

Celebration of the Centenary Year of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) (14.07.2025)

The Military Nursing Service (MNS) is celebrating its Centenary Year in 2025-2026, marking 100 years since its formal establishment. The origin of MNS dates back to the pre-independence colonial era when British and Indian soldiers served in the British Army. The British Indian Government established the Indian Army Nursing Services (IANS) in the year 1888. This marked the formal beginning of Military Nursing in India. The officers of IANS had played a crucial role in providing medical care to wounded soldiers during World War I and II. On 1 Oct 1926, the Permanent Nursing Service was raised in the Indian Army and designated as the Indian Military Nursing Service. Post Independence, the MNS was established as part of the AFMS. It has evolved as a renowned service known for its rich history of dedication and exemplary service in both war and peace. The Military Nursing Service, established in 1926, has grown into a robust and indispensable part of the Indian Armed Forces.

To mark the Centenary Celebration of Military Nursing Service in the year 2025-2026, the released slogan is '*Honouring the past, Healing the present & Inspiring the Future*'.

As a part of the programme of the Centenary Celebration of Military Nursing Service, the Officers of Base Hospital of Barrackpore in association with Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya had organized a special programme for underprivileged children at the premises of the Sangrahalaya on 13 July, 2025. The children visited the different galleries of the museum first. They were also shown a documentary show on Indian Freedom Movement. An audio-visual Spot Quiz programme on life and activities of Mahatma Gandhi was also conducted for them and the winners were awarded the prizes.

