



## Press Release

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The Global Counter Terrorism Council (GCTC) has organized its annual signature event of *Kargil Vijay Diwas* on **26 July 2023**, on a virtual mode (*the Haryana Bhawan, Copernicus Marg and via GoogleMeet*). This year, the title of the event is "*Kargil Vijay Diwas 2023*", and the theme "*Kargil to Galwan; Lessons Learned and Way Forward.*" The event commemorates the victory of the Kargil war, which serve remembrance of the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation's sovereignty. The event was organized in association with the *New Delhi Institute of Management*, New Delhi, *NCC Alumni Club*, and *ICMEI*, and along with the *Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL)*, *APL APOLLO*, *Indian Oil Corporation Limited*, and the *Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)* as our supporting Partners of the whole event. The event also witnessed with a cultural performance from the Veerta and NCC.

The event was initiated by paying tribute and lay the wreath at the National War Memorial Museum by our Patron-**Dr. Shekhar Dutt, SM, IAS (Retd)**-Former defence Secretary and Dy. NSA, Govt. of India, and **Col(Dr) Shailendra Singh**-Advisor GCTC, along with the NCC team.

The event witnessed a deliberate discussion and engagement with senior military officers, bureaucrats, academician, army veterans, Media personals, and the family members of war heroes who sacrifice their lives while safeguarding the nation's integrity and sovereignty.

The program was commenced by the anchor of the event **Maj Akhil Pratap(Retd)**-Social Media Consultant, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, followed by Kargil Vijay Diwas Videos compiled by GCTC. In continuation, **Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM & Bar(Retd)**-Advisor-GCTC, and Former GOC XV & XXI Corps, delivered a keynote address on the theme "Saga of Heroism & Bravery: A perspective". The highlighted a keynote address from **Dr. Shekhar Dutt, SM, IAS(Retd)**, Patron-GCTC, Former defence Secretary and Dy. NSA, Govt. of India.

The program continued with a session on "*Kargil Ki Ansuni Shaurya Gathaa Shaheedon ke Parivaar Jann Se*" were family members of the heroes shared their experience, stories, memories, and the soul of patriotism hold in their hearts and mind for their country. The panelist of the session were **Parveena Akhter** (D/o L/Nk Ghulam Mohd Khan, VrC (Posthumous), 12 JAK LI, From Jammu & Kashmir), **Arjun Kulkarni** (S/o Lt Col Rajesh V Kulkarni, Sena Medal (Gallantry), 108 Engr Regt, from Maharashtra), **Meena Nayyar** (M/o Capt Anuj Nayyar MVC), Sepoy (Now ASI) Satpal Singh, VrC, 8 Sikh (From Punjab), **Jeremy Nongrum** (Nephew Of Capt KC Nongrum, MVC, 12 JAKLI, From Meghalaya), and **Tripta Thapar**(M/o Capt Vijayant Thapar VrC).

The program continued with the last Session of the event title "*From Kargil to Galwan: Lessons Learnt and Way Ahead.*" The session was chair by **Lt Gen (Dr.) Rakesh Sharma PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)** Executive Council Member-GCTC & Former Adjutant General & GOC Fire & Fury Corps, and the key speakers were **Lt Gen Kamal Jit Singh PVSM, AVSM & Bar(Retd)**, Executive Council Member-GCTC & Former GOC-in-C, Command, Indian Army, **Lt Gen DS Hooda, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM & Bar, ADC (Retd)**, Former GOC-in-C, Northern Command, Indian Army, **Vice Admiral SN Ghormade PVSM, AVSM, NM, ADC(Retd)**, Former Vice Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Navy, and **Maj Gen PK Sehgal (Retd)**, Advisor-Veerta & Defence Expert.

