



DEI MONTHLY NEWS

"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny."



— Aristotle

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Section A: DEI

National Seminar on Systems Approach to Accelerate Mobility Organized at DEI



A National Seminar on Systems Approach to Accelerate Mobility: Need for Safety and Security (Online) was organized on 8th April 2023 at Dayalbagh Educational Institute in its International Seminar Hall Complex in collaboration with Association for Transport Development in India (ATDI), New Delhi. Around 25 national and international experts, government officials, consultants, academicians, and officers delivered their invited talks at the event.

The Event was blessed by the Inaugural Address of Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education {Non-Statutory Body serving as a Think-Tank for DEI (Deemed to be University)}, Dayalbagh Educational Institutions on the theme of '**Combative Roles in Defence Forces {Nationally and Internationally viz. AADEIs, AAFDEI, DRSAA (Australasia), DRSAE (Europe), DRSANA (North America), DRSAAP (Asia Pacific), DRSAS (Sri Lanka)}**'.

The Event also featured a special Documentary on 'Evolution of Education in Dayalbagh' and showcased the range of courses, programmes, Multiskilling-cum- Medical camps, NSS, NCC, Rapid Action Force, Superhuman Evolutionary activities and celebrated the history of Dayalbagh Education System for over 200 years. All aspects concerning transportation such as the Use of New and Renewable Energy, Communication, Use of Fuels and Fuel Efficiency, Pollution and Delays at Toll Plazas, Deployment of Drone Technology, Artificial General Intelligence for Monitoring Driver Fatigue, Effective Policing, Mobile Services, especially prompt medical aids in case of accidents, Provision for Trauma Centres at Suitable Distances, Provision for Freight Corridors, ensuring safety from accidents by allowing long distance transportation only by dedicated freight carriers, and Disaster Management were included in the Seminar.

The list of Invited Speakers included dignitaries like Dr. Pawan Agarwal IAS(Retd.), author of *National Logistics Policy, NLP 2022*, Prof. Prem Vrat, Pro-Chancellor; Professor of Eminence and Chief Mentor, NorthCap University, Gurugram, Haryana, Prof P.K Sikdar, Advisor, International Road Federation (India Chapter) Safety and Security in Highway and Expressway Network Developments in India, Mr D. Sanyal, Managing Director, CRAFTS Consultants, Prof. Manoranjan Parida, Director, Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi, Mr. B Shanker Jaiswal, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police (Operations) Technology & Project Implementation Division of Delhi Police, New Delhi, Sh. Keshav Kumar Choudhary, Additional Commissioner of Police, Agra, Sh. Arun Chandra, Superintendent of Police, Agra Traffic Police, Dr. M.S Bhardwaj, Senior Paediatric Consultant Jiyodya Hospital, Delhi, Mr. Anoop Srivastava, Vice President, Radhasoami Satsang Sabha, Dayalbagh and a few others. The contributors contemplated and suggested implementable ideas and recommendations in the form of bullets for policy action to accelerate accident-free mobility and connectivity in a time-bound manner. Safety and Security along with accountability at all levels were given the top priority by all.

MoU Renewed with Seneca College, Canada



Dayalbagh Educational Institute renewed the agreement with Seneca College, Ontario, Canada during the Third Indo-Canadian Seminar on Skill Development on 26 February 2023 in New Delhi. The agreement was signed by Mr. David Agnew, President of Seneca College and Prof. Prem Kumar Kalra, Director, DEI, who was represented at the event by Dr. Huzur Saran, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Delhi, Member of the

DEI Academic Council and Incharge, DEI Information Centre, Soami Nagar, New Delhi and Ms Reena Ahuja, Administrator, DEI ICT Centre, Soami Nagar, New Delhi. The MoU was signed in the presence of His Excellency Mr Cameron MacKay, Canadian High Commissioner to India; Ambassador Ajay Bisaria, Former High Commissioner of India to Canada and Pakistan; Mr. Vishnu Prakash, Former High Commissioner of India to Canada and South Korea; Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar, Former Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia; Ms Ila Singh, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General, Government of India, and several other dignitaries.

