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DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA COLLEGE

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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Smt. Sheila Dikshit ji, Sh. Ajay Maken ji, Parliamentary Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sh. Dheerendra Tyagi ji, Chairman, Governing Body, Members of the Governing Body and faculty, distinguished guests and my dear friends. I extend a warm welcome to you on the "Tenth Annual Day" of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College.

Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister of National Capital Territory of Delhi, is a well-known social and political personality. She was born on March 31, 1938. Holder of a Master of Arts degree, she received her education at Convent of Jesus and Mary School, New Delhi and Miranda House, Delhi University. Her late husband Sh. Vinod Dikshit was a widely respected member of the I.A.S. Smt. Sheila Dikshit is the daughter-in-law of Shri Umashankar Dikshit, noted freedom fighter and a former Governor and Union Cabinet Minister.

Smt. Sheila Dikshit has represented India at the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women in the 1980s. She was on the official delegation to the Nairobi Conference to mark the completion of the U.N. Decade for Women. In 1984, she was elected to the Eighth Lok Sabha from Kannauj constituency of Uttar Pradesh and has been a Member of the Estimates Committee of the Lok Sabha.

She became Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in May, 1986. In mid 1987, she was made Chairperson of the Implementation Committee for Commemoration of Forty Years of India's Independence and Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary. In June, 1988, in addition to her other responsibilities, she was also made Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office.

In June 1998, she became the President of Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee and lead the Congress party in the Delhi Assembly elections in Nov. 1998, where the party secured a two thirds majority in the assembly. She was subsequently elected unopposed by the Congress Legislative Party as the Chief Minister of Delhi.

Sheila Dikshit has always raised her voice against injustice, against the use of political office for personal gains, against the politicisation of the basic tenets upon which stands the unity and integrity of India. She is strongly committed to secularism and believes that if democracy is to truly survive then the basic norms of correct behaviour and rectitude have to form an integral part of public life. Our college is overwhelmed by your presence amongst us, Madam, and we are all grateful to you for having accepted our invitation.

Sh. Ajay Maken born on June 12, 1964 belongs to a well known congress family. His great grand-father Late Sh. Jagat Ram was a freedom fighter and so was his grand-father, Sh. Om Prakash ji, His uncle Late Sh. Lalit Maken was elected to the Parliament in 1985. Sh. Maken has been associated with the students movements and was elected President of the Delhi University Students Union in 1985-86. He has been the Treasurer of NSUI and its observer in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, J&K and North East. He is the President of Delhi Mazdoor Congress and is leading the Trade Unions of DTC, Textile Mills, Sylvaniya Laxman, Britania, CPW(I). He has been twice elected as Member of Legislative Assembly

from Rajouri Garden constituency. At present he is Parliamentary Secretary to the Chief Minister of the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi. On behalf of Governing Body, staff and students, I once again welcome Mr. Ajay Maken in this college.

Sh. Dheerendra Tyagi ji, Chairman of the Governing Body of our College was born in Meerut District. Advocate Mr. Tyagi is an M.A. in History and also holds Diploma in Journalism in both Hindi and English. As a congress activist, he is the National Convenor of AICC Vichar Vibhag and presently assists the Congress President, Smt. Sonia Gandhi in her political work.

Development : This year we have established another Computer laboratory. All the computers in the already existing lab. were connected through LAN and Internet is accessible on all terminals through a dedicated telephone line. The office has been modernised with facilities of a fax machine and EPABX extension in each department and laboratory. The pay bill rolls and related accounts work has been fully computerised mainly with the help of Mr. H.C. Jain of the Commerce Department. We have also computerised the entire admission process this year. Data pertaining to the first year students is now accessible through computer. The Governing Body has been kind enough to provide free e-mail facility to the entire staff of the college. Our staff is thankful to the Governing Body for providing them wrist watches on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of the University of Delhi.

We are still lacking in infrastructure facilities. Though we have added a watchroom for the chowkidars and a small cabin for xerox facilities near the main gate and toilets adjacent to the staff room and principal's room, the enlargement and renovation of these rooms is still pending. We desperately need a Seminar Room, without which we have great difficulty in organising lectures, seminars and other co-curricular activities. We have already submitted the proposal for the seminar room to the PWD authorities and we may need your help, Madam, to get it constructed.

I Would like to draw your attention to the fact that inspite of being the largest college, offering maximum member of courses, out of the twelve 100 percent funded colleges of Delhi Government, we have been allotted the smallest piece of land, just 7.4 acre, against our requirement of ten acres. All our efforts to get allotted a bigger plot have proved futile. I would request you, Madam, on behalf of all my staff and students to look into this matter and help us in getting this plot changed as otherwise there will be no land available for play fields.

