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Message

The acts of valour and selfless devotion of Bravehearts of Mother India are the most patriotic exemplary inspiration for the nation. Through their display of valour and fearlessness, our Bravehearts have exemplified courage and devotion for the nation throughout the 74 years of Indian independence.

- 2. Fellow citizens express deep gratitude everyday to the brave men and women of the nation for their contribution to defend the unity and integrity of India. The Gallantry Awards to Bravehearts represent this mutual story of selfless devotion, faith and gratitude. Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, launched the Gallantry Awards Portal (www.gallantryawards.gov.in) on the eve of Independence Day 2017, as the foremost digital platform in our efforts to reach out to millions of Indians across the globe bringing the stories of Bravehearts to the click of a button.
- 3. The portal is not only our tribute to the gallant men and women but also a medium of communication for future generations to know about these heroes who gave up their present so that we could live in peace in future. It is a medium to share the nation's love and affection with these heroes as also our shared commitment that we as a society will not let their sacrifice go waste. It is a medium for us to pledge ourselves to protecting the sovereignty and national integrity.
- 4. It is an honour that Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh is launching a revamped version of the Portal on the eve of the Republic Day, 2021. With the launch of the Portal, a nationwide Quiz Competition on Gallantry Awards is also being commenced. An interactive e-Magazine शौर्यवान is also being launched which shall periodically cover the stories of the Bravehearts in an engaging format.
- 5. I extend warm greetings to all the officials and agencies involved in development of the revamped Gallantry Awards Portal. The Portal shall play an instrumental role in the coming years in developing a strong ecosystem for honouring the contribution of our fearless Gallantry Award winners in nation-building.

"Jai Hind"

(Ajay Kumar)

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