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The 31st Convocation of Dayalbagh Educational Institute was held on 11 January, 2019. The event was graced with the August presence of Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education, Dayalbagh Educational Institutions and Most Respectable Rani Sahiba. The event also witnessed the presence of dignitaries coming from various places in large number. Shri. Amarjeet Sinha (I.A.S.), Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Before the commencement of the ceremony, the Chief Guest took the round of the campus where through the film as well as exhibition he was apprised of the various multi-faceted courses and facilities, along with skill-based, students-welfare oriented, as well as socially productive Programmes run by the institute. Shri Sinha was also overwhelmed by witnessing the highly mesmerizing cultural programme put up by the students of various faculties during the Lunch organized in the Arts Faculty Lawns.

After the Academic Procession reached the Convocation Venue, Prof. P.K. Kalra, Director DEI, after the ritual of seeking permission from Shri Prem Prashant, President DEI, declared the Convocation open. The Director then presented his comprehensive and impressive report highlighting the achievements, developments, progress as well as innovative changes that took place in different segments of the institute.



This was followed by the award of various Degrees and Diplomas and signing of the Scroll of Honour by the Director. The President then presented Director's Medals to the students attaining highest Grade point in various programmes of study at different levels. Total 89 Director's Medals were awarded in this year's ceremony and the number of students receiving the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) this year was 59. There upon, Chandrakanta and Eti Goel were awarded with the President's Medals for securing highest Grade point at the All Undergraduate Examinations and All Postgraduate Examinations, 2018 respectively.

D. Gurupriya received the Founder's Medal for being the Best All-rounder among the first Degree Students of the Institute graduating in the year 2018. The Chief Guest then presented the Distinguished Alumni Award to Prof. Anand Srivastava, Head of the





Research Group Discrete Optimization at Christian Albrechts University, Kiel, Germany, who attended the ceremony through video conferencing mode. Following this, the Chief Guest was formally introduced by the President and invited to give his Convocation Address.

In his address Shri Sinha expressed his delight on visiting DEI. Being familiar with the useful work done by DEI in transforming lives of the poor through sustainable livelihoods, he chose rural

poverty and its reduction through sustainable means to be his main subject of discussion. He also commended the role played by the institutions like DEI that bridge the gap between formal education, skills and livelihood diversification.

After his address, President DEI presented the Chief Guest with the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the Systems Society of India. The ceremony was declared closed after a formal Vote of Thanks by the Director.

Socio-Cultural Day Celebrated with Fervour

The traditional ceremony of Lohri (13 January) was celebrated with immense enthusiasm by students and staff of DEI to mark the Socio-Cultural Day. The husky smell of smoke mixed with peanuts and popcorn filled the air as Girls and Boys dressed in traditional attires performed Bhangra, Gidda and

other traditional presentations in their respective Hostels. Their faces lit with smiles and joy as the drum beats sounded loud and mesmerizing music. Students and Teachers tossed sesame seeds, *gur*, sugar-candy and *rewaries* in the bonfire, sat around it, sang and danced till the fire died out.



MoU Signed with Logistic Sector Skill Council, Chennai

The Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dayalbagh, Agra entered into an agreement with the Logistic Sector Skill Council, Chennai on December 6th, 2018, at an MoU signing ceremony in the agricultural fields of Dayalbagh, in the presence of the Most Revered Prof. P. S. Satsangi Sahab. The agreement was signed by the Director, DEI, Prof. P. K. Kalra and Prof. S. Ganesan, Consultant - Academic, LSC. Prof. Gayathri Hari, Project Associate with the LSC, was also present on the occasion.

The agreement requires DEI to commence an apprenticeship based undergraduate degree programme in Logistics from the year 2019. This will provide a steady supply of apprenticeships and skilled

resources for gainful employment in the Logistics industry.

The Apprenticeship based BBA Programme in Logistics, envisages a six month apprenticeship for all the students, in every year of the programme, which will be facilitated by LSC and will be co-supervised by a three-member expert committee for every institution. The students are expected to be industry ready by the time they graduate from the programme.

A follow up meeting to formally launch the programme was held in Chennai on December 10, 2018. Dr. Purnima Bhatnagar, Faculty member of the Department of Management, DEI represented the Department.



