' Mess and for other service functions as may be ordered.
- (e) When a visiting Head of State of a foreign country holds a reception or formal dinners.
- (f) Receptions and functions by Heads of Diplomatic Missions to meet Heads of States of their country.
- (g) Entertainment in service establishments other than informal socials.

Additional Instructions

8. This dress will be worn between Retreat and Reveille or on orders of Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General).
9. Pouch belt will not be worn.



DRESS No 7: DIGITAL PATTERN COMBAT DRESS (ALL RANKS)



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 7 : DIGITAL PATTERN COMBAT DRESS (ALL RANKS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 7, Digital Pattern Combat Dress is applicable to all ranks. In the Dress No 7, Digital Pattern Jacket Combat and Trousers Combat will be worn. Combat T-Shirt of Dark OG Colour will also be worn under the Combat Jacket.

2. Jacket Combat.

(a) **Material.** 190 GSM, fabric comprising 80% Cotton and 20% Polyester, Ripstop fabric with softener finish and anti-wrinkle treatment. The fabric will have 'INDIAN ARMY' and a Bar Code printed on the selvedge of the fabric. In addition, a QR Code label will also be put on each Jacket and Trousers. The Bar Code and QR Code on Indian Army Combat Uniform will read "IACU (space) Name of Manufacturer (space) Year of Manufacture".

(b) **Colour.** Digital pattern, as per specifications stipulated by MGS branch.

(c) **Pocket Design and Identification.**

(i) Vertically aligned pockets with Velcro closure.

(ii) Angular (approx 15°) and deeper front pockets with Velcro closure.

(iii) Indian Army Logo and Indian Flag on the Combat Jacket shall be fixed using Velcro on left arm four inches, below the shoulder flap stitching, only during UN assignments, Joint Exercise, HADR missions or any other international/ overseas assignments.

(d) **Method of Wearing.** To be worn tucked out.

(e) **Length of Combat Jacket.** When standing in attention position, the lower edge of the jacket should align with knuckles of either hand.

3. Trousers Combat.

(a) **Material.** Fabric will be the same as that for Jacket Combat.

(b) **Colour.** Digital pattern disruptive, as per specifications stipulated by the MGS branch.

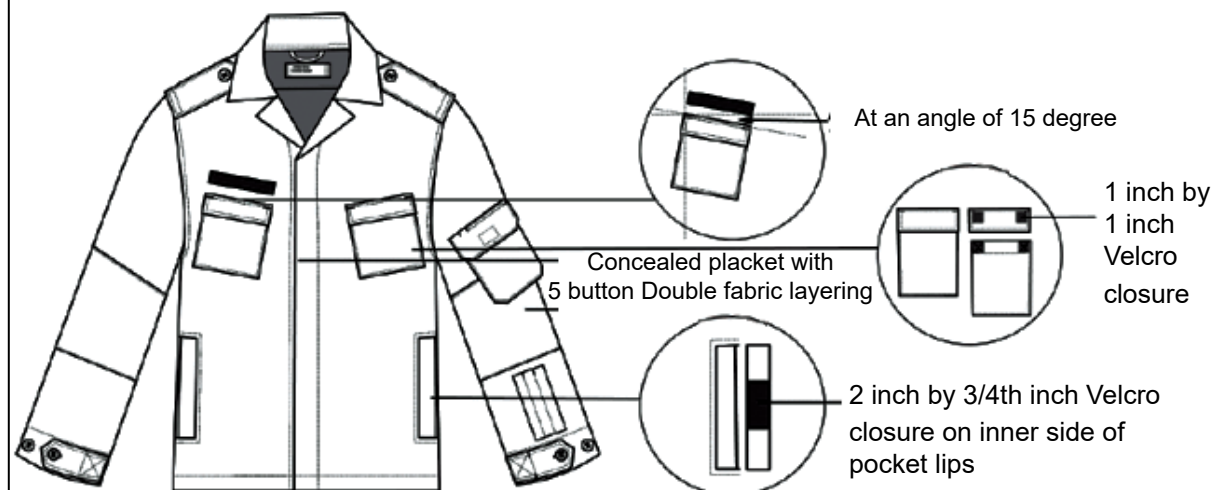
(c) **Design and Wearing.**

(i) There will be an additional layer of fabric in the groin area.

(ii) Combat trousers will be worn tucked inside the High Ankle (HA) boots. The length of the trousers shall be such that it allows proper tucking into the boots without excess bunching or loose folds.



Field Jacket Men (Front)



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Dress No 7 - Digital Pattern Combat Dress (All Ranks)



4. **Combat T-Shirt Design.** Round neck Combat T-Shirt of Dark OG colour (Pantone Shade No 19-5708TPG Jet Set), will be compulsorily worn inside the Jacket Combat.

Articles to be Worn with Dress No 7

5. Articles to be worn are enumerated below :-

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	Beret (in office environment only)/ Pagri	Dark Olive Green (Pantone Shade : 19- 0415TC)	Dark Olive Green or Regt/ Corps Pattern, as applicable	
(b)	Band on Pagri	Not Applicable		
(c)	Fifty (Sikh Pers)	Scarlet Colour	Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(d)	Badge on Beret/ Pagri	General Officers' Pattern Badge	Regt/ Corps Pattern Badge	
(e)	Field Service (FS) Cap	Digital Pattern		
(f)	Base of Epaulettes	OG Cloth (Pantone Shade : 19-0312TC)		
(g)	Rank Badges	Embroidered in White Thread without Backing	Shoulder Titles and Rank Badges with Corps/ Regt pattern backing	
(h)	Shoulder Titles	Not Applicable		
(j)	Gorget Patches (Colour)	Scarlet	Scarlet or Regt/ Corps Pattern (Colonel only)	Not Applicable
(k)	Scarf (Optional)	(i) Netted fabric cloth of combat pattern size 40x40 inch (approx) (ii) 35-40 knots/ sq inch (approx)		
(l)	Aiguillettes	Not Applicable		
(m)	Shoulder Cord	As Applicable		
(n)	Lanyard	Not Applicable		
(o)	Name Tab	(i) Embroidered alphabets and border in Black Colour thread (ii) Base of Name Tab - OG Cloth (Pantone Shade: 19-0312TC) (iii) Name only in English - Two words		

S No	Articles to be Worn	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(p)	Medals/ Ribbons	Not Applicable		
(q)	Insignias			
(r)	Commendation Badges			
(s)	Formation Sign			
(t)	Pouch Belt			
(u)	Cane/ Baton			
(v)	Belt	Narrow Belt of POM (Polyoxymethylene) buckle with engraved Indian Army Crest		
(w)	Socks	Black		OG
(x)	Shoes	Boot HA PU (Ordnance pattern) with toe cap		
(y)	Jacket Buttons	Composite material buttons with Indian Army embossing		

Note.

(i) Beret with Combat Dress in office premises may be permitted for all ranks, on the orders of the Local Military Authority (not lower than the rank of Major General).

(ii) In field areas, the Field Service Cap shall ordinarily be worn with Combat Dress. However, Beret may be worn in lieu of the Field Service Cap on the orders of the Local Military Authority (not lower than the rank of Major General).

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 7

6. To be worn by all ranks in field or operational area and during training (or when ordered by Local Military Authority not below the rank of Major General). In addition, as per existing instructions Digital Pattern Combat Dress will be worn on every Friday in peace stations.

Additional Instructions

7. Additional instructions are as follows:-

(a) Commendation badges, medals, ribbons, lanyard, formation sign and aiguillettes will not be worn on any variant of Dress No 7.

(b) Anklet putties may be donned by personnel of Para units, SF units and units when wearing Extreme Climate Clothing/ Special Clothing, where authorised.



- (c) Swords will not be carried or donned.
- (d) Digital Pattern Combat dress may be used for night duties and for PT. However, combat dress will not be used as a general purpose dress for working, casual walking out dress or while travelling (except on official duty) etc.
- (e) Items purchased out of Army Commander's Special Financial Powers Fund (ACSFP Fund) to cater for specific operational requirements, depending on the respective terrains, will be allowed to be donned.
- (f) **Source. To be sourced only through CSD.** Service personnel are strictly prohibited from procuring Combat Dress Fabric/ Stitched Dress and Cap FS from open market. **Defaulters will be liable to disciplinary action under AA Sec 63.**
- (g) **Wearing of Jungle Shoes.** Jungle Shoes may also be worn with all variants of Dress No 7 for route marches/ training purposes/ BPET on orders of Local Military Authority (not lower than the appointment of Commanding Officer).
- (h) **Disruptive Pattern Combat Dress.** In addition to Digital Pattern Combat Dress, the Disruptive Pattern Combat Dress (Old Pattern Combat Dress) may also be worn during the transition period, only up to 31 Dec 2026 or as instructed by MGS Branch.

**DRESS No 7A: DIGITAL PATTERN COMBAT DRESS LESS
JACKET COMBAT (ALL RANKS)**



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 7A : DIGITAL PATTERN COMBAT DRESS LESS JACKET COMBAT (ALL RANKS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 7A is applicable to all ranks. In Dress No 7A, only Combat T-Shirt and Trousers will be worn (Jacket Combat will not be worn). T-shirt will be worn tucked in with a belt.
2. Specifications of Combat T-shirt and Combat Trousers are same as in Dress No 7.

Articles to be Worn

3. Articles to be worn shall be the same as those authorised for Dress No 7 (Digital Pattern Combat Dress). Name Tab, Rank Epaulettes and Badges/ Insignias, Gorget Patches and Scarf will not be worn.

Occasions for Wearing the Dress No 7A

4. To be worn in hot/ humid climatic conditions, at the discretion of the Local Military Authority (not below the rank of Major General).



DRESS No 7B: DIGITAL PATTERN COMBAT DRESS WITH COAT COMBAT (ALL RANKS)



Army



Navy



Air Force



DRESS No 7B : DIGITAL PATTERN COMBAT DRESS WITH COAT COMBAT (ALL RANKS)

Uniform Specifications

1. **General.** Dress No 7B, Digital Pattern Combat Dress with Coat Combat, is applicable to all ranks.
2. **Composition.** Coat Combat will comprise the following three layers:
 - (a) Outer Jacket (Digital Print).
 - (b) Inner Jacket (Light Green Colour).
 - (c) Inner Vest (Olive Green Colour).
3. The Coat Combat is designed for wear in varying weather conditions ranging from -5°C to +15°C and provides resistance against light drizzle and heavy dew.
4. **Mode of Wearing.**
 - (a) **Combinations.** The Coat Combat shall be worn only in the following authorised combinations, depending on prevailing weather and operational conditions:
 - (i) **Combination 1.** All three layers worn together.
 - (ii) **Combination 2.** Outer Jacket with Inner Vest.
 - (iii) **Combination 3.** Inner Jacket with Inner Vest.
 - (iv) Inner Vest is not to be worn independently.
 - (b) **Authority for Selection of Combination.** The selection of the appropriate combination shall be decided by the Local Military Authority, not below the rank of Major General or equivalent, based on weather and operational requirements. No deviation shall be made at unit or sub-unit level.
5. **Accoutrements Authorised.** No accoutrements will be worn with Dress No 7B except as authorised below:

S No	Combination	Name Tab	Rank	Gorget Patches
(i)	1 (All Three Layers Worn Together)	Authorised	Authorised	
(ii)	2 (Outer Jacket with Inner Vest)			
(iii)	3 (Inner Jacket with Inner Vest)		Not Authorised	Not Authorised



Outer Jacket



Inner Jacket



Inner Vest



Combination-1



Combination-2



Combination-3

Dress No 7B - Digital Pattern Combat Dress with Coat Combat



6. **Trousers Combat and Belt.** The same combat trousers as authorised for Dress No 7 shall be worn with Dress No 7B along with the specified belt.

7. **Indian Army Logo and National Flag.** Indian Army Logo and Indian National Flag shall be worn on left arm four inches, below the shoulder flap stitching, when deployed on:

- (a) UN Missions.
- (b) HADR Missions.
- (c) Joint Exercises.
- (d) Other authorised international/ overseas assignments.

Additional Instructions

8. Digital Pattern Combat Jacket and Combat T-Shirt shall not be worn under the Coat Combat in any authorised combination.

9. **Procurement.** Coat Combat (Digital Print) shall be procured through Ordnance or CSD/ specified sources only. Service personnel are strictly prohibited from procuring Coat Combat from open market. Defaulters will be liable to disciplinary action under **AA Sec 63**.

10. All other instructions as listed for Digital Pattern Combat Dress are applicable for the Dress No 7B as well.



Brigadier and Above Rank Officers



Summer Uniform



Winter Uniform

Brigadier and Above Rank Officers



Summer Uniform



Winter Uniform



Summer Uniform for JCOs



Winter Uniform for JCOs



Summer Uniform for OR



Winter Uniform for OR



Aerobic/ Individual PT Dress



DRESS FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING

1. All ranks participating in organised physical training activities shall wear the prescribed PT dress, details of which are given in the succeeding paragraphs.

2. **Aerobic/ Individual PT.**

(a) **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.**

(i) **Winter Dress.** White T-shirt, white jersey pullover without any stripes, white trousers with white socks and white shoes. A plain white tracksuit without any logo/ stripe may also be worn.

(ii) **Summer Dress.** White T-shirt, white trousers/ shorts, white socks and white shoes.

(b) **Colonel and Below Rank Officers.**

(i) **Winter Dress.** White T-shirt, white jersey pullover or white jersey pullover with Regimental/ Corps Pattern stripes around neck, waist and other authorised areas (optional), white trousers, white socks and white shoes.

(ii) **Summer Dress.** White T-shirt or white T-shirt with Regimental/ Corps Pattern stripes around neck and other authorised areas (optional), white trousers/ shorts, white socks and white shoes.

(c) **JCOs/ OR.**

(i) **Winter Dress.** Ordnance Pattern Indian Army T-shirt with OG jersey without rank epaulettes/ stripes on the arm, OG trousers, OG socks and PT shoes. Indian Army Tracksuit (Ordnance Pattern) may also be worn.

(ii) **Summer Dress.** Ordnance Pattern Indian Army T-shirt, shorts, OG socks and PT shoes. Indian Army Track lower (Ordnance Pattern) may also be worn in place of shorts.

3. At the discretion of the Commanding Officer, all ranks may wear the Regimental/ Corps pattern tracksuit or PT dress.

4. **Games Dress.**

(a) **Team Sports including Contact Sports.** Team uniforms, which meet the accepted standard for the approved sports, are permitted. However, consideration is to be given to the climatic conditions and the nature of activity like indoor/ outdoor. Mouth guards, head protection and all mandated safety equipment are to be worn by members while participating in approved team/ contact sports.

(b) In addition to team sports dress, Aerobic/ Individual PT dress as covered before may be worn during the games parade by all ranks.





Patka Worn by Sikh Personnel during PT



5. Water Sports. Male personnel are authorised to wear plain black/ Navy blue shorts (with underwear or bathers) of sober length or plain black/ navy blue or dark green 'Speedo' type bathers when conducting scheduled water sports or PT sessions. Female personnel are authorised to wear a plain black, navy blue or dark green single piece bathing suit of knee length, when conducting scheduled water sports or PT sessions. A sports brassiere may be worn underneath. A plain black, navy blue or dark green 'rash shirt' may be worn for sun protection by both male and female personnel.

