

**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
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Press Note

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Jawaharlal Nehru University today observed "Surgical Strike Day", which was celebrated across the country as "Parakrama Diwas". The objective of this day-long event was to appreciate the unique contribution by our armed forces in preserving the integrity and security of our nation. JNU felt very happy to acknowledge the valour of our army, especially because six Defence Academies and Colleges are affiliated with the university and thousands of JNU alumni have been giving their services to the nation. JNU feels humbled that many of our alumni have laid down their lives in serving our country. Surgical Strike Day, therefore, gave us an opportunity to pay our tribute to our retired and serving as well as martyred alumni in the armed forces.

The entire day was marked with various activities, such as essay writing, quiz and debate competition in honour and celebration of Indian Army. The various cultural programmes made the day even more memorable. The penultimate programme of the day was a session of rich lectures delivered by distinguished personalities both from the armed forces and academics. Maj Gen. V. D. Dogra, a JNU alumnus, gave an inspiring speech on his gritty and awe-inspiring experience as a successful participant in the international programme called "Iron Man Triathlon," and told us how he became the first Indian army officer to win the competition. He said dreaming and building on one's dream can convert it into reality. Maj. Gen. (Retd) G.D. Bakshi gave a riveting speech on Indian armed forces' capabilities to protect our country from the enemy. Prof Rajiv Malhotra from USA said in his address that to defeat the designs of India's enemies we should also fight an intellectual battle in India's knowledge world. The evening programmes began with a Salute and March Past by NCC Cadets and also included the beautiful performance by an army band.

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