



Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed University)

DEI news

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Inauguration of Bamboo Workshop at DEI ICT Centre, Timarni



The DEI ICT Centre Timarni has established a fully functional Bamboo Workshop under a 5-year formal MoU jointly funded by the Bamboo Development Agency, Harda (Forest Division Harda) and the Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed University), ICT Centre Timarni in the state of Mahya Pradesh. The Bamboo Workshop was formally inaugurated on December 5, 2020, by Mr. Harish Chandra Gupta, Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Department, Hoshangabad.

During the Inaugural programme, the Chief Guest Mr. Gupta inspected several new bamboo machines installed in the Workshop including the Bamboo Knot Removal machine, Thin Slicer Machine, Hand Splitting Machine, Profile Cutter, Kharad (Lathe) Machine, Stick Sizing Machine, Drill Press, etc. amongst other bamboo processing machines. The Chief Guest Mr Gupta was much impressed with the several innovative products produced in the bamboo workshop which included many decorative



bamboo products such as flower pots, night lamp, pen stand, clothes rack, trays, coasters etc. He also gave valuable suggestions for the improvement of operations in the future.

The Chief Guest Mr Gupta also inspected the other programmes running at the DEI ICT Centre, Timarni including the B.Voc (Dairy Technology), B.Voc (Food Processing & Preservation), Diploma in Engineering, Dress Designing & Tailoring etc. In the end, Mr. Gupta heaped praise for the efforts of the Dayalbagh Educational Institute in spearheading many innovative educational programmes in the rural/urban areas surrounding Timarni, including Rajaborari.



Various Winter Camps Organized



Towards the end of the year 2020, the DEI witnessed a number of various Winter Camps for students despite immense havoc caused by COVID-19 pandemic. NSS Special Camp, Unnat Bharat Camp, Winter Training Camp, Scouting & Guiding Camp and SPHEEHA-DEI Ecology Awareness Camp were organized simultaneously at the Institute between 20 and 31 December 2020. The five camps were organized following all the Institute's COVID protocols of using masks, headgear and maintenance of social distancing. The camps were inaugurated by Shri Nikhil T. Phunde, Municipal Commissioner, Agra. In his address, he expressed his astonishment on the organization of such a massive programme and participation of a wide range of students in large number, following strict discipline and taking complete security measures. He congratulated the students for spending their vacation in a positive manner and elaborated that social service is of paramount importance for nation building.

The main objective of the five camps was to motivate the students for participating in the activities related to social development and upliftment and to encourage them to utilize their winter vacation in a constructive manner.

The Cultural Coordinator of DEI, Professor DG Rao gave a detailed introduction of the camps. Registrar, DEI, Professor Anand Mohan inspired the students for social service. The Vote of thanks was given by Prof. K. Santi Swarup, Camp Coordinator and Dean of Students Affairs.

On this occasion, Director of the Institute Prof. Prem Kumar Kalra, Prof. Archana Kapoor, Dr. Sona Ahuja, Dr. Mala Bal, Programme Coordinating Committee Members and

Programme Officers Dr. Ranjit Kumar, Dr. Ashok Jangid, Dr. Brijraj Singh and many other faculty members were present to encourage the students.

The camps ended with the Valedictory function on 31 December 2020 and the Chief guest of this function was Ms. Meenakshi Sharma, Director General, Tourism, Govt. of India, New Delhi. A brief overview of each of these camps can be gathered from the following reports :

NSS Special Camp 2020

The Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dayalbagh, Agra organized NSS Special Camp from 20 December to 31 December 2020 for all the 1st Year NSS Volunteers of the University with all the precautionary measures in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. The NSS camp was divided into two parts. In the first part girls volunteers participated in the camp while in the second part boys volunteers participated. The NSS volunteers were divided into six groups and two shifts. The 1st shift was from 8.00 AM to 12.00 PM and the 2nd shift was from 12.00 PM to 4.00 PM. The NSS volunteers were asked to perform social service for two hours at six different sites of the camp and then one-hour training was given through the Lecture sessions by the people of eminence, who were the experts of different fields. This was followed by one-hour theme based co-curricular activities like; poster making, slogan writing, essay and speech competition, nukkad natak etc.

