



DEI MONTHLY NEWS

This fifth integrated monthly issue of the Newsletter containing news from DEI, DEI-DEP and DEI Alumni is most humbly dedicated to Gracious Huzur Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab, the August founder of DEI as a token of our deep felt gratitude for His Continuing Grace and Mercy upon all our endeavours.

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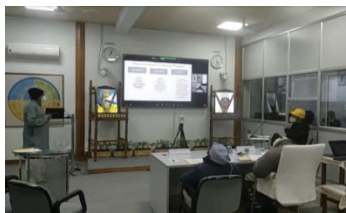
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Section A : DEI NEWS

DEI Celebrates Education Day



1 January 2023 was celebrated in Dayalbagh as 'Education Day' and 'Dayalbagh Science of Consciousness Day' ([Trinity of Art, Science and Engineering](#)). The Morning Session of the event took place in the wee hours during community services at the Agroecology- cum- Precision Farming fields of Dayalbagh. The Session began with the soulful Shabd Paths by groups of students and members of the Alumni Association of DEI (AADEIs). Thereafter, the 17th Annual General Body Meeting of the AADEIs began with a presentation on information about the establishment and progress of the AADEIs, the AAFDEI, and other associate organizations working abroad. An audio clip of the Discourses on the Power Law of [Ultra-transcendental Meditation Practices of Radhasoami Faith and its Charitable Incorporated Organisation](#) by Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education (serving as a think-tank of DEI), was also played. Towards the end, an astounding display of Health-Care-Cum- Self-Defence Exercises by little members of the Superman Evolutionary Scheme took place.

In the Evening Session, the 4th Winter Session of Dayalbagh (Art) Science & (Engineering) of (Evolutionary/Re-evolutionary) Consciousness (DSC), a virtual conference in panel discussion mode, under the Mentorship of Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab was organized at the Multimedia Centre of the Institute. A highly impressive Exhibition displaying the activities, achievements, and innovative practices of the Institute was also organized on the occasion.

'WATERMAN' INSPIRES STUDENTS AT DEI



Sh. Rajendra Singh, an eminent water conservationist and environmentalist of India hailing from Alwar District of Rajasthan, and popularly known as the 'Waterman of India', visited DEI on January 5, 2023. Early morning, he visited the Agroecology fields and witnessed a cultural performance by the children of Dayalbagh. He expressed his extreme delight in observing how the members of the Dayalbagh Community, including the students and staff of DEI, engage themselves in zealous and devout practices of Precision Farming every day without fail. He hoped that the message of Dayalbagh towards sustainable development and preservation of Nature would reach far and wide and will be emulated around the world. Thereafter, the distinguished guest visited the Dayalbagh colony, Dairy, Tannery, and other departments at the University. An exhibition was put up by all the schools and departments of the Institute displaying different activities and products. He interacted with the students and inspired them to contribute to the community through research initiatives for water conservation. He explained that the non-material gains of life are more gratifying than degrees. Sh. Singh recorded his impressions in the Visitor's Book, which read as:

“दयालबाग शिक्षा संस्थान दुनिया को विद्या प्रदान कर सकता है। यहाँ शिक्षा नीति 2020 को विद्या के रास्ता पर चलाने का यहाँ सफल प्रयोग है। यह समयसिद्ध विद्यासंस्थान है। खेती, उद्योग सभी तरह के शिक्षण सनातन विकास का रास्ता दिखाते हैं। यह सभी धर्मों का बराबर सम्मान करने वाला संस्थान आज की दुनिया के लिए प्रेरक है। शुभकामनाएं !”

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Prof. Athina P. Petropulu Visits DEI



On 15 January 2023, Prof. Athina P. Petropulu of Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Rutgers University, New Jersey, US, visited the NSS Medical cum Skill Learning Assistance Camp of DEI, which the Institute organizes every Sunday. Prof. Petropulu, who

is also the President of the Board of Governors, IEEE Signal Processing Society, visited the Camp and expressed immense delight and appreciation on witnessing the activities being conducted at the site. Prof. P.K. Kalra, Director, DEI explained the range and purpose of multifarious activities conducted at the camp and apprised her of the Mission and Objectives of the Education Policy of the Institute.

