

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIJAY DIWAS (KARGIL WAR) CELEBRATED BY SHRADHAA FOUNDATION

OUR BUREAU

New York

Shradhaa Foundation, dedicated to the cause of Soldiers of Indian Armed Forces and Indian descent all around the globe, celebrated the prestigious victory achieved by the Indian Armed Forces 20 years ago at the highest battlefield in the world.

The celebrations started with Mr. Pratik Seth, singing 'Vande Mataram', followed by patriotic songs by Mr. Anish Kapoor, Mr. Saket Mehta, Mr. Divyesh Mishra, Mr. Umash Patel and many more local singers. A short film on exposure of Teling on June 12 and capture of Three People on June 23 1999 by 2nd Battalion The Rajputana Rifles was shown. Major Krishna K Chari (retd), President of Shradhaa Foundation, welcomed the guests. Mr. Karish Patel and Col. Vinodra Thakur, the trustee, gave the account of activities carried out by Shradhaa Foundation.

Ms. Sarita Jagtap, the Co-Founder and Chairperson of the Shradhaa Foundation shared her firsthand experience of meeting the widow of our soldier in Feb 2018. She thanked all to attend the event and show their respect to our soldier.

Mr. Vinod Madhok, the owner of Radisson Inn Hotel, opened his facility and helped in organizing this great event, first of its kind. Shradhaa Foundation thanked Mr. Vinod Madhok and entire staff of Radisson Inn, Piscataway for their wholehearted support for making this event a success.

TU Asia is proud that there to support the community. The event was well covered and was also telecast on their Network.

"Let us forget the supreme sacrifice made by over 200 well trained men in uniform, it is our duty as a community to not only remember them but also celebrate their achievements against most adversaries. Many of those who lost their life and many who lost their limbs had the family dependent on their earnings. While Indian Government has done a great job of helping the martyrs at the battlefield, there are other unknown soldiers who made no less contribution to the victory, by providing ammunition, weapons, rations, clothing, medicines and so on to those facing the brunt of enemy fire," said the foundation in a statement.

"Climbing on narrow roads in high altitudes was as risky as anything else in the battle, and let us not forget our brave sirmas who ran their machines in the extreme difficult conditions risking their own life to save the life of their comrades who were climbing the difficult mountains to attack the enemy. The gunners, the engineers, signal men, the nursing stations and doctors and last but not the least our Airland Transport Crew that carried the ammunition in the most difficult terrain, everyone contributed to the success of battle. War is victorious in the end due to junior leadership, and our young officers and men did a great job. The high officers to other ranks casualty ratio proved our officers led from the front. On this day, residents of New Jersey honored our soldiers for their sacrifice."

Shradhaa Foundation will continue its work to help the families and children of our soldiers with the help of Asian Indian Community. While it was not a fund raising, a veteran of US Army present in the Hotel, donated some money for the event as a mark of respect for the men in uniform.