6. Miscellaneous Dress Guidelines for Physical Training.

- (a) Patka will be worn by Sikh personnel during PT.
- (b) Approved/ authorised headwear (balaclava) may be worn where appropriate.
- (c) Bicycle shorts, compression pants/ shorts or similar underpants may be worn under PT dress in a concealed manner. All personnel shall wear suitable underwear with PT attire.
- (d) Headphones or iPods/ earphones/ personal audio devices are not to be worn whilst undergoing PT parade.





National Dress



Lounge Suit



Combination



Full Sleeve Shirt with Tie



Bandi Jacket with Hook



Bandi Jacket without Hook

Formal Dresses (Men)

CIVIL DRESSES

1. **General.** Civil Dresses can be worn by officers and JCOs/ OR in Messes. Even in civil dress, Indian Army personnel should reflect discipline, self-respect and dignity of the Defence Forces. Personnel shall ensure that their dress is immaculate and personal appearance is appropriate to the occasion. Civil dress shall be made of good quality material and should be of sober colour.

2. Civil Dress - Officers.

- (a) Officers are permitted to wear appropriate civil dress in Officers' Mess and institutions.
- (b) All civil dresses as applicable to Male Officers are also applicable to Women Officers. In addition, Women Officers can wear certain additional dress options and the same are highlighted in subsequent paragraphs.

3. Civil Dress - Officers' Mess.

(a) Formal Dress - Men.

- (i) **Bandhgala.** A Bandhgala suit of sober colour may be worn. Footwear will be formal closed shoes.
- (ii) **Lounge Suit or Combination with Full Sleeve Shirt and Tie.** A two/ three piece lounge suit or combination may be worn with a light coloured full sleeved shirt and dark coloured trousers. A neck tie is mandatory. Appropriate tie pins, lapel pins and cuff links may also be worn.
- (iii) **Light Coloured Full Sleeve Shirt with Dark Coloured Formal Trousers and Tie.** A light coloured full sleeved shirt with dark coloured formal trousers of sober design and a tie will be worn with formal closed footwear.
- (iv) **Closed Neck Coat (Bandi Jacket) over Full Sleeve Shirt.** A closed neck coat (Bandi Jacket) may be worn over a full sleeved shirt. The Bandi Jacket may be with or without the neck hook fastening (both patterns are authorised) and will be of solid, sober colour only. Matching formal trousers of sober design and formal closed footwear will be worn.

(b) Formal Dress - Women.

- (i) Any one of the dresses mentioned at Para 3(a).
- (ii) Sober coloured saree or kurta - salwar/ straight pant (ankle length) with dupatta may be worn. However, sleeveless kurtas and casual lowers like palazzo pants/ cigarette pants will not be worn.
- (iii) Business Suit.
- (iv) **Footwear.** Only closed footwear will be worn with formal dress by Women Officers.

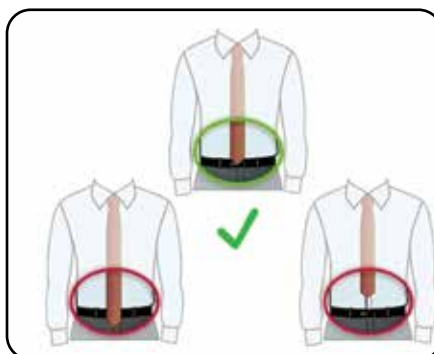




Formal Dresses - Women



**Informal Dresses
(Men and Women)**



Neck Tie: Correct Wearing



(c) **Informal Dress - Men.** Any of the dresses specified under the Formal Dress section may also be worn. In addition, Lounge Suit/ Combination/ Blazer without neck tie may be worn during winters. During summers, dark coloured trousers with a light coloured full sleeved or half sleeved shirt (open collar) may be worn. Wearing of a tie or scarf is optional with all these options. The belt buckle should be plain and free of any design.

(d) **Informal Dress - Women.**

(i) Any of the dresses mentioned at Para 3 (c) may also be worn. In addition, dresses prescribed in the Formal Dress section may also be worn.

(ii) Sober coloured saree or kurta - salwar/ straight pant (ankle length) with or without dupatta may be worn. If the kurta is worn without dupatta, it will be of collared pattern with an appropriate neck line. Pant suit or business suit may also be worn as informal dress. However, sleeveless kurtas and casual lowers like palazzo pants/ cigarette pants will not be worn. Closed footwear, including closed belly, will be worn.

(e) **Neck Tie.**

(i) **Colour.** A plain or sober-coloured civilian neck tie or a Regimental/ Corps pattern neck tie may be worn with formals.

(ii) **Length.** The length of the neck tie worn shall be such that its end tip touches the belt line. The tie shall neither be worn too high nor too low.





Mufti Dress for JCOs and OR (Regimental Blazer for Winters)



4. **Regimental/ Corps Mufti Dress (JCOs and OR).** Mufti dress will be worn by JCOs and OR for regimental and other formal/ special occasions. The dress will be designed/ made by respective Regiment/ Corps with the concurrence of the Colonel of the Regiment/ Corps and forwarded to the Adjutant General's Branch for final approval prior to implementation.



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CHAPTER - II

ACCOUTREMENTS





Lt Col and Below Rank Officers



Colonel Rank Officers



Brigadier and Above Rank Officers

Peak Cap : Officers



ACCOUTREMENTS ON THE UNIFORM

1. **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Common accoutrements shall be worn by all officers of the rank of Brigadier and above.
2. **Colonel and Below.** The uniform shall be embellished with authorised Regiment or Corps pattern accoutrements.

HEADGEAR AND NECKWEAR

Peak Cap

1. All officers are authorised to wear Peak Cap on Ceremonial and Semi Ceremonial Dresses (all variants of Dress No 1 and 2).
2. **Common Specifications.**
 - (a) **Crown.** The overhang of the crown will be 5 cm on the two sides, 6 cm in the front and 4 cm at the back. The height of the top of the crown in the front from the base of the head band bevel will be 11 cm. There will be two ventilation holes 1.5 cm apart on both sides. The ventilation holes will be as near as possible to the head band bevel.
 - (b) **Peak.** The Peak will be set at an angle of 20 degrees to horizontal and will have a compressed fibre interlining. The width of the peak at the centre will be 6.5 cm. The peak will also be covered with black Barathea, serge or vicuna (fine quality fabric).
 - (c) **Band on Peak Cap.** The band will be placed around the head band bevel. It will be made from a good quality blazer material. The band will not be sewn/ fused all around the Peak Cap rather it will be a single stitched joint on the band and the stitched joint will be at the rear of Peak Cap.
3. **Peak Cap for Various Ranks of Officers.**
 - (a) **Lt Colonel and Below Rank Officers.**
 - (i) Officers of the rank of Lt Colonel and below, shall wear Peak Cap with one Oak Leaf Chain embroidered in Golden Zari on the peak of the cap.
 - (ii) Chin strap of crown will be made of two twisted strings in Golden Colour Zari.
 - (iii) Diameter of the Zari string will be 2 cm.
 - (iv) The ends of the chin strap will be fixed to the head band bevel 1.5 cm from the end of the peak.
 - (v) Band will not be worn by Lt Colonel and below rank officers.





Wearing of Beret



(b) Colonel Rank Officers.

- (i) Officers of the rank of Colonel shall wear Peak Cap with one row of Oak Leaf Chain embroidered in Golden Zari on the peak of the cap.
- (ii) The chin strap of crown will be made of black patent leather. The width of the chin strap will be 1.9 cm.
- (iii) The ends of the chin strap will be fixed to the head band bevel 1.5 cm from the end of the peak.
- (iv) Scarlet, Maroon (AMC) and Cherry Red (RVC) bands as applicable to Regiment/ Corps will be worn.

(c) Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.

- (i) Officers of the rank of Brigadier and above shall have two rows of Oak Leaf Chain embroidered in Golden Zari on the peak of the cap.
- (ii) The chin strap of crown will be made of black patent leather. The width of the chin strap of crown will be 1.9 cm.
- (iii) Scarlet Colour band will be worn by Brigadier and above rank officers of all Arms and Services.
- (iv) The ends of the chin strap of crown will be fixed to the head band bevel 1.5 cm from the end of the peak.

Beret

4. **Head Band.** The head band will be made of Black Ribbon of Nylon or Synthetic Material.

5. **Size Adjusting Ribbon.** The ends of the ribbon will be neatly tied into a butterfly knot and will be sewn to the beret such that the knot is not visible from the outside. The beret shall be made from a single piece of woollen cloth; thin synthetic material crisp berets and two piece berets shall not be worn.

6. **Wearing of Berets.** Berets will be so worn that the headband is level round the head and 1 inch (2.5 cm) above the eyebrows, the crown of the beret being pulled down to the right in a manner that it is gently resting on the right ear or covering a portion of right ear (the lower most portion of beret pulled towards right should remain above middle of ear), however will leave the badge upright. The authorised General Officers' Pattern or Regiment/ Corps Pattern Badge and flash backing and hackle (as authorised), shall be worn on the bevel of the beret, centrally between the headband and crown and vertically above the left eye.



Six Folds Turban with Working Dress, Mess Dress and Civil Dress



Black Pagri - Ceremonial Dresses and Mess Dresses



Regimental/ Corps Pattern Pagri - Working Dresses



Dark OG Colour Pagri - Combat Dress

Various Profiles of Pagri (for Sikh Personnel)



Various Profiles of Pagri (for Sikh Personnel)

1. Sikh personnel of the Indian Army are authorised to wear pagri with all dresses. The pagri will be worn in a low, conventional manner, with the final winding to be over the left of the forehead. The length of the pagri will be 5.5 to 7 m. The pagri will be tied neatly in six-folds (6 ladis).

2. **Fifty.** The 'fifty' will be worn under the pagri by all Sikh officers, JCOs and OR. The visible portion of fifty will be 1.5 inches in width and 1.25 inches in height. The colour of 'fifty' will be as follows:-

(a) **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Scarlet Colour 'fifty' will be worn by Brigadier and above rank officers of all Arms and Services.

(b) **Colonel and Below Rank.** Regimental/ Corps Colour 'fifty' as applicable will be worn.

3. **Band on Pagri.**

(a) Colonel and above rank officers are authorised to wear Scarlet Colour Band on the Pagri. Band will be worn on all dresses less Dress No 7 and its variants.

(b) The lower edge of the band is to be positioned 2 cm from the lowest edge of the pagri at the sides of the head and crossed over the left at the centre of the forehead. The ribbons will be secured on the pagri by tucking the ends into the folds symmetrically at the front and rear. Authorisation of Pagri Badge shall remain as applicable to all ranks. Sikh officers of the rank of Brigadier and above shall wear the cap badge on the pagri in such a manner that the lower edge of the badge touches the upper point of the triangle formed by the pagri and the two lower edges of the front folds, keeping the badge vertical.

4. **Colour of Pagri.** Colour of Pagri to be worn with different dresses is as given below:-

S No	Dress No	Brigadier and Above Rank Officers	Colonel and Below Rank Officers	JCOs/ OR
(a)	1, 1A and 1C	Black	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern (As Applicable)	Regt/Corps Pattern for Dress No 1C
(b)	2			Regt/ Corps Pattern
(c)	2A			Not Applicable
(d)	3, 3A, 3B, 4	Dark OG	Dark OG or Regt/ Corps Pattern	
(e)	5, 6	Black	Black or Regt/ Corps Pattern	Not Applicable
(f)	7, 7A, 7B	Dark OG	Dark OG or Regt/ Corps Pattern	

5. Camouflage nets will be worn over the pagri, when wearing Dress No 7, 7A and 7B with FSMO.



Brigadier and Above Rank



Colonel and Below Rank

Cap/ Pagri Badges



Cap FS Digital Pattern



Cap/ Pagri Badges

1. **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** The Cap/ Pagri badge will include a wreath, crossed sword and baton, with Ashoka Emblem. Cap/ Pagri Badge will be embroidered in Golden Zari. Specifications of Cap/ Pagri Badge are as under:-

- (a) Total Vertical Height of the badge (including Ashoka Emblem and Wreath) - 8 cm.
- (b) Horizontal Length of the badge (wreath end) - 6 cm.
- (c) **Ashoka Emblem.**
 - (i) **Height.** 4 cm.
 - (ii) **Width at Top.** 3 cm.
 - (iii) **Width at Bottom.** 2 cm.

2. **Colonel and Below.** Regiment/ Corps cap badge of metal with backing as authorised. Hackles and pom-poms will be fixed suitably on berets. Embroidered badges will not be worn on any headgear.

Cap FS Digital Pattern

- 1. Digital Pattern FS Cap (Ordnance Pattern) will be worn with Dress No 7, 7A and 7B.
- 2. Digital Pattern FS Cap will not be worn with Disruptive Pattern Combat Dress (Old Pattern Combat Dress).

Scarf (Optional or When Ordered by Local Military Authority not below the rank of Major General)

1. Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.

- (a) Maroon Colour Scarf of Satin may be worn (Pantone Shade: 19-1862TC) with Dress No 1C, 2, 2A, 3A and 4.
- (b) Combat Scarf Netted of size 40 inch x 40 inch (35-40 knots/ sq inch) may be worn with Dress No 7.
- (c) Wearing of Scarf is not mandatory on any dress.

2. Colonel and Below Rank.

- (a) Regimental/ Corps Pattern Scarf with Dress No 1C, 2, 2A, 3A and 4.
- (b) Scarf of Regimental/ Corps pattern as approved by Colonel of the Regiment or Colonel Commandant of Regiment/ Corps and approved by Adjutant General's Branch.
- (c) Combat Scarf Netted of size 40 inch x 40 inch (35-40 knots/ sq inch) may be worn with Dress No 7.





Scarf : Brigadier and Above Rank



Colonel and Below
(Regimental/ Corps Pattern Scarf)



Scarf on Combat Dress
(For All Ranks)

Scarf : All Ranks



- (d) All ranks participating as members of marching contingents in Republic Day Parade, Army Day Parade, Investiture Ceremony and Guard of Honour may wear such scarves.
- (e) Scarf may also be worn by personnel on Ceremonial and Quarter Guard duties in peace stations.
- (f) Scarf of Regimental/ Corps pattern may be worn with Regimental blazers and other sports or casual dress.





General



Lieutenant General



Major General



Brigadier



Colonel



Lieutenant Colonel



Major



Captain



Lieutenant



Subedar Major



Subedar



Naib Subedar



Company Havildar Major



Company Quarter Master Havildar



Havildar



Naik



Lance Naik

Badges of Ranks



BADGES OF RANKS

Specification of Badges of Ranks

1. **Badges of Ranks : Officers.** Officers of the Indian Army will wear the following badges of rank (as applicable):-

- (a) **General.** Crossed Sword and Baton with Star and Ashoka Emblem above.
- (b) **Lieutenant General.** Crossed Sword and Baton with Ashoka Emblem above.
- (c) **Major General.** Crossed Sword and Baton with Star above.
- (d) **Brigadier.** Three Stars worn in a triangle with Ashoka emblem above.
- (e) **Colonel.** Two Stars with Ashoka Emblem above.
- (f) **Lieutenant Colonel.** One Star with Ashoka Emblem above.
- (g) **Major.** Ashoka Emblem.
- (h) **Captain.** Three Stars in one line.
- (j) **Lieutenant.** Two Stars in one line.

