

## PGDAV College (Evng.) and Jammu Kashmir Peoples' Forum, Delhi celebrated 24th Kargil Vijay Divas



**New Delhi, Focus News:** PGDAV College (Evening), University of Delhi and Jammu Kashmir Peoples' Forum, Delhi celebrated 24th Kargil Vijay Divas to commemorate the historic victory of India over Pakistan in the Kargil War in 1999 and to pay homage to the soldiers who laid their lives during the war. Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Member of Parliament was the Chief Guest and Col. K K Sharma attended the function as Hon'ble Guest. Professor Ravindra Gupta, Principal, P G D A V College (Evening) delivered a welcome speech. Mahinder Mehta, Convenor, JKPF introduced the Chief Guest. The team of P G D A V College (Evening) and JKPF welcomed the Guests. Students of P G D A V College (Evening) presented cultural program full of patriotism and enthusiasm. The Chief Guest Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and Guest of Honour Col. K K Sharma told the audience that both of them had participated in the Kargil war and described their experience how they fought bravely with the Pakistan Army and conquered the war. Initially Pakistan denied its involvement and blamed Kashmiri militants but later, a statement by the then Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the Pakistani Army Chief Parvez Musharaf indicated their involvement.

The Indian Army successfully, evicted Pakistan intruders who illegally captured Tiger Hill and other posts on the Indian side of the Line of Control (LOC) as a part of "Operation Vijay". This armed conflict lasted for more than 60 days at Kargil in Laddakh and the country lost more than 500 soldiers. The war was fought between 8th May, 1999 to 26th July, 1999. The agenda of Pakistan behind this war was to cut off Laddakh from Kashmir and starve Siachen Valley residents to compel India to accept Pakistan's terms. Nearly 30000 Indian troops were moved into the Kargil area along with the special forces under Operation Vijay against Pakistan. The official death count on the Indian side was 527. True tribute was paid to the real superheroes of India who laid their lives during the historical war by all the persons attending the function. Specially invited family members of martyrs were honored by the chief guest of the program. Hari Patap, NCC Officer, P G D A V College (Evening) delivered vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, all among audience who attended the programme, the team of P G D A V College (Evening). Sh. Mahinder Mehta, Convenor, Jammu Kashmir Peoples' Forum and their team who made all their efforts to make the programme successful. Finally, National anthem was recited.