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An innovative programme is organized jointly by Departments of Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry which is coined as 'AGNIPATH AWARENESS PROGRAMME' on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The Government of India, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, unveiled its **new Agnipath scheme for recruiting soldiers** across the three services. The new defence recruitment reform, which has been cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Security, will come into effect immediately, and the soldiers recruited under the scheme will be called Agniveers.

Prior to the introduction of the scheme, soldiers were recruited into the armed forces on a 15+ year tenure with lifelong pension. From 2019, no recruitment in the armed forces was done for three years. The Indian Government cited COVID-19 pandemic in India for this. Meanwhile 50,000 to 60,000 soldiers continued to retire annually, leading to a personnel shortage that had begun to effect the operational capabilities of the armed forces.

In 2020 a 'Tour of duty' scheme was proposed for voluntary recruitment into the forces for civilians to enable them to join for three years of short service. The proposed scheme was on a trial basis and was planned to start with a test group of 100 officers and 1000 soldiers

The Agnipath scheme was approved by the Indian Government in June 2022 to be implemented from September 2022. The announcement was done on June 14, 2022. The scheme is for both male and female aspirants of age group 17.5 to 21 years. In the midst of widespread protests against the scheme, the Central Government raised the upper limit from 21 to 23, but only for recruitment in the year 2022. The recruitment through this scheme is to be twice a year for the Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force. The posts available are below the officer cadre. The Agnipath Scheme is the only route to serve in the military.

The recruits named *Agniveers* serve for a tenure of four years that include training for six months followed by 3.5 years deployment. After retirement from the service, they will have the opportunity to apply to continue in the armed forces. Not more than 25 percent of the total strength of the retiring batch will be selected for the permanent cadre. Personnel who retire after 4 years of service will not be eligible for pension, but will receive a lump sum amount of approximately ₹11.71 lakh at the end of tenure. The Indian government plans to recruit 45,000 to 50,000 new personnel every year through this scheme. In September 2022, 46,000 youngsters are planned to be recruited through the scheme.

In this context, Departments of Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry planned to organize an awareness programme about this scheme coined as "AGNIPATH AWARENESS PROGRAMME" which has been held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to inculcate awareness in students. Government authorities Smt B. Rama Devi, District Employment Officer and Sri V. Srinivas, Chief Executive Officer, STEP and Youth Services, Guntur are invited and they addressed the students of II B.Sc. of all streams about the opportunities and facilities that

candidates get benefitted under this scheme. Sri P.M. Prasad, The Principal enlightened students about Agnipath scheme. Faculty of all these three Departments graced the occasion and motivated the students. Nearly 150 students participated in the event.

#### Illustrations:











