



DEI MONTHLY NEWS

“Correcting oneself is correcting the whole world. The Sun is simply bright. It does not correct anyone. Because the Sun shines, the whole world is full of light. Transforming yourself is a means of giving light to the whole world.”

— Ramana Maharshi

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Section A : DEI

42nd Convocation of DEI Held Gloriously



The 42nd Convocation of Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra- 282005, was held in a dignified manner on 20 January 2024. Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education (A non-statutory body serving as a think-tank for Dayalbagh Educational Institutions) Graced this event with His August Presence. Most Respected Rani Sahiba also made her benign presence to witness the proceedings of the Convocation. Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, I.A.S. Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Although he could not be physically present during the event, he sent his recorded Convocation Address which was played before the gathering. Shri Murthy, while commending how DEI has been at the forefront of implementing the reforms proposed by the New Education Policy 2020, congratulated the Institute for contributing to all the seventeen United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. He was also presented the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the Systems Society of India during this ceremony.

The Convocation ceremony began after the robed Academic Procession had reached the 'Shiksha Srot Bhavan' (Convocation Hall) and the members had taken their respective seats. After the rendering of the Institute's Prayer, Prof. C. Patvardhan, Officiating Director, DEI, sought permission from Shri GS Sood, President, DEI, and declared the Convocation open. Thereafter, the Officiating Director, acknowledging most of the notable progress made during his predecessor Prof P K Kalra, now the Senior Director of the Institute, presented his Annual Report in which he shared the overview of the outstanding feats notable of DEI based on the mantra of 'Excellence with relevance'. Stressing the contribution of DEI towards the development of Dayalbagh as a Modern Sustainable Healthcare Habitat, Prof. Patvardhan also mentioned several transformative missions initiated by the Institute, like the mission to revitalize the Yamuna River, Camel-rearing initiative, Holistic educational advancements, like, the establishment of the Knowledge for Change (K4C) hub, organization of Research Summit with the help of Springer Nature, etc.

This was followed by conferring various Degrees, Medals, and Awards and signing of the Scroll of Honour by the Director. This year, 4829 students obtained degrees and diplomas in various courses of DEI. 01 Founder's Medal, 149 Director's Medals, 03 President's Medals, and 90 Ph.Ds. were awarded. 2829 Undergraduate degrees, 726 Postgraduate degrees, 64 Postgraduate diplomas, 559 Diplomas in Engineering and Polytechnic, 238 High School, and 318 Intermediate Certificates, were distributed among students. For securing the highest grade point in All Undergraduate Examinations, 2023, Aditi Rathore and Aman Pratap Singh were awarded the President's Medals whereas for securing the highest grade point in All Postgraduate Examinations, 2023, Tanu Kaur received this prestigious medal. Drishti Goel received the most coveted Founder's Medal for being the Best All-rounder Student among the First-Degree Students of the Institute graduating in the year 2023. During the ceremony, six

eminent persons, Shri Gur Saroop Sood, Prof. C. Patvardhan, Prof. Sahab Dass, Prof. Swami Saran Srivastava, Dr. Sarup Rani Mathur, and Air Commodore Amit Tyagi, were presented the 'Distinguished Alumni Award' for the year 2023.

DEI Marks 75th Republic Day with Vibrant Celebrations



In a splendid display of patriotism and unity, Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra-282005, marked its 75th Republic Day with fervour and dignity. Dr. Sunil Kumar Gulati, I.A.S.(Retd.), former Special Chief Secretary, Govt of Haryana, graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest and extolled the Institute's commitment to embedding moral values within its education system in his address. The highlight was a spirited March Past Competition, showcasing the discipline and enthusiasm of the students and ably judged by Honorary Major Pritam Singh, and Subedar Major A. Prakash Rao. The girls from Prem Vidyalaya Girls Intermediate College and the boys from the Technical College and DEI Band emerged winners and were lauded and presented the Winning Shields. Special awards were given to the teams of DEI Nursery cum Play Centre, DEI Dairy Bagh Primary School, Radhasoami Saran Ashram Nagar School, and DEI PV Primary School for their commendable synchronized performance. The day was further marked by a melodious group song, embodying the spirit of pride for the nation. Notable attendees including the Institute's Officiating Director, Prof. C Patvardhan, Registrar, Prof. Anand Mohan, Treasurer, Smt. Sneh Bijlani, esteemed Faculty, and a large gathering of students and staff bore witness to this celebration, reinforcing the ethos of unity and the importance of value-based education in shaping future citizens. At the end of the function, sweets were distributed to all as a mark of celebration.