There were five identified themes for this year's Special Camp: (i) Sigma Six QVAs (Education/ Value based education/Digital education/Sustainable Agriculture/Vermicompost



/Air and Water Quality monitoring and management/awareness activities), (ii) Health and Hygiene (Face mask making/Sanitizer making/ Soap making/Covid-19 awareness/Post Covid-19 Precautions and livelihood/First Aid), (iii) Women's empowerment and upliftment (awareness for gender equality/Tailoring/ Stitching/Toys making), (iv) Waste management and safety measures (Handling of agriculture waste/electronic waste/Fire safety/ Road Safety/First Aid) and (v) Village Development (Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Education, training and collaboration with villagers for different activities).

The highlight of this special camp of NSS amid pandemic was the enthusiastic participation by the student volunteers and their adherence to the Covid-19 protocols. All the volunteers were encouraged to follow the rules of social/ physical distancing, wearing mask and putting headgear. The DEI administration had given choice to the outstation students to do the camp work at nearby ICT/Information centres of the Institute. So, this Special camp was also organized at different parts of the country and the volunteers were connected for other activities through virtual mode. This camp was successful in its purpose of rejuvenating the students and helping them in getting rid of fear and mental stress caused due to pandemic and also making them

understand their role in village development and making India self-reliant.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Camp

Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Camp, which was organized for the Diploma, B.Voc and second year degree students, activities like hanger making, soap making, health and hygiene awareness, waste segregation and management, vermicomposting, face mask preparation etc. were conducted along with social service. This camp was also organized in two slots from 21 to 25 December for Girls and 26 to 30 December for boys in two shifts 8AM to 12 noon and 12 noon to 4PM in more than 10 sites in Agra as well as other cities, following Covid-19 protocols. To name a few sites, the activities were organized at Biodiversity parks at REI, Seminar hall complex, and Khasra 359, Herbal garden, Rose garden, Boys hostel, Tannery complex, Gymnasium complex, Convocation lawns, i-c-n-c(TALL) surroundings etc. The Outstation students also participated in the camp activities through a network of ICT Centres in India like Jamshedpur, Gurgaon, Soaminagar, Delhi, Bhopal, Kota, Murar, Kakinada as well as Barchhawa, a Centre in Nepal.

Winter Training Camp

The Sixth Winter Training Camp was organized in DEI from 21 to 26 December 2020.



The camp was conducted in three shifts for the students of Primary to Intermediate classes. The basic idea of organizing the camp was to create general awareness amongst the students through variety of activities, 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 vacation in a positive and productive manner.

For the fulfilment of the objectives set forth, activities related to Memorizing Techniques, Spoken English, Personality Development Programme, Astronomy, Block Printing, Sculpting, Paper Craft and Handicraft Articles, Soft Toys Manufacturing, Drawing and Painting, Clay Modelling, Mehndi, Cooking and Baking skills, Fireless cooking, Fundamentals of Music, Light Vocal, Bhajan, Folk, Patriotic and Group songs, etc. were conducted by various experts in the concerned fields. Several mentors contributed significantly to the programme.

In addition to these activities, Games like Basketball, Volleyball, Cricket and Kho-Kho etc. were organized for the interested students. Those interested in learning Marshal Arts or Self Defence Training, were also trained by the experts. The students got immensely benefitted by this camp by participating in the variety of activities. About 1200 students belonging to different categories participated in the Camp

with zeal and enthusiasm. An Organizing & Monitoring Team ensured the balanced participation of students in each activity.

Scouting-Guiding Camp

A five-day Scouting-Guiding camp was organized for 3rd year and B.Ed. students at the Faculty of Education from 21 to 25 December, 2020. The camp activities were set off by Mrs. Sneh Bijlani, Treasurer DEI, by hoisting of the flag and conveying her good wishes for the successful conduct of the camp under COVID-19 restrictions. Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Archana Kapoor described the various precautionary measures adopted during the camp.

The Special Guest, Prof. Swarup Rani Mathur, Arizona State University, gave a virtual talk advising the prospective teachers to maintain a positive attitude and to learn to move ahead with the time. Prof. Nandita Satsangee gave the vote of Thanks. Thereafter, a poster making competition was held. Each day, two groups were sent for hiking.

