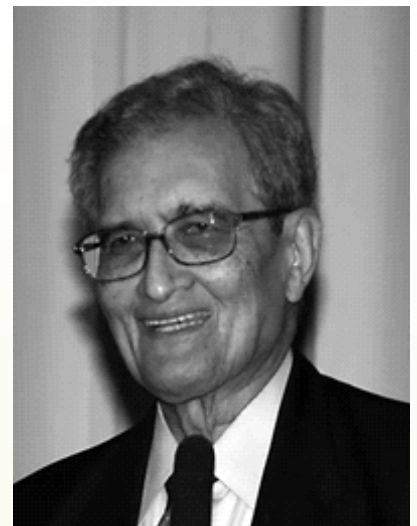




DEI MONTHLY NEWS

“Education makes us the human beings we are. It has major impacts on economic development, on social equity, gender equity. In all kinds of ways, our lives are transformed by education and security. Even if it had not one iota of effort [on] security, it would still remain in my judgment the biggest priority in the world”.



— Amartya Sen
Nobel Laureate

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Section A : DEI

Nurturing Minds, Shaping Futures: Teachers Felicitated on Teacher's Day at DEI



Teacher's Day is a momentous event celebrated in Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra-5, to acknowledge the commitment and contribution of teachers to the noble cause of countermanding ignorance and enlightening humankind. On September 5, 2023, the programme began with the Institute Prayer followed by a speech on the importance of the day and a reading of a brief profile of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, a great educationist, and former President of India, whose birthday is commemorated as Teacher's Day across the country. It was followed by Guru Vandana, Saraswati Vandana and a poem dedicated to Teachers. Mementoes were awarded to some of the retired teachers of the Institute, such as Prof. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Prof. V Soami Das, Prof. D. Ganeshwar Rao, Prof. Poornima Jain, Prof. D. Vasanta Kumari and Prof. Agam Kulshreshtha by Prof. Anand Mohan and Mrs. Sneh Bijlani, Registrar and Treasurer of the Institute respectively. The teachers then shared their experiences with the audience. Director of Dayalbagh Educational Institute (DEI), Prof. P.K. Kalra, expressed his views on the role of teachers in society. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Prof. Anand Mohan. The celebration concluded with the Institute Song followed by the National Anthem. The programme was conducted by students of the Faculties of Social Sciences and Commerce.

Faculty News

Faculty of Arts

Department of Home Science, DEI, organized a one-day Curriculum Development Workshop in hybrid mode for a new graduation degree on "**BSc Sustainable Community Science**" on July 15, 2023. Experts from the fields of Community Science/ Home Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Agriculture, and Human Development/ Psychology were invited from academic institutions and Industry. 14 External Experts and staff from various DEI departments were present in the Workshop, whose suggestions guided in designing the course. This course has been approved by DEI's Academic Council and has been introduced from the current academic session 2023-24.



The above-mentioned specialisation and others which might crop up in future, they should all be under the Rubric of B.Sc. Agriculture Science, which is the over-arching initiative, catering to Healthcare-Habitat concepts of WHO & UNESCO and subject to settlement of legal disputes, if any, by the International Court of Justice at the Hague, Netherlands (wikipedia website: edeiwww.education). Some of the recent Ph.D. Awards among several others are: Dr. Rosy Parmar (Guide: Dr. Dayal Pyari Srivastava, Co-Guide: Prof. Sukhdev Roy), Dr. Swati Singh (Guide: Dr. Dayal Pyari Srivastava, Co-Guide: Prof. C. Patvardhan), Dr. Arsh Dhir (Guide: Prof. D. Bhagwan Das, Co-Guide: Prof. Pami Dua, Emeritus Guide: Rev. Prof. Prem Saran Satsangi)

Staff News:

