



Message from CGDA

I convey my greetings and best wishes to all members of the DAD fraternity for a very happy and joyous New Year.

Our Department has been providing services to the Defence forces and other associated MoD organizations with distinction over the last 260 years or more. We have been able to adapt and reinvent ourselves successfully to meet the demands of our various clients in an ever changing dynamic environment. The department has successfully leveraged Information and Communication Technology to ensure prompt service delivery.

But manifold increase in the Defence Budget alongwith greater delegation of powers to the Defence Services at HQs and at lower formations has put greater onus on the department in so far as in providing crucial support as financial advisor, as paying authority and as provider of real-time Financial Information, all of which contribute to timely and efficient utilization of Defence Budget. At the same time, manpower shortages across all grades is making it difficult to maintain the service delivery levels. This challenge can be met through increased level of automation and Business Process Re-engineering (BPR). We should exploit newer advancements in ICT fields such as Data Centre and Cloud computing to deliver services like real-time FIS, pay accounts of PBORs and pension disbursements through Central Processing Centres. This will not only improve delivery of payment and accounting services but also release necessary manpower from these traditional areas for redeployment to meet the increasing needs of IFA system and for strengthening Internal Audit.

We also need to strengthen our internal audit systems and processes to evolve it into a modern system of evaluating and improving the effectiveness of risk management and control, which aids various authorities in MoD and the Defence Services. Likewise our roles as IFAs demand greater empathy and understanding of the aims and objectives of the organizations which we serve as IFAs. We need to forge positive partnerships in our common endeavour of achieving organizational goals through efficient use of public resources.

Further, to be effective in the new work milieu, we need not only to build expertise and skills of our people in modern tools and techniques, using the extensive training facilities created in the Department but also to keep abreast of new developments in the fields of financial management, internal audit, reforms/initiatives in public finance management and the best international/national practices in these areas.

I am sure that in the year 2013, the department would take many more initiatives to increase promptness, efficiency and effectiveness in all spheres of its service delivery to its esteemed customers.

Have a Wonderful Year.

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