Activities : For the first time in our College, Academic and Development Committee under the convenership of Dr. Vinay Gupta organised an orientation programme on 15th July, 1999 for the 1st year students in which their parents were also invited. They were informed about the various activities and facilities which the college provides for their development.

Like every year, this year also the birthday of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya was celebrated on 25th September. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Achutanand Mishra, Editor, Jansatta. A full size bronze statue of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya was installed in the College and unveiled on 17th December, 1999 by His

Excellency Dr. Bhai Mahavir, Governor of Madhya Pradesh. Both these functions were organised by the Art and Culture Committee under the convenership of Dr. Jayani Adhyapak. Sh. Dheerendra Tyagi, Chairman, Governing Body presided in all these functions.

The Annual Cultural Festival of the students, KALARAV - 99 was organised from 16-18th December, 1999. Several inter-class and inter-college events were held. The students participated enthusiastically in various events.

The Arya Bhat Society organised an educational tour to the Uttar Pradesh State Observatory, Nainital in which about 100 students and ten teachers participated. The Society also organised a lecture on e-commerce which was delivered by Dr. Debjani Nag, Director, e-Commerce Division, National Informatic Centre, Delhi.

Sports : The Sports Committee under the guidance of Dr. Anita Rani and Dr. Kulvinder Singh worked against all odds throughout the year. It organised the Annual Sports Meet on 15th February, 2000 for the first time without a DPE. A large number of students took part in various competitions. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. S.N. Gupta, Director, Physical Education, University of Delhi, who delivered prizes to the winners.

Training : We at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College firmly believe that training is an essential component for growth and high morale of employees - be it teaching or non-teaching staff. With this objective our college organised a four week orientation programme for the teachers of Delhi University in the month of May / June, 1999. Forty five participants attended the programme of which twenty-seven were from our college. It would be worth mentioning here that ours is the first college in Delhi University to have organised such a programme. Our staff immensely benefited from this programme.

Sh. Ashwani Bhardwaj and Sh. Prem Singh Rawat, both Sr. Assistants in the college were deputed for two weeks computer training programme for administrative staff, which was conducted by centre for Information Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia. Our Administrative Officer, Sh. J.S. Grover also attended a two week Management Development Programme organised by Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Our college was again, the first ever, to organise a three week training programme for the laboratory staff of the college in the month of January, 2000. The programme, organised with due permission from the Dean, Science Faculty, University of Delhi, was conducted primarily by Dr. Sanjay Tandon, Dr. Vinay Gupta, Dr. K.K. Jha, Dr. Vinod Kumar and Dr. Lathika Nair of this college with some lectures from outside experts. The valedictory function of the programme was presided over by Dr. S.S. Rana, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi. Prof. B.S. Garg, Dean, Science Faculty, Sh. Satish Kumar, Treasurer, Governing Body and Prof. H.B. Singh, Member, Governing Body also graced the occasion. Our laboratory staff emerged more confident through this training.

Social Obligations : Staff and students of our college are conscious of their duties towards society and the nation. Our staff donated one day salary for the benefit of the martyrs of Kargil operation.

They also donated generously for the victims of Orissa Cyclone. We also help our needy students. This year we have given financial assistance to two of our poor and meritorious students, from the Student Aid Fund.

A blood donation camp was organised by the Student's union in collaboration with the Lions Club, on 28th January, 2000. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Member, Governing Body inaugurated the camp. The students union president Mr. Manish Rathi and Advisor Dr. Pradeep Jha mobilised the students and motivated 112 of them to donate blood.

Achievements of Staff : Our faculty members are not lagging behind in pursuing their academic interests. Dr. Vinay Gupta of the Department of Physics and Electronics published three research papers in journals of International repute. He is co-investigator in a project entitled 'Thin Film SAW Devices for low and high Frequency Applications.' The project has been sponsored by the Department of Electronics, Govt. of India, with financial assistance of Rs. 80 Lakhs. Dr. Gupta is co-investigator in another research project sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, entitled 'Ferroelectric Thin Film Capacitor for non-volatile memory application'. It has a budget of more than Rs. 12 lakhs.

Sh. Deepak Jain of the Department of Physics & Electronics has published two papers in International Journals and attended an International workshop on Gamma-Ray Bursts at Pune and an International Conference on Gravitation & Cosmology held at IIT, Kharagpur. In both he gave an oral presentations of his papers.

