**Controllers’ Conference 2022 at New Delhi**

14 November 2022

The Hon’ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, inaugurated the two-day Controllers’ Conference in New Delhi today, being organised by the Defence Accounts Department on 14th and 15th of November.

The inaugural session of the Conference was attended by the Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan PVSM UYSM AVSM SM VSM, Chief of Air Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, Chief of Naval Staff Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, Financial Advisor (Defence Services) (FADS) Smt Rasika Chaube, Secretary, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Shri Vijoy Kumar Singh and Chief Post Master General Ms Manju Kumar.

The Defence Accounts Department organises the Controllers’ Conference periodically, every two - three years. These Conferences provide the Department and the Ministry a platform to take stock of various issues, deliberate and arrive at sustainable solutions by the top management of Defence Accounts Department. Interaction with the Armed Forces and Services is an integral part of these conferences.

A Stamp and a Special Cover Envelope commemorating 275 years of the Defence Accounts Department was released by the Hon’ble Raksha Mantri during the Controllers Conference, 2022.

Various Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDAs), Controllers of Defence Accounts (CDAs) and Integrated Financial Advisers (IFAs) function as field offices of the Department, acting as the stewards of the Defence Accounts Department’s mandate of carrying out internal audit, payment and accounting and providing financial advise to the various units and formations under the Ministry of Defence.

The Controllers’ Conference 2022 includes the participation of more than 100 PCDAs/CDAs/IFAs across the country, who are officers of the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) in the Higher Administrative Grade (HAG) and Senior Administrative Grade (SAG).

The following agenda points have been identified for deliberations during the conference.

1. Public Finance Management: Towards a system of faceless transactions
2. IFA System: An aid to effective decision making
3. Efficiency & Performance Audit: From Compliance to Assurance Framework
4. Improving Service Delivery
5. Challenges in Human Resource Management
6. Sustaining Major IT systems developed by the Department

The Defence Accounts Department handles the defence budget of India, which is to the tune of approximately Rs. 5.25 lakh Crore, including pension outlay of Rs. 1.19 lakh Crore. This huge budget translates into payment of pay and allowances of defence personnel, payment of pension to defence pensioners, processing of financial advice cases for various defence procurements and processing of first and third party claims apart from the other auxiliary activities including the internal audit function. The Department has been discharging these services through a network of more than 1,100 offices over 230 stations spread across the country.

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