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Report on Expert Talk-

“Career Opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces and DRDO”

On **Monday, 8th September 2025**, a expert talk on “*Career Opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces and DRDO*” was organized for the **final year and pre-final year students** from the streams of **Engineering, Computer Applications, Commerce, Sciences, and Pharmacy**.

The guest speaker for the session was **Major General Dileep Narain Singh (Retired), Regiment of Artillery, Indian Army**. At the outset, he expressed his gratitude to the (Honorable Pro-Chancellor) **Dr. Syed Nadeem Akhtar**, for extending the invitation, and he warmly welcomed the students. Setting the tone of the seminar, he motivated the participants to **dream big, aim higher, and work hard with discipline and dedication**, emphasizing that these qualities are fundamental to success in both professional and personal life.

Major General Singh provided a comprehensive overview of career opportunities in the **Indian Armed Forces** and the **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)**. He explained the **role, ethos, and importance** of the Armed Forces, underscoring that their **primary responsibility** lies in protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation from external threats. Their **secondary responsibilities**, he noted, include countering internal challenges, supporting civil authorities in maintaining law and order, and providing disaster relief operations during natural calamities.

To build context, he shared insights into the **Rashtriya Military College (RMC)**, India’s oldest defence institution, which has played a vital role in shaping the military leadership of the nation. Through an impactful video presentation, he discussed **Operation Sindoor** and the **Kargil War**, drawing from real-life examples of courage, determination, and strategic brilliance. These narratives served as an inspiration, instilling a spirit of patriotism among the students.

He further explained the **different entry routes into the Indian Army**, such as:

- **10+2 Level Entry**
- **Graduate Level Entry** (Permanent Commission / Short Service Commission)
- **Women Special Entry**
- **Technical Entry**

Placing particular focus on the **Services Selection Board (SSB)**, he highlighted that the process evaluates not just academic merit but also a candidate's **leadership qualities, clarity of thought, self-confidence, discipline, and positive attitude**. He encouraged students to cultivate qualities like **politeness, perseverance, and mental resilience**, which are vital for success at the SSB and beyond.

Through an engaging presentation, Major General Singh elaborated on:

- **Adventurous Roles:** Active operations, counter-terrorism missions, special operations, disaster relief activities, and participation in UN peacekeeping forces.
- **Professional Growth:** Opportunities for management and technical training, foreign assignments, career advancement, and study leave for higher education.
- **Attributes of a Satisfying Profession:** Job security, economic stability, social prestige, career progression, and the thrill of variety and adventure.
- **Army Welfare Education Society Institutions for Women:** Opportunities to pursue higher education in law, management, hotel management, medical sciences, nursing, and other professional domains through Army Institutes across India.

The seminar concluded with a **Q&A session**. During this, **Dr. Zishan Raza Khan, Dy. Director, CCG&D** raised the idea of introducing **SSB mock tests** for students to help them prepare more effectively for the selection process. The suggestion was well received and recognized as a valuable initiative to strengthen aspirants' preparation.

As a token of appreciation, **Dr. Zishan Raza Khan** presented a **Memento** to **Major General Dileep Narain Singh**, formally marking the conclusion of an enlightening and motivational seminar.

The session left the students deeply inspired, instilling in them a renewed sense of patriotism, clarity of vision, and confidence in pursuing the diverse and prestigious career paths offered by the Indian Armed Forces and DRDO.

Glimpses of the Seminar –



Major General Dileep Narain Singh making the presentation



Dr. Zeeshan Raza Khan presenting Memento to Major General Dileep Narain Singh



Group photograph of Major General Dileep Narain Singh with the Team of CCG&D along with the students