DEI Celebrates Founder's Day with Grandeur



DEI celebrated its Founder's Day with unparalleled zeal, enthusiasm, and fervour on 31 January 2024. This day holds special significance as it marks the Auspicious Birth date of Most Revered Dr. M. B. Lal Sahab, the Founder Director of DEI. The Founder's Day celebration, also known as 'Open Day', witnessed a spectacular display of achievements and initiatives undertaken by the students, faculty, and staff of DEI. The entire campus came alive with activities, displays, and colourful decorations, creating an atmosphere of joy and celebration. The event showcased the dedication and hard work of DEI students, who presented their innovative projects, and creative works through various mediums, such as graphical charts, working models, display boards, and interactive activities. The layout of the arrangement was carefully planned, allowing visitors to explore the new initiatives and high performances across different fields of study. A total of 41

stalls were arranged, exhibiting models and activities related to various fields, including Ceramic and Pottery, Agriculture Technology, Greenhouse Technology, Sustainable Development Goals, Patents, Research, Dairy Technology, 3-D Printing, Nano and Quantum Sciences, Consciousness Studies, Drones, Artificial Intelligence, Online, and Distance Education programmes, Leather Technology, Anupam Upwan, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Alumni Placement, Medical Camp, DEI Education Policy, History of DEI, Admission Process, and Examination, etc. The organization of *Bhakti Sangeet* on the campus added a spiritual element to the dignified event.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Education (a non-statutory body serving as a think tank for Dayalbagh Educational Institutions) was specially convened to extend the heartiest obeisance, homage, and tribute at the lotus feet of Most Revered Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab, acknowledging His pivotal role in spearheading the Higher Education Programme at DEI. The meeting served as a platform to illuminate the extraordinary progress achieved through the implementation of Holistic Educational Programmes and Practices, all of which have thrived under the Divine Guidance of Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Education and the Eighth Acclaimed *Waqt Sant Satguru* of the Ra-Dha-Sva-Aa-Mi Faith headquartered at Dayalbagh, Agra-282005. The Founder's Day Celebration exemplifies the deep-rooted commitment of DEI to honour its illustrious legacy and uphold the principles of Holistic Education under the benevolent guidance of Spiritual Masters. It is not merely a celebration; it is a testament to the Institution's commitment to excellence, innovation, and the all-round development of its students. The event provides a platform for students to showcase their talents, learn from one another, and contribute to the overall growth and progress of the Institute.

DEI's Journey of Triumph at Inter University Central Zone Youth Festival



The 37th Inter University Central Zone Youth Festival 2024, 'Subharti Utsav', held from 30 January to 3 February 2024 at Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut, witnessed a magnificent congregation of talent, culture, and camaraderie from 21 universities across the region. The DEI contingent of 45 members, consisting of staff members, students, and accompanists was proud to participate in this vibrant showcase of cultural diversity and artistic excellence. The Institute competed in a wide array of categories including Dance, Music, Literary Events, and Fine Arts. Each performance was a testament to the dedication and talent of the students. The hard work and talent of the team were recognized with numerous accolades, including:

- Group Song Western – First position
- Mehndi – Second position
- Spot Photography – Third position
- Group song Indian- Fifth position
- Western instrumental solo- Fifth position
- Western Solo -Fifth position

- Elocution- Fourth position
- Debate- Fifth position

The top three winners from our institution are set to challenge their counterparts from various regions at the prestigious National Youth Festival, scheduled to take place at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana in March 2024.

