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Department of Mass Communication and Journalism
Report on Guest lecture by Author of “Kayantar Novel”

1. **Nature of the event:** Guest Lecture
2. **Title of the event:** Information Warfare and grey zone tactics
3. **Organized by:** Department of Mass Communication and Journalism
4. **Date:** Friday, 9th January 2026
5. **Time:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
6. **Venue:** Dnyaneshwar Hall
7. **Resource Person:** Birg. Hemant Mahajan

8. Objectives of the Program:

The primary objectives of conducting this workshop were:

1. To understand how misinformation, propaganda, cyber operations, and psychological warfare influence public opinion and state policy
2. To familiarize students with real-life case studies of grey zone operations below the threshold of conventional war
3. To develop critical thinking and media literacy skills to identify fake news, deep fakes, and manipulation on digital platforms
4. To discuss the role of mass communication, journalism, and social media in shaping narratives during conflicts
5. To sensitize participants to ethical responsibilities while handling information in media and communication fields
6. To explore preventive strategies, national security measures, and individual preparedness against information warfare threats
7. To encourage students to pursue research and careers related to security studies, strategic communication, and defence journalism.

9. Audience:

The workshop was specifically arranged for students of FY AND SY MAJMC students and FY BBA as they are actively involved in project work and academic research activities. The event was an attempt to enrich their knowledge base, enhance critical thinking, and equip them with practical skills essential for carrying out meaningful research.

10. Number of Participants:

A total of 60 participants actively took part in the workshop, contributing to its overall success.

11. Brief description of the event:

The Department organized a guest lecture on Information Warfare and Grey Zone Tactics by Brigadier Hemant Mahajan, who shared insightful perspectives on national security, Operation Sindoor, the current scenario of the Indian Army, and emerging threats from neighbouring countries. Principal Dr. Kishor Nikam addressed the students and highlighted the significance of understanding modern warfare dynamics. Dr. Nutan Kulkarni explained the purpose and relevance of the session, while Mr. Santosh Shenai (HOD) graced the program with his presence. Students from SM Joshi College also attended the lecture. The session was highly informative, engaging, and enriched students' awareness about defences, security challenges, and strategic preparedness.

Learning Outcome:

The workshop achieved its intended goals and resulted in several positive outcomes:

- Students gained an understanding of the concepts of information warfare and grey-zone tactics
- Students became aware of Operation Sindoor and its relevance to India's security scenario
- Learners understood the **current role, challenges, and preparedness of the Indian Army**
- Students developed awareness about **threats from neighboring countries** and their strategic implications
- Participants enhanced their ability to **identify misinformation, propaganda, and psychological influence** in media
- Students understood the importance of **national security, vigilance, and responsible communication**
- Learners were motivated to **think critically about defense, media narratives, and public opinion formation**
- Participants showed increased interest in **security studies, journalism, and strategic communication**

12. Photographs:



Guest Lecture –Brig. Hemant Mahajan

13. Feedback:


The lecture on Information Warfare and Grey Zone Tactics was highly insightful and well received by the participants. Brigadier Hemant Mahajan presented complex security issues in a clear and engaging manner, especially his discussion on Operation Sindoor and the current scenario of the Indian Army. Students appreciated the practical examples and real-life experiences shared during the session. The presence of Principal Dr. Kishor Nikam, along with guidance from Dr. Nutan Kulkarni and Mr. Santosh Shenai, added great academic value to the event. The interaction session encouraged students to think critically about national security, media narratives, and emerging threats. Overall, the program was informative, thought-provoking, and greatly beneficial for the students.

14. Acknowledgement:

The success of the Guest Lecture was made possible by the collective efforts of many individuals. The Department extends its deepest gratitude to:

- Hon'ble Executive President Mr. B.G. Jadhav Sir for their kind support and valuable time to grace the event.
- Principal Dr. Kishor Nikam for sparing his valuable time, sharing his expertise, and motivating the students with his insightful talk.
- Head of Department, Mr. Santosh Shenai, whose time-to-time support is very important for all of us.
- The student volunteers who worked with enthusiasm, dedication, and teamwork in handling logistics, registrations, seating arrangements, and technical support, ensuring the smooth flow of the event.
- Dr. Nutan Kanegaonkar, Event Coordinator of the Guest Lecture for overall planning.


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