

# Report on SSB Armed Forces Technical Vacancy Workshop for MANIT Students

**Date:** 20 February 2026

**Venue:** Civil Auditorium, MANIT Bhopal

**Organized by:** Training & Placement Cell

**Participants:** MCA and B-Tech Students

## Introduction

An interactive workshop on SSB Armed Forces Technical Vacancies was conducted on 20th February 2026 at the Civil Auditorium, MANIT Bhopal. The primary objective was to create awareness among students regarding career opportunities in the Armed Forces and to provide essential guidance on the Service Selection Board (SSB) selection process. The workshop aimed to motivate students to consider defence services as a career path and to help them understand the necessary qualities and competencies for becoming officers.



*Figure 1: Students attending the armed forces technical vacancy workshop at Civil Auditorium, MANIT Bhopal.*

## Resource Persons and Speakers

The workshop was led by experienced retired officers from the Armed Forces who shared their professional knowledge and practical insights into the SSB selection process and defence careers. The key speakers were:

- **Maj Gen Shyam Shrivastava (Retd):** Delivered motivational guidance on leadership, discipline, and the importance of serving the nation through the Armed Forces.
- **Col K.P. Singh (Retd):** Provided detailed information on the SSB selection process, emphasizing communication skills, teamwork, and personality development.
- **GTO Capt. R.M.P.S. Somal (Retd):** Explained the structure of group tasks and personality assessment conducted during the SSB process, drawing from his extensive experience as a Group Testing Officer.
- **Wg Cdr Manish Mishra (Retd):** Presented information on technical entry opportunities and career prospects available to engineering graduates in the Armed Forces.

Their combined experience offered students valuable insights into the expectations and preparation required for success in the selection process.



Figure 2: Maj Gen Shyam Shrivastava (Retd.) motivating students during the workshop.

## Workshop Conduct and Key Activities

The workshop included informative presentations and interactive discussions focused on the SSB selection procedure and defence career opportunities. The speakers provided a detailed explanation of the various stages of the selection process, including screening tests, group tasks, personal interviews, and psychological assessments.

Students were actively encouraged to participate to fully understand the expectations of the selection process. The session specifically emphasized the critical development of leadership qualities, confidence, and teamwork among the attendees.

### Key Activities and Topics Covered:

- Awareness about career opportunities in the Armed Forces for technical graduates.
- Detailed explanation of the SSB selection process and evaluation criteria.
- Discussion on Officer-Like Qualities (OLQs) required for selection.
- Guidance on preparation for group tasks and personal interviews.
- Emphasis on discipline, teamwork, and communication skills.
- Overview of benefits and career growth opportunities in defence services.
- Role of mock interviews and training sessions in personality development.



*Figure 3: Colonel KP Singh (Retd.) explain about officer like qualities*

## Participation and Student Engagement

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of MCA and B-Tech students. Students demonstrated keen interest in learning about defence career opportunities and actively engaged with the speakers during the session's Q&A segment. The highly interactive nature of the workshop created a motivating environment and effectively encouraged students to explore opportunities in the Armed Forces.

The workshop successfully achieved its stated objectives, resulting in the following key outcomes for the student participants:

- **Increased awareness** about technical entry schemes in the Armed Forces.
- **Better understanding** of the SSB selection process and evaluation criteria.
- **Improved knowledge** about Officer-Like Qualities (OLQs) required for selection.
- **Enhanced motivation** among students to pursue careers in defence services.
- **Greater confidence** in preparing for SSB interviews and group tasks.
- **Encouragement** to participate in targeted training and personality development sessions.



*Figure 4: Capt. RMPS Somal (Retd.) interacting with students*

## **Conclusion**

The SSB Armed Forces Technical Vacancy Workshop conducted on 20th February 2026 at MANIT Bhopal was informative, interactive, and highly beneficial for students aspiring to join the Armed Forces. The event successfully provided valuable guidance on defence career opportunities and the SSB selection process while effectively motivating students to develop the necessary leadership qualities and prepare themselves for future challenges. Overall, the workshop was successful in significantly enhancing awareness, confidence, and interest among students toward serving the nation through the Armed Forces.