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The House Journal Society



From left to right: Suryansh Gupta (member), Utkarsha Nishad (member), Mr. Srinivas Madhav (DG Nominee for House Journal), Aahana Srishti (member), Al Jamila (Secretary House Journal), Mridul Maheshwari (member)



13th October- Registration

The Officer Trainees completed the registration formalities on 13th October 2025 - official registration, biometric verification, distribution of kits. The afternoon session featured an engaging talk by Shri Sriram Taranikanti, IAS, Director, LBSNAA that enriched the day's proceedings.

14th October - Inaugural address Inaugural Ceremony at Dr. MCRHRD Institute

The inaugural ceremony of the Special Foundation Course for Central Civil Services and All India Services was held at Dr. MCRHRD Institute on 14th October 2025, marked by the esteemed presence of Smt. Santhi Kumari, IAS, Vice Chairman & Director General, Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana, Smt. K. Nikhila, IAS, Course Director, and Dr. Madhavi Ravulapati, Co-Course Director.

During the ceremony, Smt. Santhi Kumari, IAS, addressed the new batch, offering valuable advice and guidelines for their tenure at the institute. Smt. K. Nikhila, IAS, briefed the officer trainees on the course directory, outlining the objectives and expectations of the program. The officer trainees took a solemn pledge, reaffirming their commitment to their roles and responsibilities. The ceremony concluded with a group photograph, capturing the momentous occasion with officers resplendent in ceremonial dress.





From left: Dr. Madhavi Ravulapati (Co-Course Director & Professor (I/c) MCRHRDIT);
Smt. K. Nikhila, IAS (Course Director & Joint Director General, MCRHRDIT),
Smt. Santhi Kumari, IAS (Vice Chairperson & Director General, MCRHRDIT),
Prem Kumar V.R., IAS (Deputy Director, LBSNAA), and H. Arun Kumar IAS-Rtd (Advisor,
MCRHRDIT).



Discovering the Power of YOGA AND PT



The day's proceedings commenced with the PT Bells ringing at 6:30 am, signaling the start of morning Physical Training (PT) on the grounds of the institute, effective October 14th, 2025.



Elevate Your Well-being



Cultural night and DG's dinner



The eve of 14th October offered a warm and beautiful welcome to the officer trainees. The auspicious occasion was enriched by the stunning Bharatanatyam, Perini Natyam, Kathak and fusion performances of the professional artists. The beloved diplomats of Tanzania performed their cultural songs and dances, setting a vibrant evening. The cultural ensemble offered a visual and emotional delight. The day concluded with a sumptuous dinner in the football ground.



Nominee Spotlight: Clubs and Composition



Clubs	Secretary	Members
Officers Club	Ruthwik Sai Kotte (IPS)	Lokesh Singh (IES), Om Shukla(ISS), Riya (ISS), Arpit Choudhary (IA&AS).
Officers Mess Committee	Harshit Goel (IPS)	Sateesh Kumar Meena (IRMS-A), Tummala Manoj Kumar (IRMS-A), Utkarsh Gaurav (IRMS-T), Sabhavat Prem Kumar (IES)
Social Services Committee	Subhankar Biswas (ISS)	Tashika (ISS), Dr. Neha Goyal (IDAS), Abhishek Shukla (ISS), Gautam Patel (ISS)
Films and Fine Arts Society	Nisha (IES)	Nikhil Sharma (IRMS-A), Deeksha (ISS), Tulika Garg (ISS), Reetika Sahai (ISS)
House Journal Society	Al Jamila (IES)	Aahana Srishti (IES), Utkarsha Nishad (ISS), Mridul Maheshwari (ISS), Suryansh Gupta (ISS).

Congratulations to the selected secretaries and members on their appointments and look forward to witnessing their leadership skills and contributions to the course. This initiative is expected to enhance the overall experience of the course, promoting camaraderie, teamwork, and personal growth.

Golconda: A Night of Stories

On 18th October 2025, the officers in the Foundation Course embarked on an enriching excursion to the historic Golconda Fort, a testament to India's rich cultural heritage. The visit commenced with a captivating documentary that delved into the fort's glorious past, unraveling its fascinating history and significance.

The officers explored the fort's impressive architecture, marveling at its unique blend of Hindu and Islamic styles. They walked through the fort's imposing gates, bastions, and ramparts, taking in the intricate stone carvings, ornate palaces, and majestic mosques. The visit offered a glimpse into the lives of the Qutb Shahi rulers, who built this magnificent fort as a symbol of their power and grandeur.

The officers gained a deeper understanding of the fort's historical significance, architectural nuances, and cultural importance.



A Walk Through History

On a bright Sunday noon, the Officer Trainees of the Special Foundation Course – 2025 assembled enthusiastically for the much-awaited Heritage Walk. Dressed in the Institute's T-shirts and caps, the group boarded the buses sharp at 2:30 p.m., ready to explore the architectural and cultural legacy of Hyderabad.

