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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The 69th Independence Day of India was celebrated at the Institute on 15 August, 2015 with immense vigour and enthusiasm. The Chief Guest Smt. Laxmi Singh (IPS), DIG, Agra, unfurled the National Tricolour and received the Guard of Honour after a melodious rendering of the National Anthem. This was followed by a brilliant display of March-Past by various contingents of students representing different Faculties, Schools and Colleges of DEI.

In her address to the gathering, Smt. Singh praised the exuberant and disciplined manner in which DEI had organized the event and exhorted the students to gather up their forces and energy to help in the task of Nation building. Smt. Singh was also happy to note that when the spirit of nationalism is slowly diminishing from the lives of people in the modern era, the institutions like DEI have taken up the endeavour of instilling the



patriotic zeal amongst the students and show them the right path.

In his remarks Prof. PK Kalra, Director of the Institute, after praising the display of the students, invited their ideas to improve their neighbourhood through technology. He reminded them that DEI is dedicated to the service of the nation and so if any of the student groups comes out with the innovative ideas to help improve their localities through technology, the Institute will help them in realizing their mission. He also urged them to devote their physical time as well as emotional attachment to the various campaigns of the Institute and assured them of good results.

In the end, the Chief-Guest gave away prizes to the winners of 'Run for Unity' and Shields to the winners of the March Past Competition, where Technical College won the Shield for boys and Prem Vidyalaya, for girls.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Keeping in tune with the declaration of UNO, under the aegis of NSS Wing of the Institute, “International Yoga Day” was celebrated at DEI in the morning of 21st June 2015. The programme was organized at the Sports Ground, Faculty of Science. The programme was graced by Yoga Experts Prof. P. Srirama Murti and Swami Pariharanand, Medical Practitioner Dr. Siddharth Agrawal, Trained Yoga Demonstrators like Dr. S.D. Sinha and Smt Sangeeta Sinha and others. A large number of NSS Volunteers, NSS Officials, Teachers and Staff of the Institute enthusiastically participated in the programme. The programme included Exhibition of



various postures of Yogasanas, Quiz Competition on “Significance and Benefits of Yoga” and Invited Talks by Prof. P. Srirama Murti, Dr. Siddharth Agrawal and Swami Pariharanand.

INDO-GERMAN COLLOQUIUM Education and Research in Dialogue

‘Indo-German Colloquium : Education and Research in Dialogue’ between CAU, Kiel and DEI, Dayalbagh was organized at Kiel, Germany from June 1-4, 2015 with participation from DEI delegates on way to TSC 2015 at Helsinki. A few sessions conducted through video-conferencing with DEI, Dayalbagh were highly appreciated by even senior Professors at CAU, Kiel as a green way of collaboration which they could actually see in action with DEI. Sessions were conducted on ‘Consciousness Studies : Experiments and Modelling’, ‘Interdisciplinary Approaches to Consciousness Studies’, Computer Science, Physics, Material Science and Social Sciences. A joint resume was also prepared towards the end of the colloquium.



TSC 2015 EAST-WEST FORUM at Helsinki, Finland

The East-West Forum was organized on June 8, 2015 in video-conferenced mode with DEI, Dayalbagh and was attended by around 100 delegates, 60 from the West and 40 from India. Among the foreign experts at the East-West Forum were Prof. Stuart Hameroff, Prof. Rocco J Gennaro, Dr. Anirban Bandyopadhyay, Prof. Mani Lal Bhaumik, Prof. John Hagelin, Dr. Tarja Kallio-Tamminen, Prof. Max Velmans and Dr. Douglas Friesen.

In the subsequent days, DEI delegation participated fully in the main event from June 9-13. DEI Concurrent Talk and Posters Sessions were held on June 10. The



Poster Sessions involved a lot of discussion and continued till late in the evening.

