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Prof. P.K. Kalra Reappointed as Director

Lauded for ushering in productive reforms at DEI during his term as the Director from 2013 to 2018, Prof. Prem Kumar Kalra has been chosen to continue at this post for another five-year term. In a meeting of the Selection

Committee conducted at IIT, Delhi on 13 Sept., 2018, keeping in view the commendable contributions of Prof. Kalra towards the progress of the Institute, he was selected as the most worthy candidate amongst the three eligible applicants recommended for the post of the Director. The committee members were :

1. Honourable G.S. Solanki, Retd. Justice from the Madhya Pradesh High Court— **Chairperson** (Nominated by President DEI)
2. Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Central University—**Member** (Nominated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development)
3. Shri. N.S. Sethi, Retired IAS Officer and Former Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Government —**Member** (Nominated by the Governing Body of the Institute)

Prof. Kalra, an alumnus of the Institute, completed M.Tech. from IIT Kanpur and thereafter acquired a doctorate from University of Manitoba, Canada. He worked as a Professor at IIT Kanpur for more than twenty years and went on to become the first Director of IIT Jodhpur. Under his able

leadership, DEI gathered many unprecedented accolades at national and international levels from the year 2013 to 2018.

In 2013, DEI was conferred with 'A' Grade by NAAC and REI Intermediate College was converged into DEI Fraternity. In 2014, the online admission process was introduced in DEI. In 2015, the Institute established the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushal Kendra and went on to garner the first position amongst such centres. In 2016, the Dairy products produced in Dayalbagh began to be sent not only across whole Agra, but also outside India. The Masters and Doctoral programmes in vocational stream of Dairy Technology also commenced in this year. In 2017, the Engineering Faculty of DEI obtained the prestigious TEQIP Grant. In the same year DEI was adjudged the fifth cleanest Institute in India by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. In 2017 only, DEI was recognized for its Solar Skill Development Programme and in the same eventful year DEI was certified with illustrious ISO 9001 status. In 2018, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) conferred DEI with the 90th overall rank among institutes in India, 63rd rank in the University and 69th rank in the Engineering category.

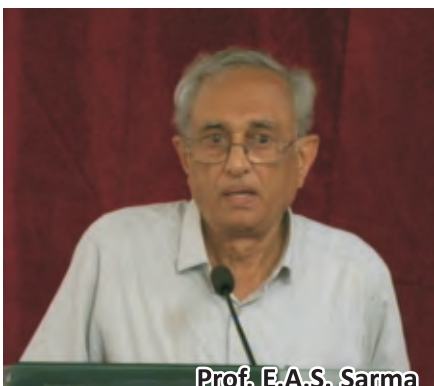
In the same connection, it is appropriate to report that recently the Institute was visited by two distinguished personalities, who were here to give their expert comments after studying the project report of DEI for the Institute of Eminence. One of these experts was Prof. V.K. Agnihotri, an IAS officer of 1968 batch. Prof. Agnihotri has held posts



Prof. V.K. Agnihotri

of Collector and District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam; Development Commissioner for Handlooms (1986-89); Joint Director at the LBSNAA, Mussoorie (1992-98); Additional Secretary to Government of India in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievance (1999-2002); and Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (2003-05). Post retirement, he has served as Member, Central Administrative Tribunal (2006-07); and Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha (2007-2012), in the Parliament of India. He is currently Director General, Peacock Golden Award Secretariat, Institute of Directors, New Delhi; Advisor of Eminence (Public Governance), American Society for Quality, New Delhi; and Evaluator of dissertations at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.

The second expert was Prof. E.A.S. Sarma, a specialist in Nuclear Physics who after completing many distinguished programmes of study, obtained his Ph.D. (1986) from IIT, Delhi on 'Systems approach to energy planning in India' under the guidance of Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi and Prof. M.C. Chaturvedi. Prof. Sarma has also co-authored book entitled *A Systems Approach to Energy in India and its Rural Region* with Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi and K. Thukral. Prof. Sarma was a member of the Indian Administrative Service from 1965-2000. He held senior positions in the



Prof. E.A.S. Sarma

Government of Andhra Pradesh and was Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministries of Power and Finance. He was earlier Principal Adviser (Energy) in the national Planning Commission. He was closely associated in setting up independent statutory regulatory bodies in the electricity, telecommunications and insurance sectors in India.

