NEW HORIZON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

A Report on Param Veer Vandana

The "Param Veer Vandana" program was organized by New Horizon College of Engineering and New Horizon College, Marathahalli, in collaboration with the IMCTF (Integrity, Moral, and Cultural Training Foundation), on 16th October 2025 at the NHCE Auditorium. This event was a humble tribute to the brave soldiers who have dedicated their lives to safeguarding our nation, reminding every citizen of the values of courage, discipline, and devotion.

The program commenced with the welcoming of dignitaries, IMCTF members, faculty, and students, followed by the introduction of the esteemed guest speakers of the day — **Honorary Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav, Param Vir Chakra Awardee**; Mr. Gunvant Singh Kothariji, National Coordinator, IMCTF; and Mr. Ramesh F, Secretary, IMCTF Karnataka State.

The session began with a tribute to Bharat Mata, followed by a melodious invocation song by Ms. Roshni and Ms. Sreesha from the NHCE Music Club, setting a reverent tone for the event.

The emcee warmly welcomed and introduced Mr. Gunvant Singh Kothariji, a dedicated social worker and educationist with decades of service in promoting moral, cultural, and social values. Mr. Kothariji has served as a *Pracharak for over 57 years*, and has played a vital role in initiatives like the *Vanavasi Kalyan Program*, working for the upliftment of tribal communities. He has also served as the *All India General Secretary* and is currently the *National Coordinator for IMCTF*. In his address, Mr. Kothariji provided an insightful overview of IMCTF's vision, mission, and initiatives aimed at fostering moral, cultural, and environmental values among students and communities.

Following this, two students from NHCE paid moving tributes to India's national heroes through inspiring recitations.

- Ms. Shivani from the CSE Department spoke about Major Somnath Sharma, the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra, emphasizing his unmatched bravery during the 1947– 48 Kashmir conflict.
- Ms. Monal from the *AIML Department* narrated the heroic story of *Captain Vikram Batra*, a Param Vir Chakra awardee whose courage and sacrifice during the Kargil War continue to inspire generations.

The highlight of the afternoon was the interaction with Honorary Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav, *Param Vir Chakra awardee* and one of India's youngest and most decorated soldiers. A short documentary video on his extraordinary life was screened before his address.

Captain Yadav, born on 10th May 1980 in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, joined the Indian Army at the age of 16, inspired by his father, a veteran of the 1965 and 1971 wars. During the 1999 Karqil War, as part of the 18th Grenadiers, he displayed extraordinary bravery in the Tiger Hill

mission, despite sustaining 17 bullet injuries. His unwavering spirit and leadership led his platoon to victory, earning him the Param Vir Chakra at just 19 years of age.

In his inspiring address, Captain Yadav shared his experiences from the Kargil War, emphasizing the importance of inner strength, self-discipline, and perseverance. He encouraged students to lead purposeful lives, cultivate resilience, and refrain from over dependence on mobile phones, which he described as "a threat to one's future."

The dignitaries then felicitated and honored Captain Yadav, amidst a standing ovation from the audience — a heartfelt gesture of respect and admiration for his service to the nation.

To celebrate the spirit of patriotism, Ms. Indrani from the *Department of Life Skills* presented a soulful patriotic song, evoking pride and emotion among all present.

The event concluded with presentation of mementos by the *Principal* and the *Registrar* to Mr. Gunvant Singh Kothariji and Mr. Ramesh F, followed by a vote of thanks **and the** National Anthem.

The "Param Veer Vandana" program served as a powerful reminder of the selfless sacrifices of India's soldiers and inspired everyone to uphold the values that define true patriotism.

Glimpse of the ceremony:

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