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Report on Agniveer recruitment counseling by Indian Army at GDSC Sopore

To attract young talent, and assist students in making well-informed decisions regarding their future careers in Military services as Agniveer for permanent recruitment and selection as an officer, a counseling session was undertaken on 16-04-2025 by **Col Anshul Sharma, Dir ARO, Srinagar and Major Nikhil Nair, 22 RR Sopore** at Govt Degree College Sopore under the patronage of Worthy Principal **Prof. Bashir Ahmad Parry** and co-patronage of incharge Principal, **Prof. Zahoor Ahmad Shah**.

Under the agniveer scheme, young individuals between the ages of 17.5 and 21 are given the opportunity to serve in the armed forces for a four-year tenure, with the possibility of rejoining the force for subsequent roles based on performance. This program aims to bring a dynamic and youthful workforce to the military while addressing long-standing challenges of workforce age and structure. The programme was attended by 280 college students along with NCC cadets of the college. Col Anshul Sharma thoroughly counselled the students regarding:

- **Awareness of the Agniveer Scheme:** Informing students about the newly introduced Agniveer scheme, its features, and how it differs from traditional recruitment routes in the Indian armed forces.
- **Selection Process Guidance:** Explaining the steps involved in the recruitment process, including online registration, physical fitness tests, medical checks, and the subsequent training modules.
- **Career Pathways and Benefits:** Helping students understand the opportunities for career advancement after the completion of the four-year service and the benefits such as financial stability, skill development, and post-service reemployment.
- **Motivation to Join the Armed Forces:** Encouraging students to consider military service as a meaningful and impactful career choice by highlighting the pride, honour, and patriotism associated with serving in the armed forces.