Both the visiting dignitaries not only ably guided the DEI fraternity regarding the strengths to be intensified and weaknesses to be removed in order to become an Institute of Eminence, they also generously commended the unique value system and spiritual aura of both DEI and Dayalbagh Community. This will be more explicit through the letter written by Prof. Sarma to Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi Sahab, which is being published along with this report:

"Dear Gracious Huzur Prof Satsangi Sahab,

My wife, Rani Sarma and I are grateful to you for providing us a unique opportunity to visit Dayalbagh and interact with the distinguished members of the Radha Soami community and the members of Dayalbagh Educational Institute (DEI).

In particular, we express our gratitude to you and respected Rani Sahiba for sparing considerable time for us from your valuable daily time schedule.

Both the Dayalbagh community approach and the DEI system of education are unique concepts that set an example to the rest of the country to emulate in order to harmonise life and education with culture and spiritual values. The time we spent with the community has enriched us spiritually.

Both my wife and I wish to express our admiration at the amazing manner in which you could attend one event after another without any respite, in spite of your age. It clearly demonstrates how spiritual energy goes far beyond the physical limits that human beings tend to perceive as barriers.

We have no doubt whatsoever about DEI reaching new heights in becoming a standing example to the rest of the institutions in the country in integrating education with the value system of the East and in remaining at the frontiers of excellence in research in science, engineering and humanities, especially in the emerging domain of the studies on consciousness. We strongly believe that academic excellence and social relevance should converge in the long run.

While DEI's long-term strategy, as charted out by Prof Prem Kalra and his competent colleagues,

incorporates a unique vision, we felt convinced that the sense of pride, devotion and enthusiasm writ large on the face of each member of DEI's faculty and its student community can take the Institute to new heights of excellence in the coming decades.

We are certain that Radha Soami community within and outside India, under your gracious guidance, will enrich their lives with spiritual values in the coming decades."



Youth Parliament Organized

In order to develop democratic ethos in the youth and to make students focus on significant public issues, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs conducts National Youth Parliament Competition every year in various categories of schools and colleges/universities. This is also done with an objective of developing in students an insight into the working of Parliament. As a part of this year's group level competition, Youth Parliament was organized at DEI on 31 October, 2018. The Panel of Judges on this occasion included, Prof. Karmeshu, Former Dean, School of Computer & Systems Sciences, JNU, Delhi, Prof. S.P. Singh, Director, Child's Rights Centre, Chanakya National Law University, Patna and Prof. Ram Shankar Katheria, Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Govt. of India. Ex Minister Dr. Om Pal Singh was the Special Guest on this day.

The Youth Parliament was led by Rahul Pratap Singh in the role of the Speaker. The Session began with the Oath taking in Telugu by Ms. Agam Preeti as a new minister. During the Question Hour, queries on many important current issues were raised by Hina Khan, Km. Baby and Shail on such topics as the performance of Indian Players in Asian Games, Increasing Diesel and Petrol prices, position of Rupee v/s Dollar, etc. To each of these questions adequate replies were given by Sushma Jha, Pradhyuman and Pushpneet Kaur respectively who were in the roles of concerned Ministers. The Calling-attention session had the theme of Women Security where Opposition Members addressed issues like acid attacks, domestic violence, #Me Too movement and horrendous crimes like child trafficking, custodial rape and harassment at work place. Members who raised these issues were Vaibhav, Anshika, Priyanshu, Piyush and Niharika.





After these sessions a Bill on the theme of Public Health was presented by Mehar Bhatnagar (Minister), which was supported by Utkarsh and opposed by Vishakha Jha (Leader of the Opposition), Priyanshu and Kalpana. Prime Minister (Saurabh Satsangi) finally summarised the debate on the bill by stressing the need of this bill for the benefit of our country. The bill was passed after the Speaker sought the opinion of the House and the majority supported it.

The Session lasted for 55 minutes. There were total 55 students from different departments of University and DEI Technical college. All three members of the Jury along with the Special Guest greatly applauded the zeal and impeccability with which DEI students performed. They also commended the awareness and perception of the students regarding the current issues of national

significance. Towards the end, the Jury was presented with momentos by Prof. P.K. Kalra, Director of the Institute and prizes were given to the students who were adjudged as the best performers. The names of the Prize Winning students as per their position achieved are: Aprajita Jha, Sabia Javed, Vishakha Jha, Saurabh Satsangi, Rahul Pratap Singh and Niharika.

