Department of Military Affairs Successfully Completes Sixth Edition of Special Campaign

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Department of Military Affairs (DMA) and all establishments under its purview successfully conducted the sixth edition of the Special Campaign from October 2 to 31, 2026, with the active participation of the Defence Forces and Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS).

The cleanliness drive was undertaken at 8,507 campaign sites identified by the Department. In addition, various organisations simplified a total of 324 rules and processes. Disposal and sale of scrap, including electronic waste (e-waste), generated revenue of approximately ₹89.68 crore. As part of the record management initiative, 5,28,443 physical files were reviewed, of which 16,837 files were weeded out. This resulted in the effective freeing up of 3,53,291 square feet of space, enabling its improvement and alternate utilisation. During the campaign, a total of 2,905 public grievances and 466 public grievance appeals were disposed of. Further, 91 MP references and four IMC references were responded to.

Several innovative practices and noteworthy initiatives emerged from the campaign. The Indian Air Force Station, Tambaram, in collaboration with a specialized NGO, undertook the rejuvenation of nine heritage shallow wells, each approximately 60 to 80 years old. The initiative has resulted in an additional water yield of one lakh litres per day, meeting approximately 11.1 per cent of the Station's daily water requirement. In another significant initiative, INS Shivaji, under the Southern Naval Command, in collaboration with IIT Mumbai, installed a biomass-based gasifier steam cooking system with a foliage processing capacity of one tonne.

As part of the campaign, the Defence Forces and HQ IDS contributed extensively towards promoting cleanliness across military posts, units, stations, establishments and cantonments, while simultaneously undertaking concerted efforts to minimise pendency in official matters. Special emphasis was placed on the timely disposal of public grievances, Members of Parliament (MP) references, Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) and State Government references, appeals and parliamentary assurances.

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