Visit of Prof. Alok R. Chaturvedi, Purdue University



The Government of Uttar Pradesh has invited Prof. Alok R Chaturvedi, Purdue University, USA to study four Universities of Uttar Pradesh including Dayalbagh Educational Institute and submit a report on their unique and innovative features. Prof.

Chaturvedi along with his daughter Ms. Apurva Tripathi, Niti Aayog, Madhya Pradesh, visited the Institute on 7th April 2023. They visited the Agroecology- cum-Precision Farming Fields, where the students and staff were working together and wheat harvesting work was going on. Thereafter, they visited Anupam Upvan and the Seminar Hall to interact with the students of the Institute. After the Interaction, they went through the Exhibition of DEI organized at the Seminar Hall. The students exhibited their talents and the work in progress at the Institute. After this, they went to the Leather Section and the CART and saw the training work on Plastic Moulding Machine and Automatic Socks Knitting Machine. A short film was also shown to them about the working of the CART. Both the visitors applauded the work being done by the CART. They also visited iNFORMATION-cOMMUNICATION-nEUROcOGNITIVE Technologies Assisted Language Lab popularly called “(i-c-n-c) TALL” and were extremely happy to see the teaching and learning methodology for the students of the Institute, particularly for school students in different languages. Then they visited Dairy Technology Lab, and Herbal Garden. In the Dairy Campus of the Institute, they also visited the Agro-Solar Project and were apprised of the recent workshop attended by the DEI Faculty in Italy representing India. Later, they visited Chemistry Department, Physics Department and Quantum Technology Lab. to see the latest developments and research work going on in the Institute. An interactive session was conducted at Multimedia with the Rajaborari Team. The Coordinator, Rajaborari Team apprised them about the activities going on at Rajaborari, a cluster of tribal villages in the district of Harda, Madhya Pradesh and Timarni (also in Harda), which was very informative and praiseworthy. Later, they visited the Handloom Textile Training Project for SC & ST and the 3-D Printing lab. The visitors were intellectually impressed to see the latest research methodologies followed in the Lab. A short Cultural Programme was conducted at the School of Education in honour of the visitors. After going through the Institute activities and having observed the

Agroecology cum Precision Farming Fields, Prof. Alok R. Chaturvedi, thus, remarked:

“My visit to Dayalbagh was a revelation. This is a really strong University in terms of education, research and entrepreneurship. The faculty has shown great commitment to students learning and takes pride in their work. The Community Farming where over 1000 people from the community take part in farming is quite unique. This is an excellent opportunity to collaborate with Purdue University.”

Faculty News

Faculty of Arts

Faculty News:

Workshop on Electronic Media Organized



A two-day Workshop on the topic 'Electronic Media' was organized on March 31 & April 01, 2023, for the students of PGDJMC, Dept. of English. The first day of the workshop began with an Inaugural Session that started with the Institute Prayer followed by the welcome of Dr. Atul Upadhyay, an ace Media professional, who was present as the Resource Person. In the First Session, students learned the functioning of various parts of a Video Camera like; Lens, Focus Ring, Zoom Ring, Microphone, Viewfinder, etc. On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Upadhyay taught the techniques of the Outdoor Shoot including, how to fix the camera on a tripod on uneven surfaces and how to manage white balance and focus control in the natural light. Students visited different locations and gained practical experience with outdoor shoots.

Staff News:



- Dr. Seema Kashyap received an Award and was Guest of Honour and Judge at the Millet Chef Cooking Competition at 'Agra Millet Mela' organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Uttar Pradesh Government on 3rd March 2023.
- Dr. Prem Shankar Singh participated as a Resource Person at International Seminar, Sarnath, Banaras, 3-4 March 2023 and spoke on the topic, “Poetry on the Earth of Buddha”. He also

participated as an Invited Speaker in 'Environment and Literature', an International Seminar, held on 17-18 March 2023, at Rajiv Gandhi PG College, Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh.

