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## Values and Quality Day 2018

The fifth Annual 'Values and Quality Day' was celebrated at Dayalbagh Educational Institute and the all India and global study centres on 7 November, 2018 with immense zeal. The main event was organised at DEI Quantum-Nano Technology Park and the live proceedings were transmitted in distributed mode across all the DEI centres. The finals of Inter-Institute Elocution Competition was also held on this day where students of various faculties of DEI participated enthusiastically. Special performances from the winners of Poetry Recitation Competitions held at REI Intermediate College and DEI Prem Vidyalaya and Inter-Institute Bhakti Sangeet competition were also organised on this occasion. Annual prize distribution function was held for the winners of various events on the broad theme of 'Values Education and Quality teaching' held earlier during the year.

List of Prize Winners of Values & Quality Competitions 2018 :

### Poster-making :

1. Kumari Dolly, BFA III Yr. Arts
  2. Astuti, BFA, I yr, Arts
  3. Khushboo Singh, BFA, III Yr., Arts
- Consolation*—Vidhu Tiwari, BFA, I Y, Arts

### Cartooning :

1. Shivani Gautam, BFA III Yr, Arts
2. Annu Yadav, BFA, II Yr. Arts



3. Shivani Sharma, BFA, II Yr., Arts
- Consolation*—Stuti Jain, BEd, II Yr., Education

### Bhakti Sangeet :

1. Shilpy Sharma, BA Hons, Arts
  2. PM Niharika, BA III Sem, Arts
  3. Arti Sarin, BEd, Education
- Consolation*—D. Abhilasha, BSc.

### Elocution :

#### Hindi :

1. Abhishek Upadhyay, Commerce
  2. Aditya Vimal, Education
  3. Himi Jain, Commerce
- Consolation*—Akhilesh Agnihotri, Science

#### English :

1. Ananya Agrawal, Commerce
2. Ami Chopra, Engineering
3. D.Surat Pyari, Education



*Special Performance—Poetry (Hindi/English) Recitation Competition Winners*

**R.E.I. :**

1. Ajeet Singh
2. Prasann Prasad

**DEI Prem Vidyalaya :**

1. Niharika Singh
2. V. Megha Saran
3. Kratika Pathak
4. Unnati Gautam
5. Geet Satsangi
6. Ashna Taneja
7. Surat Bhushan

Prof. Sarla Paul and Brig. Prem Dayal

Gupta were the hon'ble Judges for the final events. A special Oath was also taken by all present on this occasion in order to adhere to the basic human values and lead an ethical way of life with compassion and cooperation. It is heartening to note that all the Distance/ ICT centres of DEI across the world also celebrated 'Values and Quality Day' with enormous fervour by organising various cultural and literary events, where students and staff together participated in large number.

## Orientation Programme for Assistant Professors

*"Orienting minds in the right direction for Nation building."*



UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University (UGC HRDC, AMU) in collaboration with the Dayalbagh Educational Institute organized an Orientation Programme exclusively for female Assistant Professors of Dayalbagh Educational Institute from 29 October 2018 to 28 November 2018. The aim of the novel initiative was to accelerate the professional development of female staff members at their home institution, hence removing the roadblock of travelling and moving to another city for a month. The idea conceived and agreed upon by both DEI & AMU, was propelled further by the Programme Coordinator Prof. J.K.Verma, who meticulously planned and executed a successful programme.

The programme flagged off on 29 October with Dr. Faiza Abbasi, Assistant Director, UGC HRDC, AMU and Prof. J.K.Verma introducing the Orientation Programme to the 33 participating Assistant Professors from various

Departments of DEI. According to Dr. Abbasi, the programme was planned across four quadrants: Social Awareness & National Integration, Teaching Skills, ICT and Personality Development. Through the entire month, International Seminar Hall Complex witnessed influx of more than 40 speakers from diverse backgrounds, bringing along with them years of experience and expertise.

Some prominent speakers included, Professor Wazahat Hussain (Former Chairman, Department of Botany, AMU), who dived deep into Biodiversity, and brought the world of Flora alive; Professor Rais Akhtar (Kashmir University, former member of IPCC) who gave a completely fresh perspective to the concept of climate change and health; Professor M Asmer Beg and Professor A. P. Vijapur, both from AMU, who took topics like National Integration and Human Rights to new heights with their depth of knowledge. The banner of ICT was



lifted up high by Professor Shabhat Hussain, former Cybrarian who brought the first Social Science Cyber Library freely accessible to the global audience and Professor Shahid Farooq (Department of Geology, AMU) who inspired all participants to always stay forward in the race of adapting latest technology for the benefit of students and community at large.