2. **Badges of Rank : JCOs.** The badges of ranks for JCOs will have a braid band consisting of three strands, i.e. "crimson, yellow, crimson" affixed below the badges of rank and above the shoulder titles, if worn. The badges of rank are as under:-

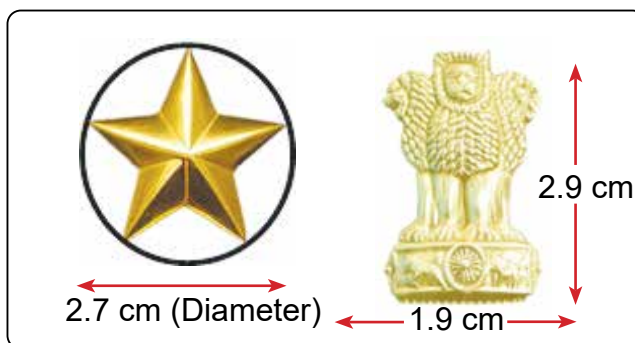
- (a) **Subedar Major.** Ashoka Emblem.
- (b) **Subedar.** Two Stars in one line.
- (c) **Naib Subedar.** One Star.

3. **Badges of Rank : OR.** Non-Commissioned ranks of Indian Army are authorised to wear Chevrons as per the Regiment/ Corps pattern. The Chevron stripes will be stitched 11-12 cm below the shoulder flap (depending upon the sleeve length) as under:-

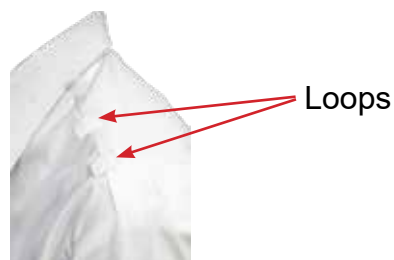
- (a) **Company Havildar Major.** Wrist Band.
- (b) **Company Quarter Master Havildar.** Three Stripes and an Ashoka Emblem.
- (c) **Havildar.** Three Stripes.
- (d) **Naik.** Two Stripes.
- (e) **Lance Naik.** One Stripe.

4. **Badges of Rank for Officers having Local or Temporary/ Acting/ Honorary Rank.** Officers having local or temporary or acting or Honorary rank will wear the badges of that rank.





Dimensions of Rank Badges



Triple Plaited: Brigadier and Above



Rank Badges : Brigadier and Above Rank Officers

Note: No shoulder title will be worn by Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.



5. Dimensions of Rank Badges.

(a) **Sword and Baton.** For General Officers' badges of rank, the sword shall be 5.1 cm in length and baton shall be 4.8 cm (0.3 cm shorter). Point of the sword shall face to the front and edge of the blade shall face outward or towards the arms.

(b) **Ashoka Emblem.**

(i) **Height.** 2.9 cm.

(ii) **Width at Top.** 1.9 cm.

(iii) **Width at Bottom.** 1.9 cm.

(c) **Star.** Diameter of the star shall be 2.7 cm. The star will have five pointed sides.

6. Badges - Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.

(a) **Dress No 1 to 4.** Anodised Brass badges of rank without any backing shall be worn on all dresses (Dress No 1, 1A, 1C, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 3B and 4).

(b) **Dress No 5 and 6.**

(i) Silver Colour Rank Badge in Zari on Scarlet Colour backing.

(ii) The base of epaulette will be Triple Plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari).

(iii) Zari based badges of rank will be fixed by means of lower portion of hinged plate passing through cloth loop and upper part of epaulette fixed by screw type button.

(c) **Dress No 7.** Badges of rank will be embroidered in white thread on the OG cloth made of Polyester Fabric (Pantone Shade : 19-0312TC).





Triple Plaited -
Colonels Only



Double Plaited -
Lt Colonels and Below



Rank Badges : Colonel and Below



7. Rank Badges - Colonel and Below. Badges of rank will be 'lacquered in black' for Rifle Regiments and Anodised Brass for all other Arms or Corps/ Regiments. Dress wise details are as follows:-

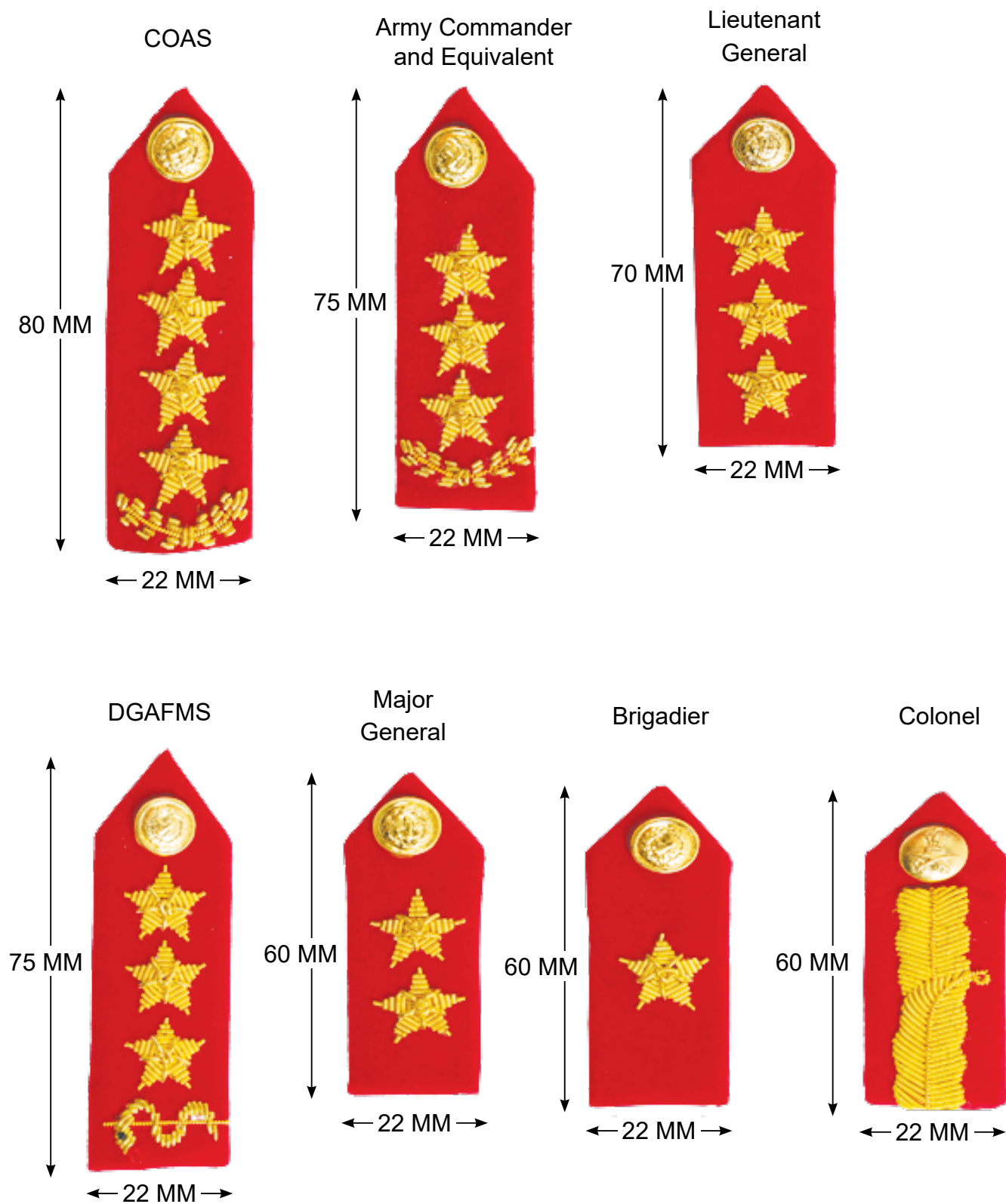
(a) **Dress No 1 to 4.**

- (i) Anodised Brass Regimental/ Corps pattern rank badge or lacquered in black for Rifle Regiments (as applicable) with Regimental/ Corps backings, as authorised.
- (ii) **Shoulder Titles.** Authorised metal shoulder titles (Anodised Brass or lacquered in black for Rifle Regiments with backings in Regiment/ Corps pattern) will be worn on all orders of dress less Dress No 5, 6 and 7.
- (iii) Officers of Judge Advocate General's branch and Assam Regiment are authorised to wear white metal badges of rank.

(b) **Dress No 5 and 6 (Officers only).**

- (i) Regimental/ Corps pattern rank badge with Regimental/ Corps backing, as authorised.
- (ii) **Colonel.** Triple plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari or Black Mohair Plaited Chains, as applicable).
- (iii) **Lt Colonel and Below.** Double plaited Golden Colour Universal Cord (Golden Zari or Black Mohair Plaited Chains, as applicable).
- (iv) Zari based badges of rank will be fixed by inserting the lower portion of the hinged plate through the cloth loops and the upper part of the epaulette will be secured with a screw type button.

(c) **Dress No 7.** Colonel and below, JCOs and OR shall have rank badges, backing colour and shoulder titles of the respective Arms or Regiment/ Service pattern on OG cloth (Pantone Shade : 19-0312TC).



Gorget Patches for all Dresses (Flat and Wider Type)

Note: In any uniform specified in this book, only one set of Gorget Patches shall be worn at any time.



ACCESSORIES and EMBELLISHMENTS

Gorget Patches

1. **Design of Gorget Patches.** Colonel and above rank officers are authorised to wear flat and wider type Gorget Patches. Detailed design specifications of same are covered in subsequent paras.

2. Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.

(a) **Colour.** Only Scarlet Colour Gorget Patches will be worn by Brigadier and above rank officers of all Arms and Services.

(b) **Button.** Miniature, anodised brass buttons with crossed sword, baton and a floral wreath. The diameter of the button will be 1.2 cm and will be placed in the middle towards pointed end of the Gorget Patches.

(c) **Stars.** Star in golden zari with outer diameter 15 mm and inner diameter 6 mm.

(d) **Wreath.** Length of the wreath will be 22 mm and number of leaves on each side will be nine (Applicable Gorget Patches).

3. Colonel Rank Officers.

(a) **Colour.** Scarlet Colour Gorget Patches will be worn by Colonel rank officers of all Arms and Services with exception of AMC and RVC. Colonel rank officers of AMC will wear maroon colour Gorget Patches and Colonel rank officers of RVC will wear Cherry Red Gorget Patches respectively.

(b) **Button.** Ashoka Emblem with Crossed Swords. Diameter of button will be 1.2 cm and will be placed in middle towards pointed end of the Gorget Patches.

(c) **Oak Leaf.** The design of the embellishment on the Gorget Patches will be an oak chain, comprising two oak leaves in golden zari, the top end of the lower oak leaf pointing outwards. The width of the oak leaves will be 9 mm.

4. Rank wise Specifications.

S No	Rank	Design
(a)	COAS	Four Stars and Wreath
(b)	Army Commanders and Equivalent	Three Stars and Wreath
(c)	DG AFMS	Three Stars and Aesculapius
(d)	Lieutenant General	Three Stars
(e)	Major General	Two Stars
(f)	Brigadier	One Star
(g)	Colonel	Chain of two oak leaves

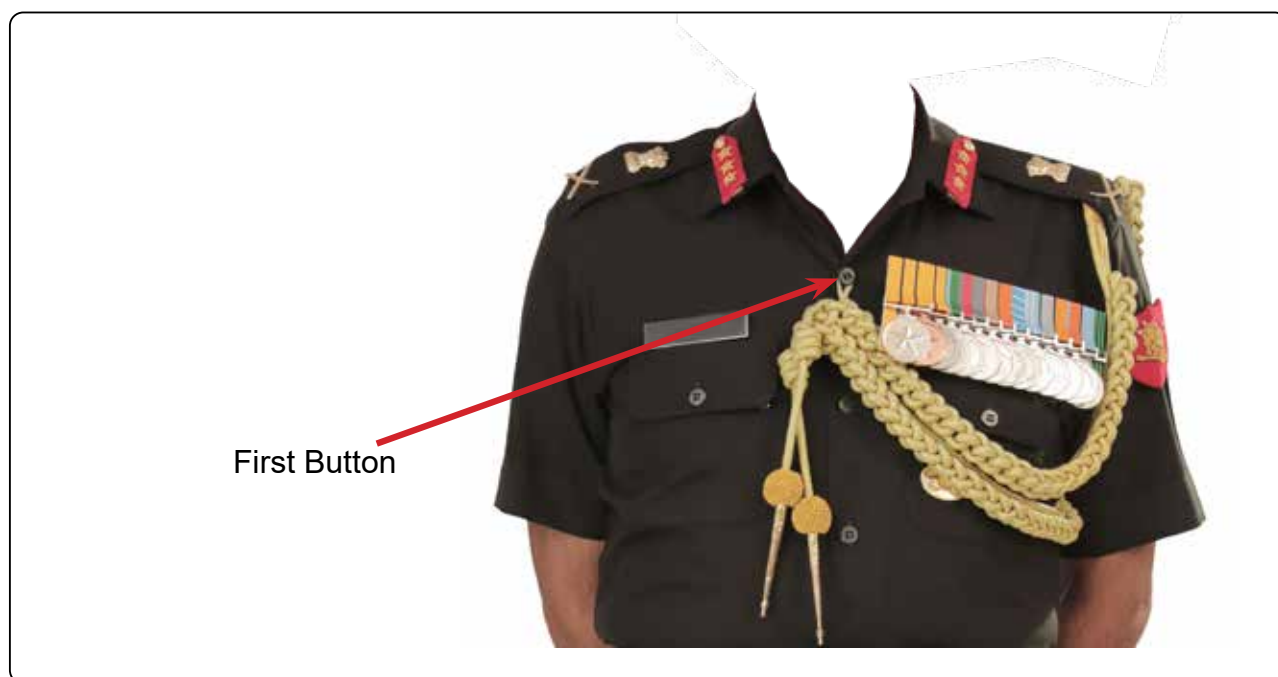
Note:

(i) **Metallic miniature button as per specification in Para 2(b) and 3(b) above will be worn as applicable.**

(ii) **Stars, Wreath, Oak Leaf and Aesculapius will be embroidered in golden zari.**

(iii) **Only flat and wide Gorget Patches will be worn by all applicable ranks on all dresses and may be fixed using Velcro.**

(iv) **Gorget Patches shall be aligned such that their base is parallel to the line of the collar.**



First Button

Aiguilletes on Left Shoulder



First Button

Aiguilletes on Right Shoulder

Wearing of Aiguilletes



Aiguillettes

1. The aiguillettes are worn by officers to distinguish special and senior appointments. It is worn with ceremonial, semi-ceremonial and mess dresses.

2. **Specifications.** The aiguillettes worn by officers will be gold universal cord 0.65 cm in diameter with plaits at back and front, the plait cords with gold-netted buttons and gilt metal tags. The front and back plaits will be joined by short, gold-laced strap.

3. Officers Authorised to Wear Aiguillettes.

- (a) Lieutenant General and above.
- (b) Defence or Military Attache and Advisor.
- (c) Military Assistant and Deputy Military Assistant to the COAS and VCOAS.
- (d) Aides-de-Camp to the COAS and to GOC-in-C.
- (e) Officers holding personal appointments to the President.
- (f) Officers of the President's Body Guard.
- (g) Aides-de-Camp to Governor and Lt Governor.
- (h) SO to VCOAS.
- (j) Military Assistant to GOC-in-C.
- (k) Chief of Staff and Brigadier Administration, Delhi Area will wear aiguillettes during ceremonial parades and functions in Delhi.
- (l) ADG C&W, Brigadier (Cer) and Colonel CW-1 while attending ceremonial duties.

