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**BADGES OF RANKS,  
HONOURS AND AWARDS  
IN ARMED FORCES,  
POLICE AND CENTRAL  
ARMED POLICE FORCES**

# **ARMED FORCES**

# **LESSON PLAN AF 1**

## **(Part 3)**

The Indian Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and Police organisations consist of three services, the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Forces, eight Central Armed Police Forces and other Police organisations in our nation. All the services have distinct badges of ranks with different colours which help in identifying soldiers / policemen and their commanders. The ranks of badges are given as per professional competence and length of service in Armed Forces and in other police organisations.

## **BADGES OF RANK - ARMY**

### **Commissioned Officers - Army**

Commissioned Officers of Indian Army are those who command their troops from Platoon or equivalent up to armies and hold Presidents commission. Field Marshal is an honorary rank and is given to a General for his valuable services. The badges of rank worn by commissioned officers are as shown

## BADGES OF RANK - ARMY

Shoulder Insignia										
Rank	Field Marshal <sup>1</sup>	General <sup>2</sup>	Lieutenant General	Major General	Brigadier	Colonel	Lieutenant Colonel	Major	Captain	Lieutenant
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- <sup>1</sup>Honorary/wartime rank.
- <sup>2</sup>Held only by the Chief of the Army Staff

## Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) Army

The second set of officers in the Army is Junior Commissioned Officers. The soldiers who become JCOs come up through the Non-Commissioned Officer's ranks. The badges of rank worn by the JCOs are as shown:

### **Army JCOs Rank**

#### *Junior Commissioned Officer*



## Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Army

The third set of officers is the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs). These ranks are given to jawans according to their merit and seniority. The badges of ranks for NCOs are as shown:





## **BADGES OF RANK - NAVY**

### **Commissioned Officers Navy**

Admiral of the Fleet is an honorary rank given to an Admiral for his invaluable services and will continue to serve the rest of his term with the honorary rank. This rank has not been used in the Indian Navy. The badges of rank worn by Naval Officers are:

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### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS NAVY

Shoulder										
Sleeve										
Rank	Admiral of the Fleet	Admiral	Vice Admiral	Rear Admiral	Commodore	Captain	Commander	Lieutenant Commander	Lieutenant	Sublieutenant

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## Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) Navy

The badges of rank worn by Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) Navy are as shown:



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### Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) Navy

The badges of rank worn by NCOs are as shown:



## **BADGES OF RANK – AIR FORCE**











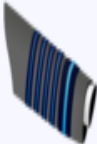




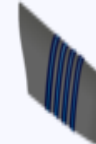




### **Commissioned Officers – Air Force**

Marshall of the Air Force is an honorary rank given to an Air Chief Marshall for his invaluable services. In recognition of his services the Government of India gave the rank of Marshall of the Air Force to Arjan Singh in January 2002 making him the first and the only “Five Star” rank officer with the Indian Air Force. The badges of rank worn by officers are as shown

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### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AIR FORCE

Shoulder										
Sleeve										
Rank	Marshal of the Air Force <sup>1</sup>	Air Chief Marshal	Air Marshal	Air Vice Marshal	Air Commodore	Group Captain	Wing Commander	Squadron Leader	Flight Lieutenant	Flying Officer

• <sup>1</sup> Honorary/War time rank.

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## Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) Air Force

The badges of rank worn by these Officers are as shown:



## Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) Air Force

The badges of rank worn by these NCOs are as shown:





