

The nerve centre of Corps of Signals

From cyber defence to tactical communications, 2 STC is where warriors of tomorrow are moulded

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Tasked with shaping agniveers and technical soldiers into modern-day warriors, the 2 Signal Training Centre (2 STC) blends tradition, technology and transformation. With a proud legacy of service and a forward-looking approach, the training centre ensures that every soldier leaving its gates is a tech-savvy combat leader.

Legacy and role

2 Signal Training Centre began in Panaji on December 9, 1962, in the aftermath of the Liberation of Goa, under the visionary leadership of the first Commandant, Colonel R.N. Sen, to cater to the growing training requirements of the Corps of Signals. Across decades, 2 STC has developed a formidable reputation for excellence in military training and has evolved into a premier training centre of the Indian Army. Its guiding ethos, encapsulated in the motto 'Prashikshan Parivartan Parakram', underscores its commitment towards shaping professionally competent and disciplined soldiers.

Established with a vision to be the nerve centre of training in the Corps of Signals, 2 STC has continuously evolved to keep pace with the changing character of the modern battlefield. Over a period, it has emerged as a premier institution for grooming information warriors,



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Institutionalising military-civil fusion

2 STC remains committed to contributing towards development of resilient and integrated humanitarian assistance

entatives and civil authorities. The centre remains prepared to respond swiftly to natural calamities by providing man-



From the Commandant's desk

Brig Harsh Bhatia, the Commandant of 2 Signal Training Centre gives more insights into how soldiers are groomed in various skill sets to be resilient and well equipped for modern warfare

What is the core mandate of 2 STC?

2 STC is the premier training institution of the Indian Army, entrusted with the responsibility of training soldiers for various skill sets required in Corps of Signals. This also includes a large strength of agniveers who are joining under the Agnipath Scheme.

How are agniveers prepared for future challenges?

Training at 2 STC is reinforced through realistic exercises, innovation-driven methodologies, a strong focus on adaptability and problem-solving. This ensures that agniveers graduate as resilient, future-ready information warriors capable of meeting the demands of a rapidly transforming battle space.

What makes 2 STC Goa unique among other training institutions?

Our strength lies in combining tradition with technology. At 2 STC, we do not merely train soldiers; we forge information warriors — the nerve centre of the

How do you ensure your curriculum stays relevant in a rapidly changing world?

We keep our curriculum relevant by continuously aligning it with the latest technologies and insights drawn from current and emerging global conflicts. Operational lessons, doctrinal refinements and real-time field feedback are systematically analysed and integrated into our training modules. This dynamic approach ensures that our programs not only reflect contemporary realities but also prepare trainees to anticipate and adapt to future challenges. We have a MoU with IIT Goa, NFSU and are developing similar collaborations with other centres of excellence in Academia and Industry.

What innovations or initiatives are you most excited to introduce in the next five years?

Looking ahead, we are most excited about deeper integration of emerging technologies, introducing digital and simulation-based learning platforms and the strengthening of joint training initiatives across domains. These innovations

Over a period, it has emerged as a premier institution for grooming information warriors, imparting cutting-edge expertise in contemporary communication techniques and information technology. Known for its discipline, dedication, and dynamic ethos, 2 STC continues to be a vital pillar enabling connectivity of every tentacle of the Indian Army.

Four pillars of 2 STC

2 STC functions through a well-balanced training hierarchy comprising one Military Training Regiment and three specialised Technical Training Regiments. The Military Training Regiment is tasked with inculcating soldierly values, discipline, physical robustness, and basic military skills, laying a firm foundation for every trainee. Complementing this, the three Technical Training Regiments focus on imparting domain-specific expertise in modern communication systems, information technology and emerging battlefield scenarios, thereby shaping technologically proficient information warriors.