4. Method of Wearing.

- (a) The aiguillettes will be attached to the shoulder of the shirt or the tunic by a button placed under the epaulettes at the outer edge of the right or left shoulder (as applicable). In case shoulder chains or Zari Based ranks are used, the button will be placed suitably, underneath.
- (b) The plaits will be looped up and fastened together with a small gold braid loop and attached to the top-most button of the uniform which will be fastened.
- (c) Aiguillettes for all applicable uniforms will be attached to first button (after collar) of Shirt or Tunic/ Patrol Jackets.
- (d) The aiguillettes will be worn with the sleeves of the shirt or tunic passing between front and back plaits.
- (e) The gold metal tags of the aiguillettes should come above the crest of the belt.
- (f) When the aiguillettes are worn on the left shoulder, the front braids will pass behind the backing of the medals.





Correct Method of Securing the Lanyard



(g) Aiguillettes is an important ceremonial accoutrement. Special attention to be drawn towards the size and loop of the cords (as per individual officer) for a correct and smart outlook. Loose and hanging low Aiguillette cords must be avoided.

(h) While wearing aiguillettes, lanyard will not be worn.

5. **Aiguillettes on Right Shoulder.**

(a) Following appointments will wear the aiguillettes on the right shoulder:-

(i) COAS.

(ii) VCOAS, GOCs-in-C and equivalent from Indian Army.

(iii) Staff of President or Governor/ Lieutenant Governor and Aides-de-Camp to the President.

(b) The Honorary Aides-de-Camp to the President will wear the aiguillettes on right shoulder till they are in service. However, after superannuation, when they wear uniform for special occasions, they will wear the aiguillettes on left shoulder.

6. **Aiguillettes on Left Shoulder.** All others authorised to wear the aiguillettes, will wear it on the left shoulder.

Lanyard

1. Colonel and below will wear authorised lanyard according to Regiment or Corps custom/ pattern.

2. **Wearing.** The correct way of wearing of the lanyard is as under:-

(a) The loop formed will not hang lower than the lower seam of the breast pocket.

(b) The metal hook will not be visible when worn. Also, the lanyard will be looped tight around the sleeve to prevent it from slipping.

(c) Lanyard will be worn on the right shoulder by Regiment/ Corps as per Regiment/ Corps Pattern for Colonel and below and by such units, as permitted, to wear the lanyard on the right shoulder as a mark of appreciation by the President.

(d) Lanyard will not be worn with Dress No 7 and with the Mess dresses.

(e) Cloth loop on the back of the sleeve to fasten lanyard will not be used.

Shoulder Cord

1. During office hours and while accompanying dignitary on non-ceremonial events/ visits, following staff officers are authorised to wear shoulder cord:-

(a) Defence Assistant, Deputy Defence Assistant and Staff Officer(s) to CDS.

(b) Military Assistant and Deputy Military Assistant to the COAS and VCOAS.

(c) Military Assistant to GOC-in-C.

(d) Staff Officer(s) to VCOAS.



Shoulder Cord



Name Tab



- (e) Aide-de-Camp to the COAS and GOC-in-C.
- (f) Army Subedar Major and Command Subedar Major.
- (g) Wearing of Shoulder Cord on Combat Dress and Jersey/ Battle Jacket is authorised.

2. Additional Points.

- (a) Lanyards and Shoulder Cord shall not be worn simultaneously.
- (b) Post relinquishing appointment, officers not to wear Shoulder Cord.
- (c) A holding cloth loop may be stitched on the dress shirt to properly secure the shoulder cord and prevent it from hanging loose.

Name Tab

1. Name tab will be worn by all ranks above the right chest pocket.
2. **Name Tab on all Dresses less Combat Dress.** The design, material, size of lettering and the method of attachment of name tab on all orders of dress except for Combat Dress are as under:-
 - (a) **Colour.** Background will be black with white letters and sloping white border. The name will be inscribed in Devanagari on top and in English below it.
 - (b) **Material.** Laminated sheet of plastic material.
 - (c) **Size.**
 - (i) **Length.** 80 mm.
 - (ii) **Width.** 17 mm.
 - (iii) **Thickness.** 1.5 mm.
 - (d) **Size of Letters.** 5.3 mm X 4 mm (Square type) in block capitals.
 - (e) **Attaching System.** Name tabs will not be affixed to the uniform using press buttons or a metal bar with hook running through small button holes. They will be worn through thread loops or attached using Velcro.
 - (f) **Method of Writing.** Only name/ initials and surname without rank will be engraved as per the records. There will be no full stops between the initials and the surname in the name tab. Surname will follow the initials.





Formation Sign : Examples



3. **Name Tab on Combat Dress.**

(a) Light Colour OG (Pantone Shade No 19-0312TC) background, letters and border embroidered in black colour. Size of name tab will be 12 cm x 03 cm.

(b) The name to be inscribed only in two words, in English language only.

4. Zari based name tabs are strictly prohibited on all dresses.

Formation Sign

1. Formation Sign will be worn by all ranks with all orders of dress except Jersey pullover/ Battle Jacket, Mess Dress and Combat Dress (Dress No 3A, 3B, 5, 6, 7, 7A and 7B).

2. **Size and Shape.** The formation sign will be a shield 2.5 inches (6.4 cm) high and 2.25 inches (5.715 cm) wide.

3. **Method of Wearing.** Formation signs to be affixed with Velcro or press buttons on the left sleeve of the shirt or tunic, 2 inches (5.1 cm) below the line where the epaulette is fixed on the shoulder seam.

4. **Motif.**

(a) If formation sign has a motif with distinct front and back (particularly animal motif), the frontal side of the motif should be towards the front of person.

(b) Metal motif will not be used over formation sign.

5. Army Headquarters/ static installations personnel will wear the formation sign of the formation exercising technical/ functional control over them irrespective of the fact who exercises administrative control over them.

6. **Approving Authority.** COAS is the approving authority for the formation sign.

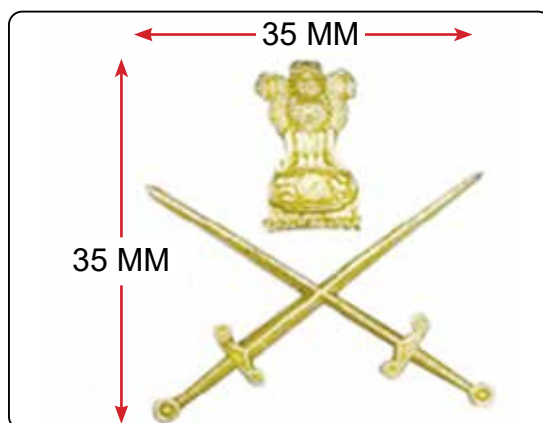
Cane

1. Regiment/ Corps may permit carrying of canes if they so decide, however, uniformity within the Corps/ Regiment shall be maintained.

2. Canes with flywhisks, shall not be used except by animal-mounted troops. Canes shall neither be carried in Combat Dress nor in field area.

Note. Cane will not be carried in Combat Dress.





Leather Belt : Brigadier and Above



**Black Leather Belt
(Colonel & Below, JCOs and OR)**



**White Leather Belt
(Corps of Military Police)**



Swords

1. Swords shall be carried only by the following:-
 - (a) **Authorised Use.** The sword shall be carried only by Parade Commanders, Contingent Commanders and Supernumeraries participating in major ceremonial parades, namely the Republic Day Parade, Independence Day Parade and Army Day Parade and when providing Guards of Honour to visiting Heads of State and Service Chiefs or when the Chief of the Army Staff and equivalent, is being accorded a Guard of Honour.
 - (b) **Training Context.** The use of sword drills shall continue to be taught at Pre Commission Training Academies (PCTAs) as part of heritage, ceremonial drill and instructional training. During Passing Out Parades, the sword may be carried by the Adjutant and Gentlemen Cadets (GCs) holding appointments as per established ceremonial practice.
 - (c) **Rashtrapati Bhavan Duties.** Officers and JCOs detailed for Rashtrapati Bhavan ceremonial duties shall continue to follow the Standing Orders of Rashtrapati Bhavan, which already specify the occasions and manner of sword carriage.
2. Swords will not be carried in field area or with Combat Dress.
3. **Reviewing Officers.** Reviewing Officers will not carry sword on parade.

Gloves

1. White gloves will not be worn during ceremonial parades, including by the Reviewing Officer.
2. Combat gloves may be worn with Dress No 7 as required during training or operational duty.

Waist Wear

1. **Leather Belt with Crested Buckle.**
 - (a) **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Black leather belt (synthetic, artificial, imitation or patent leather is not permitted) with Chrome Buckle and Anodised Brass Indian Army Logo shall be worn on all applicable dresses. Regimental/ Corps pattern belts and Brown/ Tan belt shall not be worn with any dress.
 - (b) **Colonel and Below Rank Officers, JCOs and OR.** Black leather belt (synthetic, artificial, imitation or patent leather is not permitted) with authorised Regimental/ Corps crested buckle, as applicable, shall be worn on all applicable dresses.
 - (c) **Corps of Military Police (CMP).** CMP personnel shall wear the authorised white belt with Corps crested buckle, in lieu of the black leather belt, with applicable dresses in peace stations.
 - (d) Belt buckles shall measure 90 mm horizontally and 60 mm vertically and shall be made up of polished or dull metal, as applicable.





Pouch Belt



Belt with Digital Pattern Combat Dress



Cummerbund : Brigadier and Above



2. Pouch Belt. Pouch belt is authorised to Colonel and below rank officers of Armoured Corps, Mechanised Infantry, Regiment of Artillery, Rifle Regiments, MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIGHT INFANTRY and Corps of Signals. These will be of Regiment/ Corps pattern as approved by Adjutant General's Branch. Pouch belt will not be worn with Dress No 5 and 6. However, it may be worn with ceremonial dresses during Regimental/ Corps functions by Colonel and below rank officers, as authorised/ applicable. Officers authorised to wear aiguillettes shall not wear lanyard/ pouch belt simultaneously.

3. Belt with Digital Pattern Combat Dress. A narrower belt made of synthetic material having plastic rectangular buckle with following specifications will be worn with digital pattern combat dress:-

(a) Buckle Details.

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|-------|------------------------------|---|
| (i) | Plastic Raw Material. | DuPont Polyoxymethylene. |
| (ii) | Buckle Size. | 5.7 cm x 04 cm. |
| (iii) | Indian Army Logo. | Engraved with 10.6 micron wavelength laser, without any colour. |
| (iv) | Locking System. | Teeth Locking Mechanism. |

(b) Fabric Details.

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|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (i) | Belt Thickness. | 4 cm. |
| (ii) | Fabric Thickness. | 2.5 mm. |
| (iii) | Belt Fabric. | High Tenacity Polypropylene Yarn. |

4. Cummerbund.

(a) Brigadier and Above Rank Officers. A black cummerbund with Army Crest having following specifications:-

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|-------|-----------------------|---|
| (i) | Outer Fabric. | Polyester, Raymond Quality No 11623-0014. |
| (ii) | Inner Support. | White plastic. |
| (iii) | Total Length. | As per waist size. |
| (iv) | Width. | 6 inches at centre, tapering gradually to 5.5 inches. |





Cummerbund : Colonel and Below



Boot HA PU with Toe Cap



- (v) Black colour Velcro for inter locking will be stitched on both ends.
- (vi) **Indian Army Crest.** It will be made of machine embroidery in Golden Colour. Equal distance from top and bottom of cummerbund. Size of crest will be 6 cm x 7 cm. The left sword of crest will be over right sword. 'Satyameva Jayate' in Devnagri will be written below National Emblem. The centre of crest will be aligned with left crease of trousers.
- (b) **Colonel and Below Rank Officers.** Colonel and below rank officers will wear the authorised Regiment/ Corps pattern cummerbund (duly approved by Adjutant General's Branch) with Dress No 6.
- (c) **Cummerbund - Ceremonial Occasions.** Regimental/ Corps pattern cummerbund as authorised, will be worn by all ranks participating in Republic Day, Army Day, Investiture Ceremonies (not including those at Rashtrapati Bhavan) and during Guard of Honour. Cummerbunds may also be worn by personnel at Quarter Guard and Ceremonial Guards. However, on all above occasions, black leather belt with crested buckles will be worn on top of the cummerbunds.

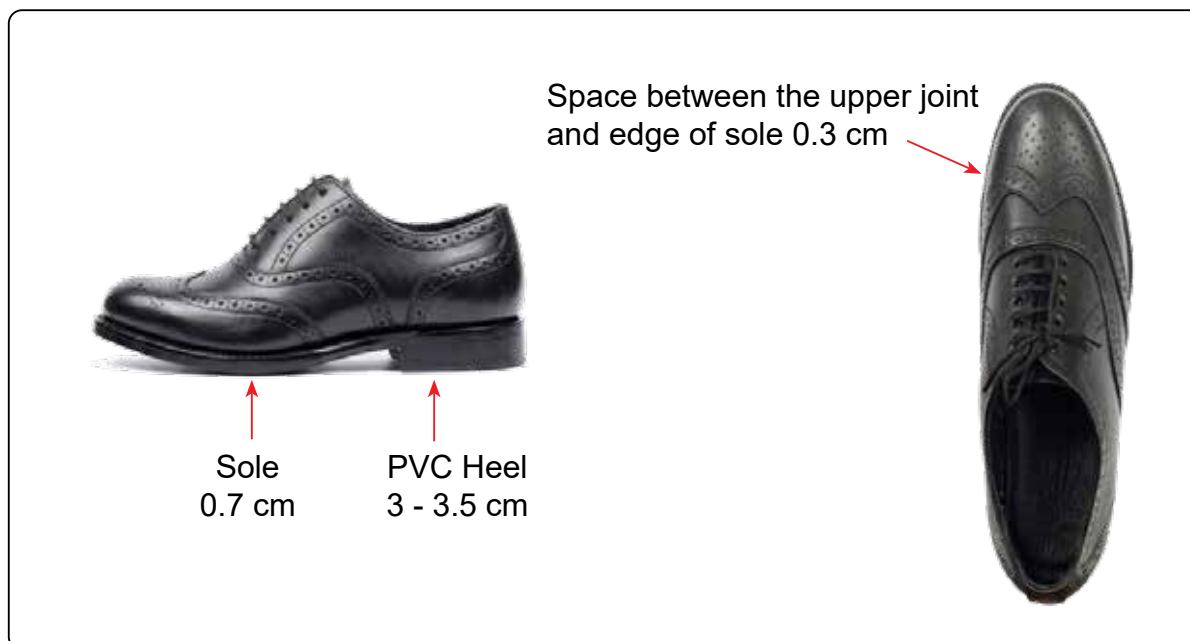
Footwear and Legwear

1. **Footwear.** The following types of footwear will be worn with various orders of dress :-

- (a) **Boot HA PU (Ordnance Pattern) with Toe Cap.**
 - (i) **Occasion for Wearing.** Officers and JCOs/ OR shall wear Boot HAPU Ordnance Pattern) with toe cap with Dress No 7. On other dresses (less mess dresses for Officers and mufti dress for JCOs/ OR), the same shall be worn when participating in Ceremonial Parades.
 - (ii) The boot to be worn will be of authorised ordnance pattern only.
 - (iii) The boot, if purchased, should be with toe cap and should have side portion in black fabric. Only plain black boots are to be worn, with no disruptive pattern. The ankle height should be up to 22 cm for better protection to the user.

Note. High Ankle Shoes are presently under revision and will be governed by directions issued by MGS Branch.





Black Brogue Shoes



Spats



(b) **Brogue Shoes.** Only black colour brogue shoes will be worn by all officers incl Regiments of Armoured Corps, earlier permitted to wear Brown shoes, with all applicable dresses. Brogue shoes may also be worn with formal civil dresses. JCOs/ OR are also authorised to wear brogue shoes with all applicable dresses including mufti dress. Wearing of brown brogue shoes with uniform is no longer permitted.

