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The Ministry of Defence is maintaining the Gallantry Awards Portal (GAP) to honour the contribution of our soldiers in the service of the nation. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi in 2017. The revamped version of the portal with multiple new features was launched by the Hon'ble RM Rajnath Singh in 2021. The portal, besides acknowledging the bravery and sacrifice of our award winners, also enables the citizens to felicitate them. The revamped version of the portal has multiple new features viz., it allows citizens to express their patriotism by paying tributes, taking pledges and participate in various activities of the portal. The revamped version also enables the awardees' family and friends to share stories of their life and sacrifices – which will inspire the students.

- 2. The Ministry of Defence, through this initiative, has taken a lead to enhance patriotic and civic consciousness amongst the citizens. The Gallantry Awards Portal is a repository of information of our award winners, battles and wars. It is a storehouse of education material for serious researchers, educationists and general public. There are motivational videos, interviews, E-books, E-magazines something for everyone.
- 3. In view of the above, you are requested to encourage the students of the Educational Institutions run by Army Welfare Education Society (AWES), to visit the portal https://www.gallantryawards.gov.in/ and learn more about the gallantry awards winners. The students may also be encouraged to register on the portal, pay tributes and take a pledge to serve the country.

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