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Governor addresses officers of 72 Infantry Brigade on Civil-Military Relations

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) addressed the officers of 72 Infantry Brigade on the importance of good Civil-Military Relations at Gwalior Military Station, Madhya Pradesh on 17th September 2022. The Governor commanded this Infantry Brigade as a part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF), in Sri Lanka and fought against the LTTE during the most intense stage of Operation PAWAN, on Jaffna-Palali axis and also in Vavunia and Trincomalee towns of Sri Lanka in 1987 to 1988.

The Governor said that it is important to have good Civil-Military Relations, which encompasses numerous issues to promote security and peace in the country. It enables development of the nation and leads to the welfare of the people, which is the ultimate goal of a Democratic Welfare State like India, he said.

Sharing his experience as Military Officer and Constitutional Head of the State, the Governor said that Civil-Military Relations should be based on confidence building, mutual trust, mutual knowledge of Civil-Military affairs, transparent interface between the Civil and Military leadership. He said that the Military officers on their part must be fearless and forthright. They must build up their professional competence to the extent that the political leaders get convinced that whatever is being suggested by the military leaders is in the best interest of the country. The military leaders must remain cent percent focused on national development, he said.

Highlighting the importance of the Civil-Military Relations in ancient India, the Governor said that the wheel of time is constantly on the march. With everyday passing, the global politico-economic and military contexts are becoming more and more involved, complex and intrusive. On account of these developments civil-military relations are now undergoing a sea change. New challenges are widening the scope of civil-military relations, day by day. Now, civil-military relations are transforming into synergy in all configurations, viz., on land, in air, at sea and in the space. Time has now come for India to upgrade and graduate Civil-Military Relations into Civil-Military Fusion, he said.

The Governor said that on 26 of May 2014, Civil-Military Relations in our country entered a new phase, when Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of India. This marked the watershed in the history of civil-military relations in India. It was on that day that, the new civilian leadership overcame the age-old politico-bureaucratic phobia of the military ghost in India. Shri Modi believes that the generals have as much of respect for democracy as he himself. This new era of civil-military relations in India has flagged 'cent percent' confidence of the political leadership in the Indian Armed Forces, he said.

The Governor, who is a former Commander of the Counter Hijack Force of the National Security Guard (NSG), popularly known as the Black Cat Commandos, said that now the optimization of Civil-Military Relations has now become an integral part of our National Defence Policy. At national level, the optimization of this Relation encompasses all components which come into play in making our armed forces '**ATMA NIRBHAR**' and making our country a '**SHRESHTHA BHARAT**', he said.

The Governor, who recently inaugurated the General Bipin Rawat Military Garrison at Kibithu in Arunachal Pradesh, said that the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff is the best example of reposing of confidence of the apex civil authority in the Armed Forces of India.

Brigade Commander of 72 Infantry Brigade Brig. Sandeep Verma, Commandant, Military Hospital, Gwalior, Brig. Rapai, Commander, 36 Artillery Brigade, Brig. Nitin Bhatia and Deputy Commander, 72 Infantry Brigade, Col. Vikram A Rastogi among other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

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Arunachal Pradesh
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