DEI bags Championship Trophy at the International Youth Festival 'GHOOMER'

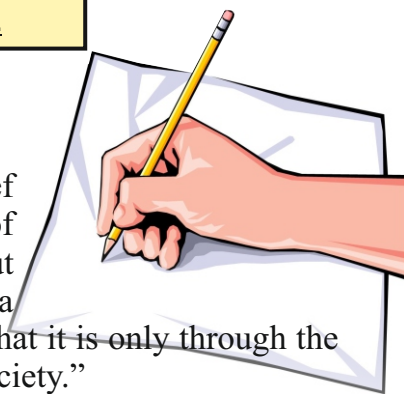
The students of Dayalbagh Educational Institute won several prizes in Fine Arts and Literature Competitions in the 18th International Youth Festival 'GHOOMER' organized by the University of Rajasthan from 5 to 6 April 2023. The names of the students and their winning events are as follows: Chinki (BFA)– First in On-the-Spot Painting and Mehndi, Garima Singh (BFA)– First in Rangoli, Vaishali Singh (BFA) - Second in Collage Making, Graffiti and Mandana, Gunjan Sharma (BFA)– Third in Poster Making and Cartooning, Nisha Kumari (BFA) - Third in Face Painting, Students of Music Department and Engineering Faculty – Second in Music folk group song and Students of Hindi Department (Hons. & MA batch)- First in Hindi Nukkad Natak.

DEI also won the Overall Championship Trophy for the excellent show.

Section B: Online & Distance Education

From the Coordinator's desk

At the 41st Convocation of DEI held on 18th February, 2023, the Chief Guest Mr. Sanjay Jaju, IAS, Former Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India told the audience [1] “....I am passionate about Innovation and aspire to set this as an agenda for young generations – a guiding principle, a movement of sorts.” and added, “I sincerely believe that it is only through the process of innovation that knowledge can be converted into wealth for the society.”



The Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022 captures the innovation ecosystem performance of 132 countries and tracks the most recent global innovation trends [1]. The GII scores are based on the following 7 categories: Business sophistication, Human Capital & Research, Institutions, Infrastructure, Market sophistication, Knowledge and Technology output and Creative output. The first five most innovative countries and their scores are as follows: [i] Switzerland (64.6), [ii] United States (61.8), [iii] Sweden (61.6), [iv] United Kingdom (59.7), and [v] Netherlands (58.0), India with a score of 36.6 is at rank 40, having improved its ranking from being 66th in the year 2015.

In his convocation address, Mr. Sanjay Jaju attributed the success of India in innovation to its emergence as the fastest growing “Start-up” nation. It is shattering many records by producing a unicorn almost every week. He then makes an interesting observation – “while almost 50% of the unicorn start-ups were born in elite institutions like IITs and IIMs, the rest hail from tier 2 or tier 3 cities. This signifies and is truly the real democratization of innovation.

In an interesting article, Mr. Amitabh Kant, Ex-CEO of NitiAayog poses the question: How to make India a human capital powerhouse? [3] and provides an instant answer: “Invest in the young people of the most populous nation, in their nutrition, education and skilling”. He tells us in the article – by 2030, over 1 billion Indians will be within the working age group of 15-64. This will position India as powerhouse of human capital and the largest producer of human resources in the world. This presents us with an unprecedented opportunity to leverage our phenomenal demographic dividend.

India's young are already a big asset. There are over 100 unicorns and more than 80,000 startups. Indian startups are innovating in core sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture and financial services. India also has the largest pool of STEM graduates and at 47%, is the global leader in STEM women graduates. This youth bulge, if correctly nurtured, will yield critical thinkers, change makers and leaders who will drive India's growth story in the next few decades.

It is imperative now more than ever to invest in the overall well-being of this young population through a convergent approach across sectors like health, nutrition, education, skill development and financial inclusion.

