



OTA VISIT REPORT

The Officers Training Academy, Chennai, was visited by the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies on September 5, 2023. A private bus had been rented by the department for this visit in order to appropriately accompany the student. At 5:15 AM, we left the college grounds to begin our visit. Right on schedule, the third-year B.A. defence students, along with some second- and first-year students, has boarded the bus. The department staff members,

Mr. Mahendra Prasad and Ms. Madhumitha P, accompanied the students for the visit to OTA. The bus had arrived at OTA's Parameshwaram Ground at 5.30 a.m. The OTA Passing out Parade started at 6 a.m. The students were able to witness the glorious parade of our Indian Army officers. After the parade, students were provided with refreshments. We had a group photo session on the ground. The Indian Army soldiers accompanied us for the entire visit to the OTA. First, we were taken to the OTA theater, where they shared some important things about OTA. Then we were taken to the museum, where the students were astounded to see the several heroism awards obtained by the OTA officers. One of the museum's key areas where students had first-hand exposure to weapons and ammunition was the Gun Gallery. They took us to the training area, where they observed training drills and models for jungle combat. We made our way to the OTA Library, where we noticed a large collection of volumes on history, politics, international affairs, and the military. Finally, we made our way to Swarnim Vijay Swimming Pool, where we took a group photo and concluded our visit to the OTA.

The visit was good overall since the student was able to observe the way of life, military discipline, and history of Indian Army officers in the OTA. The students' decision to pursue a career in the Indian Armed Forces and their sense of patriotism would be greatly influenced.