On day two, Prof. Nasreen from Aligarh Muslim University explained the history, rules and pledge of scouting. A Slogan competition was also held. On day three, Prof. Gurpyari Satsangi, DEI trained the students to practise the self-defence moves. Mask-making and other solo performances competitions were also conducted

on this day. On day four, Prof. Ranjeet Satsangi, Professor Emeritus, demonstrated the Tent Pitching process. On the final day, the Oath was conferred to the Scouts and Guides by Dean, Students Affairs, Prof. K Santi Swarup who,

while addressing the students, stressed the need for self-discipline. The report of the Camp was presented by Prof. PS Tyagi and Prof. NPS Chandel gave the Vote of Thanks. The Camp was co-ordinated by Dr. Arti Singh.



Faculty News

Faculty of Arts

● Department of Drawing & Painting organized a Five-day Online Faculty Development Programme on Painting from 27-31 October 2020. This programme was sponsored by ATAL Academy, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and co-ordinated at DEI by Dr. Sonika. Learned subject experts namely Dr. Saroj Bhargava, Dr. Shivendra Singh, Dr. Rekha Kakkar and Dr. Alka Chaddha shared their views and demonstrated their expertise by creating attractive Paintings using various techniques like Abstract forms, Gouache technique, Creative Portrait, Mix media painting and Collage making. Total 155 participants across India took part in this online FDP.

Education Faculty

Online Workshop on Integrating Drama in Teaching-Learning Conducted

A Two-day Online Workshop on Integrating Drama in Teaching-learning was organized by School of Education, Faculty of Education, DEI on 29 and 30 November 2020. The Workshop began with the Institute prayer after which Faculty Dean, Prof. Archana Kapoor welcomed the guests and Prof. Nandita Satsangee shared the overview about School of Education.

In the first session, Mr. Dimpy Mishra, a renowned Theatre Artist of Agra, deliberated

upon the dramatic skills essential for teachers. Stressing the importance of resonators, pronunciation, projection and intonation, he informed that tonal quality is an important part of a teacher's personality. He demonstrated the use of tonal variation in dialogue presentation. In the second session, Mr. Mishra discussed about lesson Planning. He said that lessons must be structured by the dramatic elements of thought, plot, conflict and resolution. These would enhance a student's comprehension. The third session on day two involved the demonstration of various theatre moves and their classroom applications. The participants were given hands-on-practice in the moves. They were assigned tasks which were demonstrated by them very enthusiastically.

The concluding session was conducted by Mr. Puroshottam Mayura, a dance expert and trainer, who dealt with the topics of body language and posture in teaching-learning





situations. Participants interacted with the expert, discussed their problems and came up with practical solutions. 180 participants from India and abroad exhibited their interest in Drama integrated Teaching.

Prof. Nandita Satsangee gave the Vote of Thanks and the workshop concluded with the National Anthem. The workshop was convened by Dr Sona Dixit.

Staff News :

- Dr. Sona Ahuja was invited as a Resource Person for Webinar on 'Organisational Culture, Fairness and Performance in Indian Higher Learning Institutions: Agenda for World-class Institutions and Sustainability', organized by Faculty of Commerce, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, on November 29, 2020. She delivered lecture on the topic, 'World Class University: What Should be Goals and Strategies?' She was also invited as a Resource Person for Webinar Series on National Education Policy, organized by Kongu Arts and Science College (KASC) Learning Development Cell (LDC), Coimbatore, on November 13, 2020. She delivered the lecture on 'National Education Policy 2020: Ensuring Holistic Education & Providing Optimal Learning Environment.'

- Dr. Sona Dixit was invited as an expert in the Panel discussion on Human Rights during COVID time at Community Radio Centre 90.4 Mhz AGRA KI AWAZ at Dr B R Ambedkar University, Agra on 8 December 2020.

Science Faculty

- Dr. Arun Pratap Sikarwar delivered a lecture entitled "Importance of Creativity & Innovation in Teaching and Learning along with New Education Policy-2020" to the "Institution's Innovation Council" of National College (Mumbai University), Bandra, Mumbai on December 13, 2020.

