



MESSAGE FROM CGDA

It is with a profound sense of humility, responsibility and honour that I assume the charge of the Controller General of Defence Accounts, on this day. I am conscious of the rich legacy, the high standards of professionalism and the immense trust that this esteemed Department holds within the Government of India and across the Defence Services.

The Defence Accounts Department is a vital pillar supporting the operational preparedness, financial management and service delivery for our Armed Forces. Over the decades, our department has built an illustrious reputation founded on discipline, integrity and an unwavering commitment to public service. It is our collective responsibility not only to preserve this legacy but to strive for greater excellence, setting new benchmarks in service delivery and fortifying the core values that have long been our hallmark.

We stand at a critical juncture where transformation is both a strategic opportunity and a necessity. The evolving landscape necessitates a complete and proactive transition towards digitalisation across every dimension of our operations. Technology must be viewed not merely as a tool, but as a strategic enabler that enhances efficiency, accuracy, and responsiveness. We must move decisively toward integrated digital systems, data-driven decision-making, and the automation of processes, all while ensuring robust internal controls. While our established rules, regulations, and financial propriety norms are rooted

in time-tested wisdom, we must acknowledge that their application requires a dynamic and contextual approach. Our challenge lies in harmonising these traditional mandates with modern exigencies - critically evaluating which procedures remain vital and which must be re-imagined to serve the complexities of the current defence ecosystem. In this context, the integration of advanced technologies for risk mitigation assumes great significance. Data analytics, artificial intelligence and predictive tools can enable us to identify vulnerabilities and prevent financial risks before they materialise. We must invest in building such capabilities within our department.

Transparency must remain at the core of our mission. In an era where accountability is paramount, our systems and processes must inspire absolute confidence among all stakeholders. Every transaction processed, every audit observation recorded, and every advisory role that we undertake must reflect clarity, objectivity, and fairness.

The ultimate strength of this Department resides in its human resource - in their dedication, expertise, and pursuit of excellence. I therefore, urge each one of you to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, to embrace change with confidence, and to work collectively toward our shared goals.

Let us move forward together, preserving our proud traditions, enhancing our capabilities, and redefining our role within this dynamic and challenging environment. I look forward to your continued support and cooperation as we embark on this journey together.

Jai Hind

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