Winter Training Camp

Winter Training Camp was organized in DEI from 19 to 24 December 2018. The camp was conducted in two shifts for the students of three categories starting from Primary to Postgraduate classes viz. Class 1 to 5, class 6 to 12 and University students. The basic idea of organising the camp was to provide opportunity to the students to bring out their hidden artistic talents, to generate self confidence in them by making them participate in one or the other activity, and to make them utilise their winter vacations in a positive manner.

For the fulfilment of the objective set forth, activities such as Photoshop, Art of Living, Astronomy, Block Printing, Clay Modelling, Computer Basics, Cooking and Baking skills, Creative writing, Drawing and Painting, Fireless cooking, Fundamentals of Music, Light Vocal-Bhajan, Folk, Patriotic and Group song, M.S. Office (Word, Power Point and Excel), Mehandi, Memorizing Techniques, Paper Craft and

Handicraft Articles, Personality Development Program, Sculpting, Self Defence Training, Soft Toys Manufacturing, Spoken English, Tally etc. were conducted very effectively by various experts in the concerned field.

A number of mentors working outside Agra in various organisations in different parts of the country and those from DEI contributed significantly in making the programme successful.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, Games like Basket Ball, Volley Ball, Kho-Kho, Chess etc. were organised for the interested students. Those interested in learning Marshal Arts were given training by the experts.

For University students, a series of talks by the experts were organized on all the days. Many dignitaries from a number of Industries and Corporate Sectors from various parts of the country and abroad offered their services willingly for this purpose.



DEI Performance Applauded at the 34th North Zone Inter University Festival

The 34th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival - YUVOTSAV 2018 was organized by Panjab University, Chandigarh in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities from 27 to 31 December 2018. DEI contingent consisting of students and staff members from different Faculties of the Institute participated in the Festival.

Punjab Finance Minister Shri. Manpreet Singh Badal inaugurated the event. Over 1000 students from 36 Universities participated in 27 events related to Literature, Music, Theatre, Dance and Fine Arts during these five days. The DEI contingent

participated in various events. Their performance was highly applauded and they bagged the following prizes—

- (1) Indian Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion)—*First*—Debaditya Chakraborty
- (2) Western Instrumental Solo—*First*—D. Uday
- (3) Indian Classical solo—*Second*—Ous Satsangi
- (4) Indian Instrumental Solo (Percussion)—*Consolation Prize*—D. Guru Priya
- (5) Rangoli—*Consolation Prize*—Kumari Dolly.

It was a stimulating, edifying and enlightening experience for the students and staff members.





Winter Experience Programme between University of Hongkong & DEI

As a part of the Student-Exchange programme between DEI and Hong Kong University, a delegation from HKU visited DEI from 28 December 2018 to 11 January 2019. Their objectives were to learn about DEI and the creative and non-materialistic community of Dayalbagh and also explore the history and cultural heritage of Agra and nearby cities. A number of activities were organized for the delegation in the company of students and teachers representatives of DEI. The activities included, Morning sessions with Field Work and Community farming, visit to Engineering labs including 3D printing lab, visit to Botanical Garden, visit to the iNFORMATION– cOMMUNICATION–nEURO-cOGNITIVE Technology Assisted Language Lab, experiencing Yoga, Cultural trips and siteseeing in Agra, Fatehpur Sikri and Jaipur, etc. The delegation from HKU also visited Radhasoami Satsang Sabha Gaushala to gather information on the Dairy technology Programme of DEI and they also enjoyed lively sessions like, interaction with local students, Interactions with DEI students at Rajaborari and Murar, observe Soap Factory as well as Rose and Herbal Garden, and many other such activities. The students were given stay arrangements at the Hostels of DEI to facilitate further close interaction with the DEI clan. The



boys from HKU enjoyed playing games with local boy students while the girls from HKU enjoyed dancing and performing in traditional costumes with the hostel girls of DEI. The visiting delegation greatly applauded the hospitality received by them at DEI and appreciated the self-sustainability & zero-waste lifestyle of Dayalbagh. They also found the educational model of DEI, fostering the spiritual and holistic development of the students, to be inspiring and lauded the policy of DEI of giving equal treatment to students from different backgrounds.

