Talk On "Gateway to Bravery" by Lt Col MP Deshpande

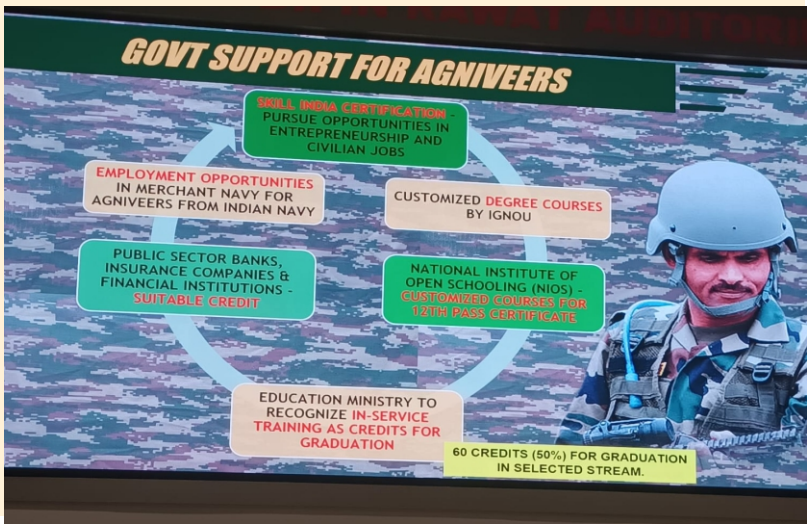
On 22nd February 2026, the school organized an extensive and highly informative lecture titled "Gateway to Bravery," aimed at inspiring and guiding Ramdandees towards a career in the Indian Armed Forces. The session was conducted by distinguished guest Lt. Col. M P Deshpande, who is an expert in military recruitment and defense services.

During the lecture, Lt. Col. Deshpande provided detailed insights into the Agniveer, which is a prestigious combat unit in the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and other branches of the armed forces. He explained the roles, responsibilities and significance of Agniveer in safeguarding the nation's borders and maintaining peace.

The speaker elaborated on the various entry schemes to join the Indian Armed Forces, emphasizing the importance of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Naval Academy (NA) and the Combined Defence Services (CDS) examination. He outlined the eligibility criteria for each pathway, including academic qualifications, age limits, physical standards and necessary preparation tips.

Lt. Col. Deshpande also discussed the application process, selection procedures and the rigorous training involved in each service. He provided comprehensive information about the educational qualifications required, age eligibility, physical fitness standards and the importance of discipline and dedication. Additionally, he explained the recruitment process, including written exams, interviews, medical tests and fitness assessments.

Further, he highlighted the benefits of joining the armed forces, such as attractive pay scales, allowances, perks, housing facilities, medical benefits, pension schemes and opportunities for international exposure. He also talked about the post-service benefits, career progression and the honour associated with serving the nation.

The lecture aimed to motivate students from classes IX to XII of BMS and students of BSS by providing a clear roadmap and dispelling misconceptions about a career in defence services. It was designed to inspire students to aim for disciplined, service-oriented careers that offer personal growth, respect and the chance to serve the country.

The session was introduced by Sqn Ldr Sangeeta Thakur, Chief Administrative and Training Officer who, welcomed the guest and the event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr Sujit Nandagawali. The program was attended by prominent dignitaries, including Commandant, Col Amarendra Hardas; Sqn Ldr Sangeeta Thakur, Chief Administrative and Training Officer; Dr J S Riar, Principal BSS Nagpur. The lecture successfully created awareness and enthusiasm among students about the noble and courageous path of joining the Indian Armed Forces, emphasizing that it is indeed a "Gateway to Bravery."