2. Socks.

(a) **Officers.** Officers will wear plain black socks with all dresses, however with all variants of Dress No 7 Olive Green socks may also be worn. White socks will be worn for PT.

(b) **JCOs and Other Ranks.** JCOs and Other Ranks will wear the ordnance-issued Olive Green socks with all orders of dress, except Mufti. Black socks will be worn with Mufti dress.

3. **Anklets.** Anklets are not being worn with the introduction of Boot HA PU (Ordnance pattern) with toe cap. However, JCOs and Other Ranks of the Corps of Military Police during service in peace areas, will wear anklets disruptive with white synthetic material stitched over the anklets when on duty, which includes Pilot duty, Investigations and Ceremonies. However, during operations, the white covering will be removed.

4. Spats.

(a) Spats will be either black or white in colour as per Regiment/ Corps traditions. No other colour is permitted.

(b) Occasions for Wearing.

(i) **Officers.** Officers will wear spats when detailed as Contingent Commanders and Supernumeraries during any kind of ceremonial parades.

(ii) **JCOs and Other Ranks.** JCOs and Other Ranks will wear spats when detailed to participate with contingents taking part in any kind of ceremonial parade, on Quarter/ Residential Guard duties in peace areas and at any other place where ordered by higher authority.





SD Jacket
Button - 2.5 cm



Blue Patrol
Button - 1.9 cm



Pocket/ Flap
Button - 1.5 cm



Gorget Patch/ Peak Cap
Button - 1.2 cm

General Officers' Pattern Buttons



Buttons on SD, Blue/ Green Patrol, Gorget Patches and Peak Caps

1. Anodised Brass General Officers' Pattern or Anodised Brass/ lacquered in black- Regimental/ Corps Pattern Buttons will be worn (as applicable).

- (a) Brigadier and above rank officers of all Arms and Services will wear Anodised Brass General Officers' Pattern buttons on SD and Blue Patrol.
- (b) Colonel and below rank officers will wear Anodised Brass or lacquered in black for Rifle Regiments (as applicable), Regimental/ Corps Pattern buttons.

2. Types of Buttons.

- (a) **Large.** The diameter of the button is 2.5 cm. It is affixed on front of the SD.
- (b) **Medium.** The diameter of the button is 1.9 cm. It is affixed on front of the Blue Patrol (Dress No 5).
- (c) **Small.** The diameter of the button is 1.5 cm. It is affixed on pocket flaps, epaulettes and cuffs (as applicable) of Jacket of SD and Blue Patrol.
- (d) **Miniature.** The diameter of the button is 1.2 cm. It is affixed on Gorget Patches worn by Colonel and above and on sides of Peak cap as stated below:-
 - (i) **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Crossed sword & baton and floral wreaths.
 - (ii) **Colonel and Below Rank Officers (Anodised Brass/ Lacquered in Black).** As per Regimental/ Corps pattern.

3. **Buttons on Cuffs.** Officers of the rank of Brigadier and above will have the following number of small buttons (diameter 1.5 cm) on the cuffs:-

- (a) Brigadier - One.
- (b) Major General - Two.
- (c) Lieutenant General - Three.
- (d) General - Four.



4. Olive Green Buttons for Terrycot Uniform (All Ranks).

(a) **For Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Olive green.

(b) **For Colonel and Below.** Olive green (or black for Rifle Regiments) buttons are used. Regimental crested buttons will not be used.

5. Dress No 6 (Officers Only). White 'Mother of Pearl' or synthetic buttons will be worn on the shirt. Rifle Regiments will wear black buttons as authorised for Colonel and below.

Note. Instructions regarding the wearing of insignia will be promulgated separately.



CHAPTER - III

MEDALS AND DECORATIONS



1. Order of Precedence of Medals/ Decorations.

- (a) Bharat Ratna.
- (b) Param Vir Chakra.
- (c) Ashoka Chakra.
- (d) Padma Vibhushan.
- (e) Padma Bhushan.
- (f) Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal.
- (g) Param Vishisht Seva Medal.
- (h) Maha Vir Chakra.
- (j) Kirti Chakra.
- (k) Padma Shri.
- (l) Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak.
- (m) Uttam Yudh Seva Medal.
- (n) Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.
- (o) Vir Chakra.
- (p) Shaurya Chakra.
- (q) President's Police and Fire Services Medal and Gallantry.
- (r) President's Police Medal for Gallantry.
- (s) President's Fire Services Medal for Gallantry.
- (t) President's Correctional Service Medal for Gallantry.
- (u) President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Gallantry.
- (v) Yudh Seva Medal.
- (w) Sena Medal or Nao Sena Medal/ Vayu Sena Medal.
- (x) Vishisht Seva Medal.
- (y) Police Medal for Gallantry.
- (z) President's Tatrakshak Medal.
- (aa) Fire Services Medal for Gallantry.
- (ab) Correctional Service Medal for Gallantry.
- (ac) Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Gallantry.
- (ad) Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak.
- (ae) Parakram Padak.
- (af) Tatrakshak Medal.
- (ag) General Service Medal -1947.



- (ah) Samanya Seva Medal - 1965.
- (aj) Special Service Medal.
- (ak) Samar Seva Star - 1965.
- (al) Poorvi Star.
- (am) Paschimi Star.
- (an) Op Vijay Star.
- (ao) Siachen Glacier Medal.
- (ap) Raksha Medal - 1965.
- (aq) Sangram Medal.
- (ar) Op Vijay Medal.
- (as) Op Parakram Medal.
- (at) Sainya Seva Medal.
- (au) High Altitude Medal.
- (av) Police (Antrik Suraksha Seva) Padak.
- (aw) Police (Special Duty) Medal -1962.
- (ax) Videsh Seva Medal.
- (ay) President's Police and Fire Services Medal for Distinguished Service.
- (az) President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.
- (ba) President's Fire Services Medal for Distinguished Service.
- (bb) President's Correctional Service Medal for Distinguished Service.
- (bc) President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Distinguished Service.
- (bd) Meritorious Service Medal.
- (be) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- (bf) Police Medal for Meritorious Service.
- (bg) Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service.
- (bh) Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service.
- (bj) Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service.
- (bk) Jeevan Raksha Padak.
- (bl) Territorial Army Decoration.
- (bm) Territorial Army Medal.
- (bn) Indian Independence Medal - 1947.
- (bo) Independence Medal 1950 (for Police Forces).
- (bp) 75th Anniversary of Independence Medal.





Dress No 1



Dress No 1C

Alignment of Full Medals 1 cm above the Pocket Button



- (bq) 50th Anniversary of Independence Medal.
- (br) 25th Independence Anniversary Medal.
- (bs) Coast Guard Silver Jubilee Medal.
- (bt) 30 Years Long Service Medal.
- (bu) 20 Years Long Service Medal.
- (bv) 20 Years Coast Guard Service Medal.
- (bw) 09 Years Long Service Medal
- (bx) 09 Years Coast Guard Service Medal.
- (by) Commonwealth Awards.
- (bz) Other Awards.

2. Full Medals.

- (a) Full medals shall be fixed on a piece of hard buckram/ metal plate covered with scarlet lining on posterior.
- (b) Maximum length (horizontal) of medal strip shall be 20 cm and breadth (vertical) shall be 7.5 cm.
- (c) The respective medal ribbons should cover complete vertical length of medal strip (7.5 cm). The vertical visible part of ribbons should be 4 to 4.5 cm (up to the top of the medal). The medals should be suspended on balance vertical part of respective ribbons.
- (d) No part of the medals should be outside the strip of medals (metal plate).
- (e) Senior most medal shall be right most. When the medals, on account of their numbers, cannot be fully visible, they shall be overlapped from right to left so that the senior most decoration or medal is fully visible.
- (f) **Occasions for Wearing.** Full medals shall be worn with Dress No 1, 1C and 2.
- (g) **Method of Wearing.** Full medals shall be worn over the left pocket of the shirt or the tunic. The bottom edges of the medals should be aligned 1 cm above the pocket button.
- (h) **Clasps.** Bars to Decorations and Clasps to Medals shall be worn, as applicable.

3. Miniature Medals.

- (a) Miniature medals shall be fixed on a piece of hard buckram/ metal plate covered with scarlet lining on posterior.
- (b) Maximum length (horizontal) of medal strip shall be 17 cm and breadth (vertical) shall be 4.5 cm.
- (c) The respective medal ribbons should cover complete vertical length of medal strip (4.5 cm).
- (d) No part of the medals should be outside the strip of medals (metal plate).
- (e) The vertical visible part of ribbons should be 2 cm (up to the top of the medal). The medals should be suspended from the remaining visible vertical portion of respective ribbons.
- (f) Senior most medal shall be right most. When the medals on account of their numbers, cannot be fully visible, they shall be overlapped from right to left so that the senior most decoration or medal is fully visible.





Dress No 5
Alignment of Miniature Medals in line
with the Upper Seam of the Pocket



Dress No 6
Alignment of Miniature Medals in line
with lower edge of imaginary line of
Name Tab

Wearing of Miniature Medals



Alignment of Medal
Ribbons in line
with the Upper Seam
of the Pocket

Position of
Commendation Badge
above Pocket Button

Wearing of Ribbon



- (g) **Occasions for Wearing.** Miniature medals shall be worn with Dress No 5 and 6.
- (h) **Method of Wearing.** Miniature medals shall be worn over the left pocket in Dress No 5. In Dress No 6, the bottom edges of the medals should be aligned with lower edge of imaginary line of Name Tab.
- (j) **Clasps.** Bars to Decorations and Clasps to Medals shall be worn, as applicable.

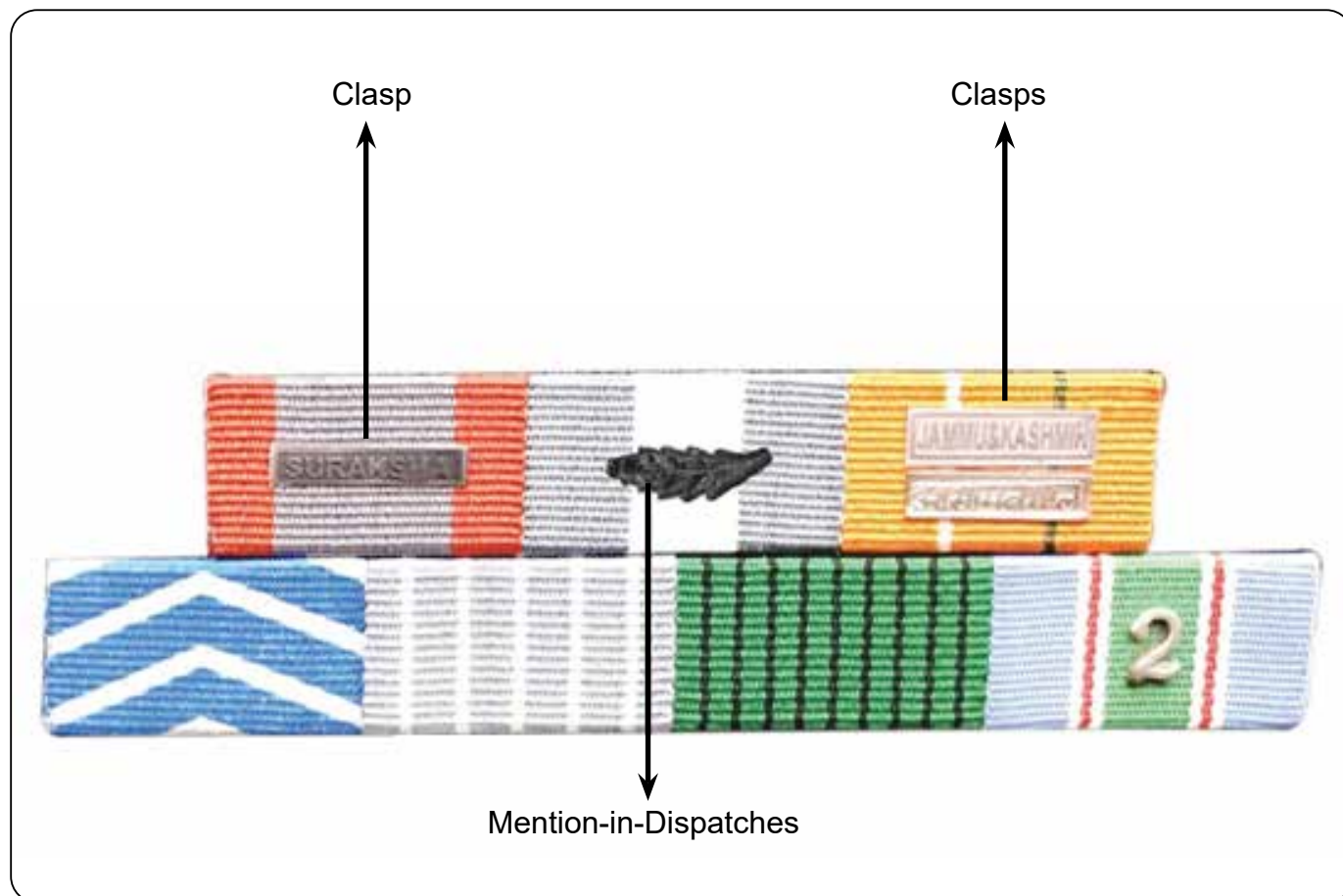
4. Ribbons.

- (a) Ribbons shall be mounted on a flat bar made of metal or any other steel material.
- (b) Each ribbon shall be fully visible with no overlap.
- (c) The vertical dimension of the visible portion of each ribbon shall be 1.3 cm.
- (d) A maximum of four ribbons shall be worn in each row. When number of medals is more than four, they shall be worn in two or more rows.
- (e) The shorter row shall be worn upper-most and displaced symmetrically on either side of the centre of the longer row.
- (f) Except when only one single ribbon is authorised, a single ribbon shall never be worn as a row. For example, if an individual is authorised five medals, the upper row shall have two ribbons and the lower row shall have three ribbons.
- (g) Ribbons shall be worn in the order of their precedence, with the one having the lowest precedence to be worn at the extreme left of the bottom row.
- (h) Plastic ribbons shall not be worn. Backing underneath the ribbons to give them a curved appearance shall not be used. Also, ribbons shall not be encased in transparent plastic material.
- (j) **Occasions.** Ribbons shall be worn with applicable dresses on all occasions when wearing uniform, except when wearing the following:-
 - (i) Over-garments (great coats, coat parka, smock denison and jersey pullover).
 - (ii) All variants of Combat Dress.
 - (iii) Full medals or Miniature medals.
- (k) **Clasps.** Clasps shall be worn as applicable. Details are covered subsequently.
- (l) **Method of Wearing.** Ribbons may be fixed using Velcro over the left pocket with lower edge of the ribbons touching the upper seam of the pocket flap.

5. Mention-in-Dispatches.

- (a) Mention-in-Dispatches is awarded to recognise distinguished and meritorious service in operational areas and acts of gallantry which are not of a sufficiently high order to warrant the grant of a gallantry award.
- (b) It is worn as an emblem, in the form of a lotus leaf on the relevant ribbon.





Wearing of Clasp and Mention-in-Dispatches



6. **Bars to Decorations.** If the recipient of an award or a decoration is awarded with a bar/ bars for subsequent acts of bravery or for distinguished service, such bars shall be attached to the ribbon by which the decoration is suspended. The authorised miniature insignia of the pattern, as approved by the Government shall only be used.

