HOST INTRODUCTION — MEDIUM VERSION

Major General Sanjay P Vishwasrao (Veteran)

Approximately 500 words | 3–4 minutes. For lectures, panel sessions and workshops.

Pronunciation: Vish-waas-rao

Ladies and gentlemen, our speaker today has spent 37 years serving Bharat—and repeatedly shown that leadership is not simply about managing a difficult situation, but changing the conditions that created it. Please welcome Major General Sanjay P Vishwasrao, veteran of the Indian Army.

Following his father, the late Lieutenant Colonel Pratapsingh Vishwasrao, into military service, he built a career spanning the Siachen Glacier, the Kargil War, Kashmir, Assam and Manipur, strategic intelligence in Islamabad, youth leadership in Delhi, and now community-led seva.

On the Siachen Glacier, he helped lead a team of 800 soldiers towards a formidable goal: completing its six-month tenure without a single fatality. He personally spent 144 days on the ice at approximately 19,100 feet. The team achieved its goal through preparation, acclimatisation, discipline, teamwork and practices that supported physical and mental resilience.

During Operation Vijay, the Kargil War, he volunteered for the race to the Line of Control near Turtuk. After Captain Haneef Uddin and two other soldiers made the supreme sacrifice, General Vishwasrao later led the team that recovered the mortal remains of Captain Haneef Uddin and Rifleman Pravesh from beneath Pakistani positions. He was also part of the teams that captured Point 5,590 and Saddle, at heights above 18,000 feet.

As Commanding Officer of 18 Rashtriya Rifles in Lolab Valley, North Kashmir, he combined counter-terrorism with people-friendly engagement and a vision for democratic participation. The area recorded high operational results and its highest voter turnout, while improved peace enabled the unit to be redeployed to the Line of Control to strengthen the counter infiltration grid.

In Assam and Manipur, he brought 13 feuding tribes together through the “All Tribes, One India Tricolour Revolution”, using strategic communication, social media, culture and community initiatives to support peace. Later, as Defence and Military Advisor in

Islamabad, he warned that the Pulwama attack could be intended to shape India's response and influence the 2019 general election.

From 2020 to 2022, as General Officer Commanding Srinagar Sub Area, he led the Tricolour Revolution for Bloodless Peace in Kashmir. Its visible milestones included the Tricolour at Lal Chowk, a 100-foot Tricolour at Hari Parbat, 16,000 flags stitched by Kashmiri women, Srinagar's first multiplex and people's protests against Pakistan and terrorist under the banner of Aakhir Kab Tak.

In Delhi, he transformed the NCC for 36,000 cadets, helped the Directorate rise to second among 17 directorates, created the "Voice of Red Hackle" podcast, and directed cadet seva towards Maa Yamuna, a strategy now being worked upon by the Prime Minister, Home Minister and Chief Minister of Delhi.

In Army recruitment for Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa, he helped fill more than 12,000 vacancies from nearly 2.77 lakh applicants.

Since 2025, he has served as a sevak with the Mahavatar Babaji TadEkam Foundation. His projects connect heritage and livelihoods through Kangundi's bouldering and homestay initiative, and river conservation through the Maa Godavari "Seva Hi Snan" Kumbh and Pushkaralu strategy.

An author of *'Lage Raho Leadership'*, lyricist and composer of 11 songs for strategic communication, a National Defence College graduate, and recipient of the Sena Medal for gallantry and distinguished service, he brings together military experience, strategic thinking and a commitment for seva.

Today, he will speak on [insert topic]. Ladies and gentlemen, a soldier, a strategist, an information warrior and a sevak—please welcome Major General Vishwasrao.

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