



DEI MONTHLY NEWS

“Given the 21st century requirements, quality higher education must aim to develop good, thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals. It must enable an individual to study one or more specialized areas of interest at a deep level, and also develop character, ethical and Constitutional values, intellectual curiosity, scientific temper, creativity, spirit of service, and 21st century capabilities across a range of disciplines including sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, languages, as well as professional, technical, and vocational subjects. A quality higher education must enable personal accomplishment and enlightenment, constructive public engagement, and productive contribution to the society. It must prepare students for more meaningful and satisfying lives and work roles and enable economic independence.”

— Para 9.1.1 of National Education Policy (2020)

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Section A : DEI

Dayalbagh Educational Institute Signs Partnership Agreements with Purdue University and University of Connecticut (USA).



Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra-282005, has signed a Letter of Intent with Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA and the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, USA on 23rd January 2024. A delegation comprising Dr. Indrajeet Chaubey, Dean, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, University of Connecticut, Dr. Bernard Engel, Glen W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, Purdue University, Mrs. Engel (wife of Dr. Engel), and Dr. Dharmendra Saraswat, Associate Professor at the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Purdue University, visited DEI on 22nd and 23rd January 2024.

The visiting delegation took a round of the Institute and expressed tremendous appreciation for the DEI Yamuna River Restoration Site (*Vaikunth Dham / Swarg Dham*), Poiya Ghat, Agra. They also visited Dayalbagh's Agroecology-cum-Precision Farming Fields, Dayalbagh Colony, Gaushala and Dairy Complex and various laboratories and facilities on the campus. The faculty and students at DEI demonstrated several innovations in technology and entrepreneurship that impressed the delegation. Several common grounds and mutual interests that have the potential for fruitful long-term collaborations, were discussed. On the evening of the second day of the visit, a Letter of Intent was signed with Purdue University, wherein both Universities have agreed to encourage the activities to promote international academic cooperation in different fields. An Agreement of Cooperation was also signed with the University of Connecticut, according to which, the Universities have agreed to promote joint academic and scientific activities.

The Letter of Intent and the Agreement of Cooperation with Purdue University and the University of Connecticut respectively were signed in the August Presence of Most Revered Prof. Prem Saran Satsangi Sahab, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education (a non-statutory body serving as a think tank for Dayalbagh Educational Institutions).

ALUMNI CONNECT 2024 Organized



Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra-282005, celebrated its Alumni Meet, 'Alumni Connect 2024' on 10th February 2024. During the gathering that transcended

traditional conference settings, embracing the natural beauty of the riverbank, the former students of DEI reaffirmed their dedication towards the preservation and conservation of Nature through efforts towards revitalization and purification of the Yamuna River. The Dayalbagh administration, as widely acknowledged, has been spearheading a campaign to cleanse and rejuvenate the Yamuna River at Vaikunth Dham, Poiya Ghat, Agra. This initiative has metamorphosed this place into a scenic locale, drawing throngs of visitors during the morning and evening hours.

Notably, the alumni who participated in the Alumni Connect 2024, enthusiastically contributed to this noble cause. Throughout the proceedings, Most Revered Prof. Prem Saran Satsangi Sahab, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Education (a non-statutory body serving as a think-tank for Dayalbagh Educational Institutions), Graced the occasion with His Presence, bestowing boundless Grace and Benevolence upon all attendees.

Several distinguished former students, both men and women, reminisced about their experiences at the Institute, lauding the quality of education and the nurturing lifestyle fostered by DEI. Most Respected Smt. Satyavati Satsangi ji, in particular, expressed profound admiration for the educational framework and pedagogy at Dayalbagh, emphasizing the institution's unparalleled commitment to fostering comprehensive student development.

Padma Shree Award Winner Dr. Radhey Shyam Pareek, a renowned Homoeopathic Doctor, attributed all his life accomplishments to the education he received at DEI, starting from his primary education at REI Intermediate College, Dayalbagh. He highlighted the profound impact of the spiritual and religious ambience cultivated by the religious mentors of Dayalbagh on his personal and professional journey.