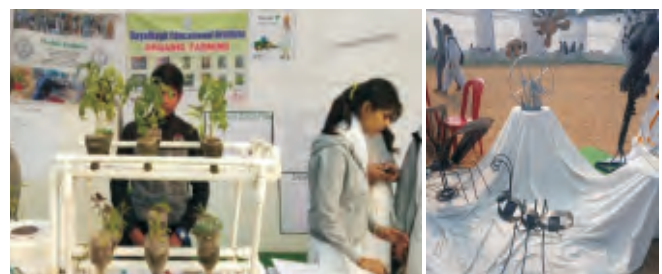


‘Waste to Wealth Day’ Celebrated

D.E.I celebrated ‘Waste to Wealth Day’ on 12 January, 2019 at Faculty of Science ground. The event was organized by Entrepreneurship Research Division of the Institute. This event was a preliminary step for students to present their Case Studies, which may ultimately help them work towards their own start-ups. The theme of the event was Frugal Innovation, where the idea of sustainable business can be fulfilled. The slogan of the event was “**Celebrating Innovations**”.

Students from different faculties showcased their ideas about how they can convert the waste to wealth. A preliminary screening exercise was conducted on January 9, 2019.

In the event, students were required to present their business models/product and a business plan in the form of Case Studies. There were more than 95 business ideas presented in the event, where the participants were from the university level as well as from DEI’s schools like REI and PV. This event also



served as an observation for primary school students, to enable them to think of being an entrepreneur.

To name some products/ideas displayed by the students, there were Case studies of hydroponic farming, weather station from waste plastic, cycle charger, coin separator and many more.

This event was coordinated by students of MBA Agriculture and BBA namely, Mr. Ajay Kushwah, Mr. Yogesh Arya and Mr. Ajeet Singh. The event was successfully conducted under the supervision of Dr. Jaspreet Kaur and Dr. Sumita Srivastava.

NCC Activities

Inter Group Competitions Camp

Inter group competition is a directorate level competition and the 1st step towards the most prestigious Republic Day Camp. This year 17 cadets comprising 13 SD (Boys), 03 SW (Girls) and 01 JD (Boy) from the different NCC units of DEI took part in IGC camp held at Greater Noida. On successful completion and outstanding performance, 07 (06 SD and 01 SW) cadets of DEI out of 20 cadets selected from Agra group made their way to pre RD camps. Cadets selected for pre RD are;

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| 1. SUO Ankur Varshney | 3 rd yr. Automobile |
| 2. UO Priyanshu Sharma | 3 rd yr. Vocational IT |
| 3. SGT Suraj Gautam | 2 nd yr. Voc. Automobile |
| 4. SGT Naveen Bhadauriya | 2 nd yr. Voc. Automobile |
| 5. SGT Shivam Tiwari | 2 nd yr. Civil |
| 6. SGT Sachit Singh | 2 nd yr. Vocational IT |
| 7. UO Sangani Dutt | 12 th Arts |

NCC Day

NCC Day is observed on the fourth Sunday of November every year. This year on the 70th NCC Day, NCC Head Quarter, New Delhi, decided to celebrate this auspicious day by spreading the message of ‘Swacch Bharat Shresth Bharat’ under Swacch Bharat Abhiyan. In this connection NCC unit of DEI and REI were given the responsibility to perform this event at the Sikandra monument. The event began with a rally from Gurudwara, Guru Ka Taal to the Akbar Tomb (Sikandra) spreading the message of



cleanliness through hand-bills and slogans to all the passers-by. Thereafter cadets along with the tourists present in the monument took a swacchta pledge in the presence of the Brig. Sanjay Sangwan, Group Commander NCC, Agra Group. To make the event all the more interesting, and spread the message, a “NUKKAD NATAK” on Swacch Bharat Mission was also displayed.

World AIDS Day

On the World AIDS Day, NCC Cadets of Dayalbagh Educational Institute organized poster competition and an awareness rally for AIDS pandemic and its cure. The purpose of the rally was to spread the message of “Be Alert and Be Safe” and also respect AIDS Patient. 22 cadets took part in poster competition and depicted their views on this epidemic and 117 cadets marched in the rally and covered approximately 4 Kms with full zeal and enthusiasm.