7. **Clasps.**

(a) A clasp to the medal/ ribbon shall be awarded as specified in the Government Gazette Notification.

(b) For all ongoing operations like Sainya Seva Medal, Samanya Seva Medal, Special Service Medal, Videsh Seva Medal etc, a clasp shall be awarded for the first time along with the medal of the concerned operation, indicating the particular service for which it is awarded. For all subsequent operations for which the issue of a clasp is approved, only the clasp indicating the particular operation shall be awarded.

(c) The bar of the clasp shall have the name or the place of operation engraved on it. In the event of serving in the same operational area for more than once, no fresh clasp shall be worn.

8. **Commendation Badges.**

(a) **Types of Badges.**

(i) CDS and COAS Commendation Badges.

(ii) Army Commendation Badge (awarded by VCOAS or CISC/ Army Commander/ equivalent).

(iii) UN Mission Commendation Badge.

(b) **Maximum Number of Badges Permitted.**

(i) A maximum of two badges may be worn at any time while serving in the Army.

(ii) A third badge may be worn only when serving in IN or IAF/ Joint (Tri-Service) organisations (as awarded while posted there).

(c) **Maximum Stars Permitted.** A maximum of three stars may be mounted on any commendation badge.

(d) **Tri-Service/ Sister-Service Commendations - Wearing in the Army/ Tri-Service Organisation.**

(i) Personnel serving in IN or IAF/ Joint (Tri-Service) organisations may wear commendation badges as awarded while posted there.

(ii) On reversion to the Army, CDS or CNS/ CAS Commendations will merge into the COAS Commendation badge.

(iii) Similarly, all other commendations earned in sister-service/ joint organisations will merge into the Army Commendation badge.





One Commendation Badge with Miniature Medals



One Commendation Badge with Ribbons



Two Commendation Badges with Full Medals

Wearing of Commendation Badges



(e) UN Mission Commendation.

- (i) Tenure - based.
- (ii) Not worn upon repatriation.

(f) Method of Wearing/ Placement.

- (i) Badges will be worn in one horizontal line on the left chest pocket.
- (ii) **One Badge.** Centre of pocket, above the button.
- (iii) **Two Badges.** Above the button, symmetrically on either side of the centreline.
- (iv) **With Full Medals.** Badges will be worn below the button.
- (v) The senior-most badge will be positioned closest to the centreline of the shirt, followed outward in descending order of hierarchy.

(g) Method of Wearing Commendation Badges with Ribbons and Miniature Medals.

- (i) If only one type of Commendation Badge is awarded, it shall be worn on the left breast pocket flap, immediately above the button.
- (ii) If two Commendation Badges are awarded, then the badges shall be worn immediately above and either side of the button of the flap of the left breast pocket.
- (iii) If three Commendation Badges are worn (permitted only when an individual is serving a tenure in IN or IAF/ Joint organisations and only if awarded while posted there), the badges shall be worn on the left breast pocket flap, positioned symmetrically with equal spacing between each badge.
- (iv) In Dress No 5 and 6, Commendation Badges shall be worn just below the Miniature Medals (balance specifications shall be same as above).
- (v) Senior most Badge will be worn closer to the button end of the shirt/ tunic.

(h) Method of Wearing Commendation Badges with Full Medals.

- (i) When full medals are worn, the badge/ badges shall be immediately below the button on the left breast pocket.
- (ii) Horizontal specifications of wearing the Commendation Badges shall remain same as stated above for Miniature Medals.
- (iii) Senior most Badge will be worn closer to the button end of the shirt/ tunic.

9. Foreign Orders, Decorations and Awards. As per Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs letter No 462(13) D.III/70 dated 25 July 1970, Indian Government officials - Military and Civil - shall not be permitted to accept any Foreign Awards and Decorations, Commemorative Medals etc. The acceptance of such awards is permitted only in exceptional cases when the refusal may affect the friendly relations between India and the concerned nation. Insignia/ Commendation badges received during United Nations deputation/ Joint Exercise with Foreign Countries shall not be worn with the uniform, post repatriation.



Wearing of Miniature Medals by Ex-Servicemen



10. Dress for Retired and Honorary Officers.

(a) All regular officers who have retired from service may wear uniforms with badges of appropriate rank on special occasions, such as when attending Ceremonial Parades and entertainment of military nature and on other occasions when the wearing of uniform would appear appropriate.

(b) All officers/ civilian gentleman granted honorary commissions (including honorary commissions in the Territorial Army), JCOs, including those granted honorary ranks and other ranks are permitted to wear uniform. Non-regular officers may wear their full medals or miniature medals on civil dress.

(c) Medals will not be worn at meetings of political nature. Personnel dismissed from service or discharged on disciplinary ground will also not wear medals on any occasion.

(d) **Occasions for Wearing of Full Medals/ Miniature Medals on Formal Civil Clothes by Ex-Servicemen.**

(i) **Full Medals.**

- (aa) Republic Day Parade.
- (ab) Independence Day Parade.
- (ac) Service Day.
- (ad) Vijay Diwas.
- (ae) Wreath Laying.
- (af) Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan and Raj Bhavans.
- (ag) Standard or Colour Presentation Parade/ Functions.
- (ah) Passing out Parade.
- (aj) Anniversary/ Reunion functions.
- (ak) State or Military Funeral.
- (al) When invited to any official function by any Embassy or High Commission.
- (am) At all Armed Forces functions, including Ex-Servicemen rallies or Reunions.
- (an) When visiting any Military Headquarters, on duty.

(ii) **Miniature Medals - Ex-Servicemen.**

- (aa) When attending official, private parties and private functions such as Dinner, Cocktail, Lunches, Tea Party and Receptions etc.
- (ab) Functions held in Messes, Regimental Institutes in connection with Service Day, Raising Day, Reunions etc.
- (ac) When invited to any official function by any Embassy or High Commission.
- (ad) Functions pertaining to Services, including Ex-Servicemen rallies or Reunions.





Wearing of Family Medals by NoK



11. Wearing of Family Medals by Next of Kin (NoK).

(a) Family medals (spouse/ parents/ forefather's/ children) may be worn on right chest by NoK of ESM of Indian Army, while donning appropriate formal civil attire at occasions listed below:-

- (i) Homage Ceremonies at National/ Regimental/ Military War Memorials/ War Cemeteries.
- (ii) State or Military Funerals.
- (iii) Official events at Rashtrapati Bhavan/ Raj Bhavans.
- (iv) Official functions at Embassies/ High Commissions.
- (v) Official Armed Forces functions including Ex-servicemen Rallies and Reunions.
- (vi) National Day Ceremonies and related official functions.
- (vii) When visiting any Military Headquarters.
- (viii) When calling on senior service officers and civil administration (Collector/ DC, etc).
- (ix) When serving on the personal staff of a Governor/ State Functionary.

(b) Special Cases.

- (i) **Ex-servicemen who are also NoK.** They may wear Family Medals on right chest when in formal civil dress, along with service medals, on permitted occasions.
- (ii) **Serving Pers who are also NoK.** They may wear Family Medals on right chest when in formal civil dress, on permitted occasions.

(c) Full/ miniature medals are permitted to be worn.

(d) In case more than one set of family medals are available, then only one set will be worn as per choice of the service person/ NoK.

(e) Wearing of family medals will be avoided at all other occasions like political events, private functions, social events, appearance on media channels.



CHAPTER - IV

GENERAL GUIDELINES: ARMY UNIFORM



DRESS GUIDELINES

General Standards of Dress

1. The image, pride and esteem of the Indian Army are closely linked to the high standards of dress worn by its personnel. All ranks shall maintain immaculate turnout and the highest standards of appearance at all times. The provisions contained in this manual apply equally to male and female personnel, unless otherwise specified. Arms/ Corps/ Services/ Line Directorates shall not introduce or sanction any deviation from authorised patterns of dress, clothing, equipment, insignia or badges.
2. It is obligatory for all ranks to possess the prescribed uniforms as authorised in this manual. Personnel on leave shall remain in possession of uniform in case the necessity arises to wear the same for official purposes. Unauthorised ornaments or emblems shall not be worn with the uniform. However, token flags issued on Flag Day may be worn while on duty.
3. Wearing tight, body-hugging or fashion-oriented attire, whether in uniform or civil dress (formal or informal), is not appropriate within military establishments, offices, messes, unit lines or during official duties, engagements or functions. All personnel shall ensure that their attire reflects dignity, sobriety, decorum and the professional ethos of the Armed Forces.

Rank and Appointment Provisions

1. Rank specific guidelines are as covered below:-
 - (a) **Brigadier and Above Rank Officers.** Brigadier and above rank officers will wear common uniform without any Regimental/ Corps embellishment.
 - (b) **Colonel and Below Rank.** Colonel and below rank will wear Regimental/ Corps pattern dresses with appropriate Gorget Patches (as applicable), badges of rank, shoulder titles and cap badges.
 - (c) **Colonel of the Regiment or Commandant of Regiment/ Corps.**
 - (i) When a General Officer or a Brigadier visits a unit of his Regiment / Corps in the capacity of Colonel of the Regiment/ Colonel Commandant, he shall wear either:
 - (aa) The uniform and badges of his substantive rank, or
 - (ab) The uniform of Colonel of the Regiment/ Colonel Commandant.
 - (ii) When Option (i) (ab) is exercised, the officer shall wear only the complete and exclusive insignia of Colonel, including rank badges, Gorget Patches, Regimental Badges, Shoulder Titles, Buttons and embellishments.
 - (iii) No insignia, badges, Gorget Patches, accoutrements or embellishments of the higher substantive rank shall be worn when dressed as Colonel of the Regiment/ Colonel Commandant.
 - (iv) Under no circumstances shall there be any mixing of ranks, insignia or regimental embellishments of different appointment or ranks.
 - (v) Wearing of Arm Titles by officers of the rank of Brigadier and above is not authorised. However, the Colonel of the Regiment/ Colonel Commandant of select Regiments, namely PARA (SF),





Officer Wearing Protective Dress



and Scouts, is permitted to wear the respective Arm Title.

Dress for Ceremonial and Official Occasions

1. Details are as under:-

- (a) **Receiving Dignitaries.** An officer, while receiving the President and/ or Head of State, in an area other than a field/ operational area will be dressed in ceremonial dress.
- (b) **Receiving other Civil Dignitaries.** All other civil dignitaries can be received in normal working dress with black peak cap/ black pagri, except on any ceremonial occasion or when specially ordered.
- (c) **State Ceremonial Occasions.** State ceremonial occasions include Republic Day Parade, Beating the Retreat, Defence Investiture Ceremony, Independence Day Parade, or any other occasion specifically notified as such.
- (d) **State Functions.** State functions include 'At Home' receptions and official dinners at Rashtrapati Bhavan/ Raj Bhavans or at other places, where it is considered desirable to showcase special honour to the occasion.

Protective and Functional Dress

1. Details are as under:-

- (a) **Protective Dress.** Protective Dress may be worn when engaged in activities such as vehicle maintenance, catering, medical and dental duties and other tasks that may cause damage to other orders of dress, or when required for workplace health and safety reasons. Protective dress is not to be worn in public, except when directly engaged in the performance of such tasks. Dirty, untidy or spoiled dress shall not be worn in public at any time but may be used within the workshop or place of duty. Personnel may wear protective dress while travelling to and from duty within a private vehicle or on a motorcycle, but not on public transport.
- (b) **Protective Outerwear While Travelling.** Though not authorised as an item of regular wear, coat/ parka/ smock denison/ great coat/ short coat may be worn while travelling in open vehicles or riding motor cycles/ scooters.

Dress Within Office Environment

1. With authorised order of dress as applicable, the following shall be ensured:-

- (a) **Service Jacket.** A Service Dress Jacket may be removed within a defined office environment, during working hours. However, it shall be worn when moving outside the office premises.
- (b) **Head Gear.** Head Gear may be removed while inside office premises (including verandahs etc). However, on moving outside into open areas, head gear is to be worn. In the office environment, the beret may be worn with Dress No 7, 7A and 7B (on the orders of Local Military Authority - not below the rank of Major General).





Dress While Travelling in Vehicles



Dress While Travelling in Vehicles

1. Personnel wearing the Indian Army uniform, while driving or travelling in military or civilian vehicles, are not permitted to remove head dress. The uniform is not to be modified or adapted, such as removing the shirt while driving any vehicle.
2. Personnel travelling on motorcycles shall wear an individual protective helmet. The prescribed head dress shall be restored as soon as practicable upon completion of the journey. The head dress is not to be worn under the helmet while traveling on two-wheelers.

Extreme Cold Weather Clothing (ECC) and Special Clothing & Mountaineering Equipment (SCME)

1. **Underwear/ Undershirt and Drawers.** Undergarments worn under the Indian Army uniform are to be of a plain colour, without screen printed or embroidered logos, pictures, quotes, messages or unit titles and badges. The undershirt and drawers in extreme cold climate clothing may be worn underneath all orders of dress, when climatic conditions so warrant. The wearing of such garments is not permitted when wearing short-sleeved shirts, or when there is a possibility of visibility around the neck.
2. **Balaclava, Overcoat, Gloves, Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment.** ECC clothing and SCME, as authorised, may be worn in specified locations as per operational, training and climatic requirements for protection, functionality and uniformity.



Various Profiles of Sikh Conventional Turban



Wearing of Patka by Sikh Personnel



Kangha, Kada, Kirpan

Turban/ Patka Profiles and Religious Articles for Sikh Personnel



Dresses for Sikh Personnel and Religious Accoutrements

1. A member of the Indian Army, who is a follower of the Sikh religion, is authorised to adhere to symbolic requirements of the Sikh religion whilst wearing the service uniform. Should a conflict arise due to reasons of safety or operational considerations, the wearing of these symbols is to be suitably adjusted.

2. The method of wearing Sikh religious articles is to be as under:-

(a) **Kesh (Hair).** The hair and beard shall remain uncut, provided that the operational effectiveness and workplace health and safety considerations are not jeopardized, when the member is required to wear occupational and operational equipment, such as gas masks, combat helmets, scuba masks, body armour etc, during combat operations/ operational training or exercises. When a hazard clearly exists, the member and the unit Commanding Officer are to ensure that the hair and/ or beard are to be modified to the degree necessary for wearing the required equipment. When participating in Ceremonial Parades and representing the Indian Army, the turban is to be worn in such a manner so that all items of ceremonial orders of dress can be worn. Male members are to wear their hair, tied in a knot at the crown of the head and secure the hair of the beard under the chin presenting a close to-face, groomed appearance.

(b) **Kachha.** May be worn as an under-garment.

(c) **Turban.** The turban is to be worn in a low, Sikh conventional manner, with the final winding to be over the left of the forehead. If ribbons are to be worn, the lower edge is to be positioned 2cm from the lowest edge of the turban at the sides of the head and crossed over the left at the center of the forehead. The ribbons are to be secured on the turban by tucking the ends into the folds symmetrically at the front and rear. The cloth is to be long enough to provide six overlapping layers to the left of the turban. The 'fifty' of the Regiment/ Corps Colour shall be worn under the turban by Colonel and below rank Sikh officers, JCOs and OR with all applicable dresses. For Brigadier and above rank officers, Scarlet Colour fifty shall be worn with all applicable dresses.

(d) **Patka.** A traditional cloth head covering, may be worn when a turban is not suitable, such as under combat, flying or diving helmets, or during sports and/ or physical training activity.

(e) **Kangha (Comb).** The Kangha may be worn but it is to be concealed in the hair.