FACULTY NEWS

Faculty of Arts

Research Papers Published : 11

Books Published : 01

Participation in Seminars, Conferences : 13

New Courses Launched:

B.Voc, M.Voc & PhD Textile Design & Development (Dept. of Drawing & Painting) : Well-established Textile Design Courses recognized by UGC, AICTE, NSQF are now also being offered in B.Voc, M.Voc and Ph.D. format with the aim of providing Higher Education with integration of Vocationalization. The objectives of the courses are to orient students with set ups and production techniques currently adopted in the industry. Co-op Programmes with the Industry are also being planned. The students would work in the Industry from 2 to 24 weeks for getting excellent exposure and hands on experience. An Incubation Centre to provide some seed money for the start-ups is also being established.

Staff News:

Prof. Ragini Roy and Prof. Ashvini kumar Sharma were the Invited Artists in Regional Art Exhibition (Aligarh) organized by State Lalit Kala Academy from 26th-30 March-2015. The works of 16 students from the Drawing Dept. were also chosen for display in this Exhibition.

Dr. Shivendra Pratap Tripathi performed Tabla Solo in a Musical Concert at MIMFA, Lucknow on June, 2015.

Dr. Bani Dayal Dhir represented DEI as the Coordinator, Centre for Consciousness Studies, Dayalbagh, at the 'Indo-German Colloquium : Education and Research in Dialogue' between CAU, Kiel and DEI held at Kiel, Germany from June 1-4, 2015 and TSC 2015 East-West Forum (June 8) at Helsinki, Finland.

Dr. Sonal Singh successfully completed Refresher Course in Human Rights and Women Studies organized by UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Rajasthan University, Jaipur from 8 June, 2015 to 27 June, 2015 and obtained Grade 'A'.

Dr. Gautam Tiwari performed Classical Vocal on 9 Aug, 2015 at Kriti Kala Sansthan, Agra.

Students' Achievement

One Research scholar of Dept. of Drawing & Painting has cleared NET-JRF June-2015.

Four Research scholars of Dept. of Drawing & Painting have cleared UGC-NET-June-2015.

Faculty of Commerce

Research Papers Published : 02

Workshop Organized : 01

Department of Applied Business Economics, Faculty of Commerce organized One Day National Workshop on the "Retail Management and Atmospherics". Resource Person was Prof. Debashihsh Das Gupta, IIM Lucknow. Students from different faculties participated.

Students' Achievement:

Tamanna Satsangi of B.Com, First Semester, won the Quarter Finals in Badminton District championship at Eklavya stadium, Agra with remarkable points.



Faculty of Education

Papers Research Published : 07

Book Chapter : 01

Seminars/Conferences, etc. Attended : 07

Workshops Organized : 01

Faculty of Education celebrated its Annual Prize distribution Function on 17 April, 2015. Students of B.Ed. (regular and integrated), M. Ed. & PSTE received the certificates and prizes in different co-curricular activities. Prof. Anand Mohan, Registrar, DEI graced the occasion with his presence. Prof. Emeritus and staff members congratulated and blessed the students on their achievements.



A ten-day Yoga Camp was inaugurated in the Faculty of Education on August 20, 2015. Prof.

Vibha Nigam, Dean Faculty of Education inaugurated the camp. Yoga Instructor Dr. Kalpana Gupta acquainted the students with the importance of Yoga and healthy living. The students were given



practice of some asanas and pranayam and warm up exercises. 110 girl students participated in the Camp.

A Four Day Workshop for the B. Ed. Students of 'Advanced Level Work Experience Courses' on the theme of 'Creativity: Unlimited Imaginations & Visions' was organized from August 24- August 27, 2015, at Faculty of Education, sponsored by the PIDILITE



Group and Convener of this workshop was Dr. Savita Srivastava. Dr Kalpana Gupta assisted the convener in the successful execution of the workshop.

