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Shri Virbhadra Singh Rawat is an officer from Indian Defence services with 21 plus years of distinguished service and is an alumni of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He is presently the Coordinator, Defence Manufacturing for Government of Uttarakhand.

He has held various roles of leadership, security & procurements in the defence ecosystem. He has handled high-volume of personnel for training & administration in a fast-paced environment, adhering to tight deadlines and aggressive goals. He has served in the prestigious National Security Guards as an Instructor. He has strong analytical, communication, interpersonal and organizational skills. He has held important appointments in services dealing with planning, monitoring and executing various capital and revenue acquisitions for the Armed Forces.

He has been awarded Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card in 2019 for exemplary service & General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, Commendation Card in 2017 for his distinguished service to the Nation.

He has been a part of the security advisor group in the sensitive areas of North East as also been a part of the startup revolution in the defence technology, especially for the mechanised equipment. He has been part of HPSC for selection of various startups for defence technology.

He is adept at evolving new policies & processes, refining existing ones and ensuring compliance towards delivering business value through optimal resource utilization. He is currently actively involved in planning and policy execution for Uttarakhand Aerospace & Defence Industrial policy 2020 and is constantly evolving its design according to changing needs and circumstances.

He is also involved in capacity building in Uttarakhand state for building capabilities for setting up of defence industries, supporting startups in defence sector and actively coordinates between Ministry of Defence, DPIIT, Industries including foreign OEMs, Industry associations, ordnance factories, Defence PSUs and state government for defence manufacturing related issues.

He is a member of United Services Institute (USI), Delhi; Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi and Institute of Defence & Strategic Analysis (IDSA), Delhi. Being academically inclined the officer has undergone many courses and training in services and has done specialist courses in defence procurements from National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad and College of Materials Management, Jabalpur. He is presently pursuing Ph D in defence procurements and processes.