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In the era of Net Centric Warfare, it is understood that Sensors, Shooters and Decision Markers have to be ubiquitously connected to each other, independent of their Platform or, Service affiliations and their geographic location. For this to happen, it is imperative that the Information Grid of India's Digital Army be high-capacity, flexible, robust and secure. It also needs to be understood by all concerned that while the currency on such a network will be 'Information', its true value will lie in the 'Capability Dependencies' that such a grid would be able to foster and sustain across all Theatres of Operation.

The theme for DEFCOM 2017 '**Digital Army Infrastructure and Skilled Human Resource**' as well as the underlying sub themes with focus on Tri-Service Net-Centricity, are truly potent. The focus on harnessing of commercial and non-military technologies for military gains, satellite and space applications, and most importantly on 'The Man behind the Machine' is invigorating, as the insights generated will be beyond mere 'Technology Scans'. These reflect the integrated approach essential at Strategic, Operational and Tactical levels. I compliment the Corps of Signals on setting the stage for truly insightful deliberations.

The collaboration between the Armed Forces, Indian Industry, Academia and R&D will be the bedrock, on which Info-structures and Networks will need to be evolved to meet challenges across the spectrum of conflict. DEFCOM is the formative and defining platform for such a synergised evolution of the wherewithal for the digitised battlefield. I look forward to tangible outcomes and wish Corps of Signals and CII all the very best for its successful conduct.

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