Staff News

Prof.Nandita Satsangee, Dr. Sona Ahuja and Dr. Sona Dixit acted as co-investigators in Interdisciplinary UGC-Minor project entitled” Education for Holistic Development: Researching for Value and Based Education Index (VQEI)” Duration: 3years. (Principal Investigator: Prof. SK. Sharma, Faculty of Commerce.)

Dr. Savita Srivastava participated in 1-hour online classes on different topics organized by Turnitin and sponsored by 2015 Plagiarism Education Week Webcast on April 21 to 24, 2015 in USA.

Dr. Sona Dixit acted as Member, Organizing Committee in National Symposium on “Speedy Trial and Plight of Prisoners” organized by The District Legal Services Authority, Agra in J P Sabhagar on 21 April 2015.

Prof NPS Chandel was invited to deliver a series of lectures in 8 day National Workshop on Recent Trends in Research Methodology and Data Analysis organized by Jiwaji University, Gwalior on 27 & 28 June, 2015.

Dr. Savita Srivastava delivered a talk entitled, “Issues and Challenges Confronting Higher Education: A Road Map for Future with Some Viable Suggestions” in the Two-Day National Workshop on ‘Quality Issues in Higher Education Policies in Context of Self Finance Institutions’, June 19-20, 2015, at Christian Eminent College, Indore. She acted as subject expert in selection committee to appoint lecturers in different subjects at B. Ed. level at ‘Shri Radhe Mahavidyalya, Basundhra, Etah on 22 May, 2015.

Dr. A.K. Kulshreshtha delivered talks on Utility of Statistics for a Teacher and Role of ICT in School Education in Swami Vivekanand College of Education on May 2, 2015 and May 4 ,2015 respectively. He was nominated as Member of Editorial Advisory Board in Journal Asian Resonance, Vol. IV, Issue- I, ISSN- 0976-8602.

Dr Sona Dixit and Dr Amit Gautam participated in Refresher Course in Research Methodology in the Social Sciences organized by Human Resource Development Centre, Kumaun University , Nainital (Uttarakhand) UGC from 6 May, 2015 to 26, May 2015. Both obtained Grade ‘A’. Dr. Sona Dixit was given special prize by Prof. H. S. Dhami, Hon. Vice Chancellor Kumaun University, Nainital in recognition for her contribution to “National Seminar on Challenges to 21st Century India” organized by UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Kumaun University , Nainital (Uttarakhand) on 15-16 May, 2015.

Dr Meenu Singh was invited to judge the English Week Competitions organized in DPS, Agra on 22 July,

2015.

Dr. Neha Shivhare attended Orientation Programme organized by the UGC-HRDC, University of Calcutta from June 30, 2015 to July 28, 2015.

Students’ Achievement

Laxmi Khandelwal and Indu Sharma (Research Scholars) participated in National Symposium on “Speedy Trial and Plight of Prisoners” organized by The District Legal Services Authority, Agra in J P Sabhagar on 21 April 2015.

Abdul Sameer Khan, Research Scholar, participated in 8 day National Workshop on , “Latest Trends in Research Methodology and Data Analysis” organized by S.O.S. in Life Long Education & Extension (IASE), Faculty of Education, Jiwaji University, Gwalior from 23-30 June, 2015.

Faculty of Engineering

Research Papers published: 05

Seminars/Conferences, etc. Attended : 10

Research Projects and Grants: 01 (MHRD)

To help bridge the gap in trained manpower in the renewable energy sector, D.E.I. has started Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) programme in Renewable Energy under the flagship of DDU KAUSHAL Kendra Scheme launched by government of India. Fifty- Six students have enrolled in the programme for the session 2015-16.



A One-Day workshop on ‘Curriculum Development of B.Voc. in Renewable Energy’ was organized on 18 August, 2015 at Faculty of Engineering. Experts from industry, academia and faculty members participated in the same. The Coursework is aligned with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) and National Occupational Standards (NOS).

Recently, Sh. Arsh Khanna, Engineer Projects, BONFIGLIOLI delivered a lecture as an expert on “SPV Plant Design” on Sept. 2, 2015.



