

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
MANIPUR ON THE OCCASION 'SWARNIM VIJAY VARSH' AT
HQ 57 MOUNTAIN DIVISION, LEIMAKHONG ON 14.10.2021

Major General Navin Sachdeva, SM, General Officer Commanding, 57
Mountain Division,

Lieutenant General Dr Konsam Himalay Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM,
YSM (Retired),

War Veterans,

Officers and their families present here today,

I extend my greetings and a very Good Morning to you all. On the occasion of Swarnim Vijay Varsh, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of India's victory in 1971 War, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all the 1971 War Veterans and their families.

As you all are aware, in December 1971, in one of the shortest wars in the modern military history, lasting only for 13 days, the Indian Armed Forces secured a decisive and historic victory over Pakistan Army which led to the creation of a new nation 'Bangladesh'.

The emphatic victory has immensely raised the stature of India amongst the comity of nations.

The 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh' Celebrations began with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi lighting the Victory Flame on December 16, 2020. The Victory Flame was lit from the eternal flame of the National War Memorial, signifying the bravery of the soldiers. Since then the Victory Flame is travelling across the length and breadth of our country.

On this special occasion, I take this opportunity to salute the Armed Forces personnel, who sacrificed their lives at the altar of duty and in line with rich tradition of valour and professionalism of the highest order of our Army. The nation remembers their sacrifice and will always remain indebted to the Martyrs and owes a big debt to them.

It is my privilege to be part of this historic moment and felicitate the War Veterans and Gallantry Award Winners of the 1971 War in this august gathering.

I wish to reiterate that the Government and the Nation will always be indebted to the Indian Army Soldiers for their supreme sacrifice.

I wish to assure you that the Government of Manipur and the Sainik Welfare Department will do everything possible to address the problems of Soldiers and Veterans.

I, once again, pay my homage to the fallen soldiers of 1971 War and convey my immense pleasure to be part of the celebrations to commemorate the Swarnim Vijay Varsh.

Thank you all,

Jai Hind.