Similarly, Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, Government of India, conveyed his profound gratitude for his association with DEI, echoing sentiments of indebtedness shared by many others. Dr. Arsh Dhir, Chief General Manager, Dayal Motors, Agra, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing that the educational experiences provided by DEI are unparalleled. Other notable attendees, such as, Shri Venkatesh Sarvasiddhi, Managing Director of Springer Nature, a prestigious global publishing company, Dr. Apoorv Narayan, Assistant Professor at the University of Western Ontario, Canada, and Prof. P.K. Kalra, Senior Professor, IIT Delhi along with Shri Saran Prasad, Managing Director of Accenture, India, all former students of DEI, also graced the event and contributed their reflections on the Institute.

The programme concluded with a vibrant cultural presentation by DEI students, culminating in the rendition of the University Song.

Delegation of Mizan Knowledge for Change (K4C) Hub Visits DEI



A group of delegates from Mizan Knowledge for Change (K4C) Hub, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), visited the Dayalbagh (K4C) Hub, Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra-282005 on 21st February 2024. The Mizan K4C Hub at USIM is responsible for coordinating the UNESCO Knowledge for Change Consortium for Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and Mentor Training Programme (MTP) in the Asia Region. The

delegates included Dr. Mahazan Abdul Mutalib, the Regional Coordinator (Asia) for the UNESCO (K4C) Global Consortium and Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Planning and Corporate Communication) at USIM. The other three delegates were Dr. Jadzeill Jaafar and Dr. Hazila Kamaruddin, from the International Youth Centre (IYC), Malaysia and Ms. Ruchika Rai, the Coordinator of Knowledge for Change (K4C) Global Consortium, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), based in New Delhi.

The aim of the visiting delegates was to witness as well as exchange ideas on Dayalbagh Educational Institute's community engagement initiatives. They visited Agroecology-cum-precision Farming Fields, Dairy, Site of rejuvenation and restoration of the river Yamuna at Vaikunth Dham, School of Education, Handicraft Technical Training cum Incubation Centre and also learnt about Life-long Learning and Extension Activities, Self-help Groups, socio-political sensitization in rural communities, etc. A fruitful hybrid mode interaction regarding community involvement initiatives of DEI, including the plans and opportunities for community-based participatory research was held. They were also apprised of the work being done under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, the Free Integrated Medical and Rural Assistance Camps, initiatives undertaken for the upliftment of tribal and rural people in Rajaburai, Madhya Pradesh, etc. Prof. Jyoti Gogia, Coordinator, Dayalbagh (K4C) Hub, DEI, Prof. Rupali Satsangi, and Dr. Sona Dixit, Mentors, Dayalbagh (K4C) Hub, DEI organized the visit.

'Amrit Kaal Vimarsh', A Development Dialogue Held with DEI Students

The Universal Human Values Cell, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, organized a Development Dialogue titled, 'Unheard Voices and Social Development in the Indian Context' on 5th March 2024 under the Amrit Kaal Vimarsh Initiative of the University Grants Commission and All India Council for Technical Education, Government of India, in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. The Speaker and Facilitator of the day was Dr. Ishwar Swaroop Sahay, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Political Science, DEI. Dr. Sahay introduced the students to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, which is to transform India into a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of Independence. He also highlighted the importance of the voice of the youth and their role in this lofty mission. The lecture was followed by an active discussion with the students. The audience for the programme was a good mix of 180 young students from various faculties and backgrounds. The students were also addressed by Prof. K. Santi Swarup, Coordinator and Dr. Rohit Rajvanshi, Member Secretary of the Universal Human Values Cell, DEI. Dr. Sona Dixit, Co-coordinator of the Universal Human Values Cell, convened the event.



Faculty News

Faculty of Science

Staff News:

Professor Sukhdev Roy, Head, Department of Physics and Computer Science and Prof. Saurabh Mani, Secretary, IQAC, DEI, participated in the Central Zone Vice-Chancellors' Conference on "Implementation of NEP 2020" on 2nd February 2024 at Vikram University, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. They made valuable suggestions on Governance & Autonomy, and Capacity Building of Teachers for Quality Education, respectively, which were included in the final recommendations. The Conference

was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Mangu Bhai Patel, Governor, Madhya Pradesh and Chaired by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi.

