

Title - WEBINAR ON ARMED FORCES AND THEIR ROLE IN NATION BUILDING

Date and Time – 17th August, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Venue - Google Meet

Objective of the Activity - The main objective of the event was to let the students know the work, effort and sacrifices put by our Indian uniformed officers all throughout their life and inculcate a sense of patriotism in them.

Brief Report -

The Department of Mass Communication of St. Joseph's Degree and PG College hosted a Webinar- Armed Forces and their role in Nation Building.

One of the resource person of the event was Col. Vineeth Chaturvedi. He served in an Armoured Brigade in Jaisalmer sector during Operation Parakram. After being introduced given by Karan Nunnaguppala, Col. Vineet Chaturvedi talked about his journey in the Indian National Army. (INA)

Coming from an army family, he began his journey as a 17 year old boy. His father served in the army for 36 years. He joined the NDA in Pune in 1990 and trained there for an year until he got his first posting in his regiment. He was commissioned into 12th Battalion, The Jammu & Kashmir Rifles (Infantry) in June 1994. He served 3 tenures in Jammu and Kashmir, including a tenure in Ladakh. He also served as an Instructor at the Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (CIJWS) of the Indian Army. He shared various experiences of his life in army. One of the most touching and brave incident was when he was on duty during the birth of his first child and could only meet and hold his child 10 days after his birth.

Followed by that, Varsha Krishna introduced Lieutenant Colonel Ajay Kanwar who is an alumni of Officer's Training Academy, Chennai and commissioned into the Regiment Artillery.

He is a graduate from Delhi University and holds a MSc in Weapon Systems from Pune University. The officer has 25 years of experience having served in different terrains under testing conditions and has commanded a Artillery unit in Kupwara (Jammu & Kashmir) on the Line of Control. He spoke about the evolution of missile in India until now.

He explained how poor the technology was back then and how Dr. Kalam had helped in this evolution. He showed the effect of missiles on certain things and talked about the powerful missiles of various other countries like China. He also talked about the latest missiles like Nag and their use in the war. He has led a Republic Day contingent showcasing the First Supersonic Missile Weapon System in 2009, apart from many firsts, he also has to his credit, the raising of the First Inter-continental Ballistic Missile Unit of the Indian Army and has been the integral part of the Joint testing Team of DRDO and Russian joint venture testing the Brahmos Missile Systems from Abdul Kalam Test Firing Complex and Pokhran Field Firing ranges.

The event concluded with Karan singing 'Sandese Aate Hain' from the movie Border on behalf of the Anno Domini, the College choir of St. Joseph's as a tribute to all the uniformed officers.

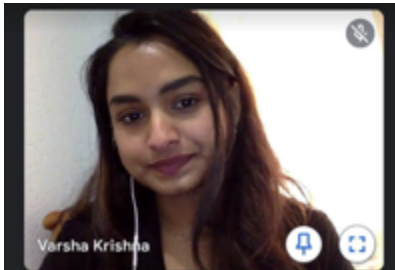
The vote of thanks was given by Glen D Silva, HOD of the department of Mass Communication. The National Anthem was sung before dispersing.



KARAN NUNNAGUPPALA GIVING THE INTRODUCTION



COL.VINEET CHATURVEDI SHARING HIS EXPERIENCES OF LIFE IN INA



VARSHA KRISHNA GIVING THE INTRODUCTION



NATIONAL ANTHEM BEING PLAYED



GLEN D SILVA GIVING THE VOTE OF THANKS

Outcome of the event – The students were educated about the importance of uniformed officers and the role of our Indian National Army in building of our Nation.