Against this backdrop, it is interesting to recall an example cited by Dr. Anil Kakodkar [4] that “Stanford University alumni and faculty have created nearly 40,000 companies that generate around USD \$2.7 trillion in annual revenues. Notice that this number related to a single University is around the size of Indian economy as a whole. We need to create such an ecosystem in our universities. The Research Park at IIT Madras is a good beginning in India in this direction. More such examples are in the making. We need many more such initiatives.”

(Prof. V.B. Gupta)

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News from the Information Centres

Report on Third APAC Textile and DressExhibition (TeDEx)



The third DEI APAC Textile and Dress Exhibition (TeDEx) was organized on 15 and 16 April 2023 at Phase II, Saran Nagar Colony, Bolarum. The exhibition served as a platform to encourage entrepreneurs and students and helped in bringing their products to the public, thereby helping in boosting their livelihood and empowering women. They were from various centres of DEI, across India, who are either pursuing or have completed the Dress Designing and Textile Designing courses.

A total of 17 stalls and about 41 entrepreneurs and students participated in the exhibition. The participants came from various Centres of DEI including Bolarum, Dayalbagh, Visakhapatnam (Dayal Nagar), Visakhapatnam (City), Vijayawada, Faridabad, Vizianagaram, Kurnool, and Mumbai.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. B.Indumathi, Joint Director, Handlooms and Textiles, Telangana, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. After the inauguration, the Chief Guest visited all the stalls enquiring about the material and processes involved in manufacturing products. She also found the prices very reasonable compared to the market. Dr. Parul Bhatnagar, Professor Emeritus and Head of Handicrafts Technical Training at DEI, also participated in the exhibition.

After the visit to the stalls, a brief programme was conducted in which Shri V. Dakshina Murthy, Coordinator of DEI APAC, talked about the work of DEI APAC in enabling jobs for the students of DEI and the purpose and importance of these exhibitions. Dr. Parul Bhatnagar then played a small video on DEI's textile courses. The Chief Guest, Smt. B. Indumathi, then commended DEI on the work being done in providing education at an affordable cost to the lowest strata of the society and also in helping them to earn a livelihood by providing platforms such as these exhibitions. She requested the media to spread awareness among the public about the good job being done here. The programme ended with the University Song. The Chief Guest and the members of the Press were taken around the colony and were briefed on the 'Dayalbagh way of life' and how it is being practised at Saran Nagar, Bolarum.

The exhibition attracted a large number of visitors. The total sale of Rs 14,00,000/- was reported out of Rs 16,00,000/-, which exceeded the expectations of the organizers. An encouraging response was also received from the entrepreneurs and a large number of enquiries were received for the various DEI courses being conducted at the Bolarum Centre.

First Aid Awareness Workshop Conducted at Roorkee Centre



A Workshop on “First Aid awareness” was conducted in the Roorkee Centre on April 2, 2023. The programme commenced with the University prayer and University song. The Centre in charge explained the significance of this Workshop and emphasised its role in saving precious lives through timely action. Thereafter, Shri. V.Agam, Data Scientist at Pratt and Whitney Company, conducted the Workshop, illustrating the various situations which need immediate and responsive action and the steps to be taken to minimise the damage to the affected person. The Workshop

was attended by all the teachers, students and their parents. The event was covered in the local newspaper.

DEI Information Centre Dayal Nagar, Visakhapatnam Organized Exhibition cum Sale



DEI Information Centre, Dayal Nagar, Visakhapatnam organized an Exhibition cum Sale on 5 April 2023 of the products made by the students who were trained in the Textile Designing and Printing course at the Centre. These students were from St. Joseph's College for Women, Visakhapatnam and had taken three months of internship at our Institute. An MOU with SJCW has been signed regarding this training.

The Exhibition cum Sale was inaugurated by Prof. V.V.G.Sastry, Regional President, Andhra Radhasoami Satsang Association and Andhra Radhasoami Education Society. The Regional Secretary Shri. G.Ramesh Babu, the Principal of St. Joseph's College Dr. Shyji. P.D. and Head of the Department of Home Science of St. Joseph's College with some other staff members of the department were present at the inauguration function. The Branch Secretary and District Secretary of Dayal Nagar, the residents of Dayal Nagar and students and staff of the Information Centre were also present on this occasion. The Regional President appreciated the products of the internship students which were exhibited for sale. The total value of the products made by the students such as chunnies, bedsheets, sarees, tops, T-shirts, bags, and kerchiefs, amounting to Rs.20,000, were completely sold out. The Principal of SJCW thanked the institute for giving excellent training and appreciated the trainers and also gave assurance that the MOU will be continued in the long run.