Faculty of Social Sciences

"Techventure 2024"-a Students' Competition on Start-up Ideas Organized



The Management Department, Faculty of Social Sciences, DEI, along with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Agra Office, organized the Entrepreneurship Awareness Campaign for students on 9th March 2024, as a part of "Techventure 2024"-a students' competition on start-up ideas. The main focus of this programme was to shed light on the initiatives of MSME and digitalization. In this programme, 220 students from various departments of the Institute registered, and besides them, about 40 student coordinators contributed in various ways under the guidance of teachers for the proper conduct of the event. Through the TechVenture competition, students will have the opportunity to present their entrepreneurial ideas to experienced industry professionals, the results of which will be announced in a Two-day Workshop on 12th-13th April 2024. Shri Brijesh Yadav, Deputy Director of Indian Enterprises Development Service (IEDS), Shri Sushil Kumar, Assistant Director of IEDS, CA Vinay Kumar Madetwal and Shri. Achintya Sharma (CEO, Amiach Technologies Pvt. Ltd.) were the main speakers for the Session. Prof. Sumita Srivastava was the overall event Coordinator accompanied by Dr. Jaspreet Kaur, Dr. Shweta Khemani and Dr. Hans Kaushik, Members of Social Sciences Faculty, DEI.

Staff News:



Prof. Sumita Srivastava, Dept. of Management, Faculty of Social Sciences, DEI, along with Research scholars of her department, Jagrati Asija, and Pooja Kewalramani, received the prize for the Best Paper Presentation titled 'Preliminary Investigations on Spirituality at Work: Bridging Ethical Leadership, Employee Consciousness, and Workplace Behaviour' at the 2nd International Research Conference on Mindfulness (IRCM) 2024 on the theme 'Mindfulness for Sustainable Business and Innovation' organized by Indian Institute of Management, Bodhgaya from 08th – 10th February. She also chaired a session at the International Conference on 'India a \$5 Trillion Economy: Challenges and Gateways' organized by Pranveer Singh Institute of Technology (PSIT) College of Higher Education in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, on 23rd and 24th February 2024.

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

From the Coordinator's desk



The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India on July 29, 2020.

The Cambridge University of England lauded the Policy and honoured the then Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' for spearheading Education Reforms to build a 'coherent and resilient education system', and appreciated him for his commitment to sustainable education through NEP 2020. It was further stated that for the last seven decades, India has largely focused on expanding access to education. Now, with the recently launched NEP 2020, the focus has rightly shifted to the curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment reforms. It promises to move the education system towards real understanding, away from the culture of rote learning. The policy has been well-received by educationists and other stakeholders in India and is being implemented quite effectively.

As an illustration, I will pick up degree-level undergraduate (UG) programmes in which NEP 2020 has introduced considerable flexibility, as described below:

While earlier, the UG programmes were of 3-year duration, NEP-2020 proposed two types of UG degree courses – of 3 or 4-year duration, with multiple exit options within this period, with the appropriate certification, e.g. a certificate after completing one year in a discipline or field including vocational professional areas or diploma after two years of study or a Bachelor's degree after a three-year programme. The four-year multidisciplinary Bachelor's programme, however, shall be the preferred option since it allows the opportunity to experience the full range of holistic and multidisciplinary education.

Since less than 5% of the workforce in India in the age group of 19-24 has received formal vocational education as opposed to 52% in the USA, 75% in Germany, and 96% in South Korea, it was decided that vocational education will be integrated into all school and higher education institutions in a phased manner. The skill enhancement courses are aimed at imparting practical skills, hands-on training, soft skills, etc. to enhance the employability of students.

