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Vivekananda School of English Studies (VSES)

Independence Day Special Lecture on "*REKINDLING PATRIOTISM*

***AMONGST YOUTH*"**

- *MAJOR GAURAV ARYA* (Defense Expert and Analyst, Republic (TV)





On August 14, 2019, Vivekananda School of English Studies organized a noteworthy lecture aimed at invigorating the latent sense of patriotism within today's youth. The event, attended by enthusiastic first and third semester students, was graced by the presence of Major Gaurav Arya, an esteemed Indian Army Veteran hailing from the 17 Battalion Kumaon Regiment. Major Arya, currently a distinguished defense analyst and consulting editor for strategic affairs with Republic TV, delivered an impactful discourse that left a profound impact on the audience.

The event unfolded within the confines of a packed auditorium resonating with patriotic fervor for the motherland, India. The session commenced with a melodious chorus of VSES

students rendering poignant patriotic songs, evoking remembrance of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters. Dr. Avani Bhatnagar, on behalf of VSES, extended a warm welcome to Major Gaurav Arya and invited Dr. Salonee Priya, Associate Dean of VSES, to felicitate the esteemed guest as a token of respect and appreciation.

Major Gaurav Arya embarked on his lecture with an engaging and approachable demeanor. He commenced by highlighting the profound significance of being born as an Indian, emphasizing that the privilege of belonging to this nation is one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon individuals. The discourse artfully interwove the themes of patriotism, bravery, sacrifice, and martyrdom, presenting them as interconnected components of a larger concept.

The speaker expounded on the notion that the pursuit of freedom is often accompanied by tumultuous challenges and conflicts. Drawing from India's history, Major Arya vividly portrayed the sacrifices of individuals such as Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, who embraced their own mortality with unwavering courage and conviction. These sacrifices, he asserted, paved the way for India's present state of independence.

The lecture further extended to the valor and dedication displayed by the armed forces, particularly at the nation's borders. Major Arya underscored the sacrifices made by soldiers who diligently safeguard the citizens, enabling them to lead peaceful lives within the sanctity of their comfort zones. Amidst the discourse of political and religious considerations, he highlighted the pivotal role played by soldiers in upholding their duties for the greater good of the nation.

An underlying theme emerged, emphasizing the interconnectedness of peace and its preservation among citizens. The speaker acknowledged that while absolute peace may remain elusive, its maintenance remains paramount for humanity to flourish. Major Arya called for the rejuvenation of the spirit of sacrifice and patriotism among today's youth, underscoring the critical role they play in shaping India's future.

In conclusion, the lecture by Major Gaurav Arya was a resounding success, igniting a flame of patriotism within the hearts of the young attendees. The academic community at Vivekananda School of English Studies was privileged to host such an enlightening discourse that served as a reminder of the sacrifices that underpin the nation's freedom and the responsibility borne by its citizens to uphold these ideals.