

## Indian Military Heritage Festival, New Delhi



**R**aksha Mantri Mr. Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first edition of Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) in New Delhi on 21 October 2023. The two day festival aims to celebrate India's rich military culture and heritage that has evolved over the centuries, through conversations, art, dance, drama, storytelling and exhibitions. It will primarily bring forward different understandings and perspectives through panel discussions by eminent scholars, practitioners and serving as well as retired officers.

During the event, the Raksha Mantri also launched 'Project Udbhav', a joint collaboration of Indian Army and United Service Institution of India, to promote indigenous discourse through exploration and integration of the country's ancient strategic acumen into contemporary military domain. Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) Lt Gen JP Mathew and Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh were among the dignitaries present at the event.

Talking to reporters on the occasion, Mr. Rajnath Singh stated that the Indian Military Heritage Festival, which showcases the unmatched bravery and invaluable role of the Armed Forces in the security of the country in the last few decades, would inspire the youth of the nation. It would also make them enthusiastic to know more about the Indian military and their gallant deeds, he said.

### Military Heritage Festival

Despite a long and glorious military history and strategic culture going back many centuries, people are largely unaware of its different facets. The festival seeks to create a benchmark in the domain of public engagement with military history and heritage through interaction while adhering to the goals for developing

the Armed Forces in the 21st century.

The festival aims to give a new thrust to the study of Indian military culture, traditions and history and add tangible value to the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiative. It also provides a platform for discussing various contemporary issues relating to India and the world pertaining to security, strategy and international relations.