Against this backdrop, it is worth pointing out that Dayalbagh has been a pioneer in providing vocational education and training in India. The Model Industries were started in October 1917 in Dayalbagh. Manual training after school hours was started for selected students in the Model Industries workshops in 1921. Thus for more than a hundred years, vocational training has been an integral part of our education system in Dayalbagh. As noted in DEI's Prospectus for the Session 2023-2024 (page no 85):

'For the last several years, the DEI has emerged as the largest vocational training provider in the country. The DEI has also been recognised by the MHRD and the U. P. Govt. as one of the government training provider agencies. The Dayalbagh Educational Institute has started B.Voc programmes in six trades from the session 2015-16 and one from 2016-17. Now 22 B.Voc programmes are being run by the Institute. These programmes will ensure that the students graduating in these trades possess adequate knowledge and skills. The University has already acquired state-of-the-art infrastructure in terms of training equipment, human resources, industry partners, and a quality education framework. With multi-point entry/exit and progressive education system, the curriculum designed by the Institute supports the development of individuals in realizing their potential and needs.'

The canvas of degree-level UG courses as proposed by UGC, based on credit mapping as per NEP 2020, is very broad and comprises several categories of courses as noted below:

S. No.	Category of Course	Minimum Credit Requirement	
		3 Year UG	4 Year UG
1.	Major (Core)	60	80
2.	Minor Stream	24	32
3.	Multidisciplinary	09	09
4.	Ability Enhancement Courses	08	08
5.	Skill Enhancement Courses	09	09
6.	Value-added Courses	06-08	06-08
7.	Summer Internship	02-04	02-04
8.	Research Project / Dissertation	-	12
	Total	120	160

Overall the National Education Policy 2020, which aims to develop good, thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals through multidisciplinary and holistic education, as noted by the Chairman, UGC, has been very well received by educationists, though some concern has been expressed [1] that (a) the emphasis placed on skill education and on categories of education other than the major area is high, and (b) emphasis is high on employment and low on innovation.

(Prof. V.B. Gupta)

Reference:

[1] Hema Raghavan, Foreign Universities in India: The Opening or Closing of Higher Education, University News, February 06-12-2023

News From the Centres

Karol Bagh Centre commemorates the International Year of Camelids

DEI Information Centre in Karol Bagh recently organised a captivating event to commemorate the International Year of Camelids. On 28th January 2024, students, ex-students, faculty, and young children gathered for a special lecture on camels. The lecture, skilfully delivered by Smt. Simi Grover, aimed to celebrate and spread awareness about these fascinating creatures. The diverse audience, including individuals of different age groups, created an engaging atmosphere during the lecture. Mrs. Simi Grover shared insights into various aspects of camels, fostering a spirit of curiosity and appreciation for these unique animals. To enhance the learning experience, a short quiz was organized post-lecture, encouraging active participation and reinforcing the knowledge shared. The event served as a reminder of the importance of education and community engagement, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.

Founder's Day Celebration at DEI Information Centres



At **Karol Bagh** Centre the momentous occasion of DEI's Founder's Day was celebrated grandly by a large gathering of students, alumni, faculty members, and distinguished guests. The event commenced with a solemn University Prayer, sung in unison, setting a reflective mood in the vicinity.

A significant highlight of the programme was a brief presentation delving into the life history of the Revered Founder, Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab. The objectives of DEI's Education Policy were passionately articulated, serving as a reminder to students of the guiding principles that should be embraced in the academic journey they have embarked on.

The Centre In Charge delivered a heartfelt Vote of thanks, acknowledging the presence and contributions of all attendees. The programme concluded with the resonating melody of the University song. To further enhance the camaraderie, the celebration extended to a delightful refreshment session, allowing participants to engage in meaningful conversations and strengthening bonds amongst DEI fraternity. In essence, the Founders Day celebration encapsulated a rich blend of reflection, tribute, and community-building, emphasizing the enduring legacy of visionary leadership at DEI.