Some other speakers who ensured full attention and kept their audience alive and responding, were Dr. Shariq Aqueel (CMO, University Health Services, AMU) who discussed common medical emergencies, Professor D. N. Sansanwal (Devi Ahilya University, Indore) who gave insight to participants on Research Methodology and techniques of teaching and Dr. Amirullah Khan, who conducted back to back three sessions on Communication in English with respect to writing Paper. Professor Seemin Hasan (Chairperson, Department of English, AMU) and Dr. Vinni Jain initiated a healthy discussion on Gender Equality and Women's Question in India

respectively. Overall 55 topics from different domains were knitted together in this month-long journey of knowledge, skills, resources, reflection, wisdom, values and motivation.

The Valedictory ceremony was conducted on 28 November 2018, which was presided over by Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC HRDC, AMU and Professor P. K. Kalra, Director, DEI. Also present on the occasion were the Registrar, the Treasurer and other senior faculty members of DEI along with participants. Professor Kidwai, appreciated the efforts of DEI for coming forward with the first of its kind Orientation Programme and congratulated the coordinator Prof. Verma and participants for successful completion of the Programme. Professor Kalra expressed his gratitude towards AMU, for organization of the programme at DEI and motivated the participants to maintain the team spirit and pass on the knowledge they have gained all the way to other faculty members of DEI. The participants shared their feedback and were felicitated with certificates.

## QANSAS 2018 (Nov. 21–24, 2018)

*International School on Quantum and Nano Computing Systems and Applications*



International School on Quantum and Nano Computing Systems and Applications (QANSAS 2018) was organized by Quantum-Nano Systems

Centre and Centre for Consciousness Studies, Dayalbagh Educational Institute in collaboration with Divinity Study Forum, Radhasoami Satsang



Sabha from November 21–24, 2018. A special forum on *‘Integrating Eastern and Western Perspectives of Consciousness’* was organized on November 21 with the President of Dayalbagh Educational Institute and Radhasoami Satsang Sabha, Mr. Prem Prashant in the Chair. Vision Talk entitled *‘Complete Neuro-Theology as Ultimate Reality: Science of Consciousness’* was delivered by Revered Prof. Prem Saran Satsangi Sahab, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education, Dayalbagh Educational Institutions and Leader of Radhasoami Faith, Dayalbagh. Plenary Talk was delivered at the Forum by Prof. Peter Walling, Baylor University Medical Centre, Dallas, USA, who has authored the book *‘The Science of Angels’*. A presentation was made by Mr. Prem Prashant, President Dayalbagh Educational Institute and Radhasoami Satsang Sabha and Member, Divinity Study Forum on preliminary analysis of spiritual experiences compiled in a study by the Divinity Study Forum detailing evidences of the

boundless mercy of Gracious Huzur Prof. Satsangi Sahab on the community. The lively Panel Discussion moderated by Mr. Prem Prashant concluded on the note that if you repeat Radhasoami, then you find it starts to resonate in brain and even beyond. Base-location of all human beings is their mid-eye centre (internally).

The Inaugural Talk was delivered on November 22 by Prof. Harald Atmanspacher, ETH Zurich who is the Chair and Lead Organizer of TSC 2019 at Switzerland. Workshop on Brain and Cognition was conducted by Prof. Laura Middleton and Workshop on Graham Supercomputer by Prof. Scott Hopkins, University of Waterloo. The Valedictory Talk on November 24 was delivered by Prof. Fakhri Karray, Director, Waterloo Institute for Artificial Intelligence. The most enthusiastic delegates were the children of the Superman Scheme who actively participated in this new experiment.

## Hindi Drama Festival Organized

In order to encourage the dramatic art and creativity as well as instill the management skills within students, an Inter-Institute Hindi Drama Festival was organized by the Hindi department of the Faculty of Arts, DEI, from 29-31 October 2018. Along with the different Faculties of DEI, various other educational Institutes of Agra took part in this drama competition. The enthusiastic students gave impactful performances and raised various current social issues through their plays. On the final day of the event, the best

performers were awarded prizes by Smt. Sneh Bijlani, Treasurer, DEI. The Best Dramatic Production prize was accorded to St. Peter’s College, Agra at the school level and to the Faculty of Engineering, DEI at the college level. The Judges and eminent Theatre personalities, Shri. Anil Shukla, Shri. Umesh Amal and Shri. Vinay Patsariya were given Mementos by Prof. P.K. Kalra, Honourable Director of DEI.