(f) **Kada (Bangle or Bracelet).** Only an authorised Kada, with five lines, is to be worn on the right wrist. Non-Sikh Officer commanding Sikh troops may also wear Kada.

(g) **Kirpan (Dagger).** Kirpan is to be worn as a symbolic dagger only by Amritdhari Sikh personnel. Kirpan will have an overall length, including handle and sheath, not exceeding 3 inches and is to remain sheathed and concealed, except for religious occasions and cleaning purposes. A sheathed Kirpan, worn under the outer shirt or jacket, is to be supported by a black cloth sling, slung from the right shoulder to the left side of the body. This may not be worn for operational effectiveness and when obstructing wearing of combat rig, protective gear or equipment.



Dress No 1P



Dress No 1C(P)



Dress No 2P



Dress No 3P



Dress No 3A(P)

Uniform for Women Personnel During Pre and Post Natal Period



Uniform Provisions for Women Personnel During Pre and Post Natal Period

1. The section prescribes the authorised uniform patterns for Women officers and Women OR during the pre-natal and post-natal period, ensuring comfort, dignity and functional suitability without compromising uniformity and ceremonial standards. It specifies the applicable dress numbers seasonal variants, components of each uniform and eligibility by rank, thereby providing clear guidance for wear during this phase in accordance with existing dress regulations.

S No	Uniform No	Type of Uniform	Description	Authorised to
(a)	1P	Winter Ceremonial	SD with Dark OG Saree, Peak Cap and Full Medals	Officers only
(b)	1A(P)	Winter Semi Ceremonial	SD Jacket with Dark OG Saree, Peak Cap and Ribbons	Officers only
(c)	1C(P)	Winter Ceremonial	Angola Shirt with Dark OG Saree, Peak Cap/ Beret and Full Medals	Women all ranks
(d)	2P	Summer Ceremonial	Dark OG Shirt with Dark OG Saree, Peak Cap/ Beret and Full Medals	Women all ranks
(e)	2A(P)	Summer Semi Ceremonial	Dark OG Shirt with Dark OG Saree, Peak Cap and Ribbons	Officers only
(f)	3P	Winter General Duty (SD)	SD Jacket with Dark OG Saree, Beret and Ribbons	Officers only
(g)	3A(P) & 3B(P)	Winter General Duty (Jersey & Battle Jacket)	Angola Shirt with Dark OG Saree, Jersey and Beret (dress being discontinued by 30 June 2029)	Women all ranks
(h)	3C(P)	Winter General Duty (Angola)	Angola Shirt with Dark OG Saree, Beret and Ribbons	Women all ranks
(j)	4P	Summer General Duty	Dark OG Shirt with Dark OG Saree, Beret and Ribbons	Women all ranks
(k)	5P	Winter Mess Dress	Plain Dark Blue Saree with Dark Blue Jacket, Zari based Rank Badges, Miniature Medals	Officers only
(l)	6P	Summer Mess Dress	Plain Black Polyester Saree with White Half Sleeve Shirt, Zari based Rank Badges, Miniature Medals	Officers only

Note:

- (i) Uniform provision for women personnel during the pre/ post natal period will be applicable to women personnel in menopausal period on written medical advice only.
- (ii) Closed black belly or closed black slip-ons without laces may be worn with uniform provisioned for women personnel during pre/ post natal period.
- (iii) The uniform to be worn by women personnel posted in field area during pre/ post natal period will be at the approval of the Station Commander.



Dress No 3C(P)



Dress No 4P



Dress No 5P



Dress No 6P

Uniform for Women Personnel During Pre and Post Natal Period



2. **Time Frame for Wearing.** Wearing of the same shall be permitted for a period from 12 weeks of pregnancy up to one year after the date of delivery.
3. **Specifications of Dress No 1P : Winter Ceremonial for Women Officers.** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a Beige Shirt, Tie and SD Jacket. All accoutrements (less Pouch Belt - as applicable) and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 1.
4. **Specifications of Dress No 1A(P) : Winter Semi Ceremonial for Women Officers.** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a Beige Shirt, Tie and SD Jacket. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 1A.
5. **Specifications of Dress No 1C(P) : Winter Ceremonial for Women Officers and Women JCOs/ OR.** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with an Angola Shirt. All accoutrements (less Pouch Belt - as applicable) and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 1C.
6. **Specifications of Dress No 2P : Summer Ceremonial for Women Officers and Women JCOs/ OR.** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a Dark OG shirt. All accoutrements (less Pouch Belt - as applicable) and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 2.
7. **Specifications of Dress No 2A(P) : Summer Semi Ceremonial for Women Officers.** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a Dark OG Shirt. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 2A.
8. **Specifications of Dress No 3P : Winter General Duty for Women Officers.** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a Beige Shirt, Tie and SD Jacket. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 3.
9. **Specifications of Dress No 3A(P) and 3B(P) : Winter General Duty for Women Officers and Women JCOs/ OR (Jersey/ Battle Jacket).** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with an Angola Shirt and Jersey/ Battle Jacket. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those detailed in first chapter of the Dress Book. Jersey {Dress No 3A(P)} will cease to exist by 30 June 2029.
10. **Specifications of Dress No 3C(P) : Winter General Duty for Women Officers and Women JCOs/ OR (Angola).** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with an Angola shirt. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 3C.
11. **Specifications of Dress No 4P : Summer General Duty for Women Officers and Women JCOs/ OR.** Dark OG Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a Dark OG shirt. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 4.
12. **Specifications of Dress No 5P : Winter Mess Dress for Women Officers.** Dark Blue Silk Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a Dark Blue Patrol Jacket. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 5.
13. **Specifications of Dress No 6P : Summer Mess Dress for Women Officers.** Plain Black Polyester Saree in lieu of trousers, along with a white half sleeved shirt. All accoutrements and embellishments shall be the same as those worn with Dress No 6.





The outer edge of the button line of the shirt, centre of the buckle on the belt and trousers fly are vertically aligned

Alignment of Uniform



Uniform Alignment and Ironing Guidelines

1. **Alignment of Uniform.** Shirts and jackets are to be worn with the button line positioned centrally in front of the body. The outer edge of the button line is to be vertically aligned with the trousers fly. The buckle of the trousers belt is to be centrally aligned with the vertical straight line joining the shirt's button line with the trousers fly.
2. **Ironing of Uniform.** The shirt sleeves are to be ironed with a single crease from the centre of the epaulette to the hem or cuff. The yoke of the shirt is to be ironed flat in context with the back of the shirt. No other creases are to be ironed into the shirts. Trousers are to be ironed with a single crease, centrally in the front and rear of each leg.

Instructions when Visiting Foreign Countries

1. All ranks travelling through or staying in foreign countries are not permitted to wear uniform without having obtained the permission of Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army) [IHQ of MoD (Army)] or the representative of the Government of India in that country, as the case may be. This sanction shall only be granted when they are employed on official duty or while attending State ceremonies to which they have been invited. For military exercises abroad, the sanction to wear uniform shall be solely issued by IHQ of MoD (Army).
2. However, those posted to or attending courses in foreign countries are permitted to wear uniform with the formation sign of IHQ of MoD (Army) in their respective countries of posting or course/ training, subject to local restrictions.

Occasions when Uniform is Worn

1. Appropriate uniform shall be worn by all ranks while on duty. In addition, specific occasions in which uniform shall be worn are as follows:-
 - (a) When proceeding on Temporary Duty with weapons.
 - (b) When attending a civil court on duty.
 - (c) While attending important official events like, National Events (Republic Day, Independence Day), Vijay Diwas, Service Day, Investiture Ceremonies etc.
 - (d) When travelling in Service transport except during physical training and social gatherings.
 - (e) Travelling in Service or Chartered commercial aircraft or other military aircraft.
2. When participating in non-official activities, uniform may be worn only with prior written authorisation of an officer not below the rank of Major General. However, for special functions/ events (covered in next paragraphs) uniform may be worn with written authorisation of an officer not below the rank of Brigadier.
3. **Special Functions/ Events.** Special functions/ events refer to occasions which are neither official military ceremonies nor purely private social gatherings but involve representational participation of defence forces personnel. Examples include (occasions are indicative and not exhaustive):-
 - (a) Armed forces personnel and families welfare/ veteran-related functions outside formal military parades like Veer Nari gatherings, veteran felicitations organised by civil bodies



- (b) Invitations from civilian institutions or schools/ universities due to service identity, such as being invited as Chief Guest at a school/ college event because of military rank.
- (c) Participation in public events in uniform on request of civilian organisations like charity events, community initiatives, marathons where wearing of uniform is requested.
- (d) NGO/ foundation events where Army officers are invited as guests in uniform, such as Armed Forces supported NGOs and ex-servicemen organisations not under MoD.
- (e) Regimental/ unit functions with civil participation like anniversary celebrations, raising day events, Sainik Sammelans with civilian guests.

4. Occasions When Uniform is not to be Worn. Uniform shall not be worn on the following occasions:-

- (a) Religious, political or protest gatherings (except authorised military events).
- (b) When visiting restaurants, hotels or other public places, in a personal capacity.
- (c) When travelling in public transport while on leave.
- (d) At cultural or social gatherings/ dances except for official gatherings.
- (e) When travelling in civilian aircraft except when it is a chartered aircraft.
- (f) Consuming alcohol in a public place.
- (g) At a civil law court when attending hearing in a personal case.
- (h) When undertaking any activity, which may undermine military appearance in the eyes of the public.
- (j) Weddings, private parties and family ceremonies.
- (k) Any paid media/ commercial appearances.

5. Occasions for Wearing Plain Clothes. Personnel may wear plain clothes when:-

- (a) Travelling to or from railway stations or airports/ bus stands, while proceeding or arriving on duty.
- (b) Going to or returning from organised training, games or recreational activities, whether as participants or as spectators.
- (c) Using hired transport for activities like picnic, marriages, religious functions etc.
- (d) Attending office during afternoons, holidays or specified weekdays at the discretion of Formation or Station Commander.
- (e) Travelling on duty in public or private conveyance.
- (f) Personnel of Intelligence Corps, while on field or intelligence acquisition operations, due to the nature of their job requirement.



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Hair Cut (Male)- Various Profiles



PERSONAL BEARING AND TURNOUT

1. Hair Standards - Male.

- (a) Hair on the head of males is to be neatly groomed at all times.
- (b) Overall style is to be taper-trimmed from bare skin with the back, sides and above the ears blending with the hairstyles. The taper at the back is to commence above and parallel to the top of the shirt collar when buttoned.
- (c) Hair has to be worn short enough so that when hair is groomed and head dress is removed, no hair touches the ears or collar or extends below the top of the eyebrows.
- (d) Hair has to be so cut and groomed that the bulk of hair on top of the head is not greater than 4 cm with the bulk decreasing gradually from the top and blending with the taper trimmed sides and back. Bulk is defined as the distance that the mass of hair protrudes from the scalp, when groomed, as distinct from the length of hair.
- (e) Hair has to be styled in a manner that it does not interfere with the proper wearing of any military head dress or protective equipment.
- (f) Hair on the neck, below and to the sides of the taper, is to be kept trimmed/ shaven.
- (g) Radical hairstyles, such as mohawk, spiked hair, streaked or partially coloured hair, bleached, unnatural or extreme colours or combinations of colours or styles, which have uncombed appearance, are not permitted. A clean-shaven head or close-cropped hair is, however, permissible.
- (h) Sideburns worn by males are to be squared-off in a horizontal line at the bottom edge and evenly trimmed to blend with the hairstyles and are to be an even width, not exceeding 4 cm. It is however, not to extend lower than the upper part of the tragus (part of the ear).
- (j) Hair colouring is not to be extreme and shall be done only to conceal grey hair, if desired by individual. Unnatural or extreme colours are not permitted. Solid streaks, with partial colouring or highlighting of hair are not allowed in uniform. A natural appearance is to be maintained.





Women Personnel with Long Hair - Various Profiles



Upper part
of
Tragus



Women Personnel with Short Hair - Various Profiles



2. Hair Standards - Female.

- (a) **Long Hair.** When in uniform, female personnel shall dress their hair neatly and tie it in a bun covered with a net. Hair shall be worn above the collar.
- (b) **Medium Length Hair.** The hair shall be tied in a 'ponytail', pinned up neatly and worn above the collar. In case of tip of ponytail touching the collar, the same shall be covered with a net. No high ponytail shall be tied with any order of uniform.
- (c) **Short Hair.** It shall be ensured that the hair and side locks are properly trimmed, so as not to touch the upper edge of the collar and sideburns do not extend lower than the upper part of the tragus (part of the ear).
- (d) Hair has to be so groomed that it does not fall below the eyebrows or extend below the collar.
- (e) Hair shall be so styled that it does not interfere with the proper wearing of any military head dress or protective equipment.
- (f) **Hair Colouring.** Hair colouring is not to be extreme and shall be done only to conceal grey hair, if desired by individual. Unnatural or extreme colours are not permitted. Solid streaks, with partial colouring or highlighting of hair are not allowed in uniform. A natural appearance is to be maintained.
- (g) **Radical Hairstyles.** Radical hairstyles, such as mohawk, stepped, layered curls, perming of hair, bleached or an uncombed appearance, or an unnatural or extreme colour or combinations of colours and styles are not permitted.
- (h) Hair accoutrements are to be of a similar colour to the hair. Acceptable accoutrements are hair clips, nets, elastic bands, hair pins and bun pieces (all to be black in colour when used with uniform) and for PT-scrunches or head bands (white in colour).
- (j) When on duty, long hair may be worn as tied back in a bun, which is to be secured to the head and is not to extend below the top of the collar. A braid or plait may be worn loose when in field conditions, after due approval from the Commander or Commanding Officer. The hair is to be worn up and secured to the head, if the length of the plait or braid poses a safety concern or workplace risk or risk of injury. For PT activities a ponytail is permitted; however, for battle PT, the ponytail is to be tied off as a bun.

3. **Wigs.** The wearing of wigs or hairpieces by personnel when wearing uniform is not permitted, except to cover physical disfiguration caused by accident or medical procedure. When worn, a wig or hairpiece is to conform to the standard criteria for hair.



Moustaches for Ceremonial Events



Different Types of Moustaches



Beard Secured with Black Net



4. Facial Hair.

(a) **Moustaches.** Moustaches worn by males are to be neatly trimmed and are not to exceed 12 cm in length. Handlebar and similar styles are not permitted unless authorised in writing by Senior Authority/ the Commanding Officer of the unit, or other competent authority for specific ceremonial activities. Except when so authorised, the moustache is not to extend below the top lip or beyond the corners of the mouth. When authorised, the following caveats shall apply:-

- (i) The moustaches do not extend beyond the region of the mouth, chin, or top lip.
- (ii) The moustache extension does not join the sideburns.
- (iii) The moustaches do not form a 'goatee'-style beard or similar beard styles.

(b) **Beard.** No Indian Army personnel are allowed to keep beard on a permanent basis, with the exception of Sikh personnel. However, Sikh personnel who keep beard are not permitted to wear 'thatha' on their beard, when in uniform and on duty or when appearing in public. Also, neither can they keep a flowing beard. The beard will either be trimmed or fixed neatly to give a sober appearance. The Sikh personnel may use black net for securing their beards, as per their Regimental traditions/ orders. In addition, personnel desirous of growing beard on religious grounds for a short period not exceeding three months may do so only after obtaining the prior written approval of the Commander/ Commanding Officer.

(c) **Shaving.** Except when excused due to medical reasons, male personnel other than Sikh personnel shall shave daily.

