

Career Opportunities in Armed Forces

As education systems are diversifying and expanding, the creation of new jobs and opportunities are changing the way individuals make their career choices. This calls for career counseling which systematically analyze the student's professional's strengths, interest, skills and abilities, and mapping it with the right career option and education.

With an aim to map and steer careers, over 200 students across Jaipur from 32 reputed schools registered themselves for the session ' Career Opportunities in Armed Forces ' by Brigadier Dr. Vinod Dutta at Kapil Gyanpeeth on 15. November 2021 where they were engaged in an exercise of exploring the career avenues in armed forces .The hands on advice shared by Brigadier Dutta gave students important insights in starting a career in the highly competitive and secure defence services.

The session was inaugurated by Brigadier Dutta in the presence of school management. The program kindled with girl's choir mesmerizing the audience with their melodious performance. Speaking on the occasion, Kapil Gyanpeeth Principal, Ms. Karuna Yadav emphasized that exploring career has taken everyone through a paradigm shift in today's time.

Encouraging young minds who want to pursue career in defense, Brigadier asserted that the training at academy turns a person into, a literal hero, an agile and fearless soldier. It all starts when recruits undergo a training course which trains their bodies as well as their minds to face any challenge, combat any threat and overcome any pressure.

Brigadier Dutta also cited the landmark order of August 18, 2021 which opened the doors of the academy to women. He lauded allowing young women to join the National Defence Academy is a step towards gender parity in the armed forces. Advocating career in defence forces, he briefed a number of opportunities for those who want to lead adventurous lives and have a strong sense of duty towards the nation.

Urging students to pursue a career in defence in India, he informed that candidates can enroll in the National Defence Academy located in the scenic outskirts of Pune, Maharashtra. The NDA conducts an entrance test for students of class 12 in May every year. Mathematics and Physics are compulsory subjects if one wants to appear for the test. Sharing the statistics he stated that every year, 1 lakh students appear for the exam out of which only 350 are selected for training which speaks of the fact that only the best of the best can find a place at the National Defence Academy . Detailing the recruitment process and ranking, Brigadier Dutta asserted that if a recruit succeeds in passing the grueling training course and graduates from the National Defence Academy, the soldier is commissioned as an officer in any branch of the Indian armed forces. He further added that on completing technical course at NDA a candidate can operate war machinery in aircrafts, ships, tanks or submarines. In case of non-technical courses, the graduate soldiers begin their career as an army officer as they are appointed at the post of first lieutenant in the

army or navy and in case of air force, as the flying lieutenant. Boosting the students , he asserted that depending on their abilities and skills, they can rise in the ranks and become Chief of Staff of Indian armed forces, the highest post for a soldier in the country, seconded only by the President, who is the official commander in chief of all Indian armed forces.

Addressing the queries, he briefly highlighted the gravity of automated artillery weapon systems, infantry and Territorial Army. He further unfolded other career opportunities in defence apart from joining the Army, Navy or Air force like one can become a Para commando or a National Security Guard (NSG) commando. However, he cited that recruits for the training of such elite forces are considered one of the toughest in the world.

Expressing her gratitude, Principal Ms. Karuna Yadav thanked Brigadier Dutta for sparing his valuable time for illuminating students on armed forces shaping the ability and skill of the student what they want to become in future. She also motivated students in keeping their goals higher. Such programs mould students to make the right decisions and remove the fear about their careers.