The Organizing Committee included Dr. Sona Ahuja, Prof. Nandita Satsangee, Dr. Rupali Satsangi, Dr. Lowleen Malhotra, Dr. Nishith Gaur, Dr. Mayank Agarwal, Shri. V. Prem Kumar, Shri. Ishant Singhal, Dr. Bajrang Bhushan, Dr. Vinod Khobragade, Dr. Brijraj Singh, Ms. Rachana Gupta, etc. The programme was compared by Dr. Kavita Raizada and Purnima Bhatnagar.

FACULTY NEWS

Faculty of Arts

- Dr. Meenu Singh, a Consultant with Vital Strategies & Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), was invited on the 6th October 2018, to deliver a special lecture on the National & International regulatory requirements of Food Packaging & Labeling Standards, to the students and faculty members of Food Processing & Preservation, Home Science and Dairy Technology. Dr. Singh is also an alumnus of DEI, from the Department of Home Science, Faculty of Arts.



- A Lecture series was organized by Faculty of Arts to discuss and critically analyse the status of Indian Paintings in today's era. On this occasion, renowned artist and novelist, Shri. Ashok Bhowmick expressed his views on the role and importance of hard work and beauty in Paintings.

He emphasized that the Indian paintings are based on spirituality as projected in Indian temples and caves, whereas in contrast, the vision of Western art has been more materialistic. Additionally, he also focused on the portrayal of women in the paintings.

The programme was convened by Dr. Meenakshi Thakur. The editor of "Janmat" magazine, graced the occasion. Prof. Sharmila Saxena, Prof. Kamlesh Ravi, Prof. Ashwini Sharma, Dr. Lucky



Tonk were also present. Overall coordination and thanks giving was done by Dr. Prem Shankar, Hindi Department.

- FOSTAC-Advanced (Level-2) Food Safety Supervisor training on manufacturing was jointly organized by the Department of Botany and Home Science on 10 September 2018 at the International Seminar Hall of the Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra. 40 students from M. Voc Dairy, M. Voc Food Processing & Preservation and M.Sc. Plant and Microbial technology (Botany) participated and successfully completed the training programme. They were trained and evaluated by FOSTAC approved Food Safety Expert (Trainer cum Assessor) Ms. Swati Goel. These students are now FSSAI approved, FOSTAC certified Food Safety Supervisors. This is the second batch of students from DEI certified as Food



Safety Supervisors.

● A Workshop on Food processing and preservation was organized by Department of Home Science from 13 to 28 September, 2018. In this workshop 1st semester students of B. Voc. (FPP) actively participated. They were trained and evaluated by expert Mr. Manoj Dixit from UP State Govt. Food Preservation Science and Training Centre, Agra. Students learnt the process for the preparation of Pickle, Squashes, Syrup, Jam and Jelly in this workshop.



Faculty of Education

● A five-day Scouting Guiding Camp was organized in the Faculty of Education from 29 October to 2 November 2018. Students from DEI.Ed, B. Ed classes running in various distance centers viz. Delhi, Timarni and Rajaborari participated along with faculty members and Pre School Teacher Education Students. This year Unity day was also celebrated during the camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Mrs. Namita G. Sood, Headmistress, DPS, Agra. She advised the



students to be exemplary teachers with formidable character and values. Various competitions were held during the camp. Day one began with the Environmental Cleanliness Competition. On Day two there was the Cultural and First Aid Competition. On the third day, students went for hiking, shouting various slogans and finding their way following the cues and symbols left behind by the leading party all the way to Jamuna Pump where the tent pitching, food with fire and food without fire competitions were held. All students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm in the competitions.



On the final day, Mrs. Gurpyari Mehra, Chairman, Nagar Panchayat, Dayalbagh, conferred the Oath to the Students and they were initiated as Scouts and Guides. Mrs Gurpyari inspired the students to contribute to the society with full commitment.

Prof Archana Kapoor, Dean, Faculty of Education, Emeritus Professors and all faculty members were present in the camp activities. The Camp was coordinated by Prof. Gurpyari Satsangi and Dr Arti Singh.