Students' Achievement :

Ms. Savy Panamkuttiyel Minal, pursuing PhD research work in the zoology department has published a research article in "Scientific Reports" journal which comes under Nature

publishing group (ngp). The title of the article is, "Laboratory analysis of Au-Pd bimetallic nanoparticles synthesized with *Citrus limon* leaf extract and its efficacy on mosquito larvae and non-target organisms". The article was facilitated with a full ACP waiver and was published on 10 December 2020.

(Article Link: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-020-78662-y>)

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Ms. Manvi Jain, Volunteer, NSS has been selected for "Annual State Award for Best Electoral Practices award 2020" for her contribution in electoral literacy and voters' awareness programme. She is a student of B.Sc. Cognitive Science, Faculty of Science of the Institute. The Dayalbagh Educational Institute has



made tremendous efforts in electoral literacy and organized voters registration camp, voter card verification, voter identification card correction, tutorials for new voters on "How to fill voters' registration form". Ms. Manvi Jain enthusiastically participates in voters' awareness activities like rally, slogan / poster / essay competitions, etc. Her extraordinary contribution in "Electoral literacy for stronger democracy" has helped her in bringing this laurel to the Institute.

School News

Achievements of Students of Soami Nagar Model School, Delhi

I) Achievement in SOF Olympiads

Hans Satsangi of Class VIII secured 2nd rank in Delhi zone in IGKO; GK OLYMPIAD and 3rd rank in Delhi zone in NCO, Cyber OLYMPIAD organized by Science Olympiad Foundation.





II) Achievement in Inter School Competitions

'What Independence means to me', a Video Competition, was organized by Rotary District 3011 on the occasion of the Independence Day. Nihar Malhotra, Class X, of the school participated and bagged 5th rank in the competition. In total, talented Interactors from 39 schools participated in this competition.

Students of Primary, middle and senior wings collectively participated in *Each One Plant One* Competition organized by Rotary District 3011. Soami Nagar Model School bagged 4th rank among 25 schools who



participated in the competition.

III) Achievement in BPS Model United Nations 3.0

Students of Soami Nagar Model School won laurels in Model United Nations organized in Nov. 2020 by Bharti Public School, Delhi.

List of Prize Winners of Model United Nations :

- Pratishtha Bhatia, Class XII (Hon'ble Mention)
- Arya Swaroop, Class X (Special Mention)
- Sonali Kumari, Class X (Special Mention)
- Ananta Bhairali, Class X (Verbal Mention)
- Anurag Kashyap, Class X (Hon'ble Mention)
- Mehar Parashar, Class IX (Special Mention)





IV) Virtual International Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event “Namaste” programme was organized by Rotary International District 3190 on 4 October 2020. This mega event gave the Model school students a very good exposure into various aspects of personality development, leadership skills, sustainable living, International peace, art, cultural exchange, great networking opportunities and fellowship.

V) Winter camp @ SNMS Dec 2020

- A workshop on *Transfat Free Children (Bad Eating Habits and Unhealthy Lifestyle)* was organized for the students during the Winter Camp

(on 21 December 2020) by *Consumer Voice Organisation, Delhi.*

- A workshop on *Self Defence* was also organized on 21 December 2020 by an NGO *ScopePlus*. Ms. Seema Malhotra, along with Police constables Mr. Manish and Ms. Renu, trained the students on self- defence techniques which will help to improve the Safety Quotient of the students.

- A Music workshop was conducted for the Primary school students during this camp. The students were engaged in soulful music and gained new concepts about music and also learnt several songs.

NCC Activities

- Five cadets of DEI namely, SUO Pranay Pratap Singh (3rd year Electrical), UO Ritesh(3rd year Electrical), UO Aman Kumar(3rd year Vocational Automobile), SGT Raj Kumar (2nd year Mechanical) and SGT Vans Solanki (3rd Year Applied Botany), have made their way to Republic Day Celebration 2021. Now these selected cadets will salute the National Flag by marching on Rajpath on 26th

Jan, 2021.

- NCC cadets rendered services during the road safety month organized by the traffic police Agra. IG police Agra range, Mr. A. Satish Ganesh and SSP Agra Mr. Babloo Kumar felicitated the cadets and ANO Lt Manish Kumar during the closing function held at the Agra College Campus.



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