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Government of India  
Ministry of Jal Shakti  
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation  
(Administration Section)

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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,  
New Delhi, dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**CIRCULAR**

**Subject- 3rd In-STEP (International Strategic Engagement Programme): India at National Defence College - Scheduled from 27th October, 2025 to 08th November, 2025-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer the DoPT's Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (copy enclosed) and to inform about the 3<sup>rd</sup> In-STEP (International Strategic Engagement Programme) being conducted by National Defence College (NDC) with Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) as knowledge partner from 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

2. Interested officers (IAS officers of Joint Secretary Level) may submit their nominations to this department at the earliest. For further information, please refer the enclosure.

Encl: As Above.



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**No.T-13017/9/2025-LTDP**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions**  
**Department of Personnel and Training**  
**(Training Division)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Block-4, Old JNU Campus,  
New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi- 110067  
Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

To,

- (1) All Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments (As per list enclosed)
- (2) All Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of GAD of States/UTs (As per list enclosed)

**Sub: 3<sup>rd</sup> In-STEP (International Strategic Engagement Programme): India at National Defence College - scheduled from 27th October, 2025 to 08th November, 2025.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), D.O. Letter No. 6/21/2025/NSCS (CS) dated 29.08.2025 regarding 03<sup>rd</sup> In – STEP Course at National Defence College, New Delhi scheduled from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 and to request you to sponsor the name of suitable IAS officer for the 03<sup>rd</sup> In-STEP Course at National Defence College (NDC) Training Programme in New Delhi. The Duration of the course is about two weeks.

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1. The is informed that challenges to national security is becoming increasingly complex and new dimensions are emerging, which ranges from traditional military threats to cyber terrorism, grey zone warfare, energy, health and food security. As India continues its trajectory of growth towards an enhanced stature in the international arena, it is imperative that we increase our outreach to friendly countries to build and sustain influence and mutually beneficial partnerships.

DS(A) (Adm.)  
2. NSCS along with MEA and MoD, had conducted the first and second editions of the 'International Strategic Outreach Programme' (In-STEP) for senior/executive level officers associated with national security from friendly foreign countries and India, for two weeks each in March and September/October 2024. The programme was well received by foreign delegates as well as Indian senior officers from military, IAS, IFS, IPS and Paramilitary.

3. In continuation of the outreach and efforts to engage with friendly countries, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of In-STEP is planned for two weeks from 27 October 2025 to 08 November 2025. The programme will be conducted by the National Defence College

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(NDC) with Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) as the knowledge partner.  
An information brochure on the course is enclosed.

5. It is requested that the nominations of two IAS officers (Joint Secretary Level) of the Ministry/Department, may be sent directly to Col PK Singh, SDS on E-mail Id: sds-b2m2@gov.in under intimation to this Department latest by **10.10.2025**.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Vijay S)

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1. Technical Director (NIC), JNU (Old Campus), New Delhi with the request to post this circular on the DoPT's website under heading 'What's New' and 'DoPT Training Programme'.