Staff News:

Prof. N P S Chandel delivered four lectures on Parametric and Non-Parametric Statistics in Bundelkhand University, Jhansi on 15 and 16 October, 2018.

Dr. Amit Gautam attended National Workshop



on “Blended Learning Approach for Teacher Educators” Organised by School of Education, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwa-vidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra under the scheme of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, MHRD, Govt of India held during September 26-28, 2018.

Ms. Pratima Singh and Dr. Neetu Singh participated in the seven-day Faculty Development Programme on Linguistics and allied Disciplines (An Interdisciplinary Approach) organized by Department of Linguistics, K.M. Institute of Hindi and Linguistics, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra from 24 to 30 September, 2018.

Dr Sona Dixit acted as judge in Inter School Fancy dress Competition in Gaytri Public School organized by Association of Progressive Schools of Agra (APSA, Agra) on 8th October 2018. She acted as examiner for BEd. Practical examination in CSJMU, Kanpur on 18 October 2018.

Dr N Simha attended Refresher course at HRDC Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati from 24 September to 13 October 2018.

Faculty of Social Sciences

Publications : 6

The Department of Psychology organized Practical Training in Diagnosis and therapeutics in Clinical Psychology at the Institute of Mental Health and Hospital (IMH&H) for the Ph.D. scholars, students of M. Phil., M.A. (S.Sc.) and B.A. (S.Sc.) Honours from 1st June to 30th June, 2018. The timings were from 9 am to 4 pm, where students were expected to perform duties till 2 pm and then attend classes related to Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology. They were frequently monitored and supervised during the visits by the Faculty members. The



Members of the Training group at Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Agra.

students were divided into four groups and were placed in various wards for duties i.e. Family Ward, Ward No. 17, Ward No. 19 and Better Class Ward. It was quite an interesting experience as the students got an exposure to the practical aspects of clinical psychology, they interacted with patients with disorders like Bipolar Disorder, Mania, Depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Schizophrenia, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and many others. Also, the students got exposure to the drug addicts and substance-abuse patients. The students also visited the Female Ward and analysed the condition of females suffering from mental health issues. In the classroom sessions, therapies like Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Psychoanalytic Therapy, Hypnosis and various disorders were discussed with the mentor. Overall, it was a successful one -month visit at the Institute and students got to learn a lot by observing the patients and with the guidance given by various Clinical Psychologists and Psychiatrists.

Staff News :

Prof. Sanjay Bhushan got ranked in Top 10% of International Authors by Elsevier-SSRN, Elsevier Inc., USA (Consecutively in Yr. 2016, 2017 and 2018)

Dr. Archana Satsangi was adjudged the Best Researcher'18 by International Journal for Research



under Literal Access for her paper on ‘ Effect of Education System on Cognition’.

Prof. Sanjeev Bhatnagar, Dept. of Management was invited as an expert by manager Vigilance, Power Grid Corporation, Lucknow, in Preventive Vigilance Workshop organized by Ministry of Power, Government of India from 19-21 September, 2018 at Hotel Trident Agra and delivered a talk on “Ethics in Management” on 19 September to impart the behavioral traits of Junior Engineers & Technicians while discharging their day to day work in the interest of the Company.

PV Girls’ Intermediate School

An educational camp was arranged by the DEI FOLDOSCOPE Project in Rajaborari from 15 to 18 October 2018. Twenty students and three teachers from DEI Prem Vidyalaya along with the students and teachers of REI, Delhi Model School and Rajaborari school participated in the camp. In this camp after the inauguration a Science Quiz was



conducted, which was very competitive and full of knowledge. In another activity students were taken to the nearby forest for collecting material for preparation of slides. Sample collection and slides were made under the supervision of experts from Science Faculty which was highly enlightening. In these slides insect’s wings, antenna and stomata were shown. Slides on polluted water were also worth to see. On the same day a session was organised with Mr.Manu Prakash through Video conference, in which he explained various uses of Foldoscope. In the evening the slides were submitted for judgement. A photography competition was also organised.