- Dr. Nishith Gaur, Asst. Professor, Department of Sanskrit, was awarded 'Aacharya Chanakya Samman 2023' by Vilakshana Ek Sarthak Pahal Samiti, Ajayab, Haryana. She was also awarded 'Rashtraputri Samman 2023' by Gagan Ram Educational & Social Welfare Society, Bohal, Haryana. Dr. Gaur also chaired a Session and delivered a lecture at the International Conference on Philosophy of Vaishnav Vedanta entitled "Vaishnav Bhakti Dhara" by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, from 26 to 27 August 2023. Along with this, she was also invited as the Guest Editor for the special issue on *Bohal Shodh Manjusha*, an International Peer Reviewed Refereed Multi-disciplinary and Multiple Languages Research Journal, July 2023 Issue.
- A book entitled, *Sound Consciousness in Various Religions*, with Prof. Agam Kulshrestha (Ex-Head, Department of Sanskrit, DEI) as Editor and Dr. Nishith Gaur as Co-editor has been published by Shivalik Prakashan, New Delhi. (ISBN 978-81 – 96100-55-1)

Faculty of Education

A Two-day Workshop on English Language Teaching at the Primary (preparatory) Level was organized by the School of Education, Faculty of Education, DEI, Agra on 4-6 September 2023. The Workshop was organized for Primary School teachers of English from the Rajaborari tribal village cluster, Madhya Pradesh. It was also attended online by the students of Diploma in Elementary Education (D.E.I.Ed.) and Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) Programmes from the Faculty of Education, DEI. Prof. Nandita Satsangee, Dean, Faculty of Education, started the First Session with a discussion of some issues and the present status of teaching English in India. She explained the practical principles of teaching English as a second language and focused on the importance of developing all four language skills. The next Session of the Workshop was taken up by Dr. Seema Sandhir, a retired EAL (English as an Additional Language) teacher, American International School, Chennai. She interacted with the students by focusing on interactive and participatory language activities to promote the development of language skills among Primary school teachers with classroom applications. She conducted language-based games, like 'Simon Says' and 'Think-Pair-Share' which greatly motivated the teachers.

The second day of the Workshop started with the continued session of Dr. Seema Sandhir. She described a number of strategies for teaching the English language including storytelling, mime, role play, etc. The hands-on experience was also provided to the pupil teachers. In the last session, Dr. Poonam Prakash, Head Mistress, DEI, P.V. Primary School (Extension Wing) and also Coordinator, Soft Skills Training Programme of the Alumni Association of the Institute, discussed some very effective reading strategies for young learners and the Phonetic method of teaching- reading, based on word- recognition skills. She shared various kinds of teaching aids and language activities with live demonstrations. The Session ended with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Nandita Satsangee, who convened the Workshop, which was organized by the Principal of Rajaborari High School and faculty members at Faculty of Education, DEI.

Staff News:

Dr. Jyotika Kharbanda, Asst. Professor, Faculty of Education, was invited as a Judge at Mandal Level Science Sangoshthi, which was organized by the State Institute of Science Education, Uttar Pradesh, at MD

Jain Inter College, Agra, on 22 August 2023.

Faculty of Science

Department of Zoology, in collaboration with the Indian Immunology Society (IIS), New Delhi, conducted a National Seminar to commemorate the "International Day of Immunology" with the theme "Immunology Talks to Public Health" on May 6, 2023, at the International Seminar Hall Complex of the Institute. The seminar witnessed the participation of Invited Speakers such as Dr. Kaustav Nayak, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (IGCEB), New Delhi, Dr. Madhu Chhanda Mohanty, National Institute of Virology, Mumbai unit, and Dr. Amla Chopra, Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra-5. More than 200 registered participants attended this seminar in both offline and online modes with healthy interaction over immunology information with the experts. The Seminar was highly informative and was appreciated by one and all.

Student's Achievements:

Ms. Madhuri, Research Scholar, Zoology Department, Faculty of Science, DEI, was awarded the 'Best Oral Presentation Award' for her paper entitled, "Efficacy of *Gingiber Officinale* Nanoemulsion Against Human Ectoparasite" at The 2nd International Conference on Environment, Agriculture, Human and Animal Health (ICEAHAH-2023) jointly organized in hybrid mode by Voice of Indian Concern for the Environment (VOICE: A non-profit organization), India, Department of Botany and Geology, Rajaram College, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, All India Institute of Training and Education (AIITE), New Delhi and Somnogen Canada Inc. (A Canadian Pharmaceutical Corporation), Toronto, Canada, on July 20-21, 2023.

