Report on Seminar: 'Frontline Defense: Uniting Against Terrorism - An Insight from an Army Officer'

Date: 21 May 2024

Venue: B121, BLOCK

Events Type: Lecture

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: NSS volunteers

Coordinators: Neeraj Kumari (NSS Coordinator)

Organized by: NSS, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram

Resource Person: Brigadier Satpal Singh Raghav, Ex-Army Officer

Participants during awareness session: 57 NSS volunteers

Introduction:

Every year, Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on 21 st May in India to foster peace and harmony among people of India and to aware the adverse effects of terrorism on human lives and society. The day also serves to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated on May 21, 1991, in a terrorist attack by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Therefore, on the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day, NSS K. R. Mangalam University organized a session on "Frontline Defense: Uniting Against Terrorism - An Insight from an Army Officer' on 21 st May 2024 at KRMU campus.

Objectives:

The seminar aimed to provide students and faculty with a profound understanding of the challenges and strategies involved in combating terrorism.

Content:

The seminar initiated with a warm welcome of NSS volunteers and the resource person by Ms Sneha, the student coordinator the event, who emphasized the significance of National Anti-Terrorism Day and

the critical role of awareness and education in the fight against terrorism. Brigadier Raghav began his address

by honoring the memory of those who have lost their lives in terrorist attacks and paying tribute to the relentless efforts of the armed forces. He then delved into the complexities of modern-day terrorism, outlining its various forms and the evolving nature of threats faced by nations globally.

Brigadier Raghav provided a comprehensive overview of terrorism, discussing its root causes, motivations, and the socio-political factors that contribute to its proliferation. He stressed the importance of addressing these underlying issues to effectively combat terrorism. He further explained the multifaceted approach required to counter terrorism, including intelligence gathering, strategic planning, and international cooperation. He shared insights into the tactical operations conducted by the Indian Army and the importance of technological advancements in modern warfare. Brigadier Raghav highlighted the critical role played by the armed forces in safeguarding the nation. He shared real-life anecdotes from his experiences on the frontline, illustrating the bravery and dedication of soldiers in the fight against terrorism. Brigadier Raghav concluded his address with personal reflections on the sacrifices made by soldiers and their families. He underscored the importance of resilience, patriotism, and ethical conduct in both personal and professional life.

Conclusions:

In the last, an interactive session was held where NSS volunteers had the opportunity to ask their queries to Brigadier Raghav. The discussion covered a wide range of topics, including the psychological impact of terrorism on soldiers, the role of media in shaping public perception, and the measures civilians can take to support anti-terrorism initiatives. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by the NSS coordinator, who expressed gratitude to Brigadier Raghav for his enlightening and inspiring presentation. The coordinator also thanked the attendees for their active participation and encouraged them to apply the insights gained from the seminar in their daily lives.

Event outcome:

The seminar successfully raised awareness about the complexities of combating terrorism and the critical role of frontline defense. It fostered a sense of unity and collective responsibility among participants. The actionable insights and policy recommendations provided a framework for enhancing national security measures and promoting a resilient society committed to the fight against terrorism.

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