Socio-Cultural Day Celebrated



Celebrating the great cultural diversity and social heritage of India, 'Socio-cultural Day' was organized at Dayalbagh with lots of gaiety and colourful festivities on 13 January, 2023, on the occasion of Lohri and Makar Sankranti. This year, the celebrations were organized by the NSS Unit of DEI as a part of the series of events marking '*Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat*' held under the directives of the AICTE. In the morning Session, a rigorous Cleanliness and Social-awareness Campaign was carried out by DEI students in the nearby areas of Dayalbagh while in the Evening Session, a colourful cultural programme by the representatives of different schools, colleges, and faculties of DEI was organized at the Agroecology-cum- Precision Farming fields of Dayalbagh amidst the regular community services. The students displayed a remarkable presentation of a cultural extravaganza in the form of folk items representing diverse regions and languages of the Nation. The Programme began with the Flag Hoisting and National Anthem, followed by the Institute Prayer. Thereafter, a zealous presentation of items like, Lohri Song, Bhangara, Kargattam Dance of Tamil Nadu, Sankranti Dance of Andhra Pradesh, Kathak Kali Dance as well as a medley of Folk Songs in different regional languages was catered to the gathering. A small, but captivating Exhibition displaying the potential, skills, and acumen of innovation in the students of DEI was also put up at the site. The Event was blessed with the August Presence of Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education (Serving as a Think Tank of DEI), and Most Respected Rani Sahiba.

Faculty News

Faculty of Education

Workshops organized by the School of Education under PMMMNMTT

- A Two-day Workshop on "Integration of Music in Teaching – Learning" was organized on 2-3 December 2022. The Workshop was inaugurated by the veteran violinist Shri. S.D. Srivastava. The Resource Person, Dr. Ankita, Assistant Professor, Government Girls' Degree College, Rampur conducted interactive sessions on elements of music and their integration in the classroom. Prof. Lovely Sharma, Head, Department of Music, DEI emphasized the integration of music in teaching. Prof. Vibha Nigam, Former Dean, Faculty of Education presented unique examples of the integration of music in various subjects. Dr. Gautam Tiwari, Assistant Professor, Department of Music emphasized upon making learning interesting by using music in an interactive way. Dr. Amit Johri discussed the technical elements of musical presentations. Students demonstrated teaching-learning through Puppet Shows, Drama, and Songs in Hands on Practice Sessions. The Workshop was convened by Shri Umesh Sone. 125 Pupil Teachers, 15 Teacher Educators, and 15 University Teachers participated in the Workshop.
- A Four -Day Workshop titled "Developing Skills in Craft for Teaching – Learning - Finding the Artist in Me" was organized from 12 to 15 December 2022 in collaboration with Fevicryl (Pidilite). Shri Narendra Solanki, Expert on Fevicryl, and Ms. Mariam Bulbul of Baikunthi Devi Girls' College, Agra, gave training in Fabric, Block, and Stencil Painting. The Hands-on Practice was provided to

172 Teachers, Pupil Teachers, and Teacher Educators to develop artifacts using bottles, rope, jute, etc. Ms. Rinky Satsangi coordinated the Workshop.

Scouting and Guiding Camp (17-22 December 2022)

- A Five-day Scouting and Guiding Camp for B.Ed and D.El.Ed Teacher Trainees was organized by Faculty of Education from December 17 to December 21, 2022. Prof. P.S. Tyagi, Shri Bajrang Bhushan, Dr. Anjana Verma and Dr. Jyotika Kharbanda contributed as Camp Coordinators. Contests, such as Cleaning the Environment and Making Posters, Cultural Programmes, Hiking, Tent-pitching, and Food Preparation using Fire were held. Dr. Kalpana Gupta conducted Yoga Sessions. During the Camp, Scouts and Guides learned a variety of skills, including First Aid and how to care for an injured person until Medical Assistance could be reached. In the Valedictory Session, Prof. Anand Mohan, Registrar DEI, conferred the oath on the Scouts and Guides.