Sh. Trilok Nath Chhabra, Reader in the Department of Commerce was awarded Ph.D. Degree by Delhi University. He has published a book entitled 'Human Resource Management- Concepts & Issue. Sh. Himanshu Roy of the Political Science Department Co-edited a book 'Bharatia Rajneetik Chintan'. Sh. Pankaj Gupta, Department of Mathematics attended an International Symposium on Generalised Convexity/Monotonicity at University of Aegean, Greece, and an International Conference on Operational Research in Small And Medium Enterprises held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. Sh. R. M. Bhardwaj of the History Department attended Indian History Congress held at Calicut University, Kerala.

Dr. Vinod Kumar of the Chemistry Department published a Research paper in the prestigious journal, Transition Metal Chemistry. Dr. Savithri Singh of the Botany Department and Dr. Shashi and Dr. Ratna of Chemistry Department have been nominated by the Academic Council of Delhi University to work on the proposed restructuring of the Science curriculum. They are convenors for the Biology, Science and Society and Chemistry working groups respectively. Dr. Savithri Singh and Dr. Ratna are also coordinating 'Quest', conducted by the centre for Science Education and Communication, Delhi University.

Co-curricular Activities : Debating skills form the back bone of college education. We have revitalised the debating activities by forming a Debating Society . The students of our college have won prizes in several inter-college debates. In team events,our debating team consisting of Albert John & Rahul Goel at IIF Business School; Rahul Goel and Ajay Kumar Sharma at Satyawati College (E) and Roma Kondani & Ajay Kumar Sharma at our own college were adjudged the best debating teams. In the individual events Rahul

Goel at Kalindi College & Sandeep Bhadra at our own college were declared the best debators. Roma Kondani got the 2nd prize at DDU College Cultural Festival. In extempore speech competition Albert John won the 1st prize at B.R. Ambedkar College while Sandeep Bhadra was 1st at Miranda House. More important than winning prizes is the fact that the debating activities have created an enthusiastic environment in the college. My congratulations to all the winners and Sh. Pramesh Ratnakar, convenor of the Debating Society.

At the initiative taken by our students, we have created a Musical Society with its own musical band, named -PLUNO, the performance of which we have seen just now. Our newly born Musical Society has several achievements. In the competition held at CVS, Ritu Raj got the 1st Prize in Eastern Solo Singing while Bikash Diyali was awarded the 2nd prize in Western solo. Ritesh won the 3rd prize in Eastern Solo singing in Bharti College. Paritosh won a prize in ad-mad competition.

Our Choreography team is one of the best in Delhi University and has been on a winning spree this year. It won first prize in Institute Home Economics, Gargi College, Daulat Ram College and Hindu College; 2nd prize at Jesus and Mary college and Lady Irwin college and third at Venkateshvara College. Congratulation to the entire team including the coach, Mr. Amit Uppal.

Our students are not lagging behind in adventure activities. This year we have started an Adventure Club to encourage students to channelise their energies in trekking, mountaineering etc. Secretary of the club, Mr. Siddharth Bisht went for an expedition to Everest Base Camp. Convenor of the Club, Mrs. Poonam Kasturi is herself an experienced trekker. These activities will ultimately help in the Development of team spirit. It will also improve the teacher taught contact outside the class room which is of utmost importance for improving the academic environment of the college.

Teaching and evaluation are integral parts of education. Keeping this in mind, we have started the mid-term examination, this year. More than 90 per cent of the students have appeared in the examination and have benefited immensely after taking the examination. This act, I am sure will go a long way in improving our results.

Academic Distinctions : Keeping in view the quality of students we admit in 1st year, the performance of our students is in no way less than others. In the Annual University Examination, Yogesh Joshi and Rajni of B. Sc. (Hons) Mathematics, 1st Year secured more than 90% marks with Vth and VIth position in the University respectively. Sanjay Kumar of B. Sc. (Hons.) Physics IIInd Year was Vth in the University with 88.7% marks. Shruti Bakshi of B.Sc. (General) 1st Year 'B' Group secured 70.6% marks with VIIIth position in the University. My heartiest congratulations to all of them.

I wish 'good luck' to all the students who shall be appearing in the annual examination, especially to the final year student for their bright career. I am sure they will carry with them sweet memories of their three year stay in the college.

With these words, I once again extend a warm welcome to you all, on my behalf as well as on behalf of the students and staff of this college.

