

Saluting the ‘Corona Warriors’



“Will continue supporting the fight”

At the press conference conducted at New Delhi on 1 May 2020, General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), accompanied by Gen MM Naravane, COAS, Admiral Karambir Singh, CNS and Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria, CAS addressed the nation to acknowledge efforts of India’s *Corona Warriors* and vowed “to continue the support of (those) front-line warriors over the passage of the crisis”.

Gen Bipin Rawat stated that the period from 24 March till 3 May 2020 was when considerable sacrifice was asked from every Indian. Most Indians heeded the call for lockdown and worked from home. “There however are a handful of Indians, ‘the *Corona*



Warriors’, who risked and are still risking their lives every day to ensure that basic amenities such as electricity and water are delivered to everyone, that the streets are clean, that basic food items are available, that no patient is returned untreated, that law and order is maintained and that Indian citizens stranded abroad are brought back and cared for. These *Corona warriors*, be they doctors, nurses, hygiene and sanitation staff, police personnel or media personnel, have ensured that India keeps on fighting this pandemic. We salute these warriors and their efforts and wish them the best of health. We are grateful for their sacrifice and their efforts in fighting COVID-19, knowing fully well the dangers that they face”.