Faculty of Science

Research Project Grant Sanctioned : 1 (UGC)

Department of Chemistry has been sanctioned the prestigious Indo-US 21st Century Knowledge Initiative Grant by UGC for its project entitled “Semiconductor/Chip/Chiplet Based Novel Approaches for the Efficient Solar-Water Splitting: A. Photoelectrochemical Hydrogen Generation; B. Photocatalytic Hydrogen Generation”. With a total sanctioned amount of Rs. 1.17 crores for 3 years, this project would be executed in collaboration with Prof. A.M. Kannan and Prof. Keng Hsu of Arizona State University. Prof. Rohit Shrivastava of the Dept. is the Principal Investigator of the project, in which Prof. Sahab Dass of the Dept. of Chemistry and Prof. Vibha R. Satsangi, Dept. of Physics are the other two Indian Investigators and students are planned to facilitate specific research/training activities and achieve the slated objectives.

One-day UGC-SAP Seminar on Chemistry: Emerging Frontiers (CHEM-FRONT 2015) was held on 31ST March, 2015 with three Invited Talks.

(i) ‘Use of low cost adsorbents for waste-water treatment’ delivered by Dr. V.K. Gupta, FWIF, FNASc, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, IIT, Roorkee.

(ii) ‘3-Nitrofluorene dioxygenase from *Diaphrobacter* sp. Strains’ delivered by Dr. Gurunath Ramanathan, Professor of Chemistry, IIT Kanpur.

(iii) ‘Creating opportunities and innovative research by fruits and vegetables by biodegradable emulsions’ delivered by Prof. H.M. Chawla, IIT Delhi.

Students’ Achievement:

Deepanshi, Inderjeet Chadda (B.Sc Hons) and Anchal Garg (B.Sc. 3 Sem) attended “Training Programme in Mathematics - 2015” from 25 May to 20 June organized by National Institute of Science Education and Research, at Bhubaneswar.

Himanshi and Rama Choudhary (B.Sc., 3 Sem) did summer internship sponsored by INSA, IAS and NASI at Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) – Trivendrum, Kerala and at IIT, Roper, Punjab, respectively.

Sharma Priya R. (B.Sc Hons) participated in Mathematics Training and Talent Search Programme funded by NBHM at SSN College of Engineering, Chennai, from May 18 to June 13, 2015.

Faculty of Social-Sciences

Research Papers Published : 09

Participation in Seminars/Conferences/Workshops : 10

Faculty Achievements:

Honours/Awards:

A paper presented at TRA2014 (Transportation

Research Arena 2014, Paris, France) by Anoop Srivastava, Sanjeev Swami, and D.K. Banwet, titled “Interpretive Structural Modelling of Security System for Better Security Management in Railways” has been selected for publication in prestigious Thematic Volume No. 3 on Traffic and Safety, published jointly by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., USA and ISTE Publishers.

Prof. S.K.Sharma’s research paper entitled ‘Reflection of E-HRM in the Effectiveness of HR Functions: A Select Study of Information Technology (IT) Industry of India’ was awarded the Best Paper at International Conference on Business Research and Management Practices in Global Environment on April 2-3, 2015 at Alliant School of Management, Alliant International University, San Diego, CA, USA.

A paper written by Prof. Sanjeev Swami, “Executive Functions and Managerial Decision Making”, has been included in the reading list of Accountant’s Browser, Reference List of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

A Case Study “Implementing and Evaluating SilverScreener” by Jehoshua Eliashberg, Sanjeev Swami, Charles B. Weinberg, Charles B. Weinberg, Interfaces, May-June 2001, has been listed by AMPL Software Company, USA as testimonial in AMPL FOR BUSINESS section.