Staff News

- Dr. Sona Dixit chaired a session at the 'International Conference on Environmental Issues, Sustainability, Policies and Economic Development' organized by Department of Management, Dr. B R Ambedkar University, Agra in collaboration with Howard University, USA on 18 December 2022.
- Prof. Sukhdev Roy and Dr. Sona Dixit represented the Institute in a national level Workshop/Discussion Meet on "Status Review and Assessment of the Implementation of NEP 2020" on 7th December 2022, organized by Department of Educational Administration, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi.

Faculty of Science

Prof. Sukhdev Roy was elected Fellow of the prestigious SPIE, the International Society for Optics and Photonics, USA. He delivered Invited Talks on "*Controlling the Brain and Heart with Light*", at the International Conference on Optics, Photonics & Quantum Optics, IIT Roorkee, Nov. 10-13, 2022 and "*Photonics Driven Convergence of Technologies: Nano-Bio-Info-Quantum-Cognitive*", at the 92nd Annual Session and Symposium on "Science & Technology – A vehicle for social transformation", at the National Academy of Sciences (India), Allahabad, Dec. 4 - 6, 2022.

Student Achievements

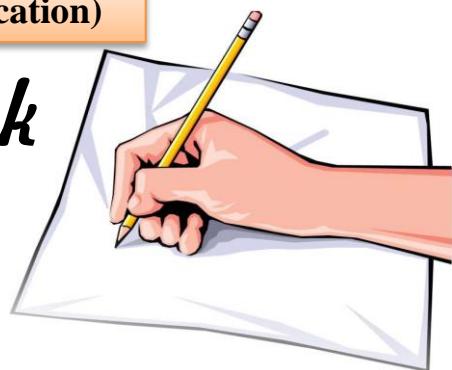
Himanshu Bansal, Research Scholar, Department of Physics and Computer Science, was awarded the prestigious **Young Scientist Award** in Physical Sciences, at the Indian Science Congress, held at the Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Maharashtra, from Jan. 3 to 7, 2023.

School News

DEI Prem Vidyalaya:

- A Stem Workshop was held from 18 December to 22 December 2022 on DEI Campus. In this Workshop, the students of Prem Vidyalaya also participated with great zeal. In this Workshop Prof. Sukhdev Roy, Prof. Rahul Swarup Sharma, Prof. Sonali Bhatnagar, Shri Araz Sharma, Shri Abhishek R., Shri Akash Jain, Shri Bobby Tyagi, Shri Hardik Chaddha presented valuable talks on several topics like Significant Role of AI in our Daily Life, Solar System, and Galaxies, Demystifying 3D Printing, Advantages of IOT in our Daily Life, Science and Consciousness. Apart from these amazing Lecture Sessions, students got an opportunity to visit a 3D Printing Lab where they could see different kinds of printers and their use. This Workshop was very fruitful and helped students to know more about growing Technology and Science.
- A Folk Music competition was organized by Music Department, Faculty of Arts, DEI, on 10 December 2022. In this Competition students of DEI Prem Vidyalaya also participated enthusiastically and showed their talent which enabled them to win several prizes. In the Senior Category (Dance), Daya Drishti, Megha, and Bani Bhandari won the First, Second and Third Prizes respectively. In the Junior Category (Dance), Abhilasha won the First Prize. In the Group Song (8 to 14 years), Surat Mehra & Group stood Second. In the Group Song (15 to 20 years), Ashna & Group came First and Drishti & Group stood Second. Bani Satsangi was adjudged Second in the Solo Song (8-14 years category) and Bhakti Prasad and Tamanna Satsangi won the Second and Third Prizes in the Solo Song (15-20 years category).

