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MESSAGE

The Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated on 7th December every year throughout the country as a National event. This day is intended to honour the valiant and martyred, to salute the veterans and renew the camaraderie of the common men with our Armed Forces Personnel who guard our frontiers.

The Flag Day is observed to enlist the public support and co-operation for three basic purposes - Rehabilitation of battle casualties, welfare of the serving personnel and their families and resettlement and welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their families in general.

Many brave and gallant heroes from the Army, Navy and Air Force have laid down their lives while defending the country and they continue to do so and would also do so in future. With unsettled borders and varied internal security threats, the armed forces today play a much greater and wider role in defending our Nation's integrity and stability.

The Flag Day brings to the fore, our obligations of looking after the war widows, the war disabled and the dependents of those who have sacrificed their today for our better tomorrow. This is also an occasion to recognise the selfless services rendered by the defence personnel during the natural disasters.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to all serving and veteran defence personnel and their families on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day 2014. I ardently call upon the people of Puducherry to make liberal contribution to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, which will help the Government to provide adequate welfare measures to the retired defence personnel for a respectable life.

Jai Hind!

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