## English Drama Fest Organized



The Annual English Drama Festival convened by the Department of English Studies, DEI was organized this year from 12-14 November 2018. This much-awaited event, known for enthusiastic participation of school and college students of DEI and Agra District, was organized at the Convocation Hall of the Institute. This event has become a popular platform for the students to exercise their event-management skills and sharpen their creative and dramatic acumen through powerful theatrical representations. Five schools and six faculties (of DEI) took part in the school and college categories of the competition respectively. Besides some traditional one-act plays, the event also witnessed some adaptations from famous full length plays as well as films. The theatre-lovers turned in large numbers on all three days of the festival and cheered and lauded the performances of the students. Prof. D.N. Sansanwal, Former Head & Dean, Dept. of Education, Devi Ahilya University, Indore, was the Chief Guest on the closing day of the event. He commended the performances by the students and organization of the event and shared his views with the audience. The Jury this year consisted of eminent personalities like, Ms. Runu

Dutta- a theatre activist, associated with the theatre group named 'Ranglok', Prof. Gunjan Chaturvedi - Senior Prof. at Baikunthi Devi Kanya Mahavidyalay, Agra and Mr. Manas Raghuvanshi - an active member of Indian People's Theatre Association for more than 20 years as an actor and director. Prize winners :

### **School Category :**

#### *Best Production :*

DEI Prem Vidyalaya Girls' Inter College

#### *Best Actor :*

Srijan Jaggi (St. Clare's School)

#### *Best Actress :*

Deepshikha Bahal (St. Patrick's School)

#### *Best Impersonator :*

Sayyid (St. Peter's School)

#### *Best Supporting Actor :*

Student from St. Peter's School

#### *Best Supporting Actress :*

Hemanya Sahgal (St. Patrick's School)

#### *Best Stage Management :*

Sumeet Rahul Memorial School

#### *Exemplary Performance :*

Drishti Goel (DEI Prem Vidyalaya Girls' Inter College)



*Best Direction :*

DEI Prem Vidyalaya Girls' Inter College

*Best Audio & Video Effects :*

DEI Prem Vidyalaya Girls' Inter College

**College Category :**

*Best Production :*

DEI Faculty of Engineering

*Best Actor :*

Yash Elwadhi (DEI Faculty of Science)

*Best Actress :*

Antra Prakash (DEI Faculty of Social Sciences)

*Best Impersonator :*

Preeti Kumari (DEI Faculty of Education)

*Best Supporting Actor :*

S. Niharika (DEI Faculty of Arts)

*Best Supporting Actress :*

Daya Kumar (DEI Faculty of Science)

*Best Stage Management :*

DEI Faculty of Commerce

*Exemplary Performance :*

Mehar Mishra (DEI Faculty of Engineering)

*Best Direction :*

DEI Faculty of Science

*Best Audio & Video Effects :*

DEI Faculty of Science

*Best Narrator :*

Aarti B. (DEI Faculty of Science)

## National Seminar on Tourism & Culture Organized



A three-day National Seminar was organized under Arts faculty's B. Voc Tourism and Hospitality Programme from 17-19 November 2018. The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. Hariom (Head, General Administration, UP State). In his enlightening speech, he emphasized on the purpose of tourism which is not to enjoy luxurious cars or hotels but on the contrary is about knowing the culture of a place and its people. He also expressed his concern for the lack of promotions done for tourism in India and suggested that the expanse of tourism can be broadened with the support of art. The Seminar was inaugurated by renowned journalist, Mr. Om Thanvi, who expressed that the true essence of culture is in the understanding of the intricacies and the locale rather than the extravaganza and glamour. Poet, Mr. Manglesh Dabral, a Sahitya Akademi award winner, presided over the conference and said that the analysis of tourism is necessary. He added that appropriate and qualitative analysis is lacking. A 'Ghazal Sandhya' was organized in the evening with Dr.

Hariom and his team's mesmerizing ghazal performances.

On the second day of the Seminar, there were two sessions on literature related to tourism and the role of cultural activities in the development of tourism.