Invited Talks:

Prof. Sanjeev Swami was the Invited Guest Speaker on “Mathematical Modeling Applications in Management,” IME Research Scholars’ Day, Department of Industrial & Management Engineering, IIT Kanpur, April 19, 2015. He also delivered a talk on “Shelf-Space Scheduling: Integrative Modeling Perspectives at the Interface of Marketing and Operations Management,” Research Seminar Series, IIM Udaipur, June 5, 2015 and was invited as visiting researcher, Indian Institute of Management, Udaipur, May-June 2015.

Prof. K. Santi Swarup visited University of Kiel, Kiel, Germany between June 1-5th, 2015 and delivered an invited talk on the topic: “Techniques for Counseling and Enhancing Risk Consciousness of MSMEs in India Using Case Study Approach”.

Prof. S. Swami delivered an Invited Talk on “Managing Networks of Relationships” at Managerial Training Sessions, J.P. Hotels, Agra, on July 17, 2015.

Following faculty members have been invited on the Editorial Review Board of “Amity Journal of Management Research (AJMR)”: Prof. K. Santi Swarup, Dr. Sanjay Bhushan and Dr. Sumita Srivastava

Seminars Organized by Faculty/Department: 04

1. ‘Career Avenues in Project Management’ (March 21, 2015), Dept. of Management (National).

2. Prof. Budd Hall, Prof. of Public Administration



from Univ. of Victoria, Canada, and UNESCO Chair on Community Development, LLLE & Dept. of Management.

3. 'Moral Leadership: A 2-day Joint Workshop by DEI & TATA Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, (8-9 April 2015), Dept. of Management (National).

4. 'Cyber Security' (16 April 2015), Dept. of Management (National),

Students' Achievement:

A group of three research scholars (Jyoti Kaushik, Poonam Sharma and Shruti Dutt) from the Department of Psychology visited IIT Delhi on 30th July, 2015 for a Workshop cum Demo of Brain Imaging Products at Bharti School, New-Delhi. On 1st August, 2015, the students also visited the NMR Department of AIIMS, New Delhi for attending a working class of the Brain Products which included Live Demonstration by Nicola Soldati. The programme was co-ordinated by Aanchal Arora, Aerobe, New-Delhi.

Tej Singh, researcher scholar, Department of Management, Faculty of Social Sciences, D.E.I. has presented his Doctoral Research on the topic entitled: 'A Study on Customer Behaviour in Telecom Industry with



Specific Reference to Agra Region' at 6th Doctoral Conference entitled "Current Trends in Management & Information Technology" held at **Hindustan Institute of Management & Computer Studies**, Farah, Mathura (UP) on 24-07-2015 and won second prize of "Anandi Devi Paliwal Award".

Technical College

New Facilities Generated:

Measurements of invisible particles at DEI, Dayalbagh

MWR (Multiwavelength Radiometer): MWR measures aerosol optical depth (AOD) at 10 wavelengths in the ambient atmosphere. MWR derives AOD from measurements of direct solar irradiance, using a set of calibration constants for each wavelength. The obtained AODs at total of 10 wavelengths can be

utilized to retrieve the wavelength exponent, which is an index of aerosol size distribution.

Aethalometer: This instrument simultaneously samples and measures the mass concentration of black carbon particles in the air. It gives real time particle concentration and measures light absorption by suspended aerosol particles at seven wavelengths, from 370 nm (UV) to 950 nm (IR). This instrument assists in identifying the primary components.

Research Papers Published : 05

Book Chapters : 01

Participation in Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops : 04

As per the direction from AICTE to celebrate Digital India Week (DIW) a number of events/activities viz., Essay writing competition, Elocution, Debate competition were organized in Technical College, DEI from 6-11 July, 2015. On 11 July, 2015 an Essay Writing Competition was organized in the Technical College. An impressive number of students enthusiastically participated in this initiative taken by Dr. B.B. Rao, Principal, and Dr. M. Radha Krishna, Cultural coordinator, Technical College, DEI, with the support and guidance of Prof. P.K. Kalra, Director, DEI, Dayalbagh. The event coordinators were Dr. Ranjit Kumar and Sh. R.R. Singh.

