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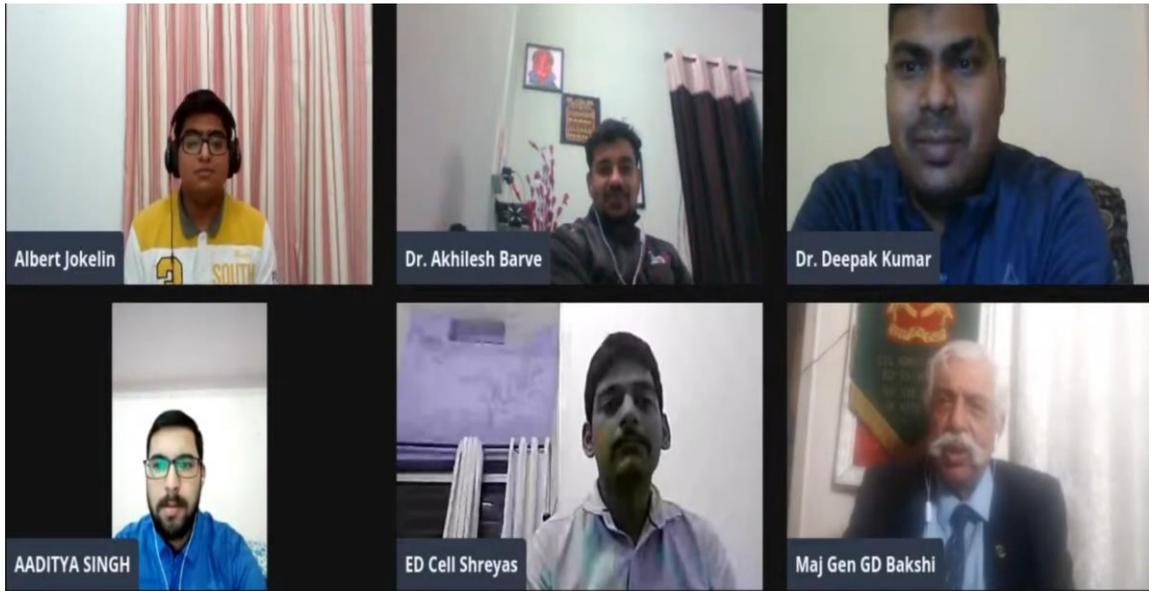
Strategic Importance of Military and Defence Start-ups

Entrepreneurship Development Cell, MANIT, Bhopal conducted its event “Rakshapreneur” on Monday, January 4th 2021. The Chief Guest for the event was Major General G.D. Bakshi. The event was organised under the guidance of Dr. Akhilesh Barve Chairman ROLTA Incubation Centre (MANIT) in the presence of Dr. Deepak Kumar and Dr. Abhinav Varshney. The organising committee was led by Co-ordinators of ED Cell Mr. Sameer Soni and Mr. Shreyas Maitreya. Mr. Albert Jokelin gave the introductory speech for the Chief Guest. The event witnessed an audience of over 200 live attendees and over 1000 views on YouTube at present.

Major General G.D. Bakshi having spent five decades in an illustrious career in the army, a PhD in military history, a combat veteran of many skirmishes, recipient of Vishisht Seva Medal being an acknowledged thought leader evidently proved to be the best speaker to guide us at our event Rakshapreneur. Apart from acknowledging the contribution of MANIT in strategic production of static generators and advanced-drones, he emphasized on the need of private sector arena to play a greater role in the mass production of weapons and engines so that India can become self-reliant like Turkey and Israel in arms and weapons and thereby strengthening its national security.

Keeping in view, the great havoc of Covid-19 virus made in Wuhan Laboratory of China, he indicated how China can suffer a major setback in exports to democratic countries like United States and India. Some glimpses from the live event are presented below:





To conclude, Sir also laid his confidence in the brilliant young minds from fields of aeronautics, space and defence engineering from premium institutes of the nation like IITs - NITs to launch start-ups which can design sophisticated patented products for Indian Army, also guided on how start-ups can directly seek assistance from various military bases and generals to understand modifications, and thereby work for the betterment of nation.