Section C: DEI Alumni (AADEIs & AAFDEI)

From the Editor's desk

On February 24, 1966, Dr. S Radhakrishnan, while delivering the Convocation address at Aligarh Muslim University, asserted that ideally a university must work together all three—Sciences, Humanities and Religion as parts of a single whole. Ultimately the real purpose of higher education is that it unites us with our inner spirit which is the centre of our Being. While formulating the Education Policy of the Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Revered Dr. M.B Lal Sahab, Founder Director, D.E.I., was pleased to state, “We do not like to put the clock back but would certainly do well to introduce a more human and realistic approach in education to meet the present day needs of our society.” This perhaps is the most valuable take from education at DEI. The Reader's column in this issue highlights Dayalbagh as a sustainable healthcare habitat with cooperative agriculture as its essential and integral part.

Your response in the form of comments and contributions at aadeisnewsletter@gmail.com. will be deeply appreciated!

Importance of Value-based Quality Education: A Panacea for the Psycho-social Problems of Today

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“Education, more education, education made perfect is the only panacea for our country's ills and evils. With more and real education, I dare say we can easily raise the general level of intelligence of its teeming millions, create, in its future generations, the habit of clear and deep thinking and of appreciating new values that turn the acquisitive impulse of its people from its present direction to the direction of truth.”

-Revered Sir Anand Sarup Kt., August Founder of Dayalbagh

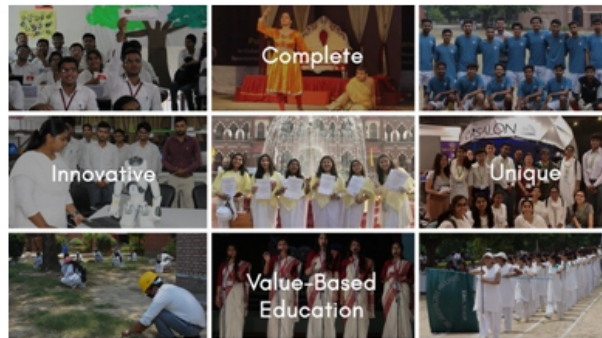


Psycho-social and moral problems in the present age require serious redressal. Problems entailing mental health, corruption, crimes against women and children, and unhealthy addiction have far-reaching consequences for society. Value-based education is the only solution for creating a just society for all.

Today, parents want to provide their children with the best education possible, which extends much beyond purely academic education. Parents believe that their children's holistic development is crucial for them to succeed in the global environment. Moreover, it is equally important to raise kids with strong morals and values who know how to apply their knowledge for the good of humanity. This is possible only through value-based education. The Dayalbagh Model of Education is a unique approach to education that has the potential to bring a positive change in society.



Dayalbagh Educational Model of Value-based Education



Core Values of DEI – The Pillars of Holistic Development



Value-based Education Leads to 'A Complete Man: Well-Rounded Total Quality Person'



Vision 2031: Two Decade Strategic Plan 2012-2031

The DEI Strategic Plan is comprehensive, bold, and action oriented. It is a plan that will transform the institution by setting high goals, raising expectations, increasing accountability, and energizing the community. It emphasizes the following:

- Commitment to High-quality Affordable Education with Values
- Teaching Excellence, Cooperative Education and Research
- Information and Communication Technology
- Infrastructure and Facilities

READER'S COLUMN

Agroecology Cum Precision Farming at Dayalbagh: A Sustainable Agroecosystem for All