Staff News:

Visits Abroad:

Dr. Ranjit Kumar, Department of Chemistry, Technical College worked as Visiting Faculty, Department of Energy Environmental and Chemical Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis, USA from July 2014 to December, 2014.



Recognitions:

Dr. Ranjit Kumar has been nominated an Affiliate Member, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, USA, 2014. He was invited to participate in a team meeting of **ICIMOD (International Center for Integrated Mountain Development)** on the Winter Fog Study November 27-28, 2014 at ICIMOD, Kathmandu, Nepal. Kumar also acted as a panelist in a

panel discussion on **“The air quality and policy implications”** during the 5th International symposium on the Role of Research Universities in Addressing Global Challenges on 19th October 2014 at Washington University in St. Louis, USA.

Invited Talk:

During his stay in the USA, Dr. Ranjit Kumar also delivered Invited Talks at various places there: On 12th September 2014 in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, St. Louis University, St. Louis, from October 16-19, 2014 at Washington University in St. Louis, on 31st October 2014 at Clarkson University,

Potsdam, New York, and on 6th November 2014 in Physics Colloquium at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan.

He also delivered invited talk on “Emission characteristics and control of pollution from biomass combustion” in a National Conference from 27-28 February 2015 at Arya PG College, Panipat, Haryana and on “Recent advances in atmospheric science research: challenges and requirement” in a National Conference on challenges in environmental research 2015 from 4-6 June 2015 at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

NCC ACTIVITIES

The NCC Cadets of the Institute had a memorable experience when they got a chance to meet and interact with the Ace Cricketer Lt. Col. M.S. Dhoni at the Air Squadron, Agra, on 17th August 2015.

NCC cadets also participated enthusiastically in the Tree Plantation Drive organized by SPHEEHA. Vice President SPHEEHA and Former Chief Secretary, Haryana Government, Shri Prem Prashant along with Major Pritam Singh (Retd), Lt. Manish Kumar and Major Amreek Parmar (Retd) were present on the occasion.

Eight Cadets attended CATC 03 Camp held at Anand Engineering College Agra from 16th to 25th August, 2015.

Four Cadets attended prestigious NIC (National Integration Camp) held at Merrut from 18th to 27th August, 2015. Cadets also represented Agra Group at NIC and won 2nd prize in Volleyball, GK and NCC Quiz, Quiz on Traffic Control and also took part in various cultural Activities.



NSS ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Annual Prize Distribution Function of NSS was organized on 15th May 2015 to acknowledge the outstanding performance of NSS Programme Officers and the Prize Winners of various competitions and events organized under regular and special activities during 2014-15. On this occasion, Prof. Pramod Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Prof. Poornima Jain, Head, Department of Sociology and Political Science were present as Guests of Honour. Dr. Anita Lakhani and Dr. Jyoti Gogia were honored with Swami Vivekanand Award for outstanding performance as NSS Programme Officers. Ms. Soumya Chaturvedi (Arts), Mr. Shabd Roop Satsangi (Commerce), Amol Gupta (Engineering), Jeeshan (Science), and Navdeep Kaur (Social Sciences) were rewarded as Best NSS Volunteers for their additional contribution to the DEI-NSS unit apart from regular NSS activities organized during the session 2014-15.

FREE MEDICAL & RURAL ASSISTANCE CAMPS

For overall development of people in nearby rural

areas, the NSS Cell of the Institute organized four Free Medical & Rural Assistance Camps on Bahadurpur - Poyiaghat Road during April-June 2015 and three Free Medical & Rural Assistance Camps during the period from 1st July to 20 August 2015. The services offered in these camps included Free Medical Services including Free Medical Check-up, Pathological Tests and Medicine distribution, Hole-in-the-Wall (Computer Awareness Program), Children Recreation Centre, Center For Spoken English, Education & Career Counseling Cell (For Rural Youth), Rural Assistance Cell (Advisory Services on Agriculture, Dairying and other Local Problems), Chaupal (For developing Culture and Ethics among people of nearby rural areas) and Centre for Vocational Training.