3 Military Training Regiment

3 Military Training Regiment under 2 STC began in Margao on December 3, 1962, with Lieutenant Colonel P.R. Gangadharan as its first commanding officer. The unit pioneered in basic military training, with the commencement of training of the first batch of recruits on January 16, 1963. The unit's motto, 'Soldier Sculptors', reflects its dedication to transforming raw recruits into trained, battle-ready soldiers. Having trained over 100,000 personnel, the Regiment now spearheads the Agnipath Scheme.



development of resilient and integrated humanitarian assistance and disaster relief activities in support of national and regional disaster management efforts in Goa. It is mandated to be the first responder along with the Indian Navy through rapid mobilisation and deployment of multiple flood relief columns, in close coordination with engineer repres-

to respond swiftly to natural calamities by providing manpower, organised relief teams and ground-level support for rescue and relief tasks in flood-affected areas. Emphasis is placed on timely assistance, effective coordination and on-ground execution to alleviate human suffering and restore essential services.

soldiers; we forge information warriors — the nerve centre of the modern-day battlefield. Signallers are trained in critical domains such as cyber warfare, electronic warfare, Artificial Intelligence and advanced tactical communication systems, enabling them to be operationally effective and technologically superior to the enemy.

ening of joint training initiatives across domains. These innovations will allow us to create immersive, adaptive learning environments that mirror real-world complexities. Our ultimate aim is to shape Signal personnel who are technologically agile, operationally confident and ethically grounded — equipped to thrive in the evolving demands of modern warfare and beyond.

3 Technical Training Regiment

3 Technical Training Regiment began in Ponda in December 1962, under the stewardship of Lieutenant Colonel K.D. Bhargava as its first commanding officer. In 1965, the unit was relocated to its present location at Bambolim. The unit imparts advanced military training to specialised trades within the Corps of Signals, such as communication and radio operators. The unit also upskills the specialist trades, including junior engineer (systems), to become network warriors, ensuring the Indian Army stays connected and dominant in an increasingly digital battle space, epitomising its motto 'Nishchay Jeet'.

5 Technical Training Regiment

5 Technical Training Regiment was initially begun under the 3 Signal Training Centre at Jabalpur, under the stewardship of Lieutenant Colonel N.S. Chahal. The unit moved to its present location at Bambolim in August 1967 and has been training driver military vehicles, electric fitters and tradesmen of the Corps of Signals. By harnessing innovative training

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methodologies, advanced simulators and cutting-edge technology, the regiment consistently produces personnel of the highest professional calibre. The unit's motto, 'Sadaiv Awwal', encapsulates its dedication towards operational readiness and mobility on the battlefield.

6 Technical Training Regiment

6 Technical Training Regiment began on February 22, 1963 at Altinho, under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel K. Gopinath. Thereafter, in April 1963, the unit moved to its present location at Ponda. The unit commenced its

training with focus on Operator Signals Communication. In the year 2013-14, the unit's training mandate was expanded to incorporate the specialised training of Operator Signals Special (OSS) trades, with a strong emphasis on electronic warfare and signal intelligence. The unit's motto, 'Sadaiv Sarvopari', reflects an unwavering pursuit of excellence and leadership in all areas of its operational domain.

A legacy of distinction

In recognition of the outstanding standards of training and professional excellence, 2 STC

was awarded the prestigious Regimental Colours on February 15, 1981. It was also awarded the Southern Command Army Commander's Unit Citation in 2008. Adding to these laurels, the 3 Military Training Regiment of 2 STC was honoured with the Governor's Unit Citation on January 26, 2026.

Reaffirming its emphasis on precision, discipline and ceremonial excellence, the contingent of 2 STC has won the Best Marching Contingent award on three consecutive occasions, that is, the years 2024, 2025 and 2026, during the Republic Day Parade in Goa.

Making the agniveer relevant today

At 2 STC, agniveers undergo rigorous training that transforms them into multi-skilled professionals. From field craft to operating advanced communication systems and from handling drones to securing networks, every aspect of their training prepares them for hybrid and modern warfare. With a focus on adaptability, innovation and teamwork, 2 STC ensures that agniveers are as effective in the field as they are on the digital frontlines.