Workshop Organized Under UHV Cell, DEI.

The Universal Human Values Cell, DEI and the Department of Psychology of the Institute hosted a Workshop entitled, 'Enhancing Counselling Skills Among Faculty' on 11th January 2024. The event was inaugurated with the University Prayer and Opening Remarks by Smt. Mala Srivastava, I.A.S. (Retd.) who emphasized the significance of HRD cells in DEI. Prof. K. Santi Swarup, Co-ordinator of UHV Cell, outlined the activities undertaken by these cells, aimed at assisting the First-year female students in course selection based on interest, abilities, and aptitude. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology highlighted the importance of counselling tools. The Workshop concluded with the plans for the HRD cells to increase visibility, maintain counselling records, and incorporate counselling periods into faculty schedules. Future initiatives include Orientation Sessions, Workshops for Skill enhancement, and regular updates on progress. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks, marking a significant step towards improving faculty counselling skills at DEI.

Faculty News

Faculty of Science

The Research Project "Aspects of Chern-Simons Theories" being carried out in the Department of Physics and Computer Science, was selected as a research highlight in the Annual Report of the Department of Science & Technology and Science and Engineering Research Board of Govt. of India (DST-SERB, 2022-2023, Page: 74-75), after being evaluated as "Excellent" by the Project Review Committee. The project focused on the study of Quantum Field Theory in $d=2+1$ (two spatial dimensions plus time), a frontier of interdisciplinary research with potential applications ranging from Material Science to Quantum Computation.

Staff Achievement:

Dr Sonali Bhatnagar, Asst. Professor, Department of Physics and Computer Science, DEI, delivered the keynote lecture titled "Geant4 based studies of Dayalbagh Educational Air Shower Array (DEASA)" in the 3rd International Conference on Advancement in Core and Frontier of Physics, organized by GLA University, Mathura from 02 to 04 February 2024.

DEI Prem Vidyalaya Intermediate School

Student's Achievement:

Ms. Chhabi Bhandari, a student of class XII, won the 'Best Poster Award' for her poster titled, 'Viewing the Transportation of Human Consciousness from Microcosm to Macrocosm through the Lens of Indian Knowledge System with a Special Focus on the Impact of Nature and Nurture on Human Consciousness' in Dayalbagh Science of Consciousness, Winter Session 2024, held at DEI on 31 December 2023 and 01 January 2024. She also presented a paper titled, 'Viewing Sustainable Development and the Indian Knowledge System through the Lens of Dayalbagh Way of Life and Sant Su(perman) Evolutionary Scheme with a Special Focus on Sigma 6 QVA (Qualities, Values, Attributes)' in the conference 'Indian Knowledge System for Sustainable Development in the Contemporary World', organized by School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Sharda University, Greater Noida, from 4 to 6 January 2024 and won the 'Best Paper Award'.

Section B: DEI-ODE (Online & Distance Education)

From the Coordinator's desk

Para 4.36 of National Education Policy 2020 reads as follows:

The current nature of secondary school exams, including Board exams and entrance exams - and the resulting coaching culture of today - are doing much harm, especially at the secondary school level, replacing valuable time for true learning with excessive exam coaching and preparation. These exams also force students to learn a very narrow band of material in a single stream, rather than allowing the flexibility and choice that will be so important in the education system of the future.

In an effort to reduce the harm being done by the coaching culture, the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India came out in January 2024 with Guidelines for the Regulations of Coaching Center [1].

The evolution of the coaching culture in India has been considered in an article entitled 'The Taming of the Tutors' [2]. According to its author, the earlier generation of students was fortunate to be blessed with pure education which was 'learning and not competition'. Upto the late 1970s, private tuition was an unknown term. With diminishing interest in agriculture, the profession of teaching became overcrowded – educated youth unable to find jobs opted for a parallel education system and commercialisation of education, in which the learners were lured by the tutors with whopping marks till it became the norm.

