



# IMA Passing Out Parade 2023: 343 Cadets from India & 29 from Overseas passed out

## Why in News?

343 Indian cadets and 29 foreign cadets from 12 from overseas passed out in the passing out parade at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun on December 9, 2023. Sri Lanka's Chief of Defense Staff General Shavendra Silva took the salute at the parade.

## Key Points:

- In the passing out parade at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), 372 cadets from India and abroad joined the main stream of their armies by becoming officers. Of these, the Indian Army got 343 officers.
- Since the establishment of IMA, 65,234 local and foreign cadets have passed out from here & become military officers in the army of their respective countries. These also include 2,914 military officers from the armies of 34 overseas.
- It is worth mentioning that a large number of young officers from Uttarakhand come out in the passing out parade (POP) held in IMM. Despite being much smaller in population than other states, Uttarakhand ranks 1st in the country in producing officers.
- This time Uttar Pradesh has become the state giving the maximum number of cadets in POP. 68 cadets from Uttar Pradesh will pass out and become officers. At the same time, Uttarakhand is in 2nd place this time. 42 cadets from Uttarakhand passed out.
- Last time cadets from 20 states participated in POP, but this time cadets from 27 states participated in POP.
- **The following cadets received various awards/medals in the passing out parade-**
  - Sword of Honor and Gold Medal- Gaurav Yadav (Avalar, Rajasthan)
  - Silver Medal- Saurabh Badhani (Gwaldam Chamoli, Uttarakhand)
  - Bronze Medal- Alok Singh (Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh)
  - Silver Medal (TGC)- Ajay Pant (Ranikhet Almora, Uttarakhand)
  - **Best Foreign Cadet-** Shailesh Bhatta (Nepal) Chief of Army Staff Banner, Kohima Company
- **Other countries including India got officers** - India-343, Bhutan-9, Maldives-4, Sri Lanka-4, Mauritius-3, Nepal-2, Myanmar-1, Bangladesh-1, Tajikistan-1, Uzbekistan-1, Sudan- 1, Turkmenistan-1, Kyrgyzstan-1.

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