

Digital initiatives related to defence

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Why is news? Pay System for Agniveers & SPARSH mobile app among key digital initiatives launched by Raksha Mantri during 275th Annual Day of Defence Accounts Department

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched **several digital initiatives** of **Defence Accounts Department** (DAD) during its 275th Annual Day celebrations in New Delhi on October 01, 2022.

The initiatives include System for Pension Administration (Raksha) (SPARSH) mobile app; Pay System for Agniveers; International Air Ticket booking module in Defence Travel System (DTS); Defence Accounts Receipts and Payment System (DARPAN); Defence Civilian Pay system and Defence Accounts Human Resource Management System.

The Raksha Mantri, in his address, commended the DAD for taking forward the 'Digital India' vision of the Government, stating that the new initiatives will increase transparency and efficiency in the functioning of the Department.

SPARSH portal - for pensioners of the Armed Forces as well as defence civilians as an **integrated system for automation of sanction and disbursement of defence pension.**

<u>Agniveer Pay System</u> - The system will facilitate **efficient pay management for Agniveers**, who will soon join the Armed Forces through the Government's transformational Agnipath scheme. The fully automated IT system will be a specialised and secure portal to ensure claim processing and pay-roll management of Agniveers.

<u>Defence Travel System</u> - The system provides end-to-end solution, from **booking of rail and air tickets** to claim submission on its portal for **Defence Services and Civilians** in cashless and paperless environment.

<u>DARPAN</u> - The Defence Accounts Receipts and Payment System is a unified solution for third **party bill payment** and accounting. Its real-time processing will provide comprehensive insights into various accounting and financial performances.

<u>Defence Pay Civilian System</u> - The System envisages **disbursement of pay** of all defence civilians through a **single, centralised and fully automated system**. Both Units and PCDA/CDA offices have been given access to the system and units will be able to check the payment status on the portal itself.

<u>Defence Accounts HR Management System</u> - The platform has various <u>self-service modules</u> like e-service book, leave management, pay roll generation and promotion details which will be accessible to the employees through a mobile app, anywhere anytime.

<u>PAO-Bharti</u> - Through the initiative, which was part of the Raksha Mantri Excellence Awards this year, the Armed Forces personnel will be **able to get real-time data related to pay & allowances and claims**. In addition, through its Interactive Voice Response System, the personnel will be **able to register their complaints through phone** and get the replies within 48 hours

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