The system has become very complicated and parents are finding it difficult to convince their children that they can build their careers through self-study. Once the youngsters join coaching classes, they face competition and suffer from sleep deficit.

In the Regulations, it is pointed out that several states/union territories have already taken initiatives through appropriate legal frameworks to regulate the private coaching and tuition classes in their jurisdiction. However, there is a need for framing a model guideline to address the issues related to private coaching centres.

The Regulations define coaching as follows: 'Coaching means tuition, instructions or guidance in any branch of learning imparted to more than 50 students but does not include counseling, sports, dance, theater, and other creative activities'.

The Regulations require registration of the centres with appropriate documentation and the minimum age of admission to be 16 years. They also specify that classes should not be held during school hours and that they should not be held early in the morning or late in the evening and that the total study time should not exceed five hours. In addition to these, the centres should pay attention to the mental health of the students.

Metri [2] has expressed the view that the Regulations promulgated by the government will make learning pleasurable and meaningful. The government apparently admits that society has accepted the coaching culture and the government wants to standardise its functioning.

The Times of India of January 20, 2024, in an editorial, does not sound very hopeful and feels that too much coaching has come about because of too many exams and sees the guidelines as a band-aid. However, it is noteworthy that the guidelines do point out that several steps have been taken to reduce the burden of tests like the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for UG/PG



degree programmes, etc.

Finally, it is worth stating that the Alumni Association of Dayalbagh Educational Institutions (AADEIs) and the ICT Continuing Education Centre of DEI assist our students in preparing for competing for a career in Civil services, Armed forces, etc. through regular classes/workshops, etc.

(Prof. V.B. Gupta)

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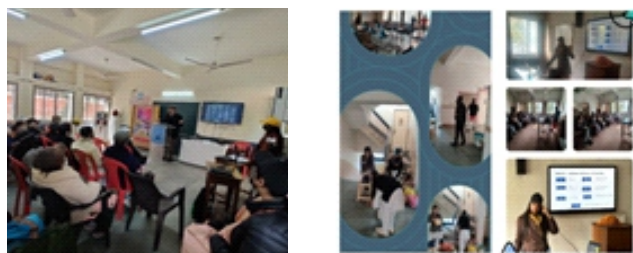
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News From the Centres

Workshop cum Brainstorming Session on Nature vs Nurture Organized at Soami Nagar, Delhi

A Workshop cum Brainstorming Session on 'Nature vs Nurture' was organized at DEI Soami Nagar ICT Centre, Delhi, on 7 January 2024. About 100 people attended the Workshop in virtual and physical mode. The Workshop was conducted for the staff, students, and academicians connected to the Centre and Members of the Satsang Branch, Soami Nagar, New Delhi. The programme was organized at the Soami Nagar Model School campus. Nine students along with Key Speakers and other participants joined the Workshop. A Panel of Speakers was invited to share their thoughts on the theme from various dimensions like community service, agroecology, academics, policy-making, administration, etc. In the end, a Questionnaire was also circulated to gather the views of the participants on various aspects related to the theme.



DEI Allora Centre, Agra, conducts 'Best out of Waste Competition'

To promote and spread the message of "Waste Nothing", DEI Information Centre, Allora, Agra conducted a unique 'Best out of Waste Competition' on 19 January, 2024, drawing enthusiastic participation from its students, especially of BBA and B. Com Programmes. Students created a diverse range of articles such as home décor items, day-to-day kitchen and agricultural tools, and other articles of daily use. The event helped in encouraging recycle and reuse of material which would otherwise add to pollution and heaps of waste and garbage.



