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Military Nursing Service celebrates 98th Raising Day

Military Nursing Service (MNS) celebrated its 98th Raising Day on Oct 1, 2023. As one of the oldest and most distinguished all-women services in the Armed Forces, the Service holds more than 5,000 officers posted at various hospitals of the Armed Forces. To commemorate the 98th anniversary, the serving and retired officers led by Addl DGMNS Maj Gen I Delos Flora paid homage at the National War Memorial on 30 Sep 2023. A cake-cutting ceremony by MNS officers of Delhi Garrison was held at AH(R&R).

A social get-together was organized by Addl DGMNS on behalf of the entire MNS fraternity posted at Delhi garrison at MNS officers mess, AH(R&R), New Delhi. Over 300 guests including senior dignitaries from the tri-services and veteran MNS officers graced the occasion.

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 ll. On 1st 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 MNS is one of the best nursing services in the world with a strong will, strength of mind, and courage.

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