School News:

DEI Prem Vidyalaya Girls Intermediate School:

In a District-level Sanskrit Talent Search programme organized by Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthan on September 14, 2023, at KM Munshi Institute of Hindi and Linguistics, Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, students of DEI Prem Vidyalaya participated with great zeal. In this event, sixty-seven students from various schools participated to show their capabilities in singing, speaking and general awareness of the Sanskrit language. Students of DEI Prem Vidyalaya came up with flying colours by winning many medals in different segments.

Winners of this Talent Search programme are listed below:

Sanskrit Song Competition:

1. Drishti Singh class VI – First
2. Binti Satsangi class VII – Second
3. Mukti Kumari class VII – Third

Sanskrit Speech Competition:

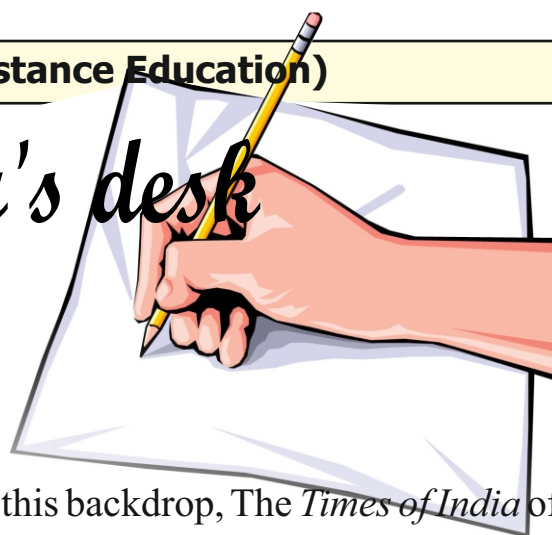
1. Mukti Kumari class VII – Second

Sanskrit General Knowledge Competition:

1. Soni Kumari class XII – Second
2. Drishti Singh class VI – Second

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

From the Coordinator's desk



According to IMF (International Monetary Fund) data on nominal GDP (Gross Domestic Product), India is presently the fifth largest economy in the world with one of the fastest growth rates. Against this backdrop, The *Times of India* of August 18, 2023, carried an interesting article on the editorial page of the newspaper which tried to find an answer to the question 'So, where will we be in 2047?' by Mr. Duvvuri Subbarao, a former Reserve Bank of India Governor. In this article, he talks of the difficult journey to 'developed country' status which involves a large agenda, and then adds: 'but the 1,000-mile journey has to start with improving the quality of higher education. Much more emphasis is needed on 'quality rather than quantity'. High income or economic prosperity is not enough for a country to be a developed country – the author invokes the need for bridging sharp inequalities in health and education as pre-requisites. In this context, the view of Dr. Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate that 'virtually all the problems in the world come from inequality of one kind or another' is highly relevant. The UNDP human development index for India is 130 out of 189 countries and needs to be upgraded through improvement in education and health.

The author also invokes Francis Fukuyama who said that developed countries are characterized by three attributes – rule of law, a strong state, and accountable governance.

As stated by the author, the agenda for a developed country is necessarily very large but higher education holds the key.

(Prof. V.B. Gupta)

India's GDP Story

GDP (Gross Domestic product) is the market value of all the final goods and services produced within a country in a year. When it is expressed in the prices of some 'base year', it is real GDP and when expressed in the prices of the same year when it is produced, it is Nominal GDP.