NSS Activities

7-Day NSS Special Camp Organized

A Seven Day NSS Special Camp was organized from December 19-25, 2018 on the theme “**Health, Hygiene & Sanitation**”. Shri Prashant Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Traffic, Agra was the Chief Guest of the inaugural function. A number of distinguished guests along with authorities of the Institute graced the occasion. In this camp, about 1700 Volunteers actively participated and rendered services in adopted villages and slums which included

Bahadurpur, Khaspur, Nagla Talfi, Lal Garhi, Manohar Pur, Nagla Jageshwar, Nagla Haveli, Jagan Pur, Shanti Nagar, Vidya Nagar, Nagla Padi, Durga Nagar, Devi Nagar, Saran Ashram Nagar, Basera etc. The NSS Volunteers also contributed in “Swacchh Rail–Swacchh Bharat Mission” of Government of India by participating in the Cleanliness Campaign and making passengers aware of Swacchh Rail – Swacchh Bharat Mission at Agra Cantt. Railway Station.



Major activities of the camp were conducted in adopted villages, slums, neighborhood communities, public places and Agra Cantt. Railway Station. Cleaning of Roadsides and Cleaning and Fumigation of Drains, Waste Water Management, Maintenance of Trees, Socio-Economic Survey and Awareness Programmes through, discussion, rallies, street plays etc. on various issues, such as, Cleanliness, Health and Hygiene, Primary Education, Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Women Empowerment, Environment Protection, Career Counseling, Hole-in-the-Wall and Computer literacy, Job Oriented Training, Distribution of Old Clothes, Toys and Books, Voters Rights and Responsibilities, Digital India, Skill India, etc. were some of the committed activities of the camp.

In the second session of the camp, Speech, Poster Making Competitions and Invited Talks of Eminent Speakers on various social issues were organized. The Topics and Invited Speakers during camp were Traffic & Road Safety by Shri Ajay Mishra, Asst. Zonal Officer, Road Transport Office, Agra, Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment by Dr. Nasrin Begam, HOD, Dept. of Urdu, Baikunthi Devi Degree College, Corruption Eradication by Shri Rajnikant, SDM Kheragarh Agra, Climate Change & Pollution by Dr. Ranjeet Kumar and Health & Hygiene Awareness by Dr. Piyush Agarwal.

In the third session of the camp, Creative



performances and Cultural Competitions were organized on various themes, such as, Indian Vocal: Solo & Group, Mono-Acting, Mime, Western Vocal: Solo & Group, Instrumental Performance: Solo & Group and Skit Competition.

Shri Narendra Singh, SDM Agra was the Chief Guest of the Valedictory Function. The programme was graced by a number of guests, authorities of the Institute and representatives of adopted villages and slums.

Faculty News

ARTS FACULTY

On the occasion of birth anniversary of Mirza Ghalib, a prominent Urdu and Persian poet, a function was organized by Department of Hindi, Faculty of Arts on 27 December 2018. Well-known poet Asad Jaidi from Allahabad graced the occasion and shared his views. He mentioned that Ghalib is a significant part of our cultural heritage and is the source of inspiration for contemporary poets of the present era. Regional commissioner Sh. R.K. Pal also attended the event.

Dr. Prem Shankar welcomed the guests and participants whereas, Prof. Sharmila Saxena proposed the vote of thanks.

The programme was convened by Dr. Namasya.

Staff News:

An international seminar was organized jointly by the Oxford University of London and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra on November 15 and 16, 2018. In the above symposium, Dr. Nishit Gaur of Sanskrit Department was honoured with the 'Hindi Sevi Vidushi Award'. An Oral research paper was also presented by Dr. Nishit Gaur at Wolfson College, Oxford University, on the subject of *Tejendra Sharma ka Saundary Bodh*. A Research paper on India and UK relations was also presented in the House of Commons, London.



EDUCATION FACULTY

Publications : 02

Staff News :

• Dr Sona Dixit and Dr R. L .N . Simha were selected as Editors for Education and Sanskrit respectively by Social Research Foundation, Kanpur for the Journal, 'Remarking : An Analisation,' ISSN No-2394-0344.

