

## **Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)**

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## Why in news?

Shri Vishvajit Sahay, a 1990-batch officer of the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) takes charge as Controller General of Defence Accounts.

- The CGDA is the head of the Indian Defence Accounts Department (DAD), acts as the <u>Principal Accounting Officer</u> for the Ministry of Defence.
- Responsibilities -Financial management, internal audit, accounting, and pension disbursement for the country's armed forces and other defence organizations.

## **Key functions & responsibilities**

- **Primary role-** To ensure efficient and transparent financial management within the defence sector.
- **Financial Advice** Providing expert financial advice to the Ministry of Defence on all matters relating to the financial management of the defence budget, including acquisition processes.
- **Payments** Ensuring the timely and accurate payment of salaries, allowances, pensions to armed forces personnel, defence civilians and payments to vendors for supplies and services.
- **Accounting** Managing & maintaining the complex financial records and accounts for all defence expenditures and receipts.
- Internal Audit Ensuring accountability, transparency, and compliance with financial rules and regulations in defence spending.
- **Pension Management** Sanctioning and disbursing pensions to defence pensioners through modern systems like <u>SPARSH</u> (<u>System for Pension Administration Raksha</u>).
- **Reporting** Preparing the annual consolidated accounts of Defence Services and providing an **Annual Audit Certificate** to the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), then tabled in the Indian Parliament.

## References

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