5. Standards of Military Appearance.

(a) **Fingernails.** Fingernails of both female and male personnel are to be kept clean and neatly trimmed at all times and are not to extend beyond the tip of thumb/ finger. Growing of fingernails is not permitted for anyone.

(b) **Jewellery.** Jewellery is not to be worn in uniform except for small earrings and a single engagement or wedding/ eternity/ signet rings. Orders on other pieces of jewellery are as under:-

(i) **Earrings.** Piercing of the ears of female personnel is not to cause any abnormal disfigurement or deformity of the ears. Only one ear piercing that allows normal wearing of earrings is allowed. Wearing of earrings is allowed in uniform, provided that a single pair of stud decorative style (pearl or gem stone) size not greater than 5 mm in diameter is worn. No other type of fancy earring is to be worn.

(ii) **Nose-pin.** Wearing of nose-pin by women personnel while in uniform is not permitted.

(iii) **Rings.** Only one engagement/ wedding ring without pearl or gemstone, size not greater than 5 mm (width) is to be worn on the ring finger of the left hand. No other type of ring is permitted to be worn on any finger of either hand. Where there is a risk of injury, ring is to be removed or taped while conducting group or individual PT sessions, in the field or on operations. However, no ring is to be worn on Ceremonial Parades when wearing ceremonial orders of dress.

(iv) **Chains.** No chains or sacred threads are specifically allowed to be worn around the neck. If at all worn, the same are to be concealed properly, so that no part of it is visible outside any worn uniform. Married female personnel can wear 'Mangal sutra', in a similar fashion, so as not to make it visible outside uniform.



Tattoos on Any Body Part are Strictly Prohibited



(c) **Make-up and Cosmetics.** Lipstick and coloured nail polish are strictly not to be used. 'Bindis' are not permitted. Vermillion (sindoor) may be applied to the parting of hair, in a manner that it is not visible when Beret/ peak cap are worn. Female personnel wearing the Indian Army uniform shall not wear any cosmetic/ make-up in any uniform. False eyelashes, eyeliner, kohl (kaajal) and application of facial make-up are not permitted. Facial foundation cream, that acts as a sun-protection agent may be applied conservatively and worn in the field/ outdoor or in operations areas. Application of henna (mehendi) on hands, when in uniform or on duty, is strictly prohibited.

(d) **Fragrance.** Application of any type of fragrances like deodorants, perfumes etc is strictly prohibited in uniform for all personnel. However, after-shave lotions may be used.

(e) **Watches.** Watches or watchbands are not to be worn when they may create a safety hazard. Brightly coloured watches or watch bands are not permitted. Pocket watches with visible chains are not to be worn with the Indian Army Uniform. On a Ceremonial Parade a watch is not to be worn by any member, except the senior soldier controlling the sequence of a parade. Smart watches not to be worn in areas/ functions where prohibited.

(f) **Eyewear.**

(i) **Spectacles.** Medically prescribed spectacles may be worn on uniform. Photo-chromatic or tinted lenses are not permitted. The frame of the spectacles should be sober. No fancy spectacles to be worn.

(ii) **Sunglasses.** Sunglasses may be worn when eye protection is necessary on orders of Local Military Authorities in other than ceremonial orders of dress. Sunglasses, either issued or purchased by individuals, are to conform to the design requirements for prescribed eyewear. However, sunglasses are to be worn only for eye protection and not to be hung on the uniform or placed on top of the head. Sunglasses shall not be worn during Ceremonial Parades, on Quarter Guard duty or while inspecting a Quarter Guard and during formal professional interactions.

(iii) **Contact Lenses.** Contact lenses may be used in place of spectacles. However, the colour of the contact lenses must be natural and almost similar to the wearer's eye colour. Under no circumstances shall contact lenses of colours other than the natural eye colour (as in Military Identity Card) be worn by an individual.

(g) **Sports Cap.** Usage of sports cap is allowed only with the games order of dress, or with civil casual dress. Wearing of sports cap with any other order of dress is strictly prohibited.

6. Tattoos and Body Piercing.

(a) Body piercing or beading of any form is strictly prohibited for all serving personnel. Also, no serving soldier shall wear any beading or teeth jewellery adornments while on duty.

(b) Personnel of the Indian Army are prohibited from having or obtaining tattoos on any parts of the body.

(c) The tribal troops, if having any tribal symbol at the time of recruiting same shall be permitted. However, no additional tribal symbol or tattoo/ body piercing shall be permitted post recruitment.

7. **Trinkets and Religious Symbols.** No personnel shall wear any type of bracelets when in uniform. A single sacred thread can be worn on the wrist (multiple threads are not permitted) on the day of pooja. Kada can be worn only by Sikh Officers, JCOs, OR and Non-Sikh Officers commanding Sikh troops. No religious markings or symbols shall be worn/ applied, while in uniform.

8. Carriage of Equipment.

(a) **Mobile Phone.**

- (i) While in uniform, no electronic gadgets like mobile phones etc shall be visible, except those issued on WE/ PE of the establishment/ unit.
- (ii) Carriage of mobile phones is prohibited while conducting physical manoeuvres, like organised BPET/ PT and games.
- (iii) Mobile phones to be kept on vibration/ silent mode during office hours, as the case may be (if permitted by Local Military Authority, not below the rank of Major General, to carry mobile phones in office area).

(b) **Audio or Video Equipment/ Earphones/ Headphones.** Wearing of headphones and/ or earplugs for recreational use is prohibited when wearing any order of dress, except during authorised or programmed rest periods. Headphones/ earphones are not to be worn when moving around the unit area or in public when wearing the uniform. However, they may be worn when undergoing personal PT in own time, other than authorised parade.

(c) **Bags/ Backpacks and their Carriage.** Sports bags and backpacks in disruptive pattern, camouflage, uniform pattern, plain black, olive drab or tan may be carried with General Duty dress or PT attire. When carried, the backpack is to be carried with the left hand, so as to keep the right hand free for saluting. Backpacks may be worn centrally on the back using both shoulder flaps, only when riding motorcycles/ bicycles, but must be removed soon after dismounting.

(d) **Raincoat.** No embellishments are to be worn on the raincoat. When worn in barracks or in public, the raincoat is to be buttoned to breast pocket height. The raincoat may be worn unbuttoned in the field area or on operations. The raincoat is not to be worn with ceremonial order of dress.

INDIGENISATION AND ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL ETHOS

1. In keeping with the nation's sentiments and evolving sovereign identity, a number of deliberate refinements have been incorporated in this edition of Army Uniforms Pamphlet. These measures, reflected at appropriate places across this Pamphlet and further listed herein, include the introduction of the Bandi Jacket as part of civil formal dress, removal of the pouch belt from Mess Dress Nos 5 and 6, the stipulation that sword carriage by Reviewing Officer is optional and discontinuation of archaic terminology such as 'Royal'.
2. Collectively, these refinements represent a progressive review of residual colonial era vestiges while preserving the dignity, functionality and enduring traditions of the Indian Army.



PROHIBITED ACTIONS IN UNIFORM

1. In addition to the above explicit directions and guidelines, following actions need to be strictly avoided, as the same not only violate the laid down regulations, but also reflect poorly upon the military discipline:-
 - (a) Smoking in public places, while in uniform.
 - (b) Chewing gum while in uniform.
 - (c) Putting hands in pockets or slouching/ sauntering or loitering while in uniform.
 - (d) Keeping the top button of the uniform shirt open.
 - (e) Not saluting when required, especially when using mobile phone.
 - (f) Using of umbrella while in uniform on Ceremonial Parade, field maneuvers, training, etc.

DONT's - DRESS REGULATIONS

1. Dress and Accoutrements.

- (a) Lanyard shall not be worn in conjunction with Shoulder Cord or Aiguillettes (by authorised individuals).
- (b) Zari-based rank badges shall not be worn, except on Dress No 5 and Dress No 6.
- (c) Lanyard shall not be worn with:
 - (i) Dress No 3A (Jersey) and 3B (Battle Jacket).
 - (ii) Dress No 5 and 6.
 - (iii) Dress No 7 including its variants.
- (d) Body-hugging or fashion-aligned/ trend-based tailoring of uniforms is not permitted.
- (e) Any variation in authorised dress shall not be adopted without prior approval of Local Military Authority not below the rank of Major General.
- (f) Arms or Corps/ Services/ Line Directorates shall not introduce or sanction any deviation from authorised patterns of dresses, clothing, equipment, insignias and badges; they should follow procedure in vogue to take up case with AG/ CW1 in prescribed format.
- (g) Only black leather belt (use of synthetic, artificial or imitation/ patent leather is not permitted) will be worn.

2. Wearing of Uniform - Prohibited Occasions.

- (a) Uniform shall not be worn during religious, political or protest gatherings (except authorised military events).



- (b) Uniform shall not be worn when visiting restaurants, hotels or other public places in a personal capacity. In case staying in a hotel on temporary duty, the same may be allowed in that particular hotel; however, it is to be minimal as much as possible.
- (c) Uniform will not be worn when travelling in public transport while on leave.
- (d) Uniform shall not be worn at cultural or social gatherings/ dances except official gatherings or when authorised by Local Military Authority, not below the rank of Major General, in writing.
- (e) Uniform shall not be worn while travelling in civilian aircraft, except when it is a chartered aircraft.
- (f) Uniform shall not be worn while consuming alcohol in a public place.
- (g) Uniform shall not be worn at a civil law court when attending hearing in a personal case.
- (h) Uniform shall not be worn for any activity that may undermine military appearance in the eyes of the public.
- (j) Uniform shall not be worn at weddings, private parties and family ceremonies except authorised by Local Military Authority, not below the rank of Major General, in writing.
- (k) Uniform shall not be worn for any paid media/ commercial appearances, except when authorised in writing by Local Military Authority not below the rank of Major General.

3. **Footwear/ Accessories.**

- (a) Brown shoes shall not be worn with uniform.
- (b) Only closed footwear will be worn with formal civil dress by Women all ranks in officers' mess and JCOs/ OR institutes.
- (c) Pouch belt will not be worn with Dress No 5 and 6. However, it may be worn with ceremonial dresses during regimental functions by Colonel and below rank officers, as authorised.
- (d) Side cap shall not be worn on Dress No 5 and 6. However, side cap may be worn during regimental functions in civil dress by all ranks as per Regt/ Corps design, with Colonel of Regiment as approving authority.
- (e) Non-flat gorget patches are not authorised.
- (f) Sports cap shall not be worn with any dress other than Games order.
- (g) Cane will not be carried with Dress No 7 (Combats) and its variants.

4. **Accoutrements/ Rank-Related Restrictions.**

- (a) Accoutrements indicating Regiment or Corps/ Arm shall not be worn by officers of the rank of Brigadier and above.
- (b) Colonel of Regiments/ Colonel Commandants (General Officer/ Brigadier) visiting a unit in this capacity may wear either the uniform of his substantive rank or that of Colonel of the Regiment/ Colonel Commandant; however, when wearing the latter, only Colonel rank insignia and embellishments shall be worn.



5. **Swords and Gloves.**

- (a) Carriage of sword is optional for Reviewing Officer; gloves shall not be worn by Reviewing Officer.
- (b) Swords shall not be carried in field area or with Combat Dress.
- (c) White gloves will not be worn during Ceremonial Parade.

6. **Procurement/ Sources.** Dress No 7 and its variants shall not be procured from unauthorised sources.

7. **Commendation Badges (Limits).**

- (a) More than two commendation badges shall not be worn while serving in the Indian Army.
- (b) More than three stars shall not be mounted on any single commendation badge.

8. **Personal Bearing and Turnout (Hair/ Grooming).**

- (a) Radical hairstyles (mohawk, spiked hair, streaked/ partially coloured, bleached, unnatural/ extreme colours, combinations of colours/ styles, uncombed appearance) are not permitted.
- (b) **Women Officer/ JCOs/ OR.** No high ponytail shall be tied with any order of uniform.
- (c) **Hair Colouring.** Unnatural/ extreme colours, solid streaks, partial colouring or highlighting are not allowed in uniform.
- (d) Wigs/ hairpieces are not permitted, except to cover physical disfiguration caused by accident/ medical procedure (and must conform to hair criteria).

9. **Facial Hair.**

- (a) Handlebar (and similar) moustaches are not permitted, unless authorised in writing by competent authority for specific ceremonial activities.
- (b) No Indian Army personnel are allowed to keep a beard on a permanent basis, except Sikh personnel.
- (c) Flowing beard is not permitted; beard (where permitted) must be trimmed/ fixed neatly to give a sober appearance.

10. **Military Appearance - Nails or Jewellery/ Cosmetics/ Fragrance.**

- (a) Growing fingernails is not permitted and nails shall not extend beyond finger/ thumb tip.
- (b) Jewellery is not to be worn in uniform except permitted small items.
- (c) No chains or sacred threads are specifically allowed around the neck; if at all worn, must be fully concealed.
- (d) Lipstick and coloured nail polish are strictly not to be used.
- (e) Bindis are not permitted.



- (f) Female personnel in uniform shall not wear cosmetic make-up (false eyelashes, eyeliner, kohl/ kaajal, facial make-up are not permitted).
- (g) Mehendi (henna) on hands when in uniform/ on duty is strictly prohibited.
- (h) Perfumes or deodorants/ fragrances are strictly prohibited in uniform (after-shave lotion may be used).
- (j) Brightly coloured watches/ watch bands are not permitted.
- (k) Pocket watches with visible chains are not to be worn with Indian Army uniform.
- (l) Smart watches are not permitted in restricted areas or where it may cause security hazard.
- (m) Photo-chromatic or tinted lenses (spectacles) are not permitted; no fancy spectacle frames.
- (n) Sunglasses shall not be worn during Ceremonial Parades, on Quarter Guard duty/ inspection, or during formal professional interactions.
- (o) Coloured contact lenses (other than natural eye colour) shall not be worn.

11. Tattoos/ Body Piercing.

- (a) Body piercing or beading of any form is strictly prohibited for all serving personnel; no beading/ teeth jewellery while on duty.
- (b) Personnel are prohibited from having or obtaining tattoos on any part of the body (except pre-existing permitted tribal symbol at recruitment).
- (c) No bracelets shall be worn in uniform.

12. Electronics/ Carriage.

- (a) While in uniform, no electronic gadgets like mobile phones, shall be visible, except those issued on WE/ PE.
- (b) Carriage of mobile phones, ear plugs or any other music device is prohibited while conducting physical manoeuvres like organised BPET or PT/ Games.
- (c) Wearing headphones/ earplugs for recreational use is prohibited with any order of dress, except during authorised/ programmed rest periods; not to be worn in public/ unit areas while in uniform.



CONCLUSION

Army Uniform Pamphlet 2026 represents a deliberate and balanced progression towards standardisation, simplification and modernisation of dress regulations in keeping with the evolving ethos of the Indian Army. The rationalisation of dress categories, phasing out of legacy patterns such as Dress No 3A by 30 June 2029 and removal of non-essential accoutrements reflect a clear intent to enhance uniformity, practicality and ease of implementation across the force. At the same time, due cognisance has been given to existing traditions and extant orders, ensuring continuity where required until formal amendments are promulgated. The incorporation of contemporary requirements, such as improved functionality, clearer visual references and gender-neutral representation, further aligns the Pamphlet with a future-ready, professional force. Overall, the revised document provides a coherent, user-friendly and operationally relevant framework and with periodic reviews under the aegis of the AG's Branch, will remain responsive to emerging needs and organisational priorities.