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**GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF
THE INDIAN NAVY'S SUBMARINE ARM**

Respected Veteran Submariners,

1. Refer to my earlier letter dated 01 May 17, and updates forwarded through GJSM Whatsapp messages. May I take this opportunity to thank you for contributing to the overwhelming response to attend the Golden Jubilee functions at Visakhapatnam in December 2017.
2. To update you on the latest developments, the Hon'ble President of India has kindly consented to award the President's Colour to the Submarine Arm on 08 December 2017. He would also be gracing the Banquet Dinner being hosted in his honour on 07 December 2017. The Hon'ble Governor of AP and the Hon'ble Defence Minister are expected to be attending the events. Both these events would indeed be the highlight of the Celebrations. The finalised Programme of events from 05 – 09 December alongwith an advisory on the Dress Code is enclosed, and the formal Invites for all events would be handed over to the Veterans on their respective arrivals at Visakhapatnam in Dec 17.
3. Towards the Presidential Banquet on 07 December, the seating would be in three Halls named Rajput, Gharial and Arihant at the Eastern Naval Command Officers' Mess, catering for a total of about 750 guests. The Seating Plan has been prepared on the fundamental principle of existing Service Protocols with a judicious mix of serving and veteran Submariners in each of the three Halls. Concomitant to the Presidential Banquet, a Dinner is also being organized on 07 December in honour of our veteran Sailors at a separate venue in Visakhapatnam City.
4. To all the Veer Naaris; Veterans and their spouses; and spouses of other veterans who have made it convenient to attend the GJSM events at Visakhapatnam, Commemorative Souvenirs would be presented as memorabilia of the Reunion.
5. As regards suitably planning various administrative arrangements at Visakhapatnam, although response was requested by 30 June this year, responses from many veterans are still being received necessitating requisite re-work on the Invites and Seating Plan for the events. Consequent protracted timelines notwithstanding, best efforts would be put in to absorb the delayed responses and ensure smooth conduct of all the events concerned with GJSM-17.

Looking forward to the Submariners' Reunion and with warm personal regards,

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<u>Time</u>	<u>GJSM Events at Vishakhapatnam</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Dress</u>
	06 DEC 17		
1800 - 2200	GJSM Welcome Event with Officers and Sailors and Felicitation of Veer Naris <u>Chief Guest</u> – Adm VS Shekhawat (Retd.)	HADR patch	No. 6B/Lounge Suit/Combination
	07 DEC 17		
0930 -1430	Release of Coffee Table Book followed by Submarine Seminar. <u>Chief Guest</u> – CNS (Keynote address by CNS)	Samudrika	No.8A/Lounge Suit/Combination
1000 -1230	NWWA function with Veer Naris and Veteran ladies followed by Lunch <u>Chief Guest</u> - President NWWA	VUDA Children's Arena	--
1930 - 2130	Release of Commemorative Stamp and First Day Cover followed by GJSM Presidential Banquet <u>Chief Guest</u> - Hon'ble President of India	ENC(O) Mess	National Dress/No. 6/ Lounge Suit
	08 DEC 17		
0730 - 0900	Award of the President's Colour to the Submarine Arm	Circars Parade Ground HQENC Lawns	National Dress/No. 2/ Lounge Suit
0900-1000	High Tea/Interactions at HQENC Lawns <u>Chief Guest</u> –Hon'ble President of India		
1030	President departs for New Delhi		
1130 - 1215	Wreath laying by IGNS	Virbahu	No. 2
1200 -1430	Release of Special Covers for Gallantry Award winners of 1971 War Barakhana with Veteran and Serving Submariners <u>Chief Guest</u> – CNS (Address by CNS to submarine Veterans at the Barakhana)	Virbahu Parade Gnd	No. 8A/ Lounge Suit/Combination
1830 -2200	S/M Night with Serving and Veteran Officers <u>Chief Guest</u> -CNS	HADR patch	No. 6B/Lounge Suit/Combination
	09 Dec 17		
0600 -1300	GJSM Sports <u>Chief Guest</u> - CNS	--	Sports Rig