Dr. Ram Shankar Katheria, Minister for States, Ministry of Human Resource Development visited various activities organized in 123rd Free





Medical & Rural Assistance Camp. He interacted with villagers, students and beneficiaries in the camp and congratulated NSS, DEI for working for the underprivileged in such an efficient way.

The 124th Free Medical & Rural Assistance Camp was highly appreciated by **Student Representatives from Hong Kong University**. They also interacted with villagers, students and beneficiaries in the camp and appreciated the efforts of DEI-NSS in rendering Help and Support to people of nearby rural areas.

The 125th Free Medical & Rural Assistance Camp organized on 9th August 2015 was graced by the presence of **Most Revered Prof. P.S. Satsangi**, Chairman,



Advisory Committee on Education, Dayalbagh.

CAMPUS CLEANING AND TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

During the Environment Protection Month (19 July - 31 August 2015), the NSS Volunteers of the Institute participated actively in cleaning of campus and



surroundings and also in Plant Maintenance Programme. They also participated enthusiastically in Tree Plantation Programme organized by NSS Wing of the Institute on the occasion of the Independence Day.

Retirement

Prof. SK Chauhan, Dept. of English Studies, Faculty of Arts, retired on June, 30, 2015 after rendering a dedicated service to the Institute for about 39 years. He joined the erstwhile Engineering College in the year 1976 as Lecturer of English and went on to become Professor & Head in the Dept. of English Studies, Faculty of Arts in the year 2000. He successfully executed duties in various capacities as Member, Governing Body of the Institute, Head of the Department, Dean, Chief Editor- DEI NEWS, Advisor- DEP NEWS, Overall In-Charge, Examinations, Faculty of Arts, etc. and laid an excellent example by his perseverance and sincerity.

Prof. (Ms) Praveen Devgan, Dept. of Pedagogical Sciences, Faculty of Education, retired on June, 30, 2015 after executing a devoted service to the Institute for about 32 years. She joined the Dept. of Home Sc. in the year 1983 as Technician- Grade I and became a Professor in the Dept. of Pedagogical Sciences in the year 2012.

Dr (Ms) Madhubala Saxena, Dept. of Life Long Learning Education, Faculty of Social Sciences, retired

on June, 30, 2015 after dedicatedly serving the Institute for about 31 years. She joined the erstwhile Dept. of Adult & Continuing Education in the year 1984 as Lecturer and became Associate Professor in the Dept. of Life Long Learning Education in the year 2006.

Dr. (Ms) Sant Kumari Gogna, Dept. of Pedagogical Sciences, Faculty of Education, retired on June, 30, 2015 after rendering a dedicated service to the Institute for about 26 years. She joined the Dept. of Pedagogical Sciences in the year 1989 as Lecturer and went on to become Associate Professor in the year 2012.

Shri S.Prem Kumar, Demonstrator, Mechanical Dept, Faculty of Engineering retired on July 31, 2015 after serving the Institute with devotion for about 27 years.

Ms. Rajani Manchanda, Technician Grade I, Dept. of Home Sc., Faculty of Arts, retired on July 31, 2015 after serving the Institute with dedication for about 29 years.

We wish each of them even more success and capability for their future endeavours!

Obituary

We are intensely grieved to report the untimely demise of Dr. Shabd Kr. Srivastava, Technician Grade-II, Dept. of Botany, Faculty of Science on 27 August, 2015. He joined the Department in the year 1988 and devotedly served the Institute for about 27 years. He was known as a diligent worker and extended his full cooperation with all his abilities to discharge all the duties towards the Institute. We pray in the Lotus Feet of the Supreme Father to shower Mercy on the departed soul and grant solace to the bereaved family!

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