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Annual Drama Festival Organized

The Annual Drama Festival was jointly organized by English, Hindi and Sanskrit Departments, Faculty of Arts, DEI from 18-20 April 2022. This year, this drama competition was divided into two phases: Phase-1, Screening-cum-Selection and Phase-2, Final Presentations. During the first phase, sixteen entries were received. Out of these, four plays were in the English language, two, in the Sanskrit language and ten, in the Hindi language. Two entries were from outside DEI and the remaining were from various Faculties of DEI, DEI Technical College and DEI Prem Vidyalaya Girls' Intermediate College. The students displayed laudable prowess in all segments of dramatics and finally, after three days of the screening process, six plays, two in each of the three languages, were chosen by the panel of two judges for the final competition.

From 18-20 April, two plays each day were performed at the Convocation Hall of the Institute, amidst an impressive gathering of guests, Faculty and students, a gala of dramatic performances was presented with utmost dexterity and creative acumen. The audience was offered a wonderful mix of plays based on the Indian and the Greek Mythology as well as Fairy Tales. Dr. Priyam Ankit, Associate Professor (English), Agra College, Dr. Vijay Sharma, a reputed theatre artist and Dr. Chhaganlal Sharma, Head, Dept. of Sanskrit, RBS College, Agra, formed the panel of judges. Shri Satyajeet Gupta IPS, Superintendent of Police, Agra (West), the Chief Guest of the event, gave away the prizes to the winners of the competition.

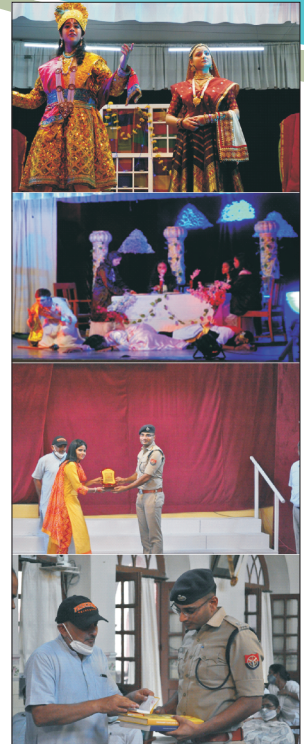
The Best Production Prize was won by the Hindi Play 'Yayati' by Faculty of Engineering, the Best Direction Prize was bagged by the English play 'Medea' by the same faculty. The other prizes were as follows: Best Actor: Gaurang Sharma, Best Actress: Madhuri Kumar Seth, Best Supporting Actors: Pradyuman Sharma and Kartikeya Bharadwaj, Best Supporting Actress: V. Pooja Preeti and Guru Abhilasha, Best Narrator: Tammana Satsangi, Best Impersonator: Poonam Kumari. Education Faculty of the Institute won the Best Stage Management Prize for its Sanskrit play and DEI Prem Vidyalaya Girls' Intermediate College won the Best Costume Prize for its Hindi play.

Students Display Art Exhibits at 'RANGAVALI' –Indra Dhanush of Fine Arts

With the intent of furthering the DEI mission of imbibing the values of art, beauty and creativity in its students, a two-day Art Exhibition entitled, "Rangavali" 'Indradhanush of Fine Arts' was organised by Department of Drawing and Painting, faculty of Arts from 19th to 20th April 2022. Shri Vikas Kumar IPS, Superintendent of Police, Agra City, inaugurated the Exhibition. Research scholars of the department and students of B.F.A., M.A. and B.Voc in Commercial Art, Ceramics, Pottery and Textile exhibited various art works, like, painting, printmaking, applied art, sculpture, portrait study and miniature painting under the guidance of their teachers. Dr. Ashok Shrotriya, Director, National Service Scheme, Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Saroj Bhargav, Former Director, Institute of Fine Arts, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Agra, teachers and students of Lalit Kala Sansthan, Agra and many other dignitaries paid a visit to the Exhibition

Socio-Cultural Day Celebrations

On the occasion of the festivals of Lohri and Makar Sankranti, the NSS Unit of DEI organized a plethora of activities under the directives received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India. This included carrying out campaigns to make the residents of the nearby areas conscious of the need to strictly follow the protocol recommended for protection from the ongoing pandemic, making them aware of their voting rights, and conducting a cleanliness drive. Besides these, as per the tradition, cultural programmes at different vicinities of the Institute were





also organized to mark the celebration of the Socio-Cultural Day.

