

## **Military Training**

### **Preparatory Military Training:**

The basic Military Training is compulsory for all boarder students of boys and girls. The day scholars can opt for Military Training by taking prior permission from the Principal. The main objective of such training are as follows:

- A) To motivate and impart training to join in Indian Armed forces
- B) To prepare for NDA and CDS competitive examination to join in Indian Armed Forces
- C) To improve physical fitness and agility to fit for any security related services
- D) To improve mental alertness through physical training
- E) To learn group adjustment, group task and imbibe leadership qualities

The students admitted in this campus are considered to be the followers of Lord Rama hence called as 'Ramdandee'.

**Admission Procedure** - Admission of Boarders is done separately. Online admission process is carried out for all the students. Boarder students undergo Psychological test, Physical fitness test and personal interview for the final selection of Admission. personal interview.

- i. Psychological Test** - This test is conducted to check whether the student is inclined to stay in the hostel away from his family or not & to check whether he has interest and aptitude to join Armed Forces. This test is conducted by faculty of Psychology dept.
- ii. Physical Test** - This test is conducted by M.T instructors to check the physical capacity & endurance of students.
- iii. Personal Interview** - Personal interview of parents is conducted to know the family background of the students & personal interview of student is conducted to ascertain his wish to join as a boarder student. This interview is conducted by CATO/M.T In-charge and then by Principal of the College

The student who qualifies in these tests is recommended for admission. The admission is given on merit basis by following the norms of Savitribai Phule Pune University.

On the joining day, rooms in the hostels are allotted to them and the following items are issued.

- i) Two pairs of Khaki Shirt pants
- ii) Baratte, Badge, Hickie, shoes, two pairs khaki Socks and ceremonial articles.
- iii) Two pairs of white shirt and Grey pants.
- iv) College Tie, Blazer, Black Oxford pattern shoes for boys and Jacket for girls.
- v) Track suit and two sets of T-Shirt and short pants. Girls get one extra track pant in place of short pants for boys.
- vi) Swimming costumes along with cap as per requirements for boys & girls.
- vii) Sports shoes and two pairs of blue socks.
- viii) Prayer dress for mandir parade.

College has made it compulsory to all the students to wear college uniform on working days. Boarder students are identified by the tie. On special occasions boarders wear Blazers.

**Rank Selection** – To develop leadership qualities among the students and to assist the authorities to run the hostel life smoothly, ‘Ranks’ are assigned to the students. Rank Selection program is declared in the first week of August. The interested students submit their bio-data. The rank aspirant undergo a sprint test of 3 Kms. Marks are allotted as per timings. Drill test, command test and personal interviews are conducted by a separate board appointed by Principal.

The highest rank is **Ramdandee Captain**. This rank is given to the one who is studying in final year of graduation.

The next rank is **Adjutant**. This rank is also given to the next senior most and desired Ramdandee.

For Military Training purpose Boarders are divided into five groups called as companies, similar to that of Indian Army Organisation. These five companies are Arjun Company(‘A’ Coy), Bahadur Company (‘B’ Coy), Chhatrapati Company (‘C’ Coy), Dhanurdhar Company (‘D’ Coy) and Ekta Company (‘E’ Coy).

Company commanders are selected to lead these companies. The desirable students studying in final year of graduation are selected for these Ranks. They lead their companies in all the competitions related to military training.

Company Commanders are assisted by Junior officers; they are generally from second year of training.

Three **Sergeants** are also selected from each company to look after the routine work of company. They are generally freshers. Ranks for mess and Ghosh pathak are also nominated. The board nominates all these names to the Principal. The Principal then declares Part-I order and make a formal announcement of rank appointments on 14<sup>th</sup> August in morning session.

On the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> August, the selected Rank holders assemble near the college flag in Khaki Uniform. They take an oath to work for the betterment of college and mother land. On 15<sup>th</sup> August after flag hoisting ranks are given to these Ramdandees.

Piping ceremony is done by Principal and CATO / M.T In-charge.

All the selected rank holders organize a tea party to all the staff members of college.

All the parades are conducted under the leadership of Ramdandee Captain assisted by Adjutant.

### **Life at Bhonsala :**

The life of boarder students of BMC is a tough one as they are busy all the time. To remove their fatigue few occasions are celebrated in the campus with joy and zeal.

1. **Welcome Party** - Welcome party is arranged by the senior boarder students for fresh boarders. For this they assemble in the evening in a hall, perform few cultural events and freshers are asked to introduce themselves. This is followed by a Badakhana
2. **Raksha Bandhan** - Ramdandees gather at Ram Mandir in prayer dress. They follow the ritual by Sarva Dharma Samudayik Prarthana, Hanuman Chalisa and Pasaydan. The invited guest or Pandit informs them about the importance of that day. Panditji ties Rakhee to each Ramdandee followed by prasad distribution.

3. **Ganesh Sthapana** - This is one of the biggest festival celebrated by boarders. They form their committees for –idol purchasing, decoration, Prasad, Cultural programmes, snacks, games, procession on the day of sthapana and immersion.  
Every day in the morning, pooja is conducted by staff members and in the evening by judges or guests of that day’s program.
4. **Dasera** - On the day of Dasera, day starts with pooja in Ram Mandir by the Principal followed by Shastra Poojan near centurion Tank. All the weapons of the college are displayed over there. Poojan of all weapons is done by the Principal. This is followed by a ritual of firing a twelve bore rifle by the Principal and Ramdandee Captain. Then pooja of all the instruments of Ghosh Pathak is done followed by Pooja of all the military training equipment.
5. **Kojagiri Pornima** - All Ramdandees assemble in the night after their dinner and milk boiled in full moon light is served.
6. **Annual Function** : This is the main function of the year in the college. Various competitions are conducted during this function. There are A) Company-wise competitions and B) Bhavan-wise competitions

During Annual day function, generally a person in Uniform is called as a Chief Guest.