Qutub Shahi Tombs

Our first stop, the Qutub Shahi Tombs, stood majestic against the bright sunlight — a complex where the rulers of the Qutub Shahi dynasty rest in eternal peace. Surrounded by lush gardens and intricate stonework, the grand domes reflected Persian, Pathan, and Hindu architectural styles.



The Classic, CHARMINAR – The Heart of Hyderabad

Next, we went to Hyderabad's most famous landmark — the Charminar, a beautiful monument built in the 16th century by Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah. The four tall minarets looked stunning, and the nearby Laad Bazaar was full of colors, lights, and festive excitement. The Officer Trainees also got to see the perfect blend of culture and celebration, as the Diwali festival added a special sparkle to the place — the shining lamps and decorations made Charminar look even more magical.



Chowmahalla Palace

Our last stop was the Chowmahalla Palace, which showed the royal lifestyle of the Nizams. The palace had a mix of Mughal and European designs, big chandeliers, and beautiful halls. As night fell, the softness of the night further enhanced the palace's grandeur, it a calm and royal look — a perfect end to our memorable heritage walk.



DIWALI 2025: Colors, Diyas & Celebrations



The festivities began with a Rangoli Competition, where four teams showcased their artistic skills and creativity around the theme **“Festive India: Colours of Harmony.”** As evening descended, the celebrations took a spiritual turn with a Ganesh–Laxmi Poojan, conducted by the OTs themselves. The glowing diyas filled the campus with devotion and positivity. Following the aarti, sweets were distributed among all present. The night concluded with a lively dance session and a special festive meal, marking the perfect end to a memorable celebration.



A Day at Anantagiri hills

The early morning trek to Ananthagiri Forest offered the OTs a perfect blend of nature, camaraderie, and adventure. OTs shared laughter, captured moments, and cheered one another along the way. The adventure not only rejuvenated everyone but also strengthened the bonds of friendship — a reminder that joy and learning often walk hand in hand at MCRHRDIT.

Anantagiri Forest has sharpened our resolve and prepared us for the majestic challenge that awaits us in the Nilgiris!



Eco Warriors Unite: Shramdaan 2025



The OTs demonstrated true ownership with a powerful Shramdaan drive on 26th October 2025. They channeled their impressive energy into a massive campus cleanup, transforming our training premises into a cleaner, brighter environment in just one day.

This proactive effort was more than just a drive; it was a clear display of collective responsibility and exceptional teamwork. The swift and tangible results reinforce the trainees' commitment to leading by example and upholding the highest standards for the institute.

Jashn-e-Shaam: Cultural Night

A vibrant Cultural Night was held on 19th November 2025, showcasing the diverse talents of officer trainees. Performances included classical and folk dance forms, soulful songs, instrumental pieces, and heartfelt poetry. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was performed by Director General Smt. Shanti Kumari, IAS, in the presence of Co-Course Director Prof. Madhavi. The event was also graced by the Course Director, Smt. K. Nikhila, IAS.



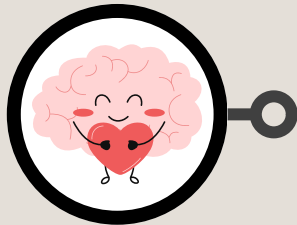
FIELD VISIT



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FIELD IMMERSION VISIT AND TREK

Section 2 officers undertook village visits across eight states—Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Assam, Maharashtra, and Karnataka. Two villages were selected in one district of each state, with five officers assigned per village. Section 1 officers completed a five-day trek through the scenic Nilgiri hills, experiencing dense forests, varying terrains, and challenging altitudes.



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MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

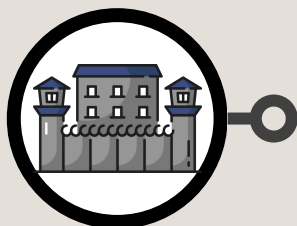
OTs visited Institute of Mental Health, Erragadda, gaining insights into mental healthcare delivery. The visit included tours of various wards and a Tele-MANAS Center. Highlights included an interaction with Dr. Christina Z. Chongthu, IAS, on mental health governance, along with a focused session on substance use disorders and the NDPS Act by Dr. Suresh Badamath, Professor of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru.



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INDUSTRY EXPOSURE

OTs visited CtrlS Datacentre and Global Capability Centre Micron Technologies, exploring India's digital and semiconductor ecosystem. They gained insights into data centre operations, IT infrastructure and semiconductor industry trends, with guided tours and networking sessions.



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CHERLAPALLY CENTRAL PRISON

Officer Trainees gained an overview of prison administration, correctional services, and inmate welfare. They observed reform initiatives such as vocational training in small-scale manufacturing and textile dyeing, and interacted with officials to understand the human and administrative dimensions of the criminal justice system.