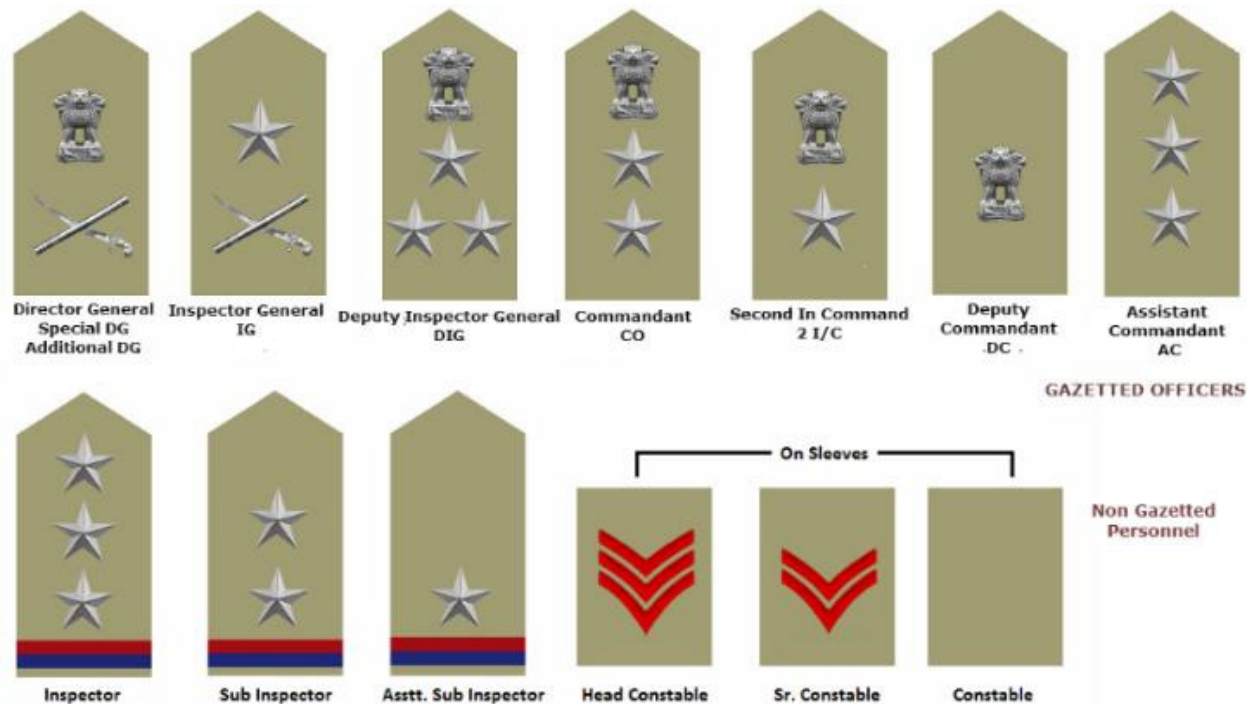
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### BADGES OF RANK

### POLICE & CENTRAL ARMED POLICE FORCES

The badges of ranks worn by CAPF & Police are as shown:



## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

The Armed Forces, Police and CAPF are also awarded decorations, honours and awards for extraordinary contribution, bravery and courage, as well as for distinguished service during times of war and peace. For the purpose of classification, Civilian's category, Armed Forces, Police and Central Armed Police Forces honours and awards can be divided into following categories:

- (a) Gallantry Awards of Armed forces.
- (b) Padma Awards.
- (c) President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service.
- (d) President's Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service.
- (e) Distinguished Service Awards of Armed Forces.
- (f) Governor's Police Medals for Gallantry & Distinguished Service.
- (g) Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation.

- (h) Antrik Suraksha Seva Medal.
- (j) Police Special Duty Medal.
- (k) Parakram Padak.
- (l) Kabir Puraskar
- (m) Communal Harmony Awards
- (n) Fire Service Medals
- (o) Home Guard & Civil Defence Medals.

These awards are given on occasions of various felicitation ceremonies organized at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, on Republic Day and on various occasions. Here are the awards given to Armed Forces, CAPF & Police enumerated below:

## Gallantry Awards in the Face of Enemy (War Time)

- (a) Param Vir Chakra.
- (b) Maha Vir Chakra.
- (c) Vir Chakra.
- (d) Sena Medal / Nau Sena Medal / Vayu Sena Medal.
- (e) Mention in Dispatch.
- (f) Chief of Staff Commendation Card.

**Gallantry Awards Other than in the Face of Enemy**  
**(Peace Time)**

- (a) Ashoka Chakra.
- (b) Kirti Chakra.
- (c) Shaurya Chakra.
- (d) President's Police Medal (PPM) for Gallantry.
- (e) President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service.

**Non-Gallantry Awards /Distinguished Service Awards**

- (a) Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal
- (b) Param Vishisht Seva Medal
- (c) Uttam Yudh Seva Medal
- (d) Ati Vishisht Seva Medal
- (e) Yuddh Seva Medal
- (f) Vishisht Seva Medal



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