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## **AIE PARTICIPATES IN SEMINAR COMMEMORATING**

### **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF KARGIL DIWAS**

A seminar on the occasion the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory in the Kargil War was held on **13 Jul 2019** at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi. **The theme of the seminar was 'Remember, Rejoice and Renew'**. A group of five student-teachers of B.Ed. batch 2018-20 (Aradhana, Amit Krishna, Kriti Tiwari, Neha Khandelwal and Meena) along with Dr Babita Bhardwaj, Asst. Prof. attended the seminar.

The programme commenced with the welcome speech by Col. Sunil Gupta followed by the opening address of Lt. Gen VK Ahluwalia, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM (Retd.). He mainly focused upon various books written on Pakistan. He also tried to explain the map of battalions in the Kargil War.

Gen Bipin Rawat, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, ADC, COAS and Patron CLAWS, in his Keynote Address admired and thanked all the soldiers for their dedication and sacrifice in the service of nation. He shed light upon the "Tribute to Kargil War" – the song composed by Sameer Anjam. He touched upon 2 domains:

1. Changing character of warfare
2. Transformation of Indian Army

This was followed by a special address by Gen VP Malik, PVSM, AVSM (Retd.) who was the Army Chief during the Kargil war. His address was extremely motivating.

Followed by him was another insightful speech by Gen NC Vij, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, (Retd.).



The theme address which was delivered by Lt. Gen Mohinder Puri, PVSM, UYSM (Retd.) He said “battles have always been about blood, cuts and glory”. Blood that is shed on both sides, cuts that our soldiers have and glory which is brought with every war.

The seminar carried forward with the book release ceremony of **Surprise, Strategy & “VIJAY”: 20 Years After Kargil & Beyond** edited by Lt. Gen VK Ahluwalia (Retd.), Director of the Centre.

In Session 1 of the seminar on the sub-theme **Operation VIJAY: Overview and Role of Strategy, Diplomacy, Media and other Elements of National Power** opening remarks were given by Amb G Parthasarathy. The speakers for the session were Maj. Gen Ravin Khosla, SM, VSM talked about ‘Kargil Heights- The Battle Ground’, Brig. Khushal Chand Thakur, YSM (Retd.) shared his views on the topic ‘Tiger Hill and Tololing’ and Lt. Gen Ravi Prasad discussed about ‘The Build-Up and Provision of Firepower Support’. Mr. Nitin Gokhale delivered his thought on the topic ‘The Role of Media & Battles of Perception’.

The session was all about the real life experiences shared by the real heroes. They talked about the challenges they faced during the wars like how they were losing their men, becoming weaponless and had no medical aids. Even after all these problems the moral of the team was always high and immortal. Session 1 was followed by a small tea break.

In Session 2 of the seminar on the sub-theme **From Strategic Surprise to Rousing Victory** opening remarks were given by Lt. Gen YK Joshi, AVSM, VrC, SM. The speakers for the session Brig Amul Asthana (Retd.) gave his insightful thoughts on War of Small Things: The Key Factor, Air Marshal Anil Chopra, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM (Retd.) talked about Revisit Air War in Kargil and Maj Gen Ashok K. Dhingra, SM discussed about Powerful Punch: Special Forces.

The session was full of heart touching real life experiences of all the defence forces of India including the Para Commandos of our special forces. Maj Gen Ashok Dhingra, SM proudly stated that operations like Uri and Balakot strike very well reflect the capability of our forces and they are even ready for future. The session ended with his statement “special forces will continue to be the first responders”.

Next was an interactive session where the questions from the audience were answered by Gen Bipin Rawat, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, ADC, COAS and Patron CLAWS, and the other dignitaries of the prestigious seminar. The concluding remarks were given by Director CLAWS which was followed by lunch.

## **REFLECTIONS OF STUDENT-TEACHERS OF AIE**

The speeches were very insightful and thought provoking. We got to know about the challenges that were being faced by our soldiers during the Kargil war. By attending the seminar we got a great opportunity of listening to the experiences of the real heroes. We are proud of our Indian Army.