• Dr Sona Dixit acted as judge in Inter School Rhyme Competition held in Mount Zee Litera School, Agra on 23 December 2018.

ENGINEERING FACULTY

Staff News :

Gurumukh Das, Asst. Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, DEI, was awarded degree of Doctor of Philosophy on the topic '*Design and Operational Analysis of Virtual Cellular Manufacturing Systems*' in the 37th Convocation Ceremony of DEI. He also attended a TEQIP sponsored *Short Term Course on 'Ergonomics in Design and Engineering Education'* organized by Knowledge Incubation for TEQIP (KIT), Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, from November 26 to 30, 2018.

SCIENCE FACULTY

Papers Published : 06

Book Chapter : 01

Staff News :

• Dr. S.K. Soni of Botany Department attended Refresher course of Life Sciences, RC 306 (3 September- 22 September, 2018) at HRDC, HP University, Summerhill, Shimla and was awarded 'A' grade.

• Dr. Kavita Raizada delivered a lecture on 'Bharat Britain Sambandh (Sandarbh British Sahitya) at House of Commons, London, U.K. on 15 November, 2018. Dr. Raizada also presented a research paper, '*U.K. mein Pravasi sahit-Tejendra Sharma ki kahaniyo mein samajik, Sanskriti Chetna*',



at the Wolfson College, Oxford University, on 16 November, 2018. She also was honoured with 'Hindi Sevi Vidushi' samman, 2018 by Katha U.K. London for her contribution to revive literary and moral values in the society.

Students' Achievements :

• T. Harsh Vardhan B.SC. CS 2nd year student has obtained global rank of 553, region rank of 193 and country rank of 51 in the IEEEExtreme programming competition (2018).



• Palak Gupta of M.Sc. Zoology attended winter training project on Biological Techniques named PFGE, SDS-PAGE, AGE, DNA Quantification, 2D Gel Electrophoresis and Western Blotting from 20 - 26 Dec' 2018 in Cytogene Research Institute, Lucknow.

SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY

Brief Report of Activities of DEI Life Long Learning & Extension Activities :

• A Total of twenty-three individuals are enrolled in Short Term Certificate Courses under Lifelong learning and Extension activities..

• A talk was delivered in the memory of former prime minister late Atal Bihari Bajpai ji at Bal Shiksha Kendra, Nagla Haweli.

• On November 20, 2018, *Sadbhawana Divas*





was observed at Bal Shiksha Kendra, Nagla Haweli. The children were made aware about the life & work of former Prime Minister late Rajeev Gandhi. The children also participated in the Sadbhawana rally.

- Thirty-two women are engaged in making items which are being sold at DEI Juggad Centre.

- Training at slums is a regular feature under LLE activities. A total of fifty-seven participants from the slums and weaker section of the society were benefitted through recent trainings given in Mehandi Designing, Embroidery, Jute Craft, Soft Toys Making, Stitching, Knitting & Crochet and Cloth Bag making.

Students' Achievements :

- Rajni, M.Phil student of 2018 batch, qualified NET,JRF with 99.9867 percentile in the subject Management (HR), thus becoming one of the top



ranking students in the country.

- MBA students of the current batch completed Six Sigma Green Belt Certification Training from 19-22 December, 2018. This was co-organized with MSME PPDC Agra. The trainer was Mr. Pankaj Mathur from MSME.

PREM VIDYALAYA

- Annual Day Prize Distribution function was held on 6th December 2018. The Prize winners were given away their prizes with a congratulatory note.

- A Cultural programme was held at Phal Bagh to celebrate the Annual day on 9th December 2018 in the August Presence of Most Revered Gracious Huzur Professor Prem Saran Satsangi Sahab. The Prize winners smartly marched past in front of the Guest of Honour.

Students' Achievements :

Nihaar Satsangi of class IX DEI Prem Vidyalaya participated in 14th Moon School Olympics in speed skating of 500 meters in the age group of 14 to 18 years. She came up with flying colours and secured second position. This competition was held in Eklavya District Stadium Agra on 27 November 2018 and was organized by Agra Olympic Association.



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