The **Atlanta** Study Centre, together with its affiliates in Florida, Dallas, and Houston, celebrated their second Anupam Utsav of the year on Founder's Day. More than forty children of the Superman Evolutionary Scheme and adults participated in this programme along with Atlanta Branch Secretary, DRSANA President, Vice President, and DRSANA Secretary. The event began with prayers followed by insightful presentations from children about the teachings of the esteemed Gracious Leaders, focusing on principles like avoiding meat and alcohol, and conscientiously performing duties. The discussions also included presentations on student-focused guidelines set forth by Param Guru Huzur Mehtaji Maharaj and Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab, emphasizing habits such as early rising, waste nothing, and simple living and high thinking. A virtual game highlighting the life and achievements of Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab added to the festivities. The programme concluded with a collective prayer for strength to follow the guidance of our Founding Fathers.

The DEI ICT Centre, **Soami Nagar**, New Delhi, celebrated its Founder's Day with a remarkable display of enthusiasm and zeal. Students from diverse programmes, such as B.Ed., B.Com, M.Com, Diploma in Engineering, and Certificate in Textile Design & Printing, proudly exhibited their projects, posters, and special initiatives. The students organised entertaining games and quizzes and a Product sale to exhibit their talent before an array of visitors. Some items were also put on sale to promote entrepreneurship among students. The day also witnessed the presence of numerous alumni of the Centre who had specifically marked the date to reconnect with the new batches and the Centre's staff.

Product Exhibition -2024 organised at Bangalore Centre



DEI -ICT Bangalore ODL campus organised a Product Exhibition on 3rd February 2024. The exhibition was organised in two Sections. In the First Section, the products made by students of Dress Designing & Tailoring and Textile Designing & Printing under the guidance of Mentors Smt. PSM Lakshmi and Smt. Parul Srivastav and LED Bulbs made by the students of M.Tech. and B.Tech under the guidance of their mentors Shri T. Preetam, Shri. Rohit and Shri Saurabh were exhibited for sale. The Second Section displayed Charts regarding DEI Programmes viz PG, UG, PG Diploma and Certificate programmes with special stress on the approved programmes for Bangalore Centre. The visitors were explained about the education policy of DEI, details of each programme and also the objective of holding these events regularly. The public visited in large numbers and purchased the products generously. The objectives of this event were also to expose students to entrepreneurial skills to enable the 'Earn While Learning Experience' and also to create more

visibility of the DEI ICT Centre and its programmes.

Basant Sports Held at Gadiras (Sukma)

Basant Sports were organised on 12th February 2024 at the DEI Training Centre, Gadiras (Sukma) with all the students, staff and local villagers with great zeal. Shri Anami Sharan, 2nd in Command 02 Bn CRPF, Shri Gufran Ahmad, Assistant Commandant, Shri O P Bishnoi, Assistant Commandant 188 Bn CRPF, Smt. Patrika Patel, Smt. Chauhan, Self-Help Group activists were among the dignitaries present on the occasion. The programme started with the University prayer in Sanskrit, followed by athletics including the Three-legged race, 50-metre race, Spoon race, Needle race for students and Frog race for children of the local community. In the end, Sh. Anami Sharan briefed the students on the importance of Basant Panchami.

On 14th February 2024, the Basant Panchami day, the Centre was decorated with Rangoli, yellow flowers and artificial flowers. A cultural programme was organised by the students including recitation of patriotic songs, Dayalbagh Scout song, and motivational speeches. Finally, prizes were distributed to the winners.

Basant Celebrations 2024 at Atlanta Centre



In the spirit of Basant, the Atlanta branch embarked on a journey of growth with the launch of eleven innovative initiatives aimed at the holistic development of its members, while staying true to the values of Satsang culture and the Dayalbagh way of life. These initiatives cater to a diverse spectrum of interests, ensuring there is something valuable for every age group. Designed to foster collaboration, these initiatives will not only benefit the members of the Atlanta branch but also aim to connect with the broader North American community in the future. The comprehensive range of programmes includes:

Medical Education for All: Promoting health literacy and medical studies across the community; STEM Programme: Encouraging engagement with science, technology, engineering, and math; Sant Superhuman Upavan: A space dedicated to the spiritual and personal growth of children from three weeks to twelve years of age; Scientific Discussion Forum: Fostering a culture of inquiry and evidence-based understanding; Bhagavad Gita for All: Making the timeless wisdom of this sacred text accessible to everyone; Assistance Committee: Providing support and resources to Atlanta branch members and informing them about the latest updates from Dayalbagh; Community Outreach: Extending our hand to the wider community (outside Satsang) through service and collaboration; Women Empowerment: Elevating the role of women in the community through targeted programmes; Agro Cell: Enhancing agricultural knowledge and promoting sustainable practices; Shabda Recitation: Celebrating our sacred text through recitations in English, Sanskrit, and Hindi; Central Repository: Building a shared resource for knowledge and learning.