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The article "Agroecological and Precision Farming Model of Dayalbagh: A Panacea for the World" by Dr. Shika Verma (January Issue) is extremely informative. It highlights Dayalbagh's vision for expansion of agricultural output, in line with futuristic global requirements. The vision re-endorses the need for continuous agricultural field work that was initiated by the sixth spiritual leader Param Guru Mehtaji Maharaj as early as 1943. 'Grow More Food' campaign was a response to the acute food crisis that gripped the country during the second world war, made worse by crop failures. Dayalbagh provided a beacon of hope, by setting an example of relentless hard work and dedication. Dayalbagh residents were not only resolving a crisis but were also paying a tribute to peasants who toiled round the year to provide food for all. Moreover, when this is done under spiritual guidance it combines physical, economic and spiritual benefits at once.

The latest example of Agroecology cum precision farming as practiced at Dayalbagh, is that it has been most successful in providing nutritious, healthy organic grains, pulses and vegetables free of toxic pesticides. A combination of organic crop production, dairy activities, use of solar energy in the farms, agrarian experiments on dry land, creation of health care habitat etc., promotes a good lacto-vegetarian diet for all. The involvement of all, from little kids to the very old, across caste, gender and class, stands as a practical redemptive solution for social and gender discrimination that plagues our society. One is reminded of Mao's Cultural Revolution in China when he forcibly transposed university professors, engineers and other professionals to the agrarian areas as they had lacked an understanding of dignity of labour. It had caused loads of heartburn then as the shift was too radical for many to absorb. Dayalbagh model, on the other hand, provides a fantastic opportunity to maintain a connect with soil and continue with other professional activities too. The model is evolutionary and holistic in nature and structured on not just resolving agrarian and economic global issues but also on honing the collective consciousness of the populace towards goals of selfless service for humanity. This allows them all to work towards their own goal of spiritual enhancement too.

Global response to Dayalbagh's efforts is visible. Recently, on 12 February, 2023 the German Parliamentary delegation visited solar farms at Dayalbagh. The delegation was impressed by the skilling, community-based model of agriculture, healthcare habitat and sustainable development initiatives and congratulated Dayalbagh for showing 'a way to a good future'.

Thought-Provoking Articles



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In the February issue of the DEI Newsletter, two articles were very interesting and thought-provoking. Both these articles were related to how our environment can have a deep impact on our consciousness.

The first article 'Consciousness Towards Conservation Biology Through Wildlife Photography' was indeed an eye opener as it brought out how photography with the help of social media such as Twitter and Instagram can help in sensitizing the public at large about endangered species and conservation of the ecosystem and biodiversity. The author has rightly pointed out that when key issues affecting wildlife and biodiversity are brought to the notice of the public through photography in social media, it will help in developing social consciousness amongst humans making them more serious about their role and responsibility towards our planet.

The second article 'Nature's Hand in Deep Learning' emphasized the subtle yet strong connection that Nature has with human beings. Children, adolescents, and adults- all benefit immensely when they spend time in the open, surrounded by nature's beauty. I completely agree with the author, that the fresh air, pollution-free environment and biodiversity at Dayalbagh as well as the agricultural work that helps individuals to connect directly with Mother Nature, rejuvenates the body, mind and spirit. Mother Nature helps us learn and imbibe so many things which if done conscientiously, enables us to evolve and raise our level of consciousness.

Alumni Bytes...

“The biggest takeaway from education in Dayalbagh is...”

“...dignity of labour, humility and spirit of service, that have been embedded in my persona and have helped me achieve great heights on both personal and professional levels. DEI has been instrumental in shaping my life as an individual and professional. I can never thank my alma mater enough for helping me evolve as a better human being.”

- **Payal Singh**, Batch: MBM (2005), Currently, PhD Scholar, DEI and IIT Delhi; Treasurer- Noida Mahila Association, Noida Branch

“finding joy and hope in simplicity and unpretentiousness. Values imbibed are our greatest treasures. These give us strength in difficult times and guide us to always stand for the right.”

-**Kapil Bhatnagar**, Batch: REI (1988); Currently, Manager- Quality IFB Automotive Pvt Ltd

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