To begin from the beginning, let us start at the year 1 AD (Anno Domini). Useful information is provided on this topic in Sunday Times of India of 6th August, 2023 in which Mr. Swaminathan S. Anklesaria Aiyar has contributed an article entitled 'India's golden period is now, not in some distant past'. In this article, the author refers to the magnum opus of the eminent historian Angus Maddison entitled 'Contours of the world Economy 1-2030 AD: Essays in Macroeconomic History', some data from which is presented below:

- In the year 1 AD, India with 33.2% of world population accounted for 32% of world GDP. Thus Indian GDP was slightly below the world average.
- India's GDP stagnated at \$33.75 billion from 1 AD to 1000 AD. As the population remained steady at around 75 million (because of drought, disease and wars), the per capita Income also stagnated at \$450. Thus the period from 1 to 1000 AD was one of poverty and economic stagnation.
- Between the year 1000 AD and 1700 AD, India's annual GDP almost tripled to \$90.7 billion. Mortality fell substantially enabling population to soar from 75 million to 165 million. Per capita Income grew from \$450 to \$550.
- Between 1700 and 1950 India's GDP rose to \$222.22 billion and the population to 350 million. Per capita Income rose marginally to \$619. However after the industrial revolution Incomes in the West soared and India's share of world GDP plummeted.
- Economic growth finally took off in India after it became independent. After almost 2000 years of negligible growth, per capita income soared to \$2140 by 2003 when the population stood at 1.05 billion. The author calls this the golden era.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Subbarao has pointed out (in Times of India August 18, 2023) that with a per capita income of \$2641, India ranks 139 in the league of nations. To attain high income status of a developed country, (per capita income higher than \$21,664 as per IMF classification) our per capita income has to expand more than eight-fold, and as aptly stated earlier by Mr. Subbarao, the 1000-mile journey has to start with improving the quality of higher education in the country.

— Collated and compiled by Prof. V.B. Gupta, Coordinator, DEI-DEP

News From Information Centres

Collector Sukma Visits DEI Training Centre



Shri Haris S (IAS), Collector Sukma, visited DEI Information Centre at Gadiras, Sukma District, Chhattisgarh, on 3 September, 2023, along with Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, Shri Rati Kanta Behera. They interacted with the students and promised them to provide Sewing Machines. Shri Haris further assured the students of employment opportunities by arranging contracts for preparing dresses after completion of the Course.

Teacher's Day Celebrated at Bhopal Centre



Bhopal Centre's faculty members, students, and supporting group of volunteers celebrated Teacher's Day on 5 September, 2023 with immense enthusiasm. The programme commenced with lighting a lamp and offering prayers in the Lotus Feet of the Almighty Supreme Father. This was followed by the University Song. Smt. Komal Kapoor, the Centre-in-Charge, gave a speech telling details of all the efforts taken by each one of the faculty and supporters of the Centre to complete the tasks allotted to them. Dr. Dayal Pyari Singh, one of the invited guests, gave a speech on the significance of celebrating Teacher's Day. Some of the students also recited poetry on the occasion. The programme ended with the distribution of Prasad.

Independence Day Celebrations at Agra City Centre



Independence Day was celebrated at Agra City Centre by the students & teachers with full enthusiasm. The Programme began by joining online and witnessing the Flag Hoisting Ceremony conducted at the Main Headquarters of Dayalbagh Educational Institute (deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra-5. After the end of the Live telecast, a short programme, which included University Prayer, Speeches in Hindi and English and Patriotic Songs, was organized at the Centre. The programme ended with the distribution of sweets to the gathering.

Section C: DEI Alumni (AADEIs & AAFDEI)**From the Editor's desk**

With his blue uniform and flowing red cape, the mark of 'S' on his chest, Superman is one of the most loved of DC Super heroes. 'The Man of Steel', he fights a never-ending battle against cruelty and injustice. An alien, he is born with super powers. In contrast to this Superman is Nietzsche's 'Urbemensch'. With a strong will, this extraordinary man or 'Overman', determines his own values to reach the highest potential. But the values he upholds are self-realization and self-liberation.

As the Sant Superman Evolutionary Scheme at Dayalbagh enters its seventh year, one can only marvel at the Divine and Merciful Mandate by which Satsang is nurturing its own 'unique' Superhuman. Living in the turmoil and troubles of this world, these Superman will gradually grow and evolve, bathed in the aura of spirituality, day and night, in close proximity to the Supreme Father, all good in them directed not towards self-growth and self-realization alone, but towards helping this world become a better place. Spreading the message of humility, peace, love, selfless service and sacrifice, not by preaching but by example, they may yet usher in a New World Order, one that we desperately need in this age of hardship and misery.