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

From the Coordinator's desk

In the December, 2020 issue of the erstwhile DEI-DEP News, I wrote in these columns about the e-book entitled “The Case for Climate Capitalism - Economic solutions for a planet in crisis” by Dr. Tom Rand, which was introduced to us by the Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, Chairman of ACE by reading the Preface of the book in a special meeting of ACE held on 4th December, 2020. He highlighted those aspects which showed identity in our views in DEI with those of the author-for example, his statement that while commerce will be the tool for high finances, human values will be the force. The various chapters of the book were subsequently dealt with by the ACE members through seven presentations in special ACE meetings held during the month of Jan 2021. The disastrous consequences of continuing to burn fossil fuel to produce energy, which releases a large amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, which in turn heats up our planet and the resulting climate changes, have been documented in graphic detail in the book. In an effort to save the planet, a resolution was passed in the 21st annual UN Conference of the Parties (COP 21) in Paris in the year 2015, which sets out to limit the global warming to 1.5° C, which Dr. Tom Rand terms as a Quixotic dream.

The Illustrated Oxford Dictionary describes the earth as the fifth largest planet in the solar system which has four main layers: a solid metal inner core, with a temperature of about 4000 °C; a molten outer core; a mantle composed largely of rock; and the crust, of which there are two different types, continental and oceanic.

In earth science, global average surface temperature is calculated by averaging the temperature at the surface of the sea and air temperature over land [1]. The reliable measurement of the global temperature started in 1880. Between that year and 1940 the average annual temperature increased by 0.2 °C. The temperature was then stable between 1940 and 1970. Since 1970, it has increased by 0.18 °C each decade. The average global temperature has increased by 0.9 °C compared to the baseline temperature [1] which is about 14 °C. As pointed out by Dr. Tom Rand, at 3.5°C global warming level, Greenland will be gone, Florida will be under water, the US mid-west will be a desert, Pakistan will be parched and Australia and California on fire.

A “Distinguished Lecture” was recently organized by DEI with support from SPHEEHA, DRSAE CIO and SSI on 7th January, 2023 – the speaker was Dr. Michael Grubb, Professor of Energy and climate change in University College, London and the Lead author of IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) 6th Assessment Report, chapter on Mitigation. He spoke on ‘Energy, Climate and the Economics of innovation’ in the video-conferencing mode.

The Learned speaker made the following noteworthy observations:

- Emissions in 2019 were about 12% higher than they were in 2010 and 54% higher than in 1990.
- The temperature will stabilize when we reach net zero carbon dioxide emissions. India plans to be net zero by 2070.
- In every sector (Energy, Land use, Buildings, Industry, Urban and Transport) there are options available that can at least halve emissions by 2030 and keep open the possibility of limiting warming to 1.5°C.
- An increasing range of policies and laws have enhanced energy efficiency, reduced rates of deforestation and accelerated the deployment of renewable energy and continuous efforts to be made with the objective of limiting warming to 1.5°C.
- We are not on track to limit warming to 1.5°C.

Against this backdrop it may be noted that Dayalbagh has been a great believer in green energy. In the area of renewable energy, we are now touching 1MW generation capacity. Reduction of carbon footprint and making sustainability a way of living through Sigma 6Q for everyone have been a part of the visionary mission of our Revered Leaders. Battery-operated vehicles ply in the colony. Green gas is used for cooking. The colony has been developed as an eco-village with a lot of greenery including herbal gardens.

Large-scale tree plantation and bio-diversity parks are the other noteworthy expressions of the green mission.

(Prof. V.B. Gupta)

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News From the Centres

Shiksha Diwas Celebrations

Every year to mark the significance of 1 January as the day of establishment of the first educational institute in Dayalbagh, Education Day or 'Shiksha Diwas' is celebrated by the DEI fraternity all around the world. Some of the DEI ICT/Information Centres have very promptly shared the reports of celebrations at their end. These are as follows:

"Shiksha Diwas" / [Education Day](#) was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the students and staff of **DEI Information Centre, Jammu**. The programme started with a warm welcome and University prayer. The faculty members explained the importance of the day and thereafter the students and the audience recited "Bhakti songs" / ["Devotional Songs"](#).