Vicennial Celebrations of DEI Distance Education Programme Held

To commemorate the completion of twenty years of the Distance Education Programme of DEI, Andhra Region Satsang Association's Study Centres at Visakhapatnam City, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Kakinada, Amalapuram, Rajahmundry, Achantavemavaram, Bolarum, Secunderabad, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Proddutur, Vijayawada and Bengaluru celebrated the occasion under the aegis of Visakhapatnam Dayal Nagar, DEI Information Centre on 21 January 2024 with gaiety and splendour. Prof. V.V.G. Sastry, President Andhra Radhasoami Satsang

Association, and Andhra Radhasoami Education Society and Regional Secretary, Shri. G.Ramesh Babu, graced the Inaugural Function by cutting the ribbon as a mark of commencing the celebrations and also by garlanding the photo of Most Revered Param Guru Huzur Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab, Founder of DEI. The celebrations started by reciting prayers, and Prasad distribution. This was followed with the playing of an audio recording of the Ambrosial Discourse of Most Revered Prof. Prem Saran Satsangi Sahab (Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education, a non-statutory body serving as a Think tank for DEI), which was delivered on 2 June 2004 at the time of the inauguration of the first Distance Education Centre at MTV Puram, Tamil Nadu. The Centre In-charge, V. Dakshina Murthy, conducted the proceedings and extended a hearty welcome to all the other Centre In-charges, students, and faculty members. Prof. Anand Mohan, Registrar, DEI, and Prof. V.B. Gupta, Co-ordinator, Distance Education Programme, DEI, addressed the gathering in virtual mode. In the post-lunch session, Sports Competitions were held, and Chief Guest Shri. E.A.S. Sharma, Retired IAS and former Secretary of Finance Power and Energy, Govt. of India, inspected the Centre and interacted with the students. A Cultural Programme consisting of qawwali and skits was presented by the students to mark the befitting end of the celebrations.



Republic Day Celebrations at Jalandhar and Murar Centres

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with full fervour in the different Distance Centres of DEI. At the **Jalandhar** campus, Distt. Secretary Shri. Jasbir Singh, Centre In charge, Shri. Balbir Singh, faculty members, students, and children enrolled in the Sant Su(perhumans) Evolutionary Scheme, along with their parents participated. Speeches, Poems, and Dance performances marked the occasion. Quiz and games were also organized to enhance the joy of the day.

Information Centre **Murar** also celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm. The Satsangi Brothers and Sisters residing at Satsang Colony Murar, and others from outside the Colony were invited to view the celebrations. Students presented Speeches, Action Songs and Self-Composed Poems on this occasion which were appreciated by all.



Jalandhar



Murar

Founder's Day Celebrations at DEI Centres: A Bird's Eye-View

Paying Homage to the Institute's Revered Founder, Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab, on His Auspicious Birthday, Founder's Day was celebrated across all the Distance Centres of DEI on 31 January, 2024. An Overview of the celebrations can be gathered from the reports received from some of the Centres. DEI Information Centre **Ludhiana** celebrated the occasion by showcasing Models & Charts prepared by the students. The Event was attended by several dignitaries and the vicinity was open for the public to visit. The Founder's Day was celebrated at **Patna** Information Centre with great enthusiasm. Shri. Shashi Prakash, President, Bihar Regional Satsang Association, was the Special Guest. Informative presentations were made by the mentors, facilitators, faculties and students. The visitors were apprised of the Programmes being offered with value-addition and prospects of these courses.

At the **Bhopal** Centre, the programme started with the University prayer and lighting of the lamp of vision and submission in His lotus feet. The Welcome Speech was delivered by Mrs. Komal Kapoor, Centre In charge. An exhibition of products made by students was on display. The visitors were impressed with the artistic finesse of the exhibits. It was followed by prize distribution to students on motivational criteria, such as highest attendance, sincerity in studies, zealous learner, and Rangoli competition. At the **Jalandhar** Centre, while Bhakti Sangeet surcharged the atmosphere with reverence and peace, the visitors viewed the Display and Exhibition Section where, besides the exhibits related to the activities and learning at the Centre, pictures related to the evolution of Radhasoami Educational Institute to Dayalbagh Educational Institute (deemed to be university) and observation of International Year of Camelids at Dayalbagh were displayed.

