

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE**

**Following is the Condolence message from Thiru. R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu on the demise of General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff of India, his spouse Tmt. Madhulika Rawat and other defence personnel on board.**

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"I am deeply shocked and grieved to hear about the sad demise of General Bipin Laxman Singh Rawat, First Chief of Defence Staff of India, his wife Tmt.Madhulika Rawat and other defence personnel in an unfortunate incident of Air Force helicopter crash near Coonoor, The Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu, today (08.12.21).

General Bipin Laxman Rawat was a four star general of the Indian Army and a senior most defence officer served as 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of Army Staff and rendered his 43 years of dedicated service to the Nation. His defence strategies and his outstanding professional acumen helped India to overcome external aggressions during recent times. His able leadership, vast experience and innovative ideas helped in modernisation of defence sector. He made our three defence forces integrated and strengthened them to meet challenges internally and externally.His demise is an unfathomable loss for India. India will miss it's brave son.

I express my sincere and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of General Bipin Rawat and families of deceased defence personnel and pray to God to rest their soul in peace".

R.N.RAVI  
GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU

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