
Guardians in the Making: A Proud Encounter with the Nation's Finest

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Two hundred and forty-eight students of Grade IX from S.B. Patil Public School, operated by Pimpri-Chinchwad Education Trust, embarked on a remarkable educational field visit to the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, Pune, on 28th November, 2025. This visit coincided with one of the most significant moments in the Academy's calendar — the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the 149th course.

The day celebrated the commissioning journey of 328 graduating cadets as they completed their rigorous training. Among them were 15 women cadets, proudly representing the second batch of female officers from the NDA.



The ceremony marked the conferment of degrees, in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), to cadets across multiple streams — 72 in Science, 92 in Computer Science and 52 in Arts — along with course completion certificates for 112 BTech cadets. Naval and Air Force cadets will go on to complete one additional year of training at the Indian Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy before receiving their final commissions. Notably, the graduating cohort also included 18 cadets from friendly foreign nations, highlighting India's

global defence cooperation.

Distinguished dignitaries graced the event — Air Vice Marshal Sartaj Bedi, Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor of NDA, and Vice Admiral Anil Jaggi, Commandant of NDA. Their inspiring presence, combined with Vice Admiral Jaggi's compelling address, resonated deeply with the audience, reinforcing the values of honour, duty and leadership that the Academy instils.



From the heart-stirring "Antim Pag" — the symbolic last step taken as trainees — to the display of Tri-Service unity, the parade showcased impeccable discipline, precision, and the unbreakable camaraderie among the Army, Navy and Air Force wings. The formal oath ceremony and awards for best-performing cadets added to the prestigious atmosphere.

The students were especially awestruck by the electrifying Sukhoi fighter aircraft flypast that marked both the commencement and conclusion of the parade — a spectacle that embedded everlasting pride and admiration within young hearts. Inspired by the bravery and dedication of India's defence forces, many students shared their desire to join the Armed Forces one day and serve the nation.





The visit concluded with a guided tour of iconic NDA landmarks including the famed Sudan Block, the cadets' residential quarters and the historical Khetrapal Parade Ground. For the students, it was more than just a trip — it was a patriotic awakening, a memory carved in pride.

This invaluable experience was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the school leadership team — principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; coordinators, Ms. Vandana Sangle and Ms. Prutha Vaidya; and administrative manager, Mr. Manish Dhekale.

A day of grandeur, discipline and inspiration — one that lit a spark of service and honour in every young mind.