Do share your comments and contributions at aadeisnewsletter@gmail.com. Your response will be deeply appreciated!

Our Exciting Journey as Parents of Super Humans

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Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.

-- Benjamin Franklin

As a young couple, we were deeply concerned with imparting a meaningful upbringing to our children, rich in cultural and spiritual values. This we knew would be particularly difficult, within an urban setting. Basant-2017 came with special blessings by the Ever Merciful Supreme Father, in the form of the Sant Superman Evolutionary Scheme which was declared open for all. We would like to describe some of the features of the scheme, that have left an indelible mark upon us and our children, changing our lives for the better in innumerable ways:



1. More exposure to technology and less to humans is causing degradation of societal values in children living in urban areas. However, by being part of Satsang eco-system, where values are very strongly established, Superman learn to give respect to others. Also, involvement in various activities on a daily basis has regulated and promoted responsible technology use.
2. A great cause of worry and desperation for parents these days is sudden mood and behaviour changes leading to self-harming, unexplained physical changes, such as weight loss or gain in children. Under the scheme, we regularly get handy tips from experienced pediatricians and child psychologists on how to keep the child away from the vices of bad media and environment. Regular monitoring has brought positive results in the mental and emotional health of children.



3. Monitored and mentored PT, self-defense exercises, correct nutrition and overall hygiene are essential components of the scheme for strengthening of physical abilities.
4. The scheme provides an effective way to teach dignity of labour by involving children in selfless service activities in Satsang fields, Satsang hall and its surroundings.
5. We observe considerable evolution in explorative attitude for learning new things including languages, cultures etc. Exposure to Sanskrit and Indian culture have instilled respect for our culture in our daughters.
6. We witness the evolution of complete human being or super spirituals, described by our Revered Leaders as those who possess the quality of all four *varnas*, viz –Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya, Shudra.

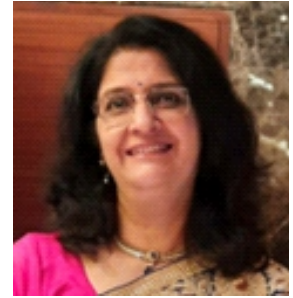
All these activities are celebrated twice everyday, concurrently with all Superman worldwide in Gracious presence of our Beloved Master, connected in virtual virtuous mode. The sight is so blissful that we forget the apprehensions we had as young parents. It is indeed a blessing to see our children imbibing values easily and joyfully.

We prostrate in Thy Lotus Feet to offer our sincere shukrana for providing this wonderful framework in the purview of Satsang environment.

Power of Gratitude

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To sail through the journey of life
There is only one powerful attitude
Which helps overcome all challenges and strife
It is the attitude of Gratitude

Gratitude enables us stay humble
We stand up strong, even after we stumble
In every situation, grounded we stay
It saves us from flying high or going astray

We accept the presence of a higher force
Which protects and guides us in every course
We appreciate even the smallest of things
A feeling of inner peace and joy, it does bring

When we face very difficult times,
And of solace and relief there's no sign
Gratitude kindles in us faith and hope
Which gives us immense strength to cope

After we emerge from the tough situation
We realize, on us was the Hand of Protection
Which pulled us firmly through the storm
Giving us the courage to get back in form

In life, we do not always get what we desire
This shouldn't deject us or make us tired

We need to wait patiently for the sign,
'cause everything comes only at the right time

So be grateful for all that comes your way
Even darkness of night goes with the light of day
Nothing is permanent, so just go with the flow
With Gratitude you will eventually evolve and grow

Alumni Bytes...

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

...the values and quality education imparted at Dayalbagh Educational institute, especially, simple living & high thinking, dignity of labour coupled with perseverance that help in 360-degree evolution of oneself. Certainly, education at DEI equips one with essential skills to sail through turbulent waters.

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