At **Jamshedpur Centre**, students and teachers celebrated the education day with full vigour. The programme commenced with the University Prayer. A brief presentation on DEI was given highlighting the Institute's focus on value-based education for the overall development of the students. Students' enthusiasm was visible in their performances like Speeches, Songs, and participation in motivational exercises based on education day. The Vote of Thanks was given to encourage such endeavours & kind of participation in the future also. The Programme concluded with the singing of the University Song and the distribution of sweets.

Shiksha Diwas was celebrated in DEI Information Centre, **Dayal Nagar, Visakhapatnam** with great zeal. Prof. P. Ramakrishna Rao M.E. Ph.D. Retd. Professor and Head of the Department, E.C.E. NIT, Tiruchi, was the Chief Guest of the function. The Dist., Secretary, residents of the colony, students and staff members were present. The function started with the University prayer and the Centre in charge Shri V. Dakshinamurthy gave introductory remarks about the Importance of the day and the history of Education in DEI. The Chief Guest appreciated the running of the courses in the institute and mentioned that they are very useful to enable the students to start self-employment schemes, to develop skills in different trades as well as provide employment to others. He also applauded the course of Yamaha Training school. The Vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. P. Dayal Pyari, a faculty member, and the meeting ended with University Song and National Anthem.

Shiksha Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm at **Information Centre, Murar**. All teachers of the Centre and the Students from various streams were present. The Centre in Charge presented a speech on the importance of Shiksha Diwas. Shri. Prem Pyara Satsangi spoke on how to increase one's consciousness. Three students of OACO, two students of MVM and one student of the Electrician Course presented their views about DEI Education System and the benefits they are getting from it. The students then participated in the Yoga Class. The programme ended with the University Song. **Bhopal Centre** also celebrated Education Day with immense joy. The lamp was lit and the University Prayer was rendered. A small fête was also organized to celebrate the occasion.

The Atlanta Study Centre celebrated Shiksha Diwas on Jan 1, 2023, with zeal and enthusiasm. More than 40 students and members of the Satsang Community participated in this event from Atlanta, Dallas, Florida, and Houston locations. The DRSANA President, Mr. KB Mehta, Dr. Sangita Saini, Head of Home Science Department, DEI, and Mr. Prashant Talwar, SFO branch member also graced the occasion by connecting virtually. The programme started with the University prayer by Dallas Centre students. Later, Atlanta Branch Secretary, Dr. Madhulika Nemani welcomed all by quoting '*Dhanya Dhanya Sakhi Bhag hamare*' Shabda and thanking the Supreme Father for the blessed opportunity. Later, Mr. Harsh Gulati welcomed Prof. Sangita Saini, gave a brief introduction about her, and invited her to deliver a presentation

on 'Soft Toy Making. Prof Sangita is leading a Soft -Toy Making vocational training programme in Rajaborari, MP, India. She shared insights on selecting cloth, soft toy accessories, and eco-friendly filling for the soft toy. She also presented the step-by-step process of making a soft toy which was followed by a Q & A Session. Thereafter, Mr. Prashant Talwar, gave an insightful presentation on DEI, its vision, curriculum, and new research in various subjects. He highlighted the spirit of DEI, quoting George Bernard Shaw, "Some men see things as they are and say Why, I dream things that never were and say Why Not". The session ended with the closing prayer "*Abhilasha iyameva*" in Sanskrit.

Shiksha Diwas was celebrated in a befitting way at the **Karolbagh, Delhi Centre**. The programme started with the University Prayer, followed by a short introduction to Shiksha Diwas and its importance. The gathering included students, staff, and ex-students of the DEI. An enlightening interactive session followed between the present students and ex-students in which they shared their viewpoints and experiences with everyone. The programme concluded with a Vote of thanks given by the Centre In-charge and the recitation of the University Song. Rewari was distributed to all attendees.

Shiksha Diwas was celebrated at the **Ludhiana Centre** with joy and fervour. The programme started with the University prayer. The message from DEI Head Quarters was read out in Hindi. Speeches were delivered by the students and teachers on the topics, "Importance of Education and role of Education in evolving Superman", and "Objectives of Education". The emphasis was on the relevance of education in eradicating the ills and evils of a society/ country. Finally, the programme came to a close with the prayer followed by the distribution of refreshments.