Founder's Day was celebrated as a joyful occasion filled with warmth and camaraderie at **Pune** Centre. Shri. PS Malhotra, President, Gujarat & Maharashtra Regional Satsang Association, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Children delighted the audience with their vibrant dance performances, infusing the atmosphere with energy and excitement. Reflective words from District Secretary Shri. Soami Das further enriched the gathering. The event concluded with heartfelt gratitude expressed by the Centre In charge Smt. Vinita Bhavnani, underscoring the spirit of community. At **Dayal Nagar, Visakhapatnam** Centre, Shri P. Basant Kumar, retired IAS and former District Collector and Magistrate of Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh, was the Chief Guest of the Founder's Day Celebrations. After the motivational and informative speeches by the dignitaries, a massive exhibition cum sale was organized which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest. The products made by the self-employed entrepreneurs, present students and internship students were highly appreciated by all and most of the products were immediately sold off.

On this auspicious occasion, a conference titled 'EduQuest: Navigating the Journey to Educational Excellence' was organised at the DEI Information Centre in **Roorkee**. Around ninety delegates participated in the conference. This conference brought together more than 30 speakers, including industry experts, Professors, teachers, researchers, students and Children of Sant (Su)perhuman Scheme. Notable figures from the automotive sector, such as Shri Munir Alam from Midas Motors (Tata Motors), Shri Brijesh Mishra from Mahindra Mighty Auto Wheels, Shri Dipak Rathi from Shakumbhari Automobiles (Maruti Suzuki), and Shri Vikrant Tiwari from Trust Toyota, shared insights into the latest technological advancements in the field. It is a matter of pride that all four companies have given their pre-placement offers to the students of Roorkee Centre. The students from the Electrical and Motor Vehicle Mechanics also showcased their working models, demonstrating their skills and innovations. At the **Allora Centre, Agra**, the event unfolded with impressive model displays crafted by the students, showcasing their innovative spirit and artistic prowess. From intricate architectural models to cutting-edge technology prototypes, the exhibits reflected the diverse talents nurtured within the DEI community. To add a touch of fun and excitement, game stalls, besides an array of food stalls offering delectable treats, were spread across the venue, providing a lively atmosphere for students and visitors.



Ludhiana



Patna



Bhopal



Pune



Jalandhar



Visakhapatnam(DN)



Roorkee



Allora

Section C: DEI Alumni (AADEIs & AAFDEI)

From the Editor's desk

Basant 2024 was celebrated in Dayalbagh on February 14 with a special event--the book launch of the path breaking publication by Springer Nature entitled 'Consciousness Studies in Sciences and Humanities: Eastern and Western Perspectives'. Edited by Most Revered Prof. Prem Saran Satsangi Sahab, Prof. Anna Margaretha Horatschek and Prof Anand Srivastav, the book is yet another milestone in integrating the spiritual philosophy of the East with scientifically accepted phenomenology, thereby offering a complete and comprehensive perspective.

The article in this issue entitled 'Bliss in the Ultimate End—Basant' clearly indicates the extraordinary significance of Basant in the Religion of Saints, particularly the Ra Dha Sva Aa Mi Faith. The changing seasons provide a rich source of symbols each representing a spiritual state in the journey of the soul as it traverses the difficult path to its original Divine Abode. In Guru Nanak Sahab's *Baramaha*, spring is the month of Bliss when the soul rejoices in the vision of the Supreme Lord.

However, this auspicious season is an integral part of the very advent of the Ra Dha Sva Aa Mi Faith. The gates of Satsang were Mercifully opened to the general public on the day of Basant Panchmi, Magh Sudhi 5, Friday, February 15, 1861. Basant thus marks in many ways the beginning as well as the end – freedom from the cycle of Birth, Death and Rebirth – For the spirit then, it is Eternal Basant.

We invite our readers to share their views at aadeisnewsletter@gmail.com and look forward to hearing from them!