The students were encouraged to interact with the local students and identify one local problem. The solution to this problem has to be submitted by the teams in December to the project incharge. As per the students’ and teachers’ feedback, the camp was very successful as students from different

schools got an opportunity to interact with one another. The students learnt the proper method of sample collection and permanent slide preparation. They highly appreciated the wide range application of foldoscope, which can be used in exploring nature, identifying plant/animal diseases of certain area. Amidst all these activities a short visit by DEI Director provided a great encouragement to all the students.

ETAWAH CAMP- In Etawah, Pre IGC 2 was organised from 19 to 28 September 2018. It was attended by Senior Under Officer Ms.Komal Sharma, Under Officer Ms.Sangini Dutt, Cadet Deeksha Sharma, Cadet Muskan Mohan, Cadet Payal Kumari and Cadet Ratnanjali. They spent nine days over there. Sangini Dutt and Payal Kumari bagged gold medals for English Anchoring and Tabla respectively.

PANWARI CAMP- Pre IGC 3 was held from 5 to 14 October 2018. In this camp top cadets from Agra were representing their city. Several activities like Drill, Cultural, NIAP (National Integration Awareness Programme) and flag area were organised. Ms Sangini Dutt, Muskan Mohan and Payal kumari were selected for the IGC.

NOIDA CAMP- This camp was organised from 14 to 22 October. Chest numbers and Identity Cards were provided to cadets. These cadets were selected for their specialised fields.





NCC Activities

Result 2018

This year results of NCC 'B' and 'C' certificate examinations were overwhelming and all cadets who appeared in these examinations cleared their respective exam with good grades.

	'B' Certificate	'C' Certificate
Cadets Appeared	37	22
'AYE' Grade	26	06
'BEE' Grade	11	15
'CEE' Grade	—	01

SUO Rahul Tyagi, UO Indrajeet Sikarwar and UO Vishal Pachauri have successfully completed NCC with 'AYE' grading in both 'B' and 'C' certificate exam. Other meritorious cadets who scored 'AYE' grading in 'C' certificate are UO Rajat Tyagi, SGT Sachin Sharma, and CDT Tejveer Singh Chahar. 26 and 6 'AYE' grades in 'B' and 'C' Certificates respectively are the highest in the Agra Group with 100% result.

Army Attachment Camp (AAC)

Cadets derive immense value through attachment with the Armed Force units where they experience the functioning and life in the military units. Cadets of all wings go through a period of attachment with respective services of the Armed Forces. One of such camps was conducted at 7 Para brigade, Agra from 4 September to 18 September 2018. 15 cadets from DEI out of 120 cadets from different battalions of Agra group took part under the leadership of DEI ANO Lt Manish Kumar. In this camp apart from routine camp schedule, the cadets took part in different adventure sports like Para Gliding, Para Motor Gliding, Sheltering, BMP Riding etc. Cadets were also given exposure to the latest weapons with

their technical knowhow and working. UO Praveen Tyagi was appointed as Camp Senior. Para Commando Training capsule was run to train and increase cadets' endurance. The Camp was visited by the NCC Group Commander Agra Brig. Sanjay Sangwan and Commanding Officer 1 UP Bn. NCC Agra Col OP Panday.

Youth Exchange Program (YEP)

During Republic Day Camp every year 165 cadets get shortlisted from the entire contingent of 2000 cadets from all over India. For the selection of YEP, cadets have to go through various rounds of written, group discussion and personal interviews at different levels. Selected NCC cadets participate in YEP which is a country to country exchange of cadets belonging to NCC. They participate in NCC activities of the host country to create an increased awareness and appreciation of each other's socio-economic and cultural heritage. NCC has a vibrant YEP with 11 countries. This year five cadets took part in RDC 2018. Selection of five cadets from one institute is a record not only at group level but at the directorate level and it is indeed a matter of pride to mention that this is the second consecutive year when three cadets from DEI have made their place for YEP. CDT Abhishek Mittal, final year Diploma in Civil Engineering got a place in Kyrgyzstan delegation of five cadets. He visited Kyrgyzstan from 15 Oct. to 20 Oct., 2018. This was the first time that the Indian delegation visited Kyrgyzstan. During his stay at Kyrgyzstan apart from military training, ice skating etc., they were taken to Burana Tower, Indian Embassy and Army personnel of Scorpion Army (Kyrgyzstan Special Arm Force). Abhishek was appointed delegation senior during this tour.



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