Shiksha Diwas was celebrated at **Patna** with great enthusiasm. The students, faculty members, and brothers and sisters of the Satsang community gathered to commemorate the occasion. The programme started with the University Prayer, followed by speeches on the importance of Shiksha Diwas. The event concluded by thanking the Almighty for His grace and mercy.



Jammu



Jamshedpur



Vizag (DN)



Murar



Bhopal



Atlanta



Karolbagh



Patna

ICT Bangalore celebrated Shiksha Diwas in Virtuous Virtual Mode. After a brief welcome speech by the Centre in Charge, the celebrations started with the rendering of the University prayer by the faculty members. A Brief note on Shiksha Diwas, sent by the Vice Chairman of ACE, Prof V.B. Gupta was read out. Then followed the recitation of Shabda by gents' and ladies' groups. Thereafter, Bachans were read out from the *Discourses on Education in Dayalbagh: A Vision of Complete Education*, published by RS Satsang Sabha, Dayalbagh. Finally, before closing the celebrations with the University song, Prof TVSN Murty shared the academic matters connected with the centre.

At the **Chennai Centre**, the programme commenced with the University prayer followed by a path recited by the faculty and DEI Alumni. The Inaugural Address was given by the centre in charge, stressing the importance of Shiksha Diwas. This was followed by presentations made by students, ex-students and faculty of the Centre, DEI Alumni and members of Chennai Satsang Branch which included a poetry recitation in Hindi on the progress of education in Dayalbagh and DEI; a talk on the importance of education for the empowerment of women, bridging the gap- Teacher and student perspective, how an education at different age levels can facilitate the growth of an individual to realize his / her full potential. The programme concluded with the Vote of thanks, University Prayer and the National Anthem.

Section C : DEI Alumni (AADEIs &AAFDEI)

From the Editor's Desk

In the midst of a chilling winter comes the season of good cheer—Basant--- the harbinger of joy, freedom in its true spirit and everlasting peace and Bliss. One of the poems in this issue is an attempt to define the complex notion of freedom. We might like to agree with the idea that to be free to do what one likes is actually a kind of bondage. To do what one must, what is right is real freedom. Perhaps this is what makes Education at DEI so unique— it is not just that the Institute has an aura that leaves no student or visitor untouched, it is a continuous quest for excellence with relevance, so as to achieve the ultimate objective of education – ‘*Sa Vidya Ya Vimuktaye*’ – education which will grant complete emancipation, freedom from all pain and misery and everlasting happiness.

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

Agroecological and Precision Farming Model of Dayalbagh: A Panacea for the World

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The Agroecology and Precision Farming Programme at Dayalbagh is the most visible manifestation of collective consciousness, with people of all ages and walks of life working synchronously and selflessly, not for material gain but to please their Supreme Father and work towards the highest purpose of life, exemplifying the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man.

The outcome is a diversity in the production of organic crops and dairy products, leading to a well-nourished lacto-vegetarian community with enhanced mental, physical, and spiritual health. Nowhere else on the planet can one find 3-week-old infants to nonagenarians actively and happily toiling in the soil, breathing pure air, and growing pesticide-free food that benefits their health and social well-being.

Children learn to coexist with Nature and the environment and develop into conscientious and responsible eco-conscious citizens. While working in the agricultural fields, they imbibe valuable skills and values like dignity of labour, work is worship, teamwork, and goal-oriented cooperation and coordination. By observing and participating in the entire process of growing food, they learn to value and conserve food resources.

The vast expanses of green fields serve as the city's natural lungs, as well as a carbon sink for greenhouse gases. A regular flow of members participating in agroecological activities throughout the year indirectly benefits the local shops and food vendors economically.

The entire world should emulate the unique Agroecology and Precision Farming model of Dayalbagh as it not only has the potential to bring about social reform, address emerging global issues, and contribute to long-term national development, but also aims for humanity's best possible physical, mental, and spiritual evolution.