The Seminar ended with a Session on the theme, 'Agra and the challenges of Tourism: probability and suggestions'. The chief guest for the final Session of this event was Railway security chief, I.P.S officer, Mr. Shadan Zeb Khan. He focused his speech on tourist security and crimes related to tourism. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Avantika Shukla from the Women research Centre, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, talked about the state of women in tourism and the promotion of women's tourism. She further added that the advertisements involving tourism also prominently exhibit men not women as the tourism industry is male-centric where the role of women is that of mainly an object. There is a need to



break the tradition and to promote the public status of women in tourism. Tourism and hotel management specialist, Mr. Rajeev Narayan proposed to establish a balance between values of tourism and commercial perspective. He also said that to be recognized, professionalism is to be adopted keeping away the charm of glamour.

In the Seminar, 45 participants were

registered. During the cultural programme presented by DEI fraternity, Devaditya Chakravarti played the *sitar*, while Bhanupratap played the *tabla*, Rahul Niberia sang a ghazal, along with Daras Adhaari and Ous Satsang who sang a rajasthani folk song. The overall coordination was done by Dr. Brijraj and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Prem Shankar.

## NCC Activities

### Surgical Strike Day

To commemorate the surgical strike day, NCC Units of DEI organised various events to salute the bravery of great warriors of Indian Arm Forces. The day started with slogan and message writing competition. A special Drill was also organised to demonstrate the March Past performed by the NCC contingent at Rajpath during Republic Day Parade under the command control of Senior Under Officer Gopal Upadhyay (SUO Gopal Upadhyay, Marched on Rajpath in the NCC contingent during Republic Day 2018). There after, a lecture by the eminent speaker Brig. PD Gupta (Retd), Ex. Group Commander NCC Agra Group was organised. Brig. Gupta in his address gave stress on the minute tactics of surgical strike and praised the decision of declaring 29<sup>th</sup> September as surgical strike day

to honour our soldiers. To motivate the NCC cadets a documentary film on surgical strike was also depicted. 135 cadets took part in the function.

### National Unity Day

To remember the determination and work done by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, 31 October was observed as “National Unity Day”. 90 cadets from various NCC units of DEI under the guidance of their officers took part in the “Run for Unity” organised in collaboration with Nagar Panchayt Dayalbagh. Chief Guest of the function Ms Vandita Srivastava, Assistant City Magistrate, Agra inaugurated the function by garlanding the photo of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and National Unity oath was taken by all present. After the formal inauguration, the Chief Guest flagged off the “Run for Unity” from Nagra Panchayat





office Dayalbagh to the Main Entrance of DEI. During the run, cadets shouted self-made slogans on unity and spread the message of unity in the interest of public consciousness. Lt Manish, ANO DEI Technical College, Chief Officer Lokendra Singh, ANO (JD) REI Intermediate College, Lt Surat Pyari, ANO DEI PV Prem Vidhyalay also took part in the run. The Event was successfully conducted with the help of UO Ankur Varshnay, SGT Aaksh Upadhyay, Cdt. Jyotika and Cdt Kajal Sharma. Shri V.P. Malhotra, Offg. Principal DEI Technical College, Smt. Gur Pyari Mehra, Chairperson Dayalbagh Nagar Panchayat, Shri Shailendra, Shri Piyush, teachers REI, witnessed the event.

### **Blood Donation Camp**

The NCC unit of DEI Technical College organised one day Blood Donation camp on 17 November, 2018 in the institute. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Blood Donation Camp in the series. This time camp was organised with the help of District

Hospital Blood Bank, Agra. Blood Donation Camp was inaugurated by Shri VP Malhotra, Offg. Principal DEI Technical College. Other important dignitaries who visited the camp were Col. AK Verma, Commanding Officer 1UP Girls Battalion, Agra and Maj. Neerja Singh Arya, Administrative Officer, 1 UP Battalion, Agra. Col. Verma remarked that it is amazing to see voluntarily participation of so many cadets, students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the institute for the noble cause. 193 units of blood was collected, which made a record collection by the District Hospital Blood Bank. The Camp was supervised by the senior cadets Gopal Upadhyay, Harsh Mehta, Anuj Kumar, Akshay Malhotra, Praveen Tyagi, Sweet Singh, Drashti Chaudhari. Active participation of the cadets Shushil Kumar, Rajat Singh Parihar, Dhruv Singh Bhgale, Devraj Singh, Rinki and Srashti Jadaun made the event successful.

## **Visit by Dr. Sakshi Baijal**

Dr. Sakshi Baijal, Member, U.P. State Commission for Protection of Child Rights visited the Institute on 27 December 2018 and observed the progress of work done in various sectors of Skill Development Courses/ programmes. He observed that the Institute is sharply focussed on the Skill Development among students.



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