

REPORT ON GUEST LECTURE BY PROMINENT ALUMNUS

“Exploring Careers in the Indian Armed Forces”

Date	18 October 2025
Time	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Resource Person	Lt Cdr Chandra Shekar Pothula
Batch & Department	2011–2015 Batch, Aerospace Engineering
Designation	Staff RPA Instructor, INS Garuda, Southern Naval Command, Kochi
Target Audience	III & IV Year B.Tech Students
Participants	300 Students
Organized by	Alumni Association of LBRCE (AALBRCE)

1. Introduction

The Alumni Association of Lakireddy Bali Reddy College of Engineering (AALBRCE) organized a Guest Lecture by a prominent alumnus on “Exploring Careers in the Indian Armed Forces” on 18 October 2025 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The resource person was Lt Cdr Chandra Shekar Pothula, an alumnus of the 2011–2015 Aerospace Engineering batch, serving as Staff RPA Instructor, INS Garuda, Southern Naval Command, Kochi. The programme provided a golden opportunity for 300 third and final-year B.Tech students to understand career opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces and interact with an alumnus serving the nation.

2. Objectives of the Programme

- To create awareness about career opportunities and entry paths in the Indian Armed Forces.
- To help engineering students understand the scope available to graduates in defence services.
- To provide practical guidance on the right approach to prepare for the Services Selection Board (SSB).
- To motivate students through the values of discipline, service, leadership, courage, and self-belief.
- To create awareness about opportunities for women and their growing leadership roles in the Armed Forces.

3. Highlights of the Guest Lecture

Lt Cdr Chandra Shekar Pothula shared his professional experiences and interacted with the students on the opportunities, responsibilities, and values associated with a career in the Indian Armed Forces. His journey from LBRCE to serving in the Indian Navy provided an inspiring perspective to the participating students.

- Gateway to Honour – entry paths to the Armed Forces.
- Scope for engineering graduates in the Armed Forces.
- Life in the Military – discipline, service, responsibility, and self-belief.
- Right approach and mindset to crack the SSB.
- Opportunities for women in the Armed Forces.
- Empowerment through Service – stories of women officers breaking barriers and leading with courage.

4. Alumni–Student Interaction

The session offered students an excellent platform to interact directly with an alumnus serving in the Indian Navy. Students gained insights into the preparation, attitude, discipline, leadership qualities, and commitment required to pursue a career in defence services. The interaction also encouraged them to look beyond conventional engineering career paths and consider service to the nation as a rewarding professional choice.

5. Student Participation

A total of 300 students from the third and final years of B.Tech attended the programme. The strong participation reflected the students' interest in understanding career opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces. The session was particularly valuable for students seeking guidance on defence careers, SSB preparation, and the professional life of an officer.

6. Outcomes of the Programme

- Students gained awareness of different career and entry opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces.
- Engineering students understood the scope available to graduates in defence services.
- Participants received useful guidance on SSB preparation and the required mindset.
- The session highlighted discipline, leadership, courage, self-belief, and service to the nation.
- Students became more aware of opportunities for women in the Armed Forces.
- The programme strengthened the Alumni–Student–Institution connection at LBRCE.

7. Role of AALBRCE

The Alumni Association of LBRCE (AALBRCE) continuously strives to connect accomplished alumni with present students and utilize their professional experience for student development. This programme demonstrated the important role of alumni in providing career guidance, motivation, professional exposure, and mentorship to the present generation.

8. Conclusion

The Guest Lecture on “Exploring Careers in the Indian Armed Forces” by Lt Cdr Chandra Shekar Pothula was informative, inspiring, and beneficial to the 300 participating students. His experiences and guidance helped students understand that a career in the Armed Forces offers an opportunity to develop discipline, leadership, courage, self-belief, and a spirit of service to the nation.

The Alumni Association of LBRCE expressed its sincere gratitude to Lt Cdr Chandra Shekar Pothula for returning to his alma mater and sharing his valuable professional experiences with the students.

PROGRAMME EVIDENCE

Guest Lecture by Prominent Alumni on EXPLORING CAREERS IN INDIAN ARMED FORCES



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Guest Lecture Poster



Students attending the Guest Lecture