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- It is with a deep sense of humility that I take over Command of the Indian Army. I am deeply conscious of the onerous responsibility reposed in me by the Government of leading the finest and most battle hardened fighting force in the world.
- I extend my gratitude to my illustrious predecessors, whose vision and leadership has shaped the Indian Army into a dynamic fighting force of which we all are very proud. Our Army comprises of arms and services, each one operating in synergy, to bring about efficiency in the organization. It is my intention to consolidate and further build upon these strong foundations to enable successful transition of the Indian Army into an effective modern fighting Force.
- Ensuring the highest levels of operational preparedness will be my foremost area of focus. Empowerment of soldiers by enabling them with modern weapons and equipment will remain high on the list of priorities. At no stage must we lower our guard and remain alert at all times to effectively thwart any external and internal threats to the Nation. We will continue to refine our plans, mitigate vulnerabilities and seek highest standards of excellence in warfighting. The Indian Army would continue its Nation building efforts by aligning with initiatives of the Government of India and appropriately responding to situations when called upon to do so.
- On this day, I pay homage to our gallant martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice in line of duty for preserving integrity of our Nation. They shall forever remain inseparable part of our glorious history. I also extend my good wishes to our proud veterans, who have made the Indian Army what it is today. They continue to inspire us all and I seek their support and good wishes in all our endeavours. The Veer Naris, Widows and soldiers who have been disabled in the line of duty, need to be cared for and provided requisite support and assistance whenever necessitated.
- I am fully confident that with your valour and steadfast resolve we shall grow from strength to strength as a very relevant and responsive organ of the Nation. My best wishes to all of you. I also take this opportunity to convey greetings and best wishes, to General and Mrs Dalbir Singh for a happy and prosperous innings in the future.

JAI HIND!