

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates 172nd Defence Pensioners Adalat in Lucknow

Assures timely approval of pension to the veterans

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Shri Rajnath Singh today inaugurated the 172nd Defence Pensioners Adalat in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow, becoming the first Raksha Mantri to be a part of the event. The two-day Defence Pensioners Adalat aims at redressal of pension related grievances of veterans of Armed Forces and their Next of Kin residing in the all districts of Uttar Pradesh. It has been organised by Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Prayagraj in close coordination with Headquarters Central Command.

Addressing the function, Shri Rajnath Singh appreciated the good work by Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA). He said, disbursement of Defence Pension is a complex process involving many agencies and Defence Accounts Department is working tirelessly to provide pensions in a time-bound manner. Reiterating the Government's commitment of timely approval of pension, Raksha Mantri assured that the Defence Accounts Department will leave no stone unturned to deal with any challenges that come in the way.

Shri Rajnath Singh added that the Government fulfilled the long-standing demand of 'One Rank One Pension' that has benefited lakhs of Defence Pensioners across the country. He lauded the role of the veterans in nation building terming them as a source of inspiration for generations. Raksha Mantri highlighted Lucknow as the birthplace of martyrs like Captain Manoj Pandey and Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid saying that the nation will always be indebted to their supreme sacrifice. This Defence Pensioners Adalat is a small step in that direction, he said.

In his welcome address, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) Central Command Lt Gen I S Ghuman said, of the total 31 lakh veterans in the country, about four lakh are in Uttar Pradesh and this Defence Pensioners Adalat has been organised in Lucknow after seven years with the efforts of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh. He said, along with pensions, Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), job and resettlement have also been covered in the two-day event.

Controller General Defence Accounts Shri Sanjeev Mittal highlighted the developments undertaken in the Pension disbursal system. He said, Defence Accounts Department is going digital and a Comprehensive Pension Portal is about to be launched to address all pension-related grievances on one platform.

After the inaugural ceremony, Shri Rajnath Singh met the veterans and interacted with the functionaries occupying various stalls for the aid of veterans, Veer Naris & Next of Kin. Various Army and Defence Accounts officials along with a huge number of veterans were present on the occasion.

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