The inaugural event, held on 18th February 2024, showcased commitment and community spirit. Initiative coordinators presented their plans for the year, detailing the objectives and activities set to unfold. In attendance were the President, Vice-President, Secretary, DRSANA, and Atlanta Secretary, along with a congregation of Atlanta Branch Super Humans, youths and adults. The event concluded with a prayer, seeking divine guidance to imbue all members with the wisdom and discipline necessary for the successful execution of these initiatives.

Section C: DEI Alumni (AADEIs & AAFDEI)

From the Editor's desk

DEI Alumni Connect held earlier this year was not just a reunion but a successful celebration of the partnership among students, Alumni, Faculty and administrators who work together to uphold the Institute's Mission and Values. The articles included in this issue underline the zeal and enthusiasm with which the Alumni stay committed to the growth and success of their Alma Mater. The occasion was made even more special by the fact that it unfolded along the banks of the river Yamuna at Baikunth Dham. Blessed by the Benign and Merciful Presence of the Supreme Father, the event marks another milestone in building a strong community and culture.

As the days turn warmer and the harvest season catches fervour, the colours of spring usher in the festival of colours. Traditionally symbolizing the victory of good over evil, the colours of Holi also stand for joy, the spring season and the celebration of life on this earth as the way to eternal and Everlasting Bliss.

We wish our readers a blissful Holi! Please share your comments and views at aadeisnewsletter@gmail.com. Your response will be deeply appreciated.

Dayalbagh Educational Institute Alumni Meet-2024

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As the morning sun rose over the tranquil banks of the Yamuna, we found ourselves waiting eagerly and excitedly for the Dayalbagh Educational Institute Alumni Meet. The familiar surroundings of our alma mater evoked a sense of nostalgia, reminding me of the countless memories from our carefree and happy college days. Meeting and catching up with fellow graduates, there was an unmistakable buzz of excitement in the air. Faces lit up with smiles and laughter as old friends reunited and new connections were made. Despite the years that had passed, the camaraderie among us remained as strong as ever.

What made this alumni meet truly special was the spirit of seva that permeated the event from the early hours of the morning. Seva, or selfless service, is a core value which was deeply instilled in us during our time at Dayalbagh. It was heartening to witness my fellow alumni dedicating their time and effort to ensure the success of the event. Some of us were busy in working out logistics while others were involved in serving food with a smile. But the most important activity in which all of us participated with enthusiasm was the cleaning of the Yamuna which is part of the rejuvenation of the river Yamuna project undertaken by the Ra Dha Sva Aa Mi Satsang Sabha, Dayalbagh Headquarters.

Blessed with the All Merciful Presence of Most Revered Gracious Huzur, Whose aura of Grace and Mercy lent an air of joy and reverence to the occasion, inspiring us all to adopt the Dayalbagh way of life embodied by the principles of love, harmony, devotion and selfless service. With the serene river Yamuna as a backdrop, conversations flowed freely, punctuated by laughter and shared memories even as we worked. We reminisced about our college days – the early morning classes, the late-night study sessions, and the moments of camaraderie that had defined our time together. Gracious Huzur was the Director when we were studying in the institute, and His presence at the Meet served as a guiding light, reminding us of the values instilled in us by our alma mater. His words of wisdom resonated deeply, reinforcing our commitment to making a positive impact on the world around us.

Throughout the morning, there was a palpable sense of gratitude – gratitude for the education we had received, gratitude for the friendships forged, and gratitude for the opportunity to bask in the Divine and Merciful Presence of Gracious Huzur. It was a reminder of the profound impact that Dayalbagh Educational Institute had on our lives, shaping us into the individuals we have now become.

