

Armed Forces Preparatory School

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In news– The Armed Forces Preparatory School, which is part of the projects announced by the Delhi government in its 2021 'Desh Bhakti Budget', is taking admissions for the first batch.

About the school-

- It aims to help students to prepare for entry into the National Defence Academy and other services.
- It will be the first fully residential school set up by the Delhi government.
- A 14-acre campus in South West Delhi's Jharoda Kalan is being built and admissions will be open only to residents of Delhi.
- The school is being considered as one of the government's new Schools of Specialised Excellence.
- The school's curriculum will have two parts such as a basic foundational study component and another on the specialization, which would entail preparation for National Defence Academy (NDA) and Services Selection Board (SSB) tests and physical readiness.
- The school will have an academic wing and a 'service preparatory' wing.
- In class IX and X, the focus of the academic wing will be on basic subjects, such as Math, English, Hindi, General Sciences and Social Sciences; and in XI and XII, it will be on academic training to prepare for the National Defence Academy and other entry examinations.
- The services preparatory wing is aimed at nurturing the identified potential and improving on the identified gaps/working areas and inculcating officer-like qualities in the students.
- The school promises to provide services selection board

- training cycles, personality development capsules, and spoken English and verbal expression training sessions
- **The school will be from Class IX to XII and admissions will be conducted for 100 students in each class. Of these, 60 will be boys and 40 will be girls in each grade.**
 - **Fifty percent of admissions to the school will be reserved for students of government and government-aided schools.**
 - Candidates will appear for an **aptitude test** which will cover Mathematics, English and General Ability.
 - It will be followed by **an interview and medical screening**, and only students fit according to NDA's standards will be admitted.

The other Budget announcements **include installing 500 large national flags across the city**, programmes on the lives and contributions of BR Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh, and the flagship 'Desh Bhakti Curriculum' in Delhi's schools.