Good Times and New Ways of Learning at DEI: A Reminiscence

Urvashi Kaushal, Currently, Assistant Professor of English, SVNIT, Surat

Batch: B.A. English (1998), M.A. English (2000), PhD (2004)

When I look back at the nine years I spent at DEI, I am assured that they were the most defining years of



my life. Being a student of BA English (Hons), then MA English, and finally a PhD scholar of DES Block, DEI moulded me in many ways.

The institute equipped me with knowledge and many life skills, unlike other universities, which focused only on classroom knowledge. I realized this when I talked to my friends who were studying in different institutes. While teachers at DES Block, as the Department of English at DEI was popularly called, inculcated the ability to critically appreciate the nuances of language and literature, the institute's rigorous curriculum instilled discipline and sincerity, which became a way of life. But the most significant contribution of education at DEI, which I began to appreciate once I became a teacher, was the mandatory presentations that were the norm in the undergraduate programme. It was and I still believe, is the best pedagogical tool for developing the student's confidence, clarity, and communication skills.

I hope DEI still has presentations as a compulsory evaluation component and that self-study Seminars in the master's degree programme are still a sacred ritual attended by all the teachers. I am grateful to the DEI system of education, which has inadvertently inculcated many life skills such as overcoming stage fright and developing the ability to express ourselves clearly, present ideas with confidence, and discuss them. These skills are integral to employment, which people otherwise either learn on the job or with help from professional trainers. But DEI does it effortlessly in the classroom, within the curriculum, thereby giving its students an edge over others.



Muse



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Freedom

What is Freedom to you??

Or standing up for your rights,

Or not giving up until you're through.

Choosing to act rather than say,

Leaving your comfort zone to explore,

Is this freedom to you??

Or singing away to your own song,

'cause it's important for you to heal.

Embarking on a journey new,

Following your dreams and passions,

Is this freedom to you??

In fact, it has infinite connotations,

Soaring the skies like a kite,

Breaking boundaries limiting you,

Is this freedom to you??

Or from situations running away,

'cause in life you want much more.

Supporting the right instead of wrong,

Expressing whatever you do feel,

Is this freedom to you??

Or treading on a path taken by few,

Or creating your own code and fashion,

Freedom has so many expressions,

But what exactly is true ultimate freedom,

which liberates us from this materialistic kingdom.

It breaks the shackles of mind and matter,

And enters the highest spiritual plane,

That my friend, is true ultimate freedom!!

Journey of the Soul

I am in You, You are in me,

You are the fountainhead of spirituality,

In the beginning, I was a part of You (but in Nether Pole),

A big bang pushed me away, without a clue

From Gross Material towards Spiritual, I landed

I was a human, in mortal frame

Engulfed in layers of body and mind,

I got entangled on the earthly plane,

Material comforts, wealth was temporary,

Trials and tribulations were galore,

Setbacks I had many in life,

Near and dear ones were gone,

A spark of realisation flashed within,

A feeling of peace and bliss engulfed me,

A spiritual sound within was reverberating,

Suddenly, divine light illuminated all around,

When our soul, its layers does shatter,

When it crosses boundaries of earthly plane,

When it merges with the Supreme in Unison,

In Thy Lotus Feet forever I want to be.

This is the ultimate truth and reality,

A blissful, peaceful place it was

Alas, my desires and karmas were the cause.

Initially, felt so lost and stranded,

All around me, souls appeared the same.

Worldly Illusions made me blind,

Distractions, attachments made me insane.

Love and joy were illusionary,

yet my desires and greed just soared.

There was lot of chaos and strife,

Then something within me dawned.

I closed myself and turned in,

Made me feel elevated and free.

To the higher planes, me it was taking,

In the Lord's feet, myself again I found.

Alumni Bytes

The biggest takeaway from education in Dayalbagh is...

"...the beautiful journey of learning and respecting different cultures and religions around the world. Being sensitive and conscientious has made me open to new possibilities and challenges that come my way. Being conscious of the ultimate knowledge that all sentient beings originate from the same entity, has made me more humane and kind."

- **Radhika Tadiparthi, Batch PGDT (2007), Currently, Technical Recruiter, Amazon**

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