

**BRIEF HISTORY, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF ARMY
WELFARE EDUCATION SOCIETY (AWES)**

1. Formation of Army Welfare Education Organisation (AWEO) on 15 January 1980 under the Adjutant General's Branch marked the beginning of the present day contour of the organisation. AWEO was raised with a theme to fulfill the educational needs of the wards of the Army personnel. 28 Regimental Schools and Four High Schools managed by the Army were taken into the folds of AWEO.
2. AWEO was registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 as Army Welfare Education Society (AWES) on 29 April 1983 as a statutory pre-requisite to run educational institutions. There are 137 Army Public Schools (APS) and 12 Army Professional Colleges spread all over India for providing education to wards of Army Personnel.
3. AWES entered the field of professional education in 1994 when the then Chief of Army Staff decided to establish Army Institute of Technology at Pune. As of now twelve professional colleges have been established.
4. AWES is not a Public Body and it has duty towards its members only. It is neither a statutory body nor are its relations governed by a statute. The contract of service between AWES/AWES run Educational Institutions and their employees does not come under the domain of public law. AWES and its educational institutions are not State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India.

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