But the alumni meet was not just about looking back; it was also about looking forward. It was a chance to celebrate the achievements of our fellow graduates and to inspire one another to reach new heights. As we exchanged stories of career milestones and personal triumphs, I couldn't help but feel a sense of pride in the diverse accomplishments of my peers and in the bright and promising future of the present students. It was a pleasure to interact with these young talented minds eager to learn from our experiences and ready to contribute positively to community and society.

As the Sun climbed higher in the sky and the morning turned to afternoon, we bid farewell to the tranquil banks of the Yamuna, carrying with us the memories shared and the bonds strengthened. The alumni meet had been a testament to the enduring spirit of Dayalbagh, uniting us in our shared experiences and inspiring us to continue walking the path of love and service under the Gracious Guidance of Most Revered Huzur, making a difference to the world, one act of seva at a time.

My Reminiscences of DEI

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As an alumnus of the Dayalbagh Educational Institute (DEI), I fondly remember my college days filled with laughter, learning, and a fair share of challenges. At the same time, I appreciate the role that DEI played in shaping my personality. Unbeknown to me at the time, developing a complete personality encompassed many facets of life, including academics, emotional intelligence, social responsibility, and leadership. Our dedicated educators seamlessly interwove intangible aspects of personality - ethics, values, and emotional intelligence - into our curriculum. By being taught how to be empathetic, respectful, and understanding, we learned how to handle complexities and manage them effectively. In the pursuit of excellence, it's easy to overlook the importance of ethical values. However, DEI ensured that we were fully aware of the guiding principles of morality, honesty, and integrity in our lives.

The array of extracurricular activities provided fresh avenues, that further enhanced our personalities. They honed our leadership abilities, team spirit, resilience, sportsmanship, and creativity. Active involvement in community services and environmental protection activities also instilled in us a strong sense of social responsibility.

The University also gives special attention to research and development activities, with numerous projects funded by national and international funding agencies. It continues with its mission to promote value-based education and research, aiming to contribute to the broader academic community and society.

Dayalbagh Educational Institute isn't just an academic institution; it's a space where knowledge meets wisdom, where learning leads to enlightenment, and where education inspires character building. It continues to shape the lives of thousands of students while making meaningful contributions to society and the academic world. Undoubtedly, DEI is a shining star in the educational spectrum of India.

Reflecting on it today, I can confidently state that my college years weren't simply about academic learning. Instead, they were a transformative journey that helped me grow, develop, and evolve into a balanced and mature individual.

Sakhi Speaks: My Second Birth and Blessed Life

Dantu Charandasi

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Sakhi, if I could speak...
When I was born, Little did I know
If someone else were to tell, would not have believed!

Grew up in my tribe, amidst the Rajasthan streets,
Eating, drinking, sleeping
and dancing in the colors of life.
Then suddenly came the moment, that now feels like yesterday,
When we were brought to far away land
Dayalbagh, located in City Agra.

My karmas were heavy
Injured my backbone,
Unaware was I, that this injury would make me Dataji's dearest.
The whole world left aside,
The Universe was brought together
Blessed we were with Grace so Divine.

A shower of Divine words began to resonate in us,
Enraptured by melody so Divine, the pain faded with time.
Five Words:

From 'Ra'-'Niranjan', from 'Dha'-'Om',
From 'Sva'-'Rarang', from 'Aa'-'Sohang',
from 'Mi'-'Sat',
And then 'Ra Dha Sva Aa Mi'.

Now My birth, triumph and fruitful,
With shadow of Fear faded
And Kal Karma defeated.

For the first time, I felt
I am reborn and got another life, Huzur.
Will this journey make the Divine Prophecy famous?

"This Spiritual Current will not return
Until all beings find Salvation".

Blessed, blessed is our destiny,
After Thee, the world has named this year after us.

Little did they know
That we have forever become Thy slaves.
Hey friends, come, sing and dance; together let's rejoice,
On our first Basant and Holi, we bow our heads
Again and again.



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