In the evening of 13th January, 2022 the programme commenced with the address of the Director of the Institute. He welcomed the gathering and elucidated the significance of celebrating Lohri and Makar Sankranti. Following this, a multifarious cultural bonanza was catered by the DEI students, which included the presentation of folk songs and dances representing different regions of India, self-composed poems as well as musical melodies with the accompaniment of multiple instruments organized around the symbolic smokeless fire. The presentations by the girls were organized at the vicinities of the Girls' Hostels and the boys and student groups from different schools of DEI showcased their talents at the open fields of Dayalbagh. The distribution of traditional delicacies made of peanuts, Gur, Til, etc. enhanced the excitement quotient of the gathering. The complete programme was conducted while following all the precautionary measures as per the recommended protocol at the time of the Pandemic.



73rd Republic Day Celebrated at DEI

Dayalbagh Educational Institute has always been very particular in celebrating the National Festivals to mark the importance of historical events as well as pay tribute to our nation's heroes for their sacrifices and contributions made towards the integrated existence and growth of the country. The latest in this category was the celebration of India's 73rd Republic Day at the Institute, following all safety precautions on account of the ongoing pandemic. Shri. G.S. Sood, IDAS(Retd.), President, Dayalbagh Educational Institutions as well as Radhasoami Satsang Sabha, was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

As the National Flag was unfurled, the National Anthem was sung in unison by all. NCC Cadets presented the Guard of Honour, which was followed by a brilliant display of parade on the marching tunes of the DEI Band in which the tiny tots registered under Dayalbagh's Superman Evolutionary Scheme, and students from various schools, colleges, faculties and vocational programmes of DEI participated, holding their flags and placards with pride. Following the impressive parade, a melodious song infused with patriotic fervour was rendered by DEI students.

In his address, the Chief Guest referred to the history of the Britishers' arrival in India and the struggle made for attaining freedom. He also highlighted the facts related to the setting up of the Constituent Assembly, and finally, the Constitution coming into effect on 26th January 1950. After highlighting the important and unique features of Indian Constitution, Shri. Sood remarked that the students of DEI should feel proud that they are a part of an institute that governs on the principles of 'Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Mankind' and where education is provided from the Nursery class to D. Sc. degree. He also proudly referred to the important Patents received recently by DEI and the wonderful feats attained in the field of power generated through Solar Energy. Then he encouraged the students to remain rooted in their cultural and ethical foundations.

While giving his remarks, Prof. P.K. Kalra, Director, DEI, talked about the dream of 'Purna Swaraj' and expounded on the true meaning of Independence for a nation. While referring to the speech delivered by the Honourable President of India on the eve of the Republic Day, Prof. Kalra stressed the fact that most of the values mentioned in his speech were already being practised at DEI since its inception. He also mentioned the new initiatives related to the integration of Sanskrit at various levels of learning at the Institute and highlighted the significance of the principles of Agroecology in the Institute's operations. He ended his address by reciting two couplets of Ghalib:

1. “थोड़ी सी माफ़ी उधार दे दे ए खुदा जानता हूँ कोशिश चाहे जितने भी कर लूँ गुनाह मुझसे होते रहेंगे”
2. “कुछ इस तरह मैंने ज़िन्दगी को आसान कर लिया, किसी से मांग ली माफ़ी, किसी को माफ़ कर दिया”

Students of the DEI Band and PV Girls Intermediate College were declared winners of the March Past and were felicitated by the Chief Guest and Special Prizes were also given to the little members of the Superman Evolutionary Scheme and students of the contingents of PV Primary and Radhasoami Saran Ashram Schools for their brilliant performance. Later, all the dignitaries took part in the Tree Plantation programme to mark DEI's commitment to the preservation of environment.



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