Bliss in the Ultimate End – Basant

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The very word 'Basant' evokes joy and excitement. People don yellow-coloured clothes, imitating nature's glorious burst of the flowering mustard crops. It seems like nature is rejoicing the promise of new beginnings, heralding the arrival of spring. And, where there is rejoicing, there is celebration! One festival, celebrated uniquely in different regions. Yet, with the same essence – winter is ending; spring is coming.

Although primarily a Hindu festival, Basant has been, and still is, celebrated by followers of different religions. In Pakistan, it is the 'Basant Kite Flying Festival'. Delhi based Sufis of the Chishti order still enjoy the festivities that were adopted by the 12th century Sufi poet, Amir Khusrau. Special pujas are conducted by Hindus for Goddess Saraswati. Lord Shiva, Parvati, and Pradyumna, Lord Krishna and Rukmini's son are also worshipped on this day. In Sikhism many *Shabdas* in the Guru Granth Sahib are sung in *Raga Basant* which denotes the change in seasons and the freshness of spring.

Basant in Dayalbagh is unique and special. After all, it was on this holy day in 1861, that Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj most Graciously showered His Apaar *Daya* va

Mehar on all of humanity by revealing the secret of the only path that would lead the *jivas* back to their true home, His Abode, Ra-Dha-Sva-Aa-Mi *Dhaam*.

The significance of Basant is not only limited to the opening of Satsang to all, regardless of caste, creed and socio-economic status, but also to the birth of the Headquarters of Satsang, at Dayalbagh (Garden of the Merciful). It was on this auspicious day in 1915, that Param Guru Huzur Sahabji Maharaj planted the sapling of a mulberry tree near the Holy Well which was the source of water for Param Purush Puran Dhani, Huzur Soamiji Maharaj.

Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj explained the meaning of Basant in His Bachan (No. 136) thus:

*“Whosoever has gone to and taken his abode in the Ultimate End is **Basant** and that really is good Basant and for such people alone who have ascended to and abide in the Region, which is the End of all, there is always Basant.”*

It is no wonder, then, that not only the residents of Dayalbagh, but all the members of the Satsang Community celebrate Basant in the way that is fundamental to the Dayalbagh way of life – immersed in *Seva*, *Satsang* and self-reflection, even as they work side by side to decorate the Headquarters and their colonies in resplendent ways, in their effort to bring to this earth a tiny reflection of what it could be like in the Upper Regions. Every member, from the littlest Sant Superhuman to the oldest, is immersed in some activity, be it in decoration, sports, cultural programs, games, etc. All this, while thanking our Supreme Father, for the gift He bestowed upon us...the path to Everlasting Bliss Forever and Ever, Ultimate End – बस अंत

Basant

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After the severe winter, bitter cold
The festival of Basant Panchmi unfolds
A harbinger of the season of spring
Joy, exuberance and warmth it brings

Everything around is bright and vivacious
To commence a new work, it is auspicious
People adorn clothes in bright yellow hues
Savories sweets are yellow and saffron too

Religious worship is done on this day
For wisdom, knowledge, prosperity people pray
Floral decorations, shimmering lights
Everyone around are beautiful sights

This is basant on the earthly plane
Where souls are in the mortal frame
In higher spiritual regions, Basant celebration
Is pure, blissful, beyond description

There the souls mesmerized, dance and sway
As the ethereal musical notes play
Refulgent lights- red, yellow, blue and white
Everything appears pure, radiant and bright

When the Supreme Lord Showers His merciful glance
The spirits are enraptured in a blissful trance
Absorbed they get in the ultimate divinity
This is celestial Basant in the Trinity

Alumni Bytes

The biggest takeaway from education in Dayalbagh is...

“..... achieving a very important goal of one's life. The institute's commitment to modern education of science and engineering is distinguished by high level of quality and moral values. DEI's unique integration of art, literature, science, engineering, spirituality and religiosity in the education system with the aim to evolve a complete human being is amazing and unique in itself. At an affordable price, we receive the finest education here after which we find ourselves confident and self-reliant.”

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