Ceremonial Parade starts with saluting the chief guest followed by inspection of the parade, demonstrations of horse riding, yogasana, PT, gymnastics, Mallakhamb, Rope Mallakhamb , Sema-Phore by Naval wing NCC Cadets and Section Battle Drill by Army Wing NCC Cadets.

Ground Functions are followed by Prize distribution, in which Best Boarder in each faculty is selected following certain norms of his overall behavior in that year and Best Ramdandee generally from the final year of Graduation. These selections are done by a committee appointed by the Principal.

This function is also treated as Passing Out Parade (POP) for outgoing Ramdandees. For this function, Ramdandees practice for a month. Horse riding is worth observing and one of the important features of ceremonial parade.

**Ghosh Pathak** – A band is called as Ghosh Pathak comprised of boarder boys and girls they play Bag Pipes, Bugle, flutes and drums.

7. **New Year Party** - All Ramdandees assemble in a hall and celebrate the New Year’s party by Cultural functions.
8. **Route March** – Route March is organized by the college or other institution to make aware of the native people about the importance of a particular event. Our students take part in such event. Route march related to “Youth Day Celebration”, Kargil Vijaya Divas and International AIDS Day are being observed every year.
9. **Makar Sankrant** - Makar sankranti is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> January every year by a pooja in Ram Mandir followed by distribution of Til-Gul.
10. **Republic Day**- Republic Day is celebrated in the campus for which a guest is invited who takes the salute of ceremonial parade and then motivates them to work for the development of the nation & to remember the freedom struggle of India. Few Ramdandees do participate in Republic day celebrations at district HQ for Horse Riding & in marching platoons.

11. **Holi** - Holi is celebrated in the campus, with all the rituals & on the very second day Dhulivandan is celebrated where all the Ramdandees participate initially then boys & girls celebrate it separately.
12. **Gudi Padwa** - A new year day according to Hindu calendar is celebrated by pooja in Ram Mandir, Gudi is erected in Ram Mandir, pooja is performed and prasad is distributed to all.
13. **Ram Navmi** - On the occasion of Ram Navmi, spiritual lectures are organized from Gudi Padwa which continues till Hanuman Jayanti. On the day of Ram Navmi many devotees visit the Ram Mandir. Boarders assist the staff in controlling the crowd and for Prasad distribution etc.
14. **Hanuman Jayanti** - All boarders assemble at 0545 hrs at the temple as Hanuman Jayanti's main ritual starts at 0600 hrs.

All these festivals come at regular intervals which play an important role in refreshing these Ramdandees out of their fatigue from regular academics and military training.

**Other Features of Hostel life:**

- A) Incoming Phone facility is made available for parents to contact their wards staying in hostels.
- B) Out-pass is issued on Sundays and holidays. On out pass they go out at 0900 hrs and come back by 1700 hrs.
- C) Television is kept in all the hostel buildings where they watch news and important programmes.
- D) Medical facility is made available as and when required with Shree Guruji Rugnalaya which is just 2 kms away from the campus. All Ramdandees are insured by mediclaim for a complete year.
- E) Fumigation and Spraying is done in hostels and campus at regular intervals.
- F) Campus is maintained regularly by cleaning staff, tree plantation is done every year by selecting a particular new area.
- G) Staff is appointed for cleaning of hostel and area around it.
- H) Inspection of hostels is done by the authorities regularly.
- I) Leave is granted on special occasions to the boarders on request from their parents. Apart from this, they enjoy regular vacations for twenty days in Diwali Vacations and for one and half months in summer vacations.
- J) Two girl Ramdandees are selected by the authorities for assistance during SMTC and PDC. These Ramdandees get a chance to develop their leadership characters. The remuneration is given for this assistance too.
- K) Mess contract is given every year by the Parent society. The parameters of Mess menu is decided by the authorities on consultation with Dietician. The mess committee is formed which comprises of Rank holders of mess and senior rank holders. They decide the menu in given parameters. Vegetarian meals are served in regular meals. Breakfast is served based on a predetermined menu. Before every meal they follow a ritual of reciting Bhojan Mantra. The discipline, cleanliness and hygiene are looked after by mess Rank holders under the guidance of staff. Principal and other staff members do join them on certain occasions

- L) Fare well party is given by the junior boarders to the outgoing Rds. Outgoing Rds share their views with juniors which is followed by Bada-khana in the mess. Juniors present memento to the seniors.
- M) Punishment: Indiscipline on the part of Rds are punished by the instructors. Ramdandees are not authorized to punish any other Ramnadee
- N) **Ragging:** All the due precautions are taken to prevent ragging in the hostels. They are made aware of the hostel rules and laws against ragging. Anyone found guilty is punished immediately.
- O) **Visits:** Boarders are taken for visits to NDA, Armoured Corps centre, A'Nagar, Artillery centre, etc to motivate them to join in Armed forces.
- P) Guest lectures are arranged to motivate them to join Armed forces. Ex-Ramdandees who have joined services as officers visits the college and motivates the Rds.
- Q) Preparation for competitive exams: Though the preparation for competitive exams is done during regular academics, special classes for competitive exams are conducted within the campus. Coaching Classes for NDA, CDS and other UPSC exams are conducted by the faculties from college as well as external experts.