

Report of Cultural Committee (2020-21)



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DAV College for Women
Sector-36 (Chandigarh)

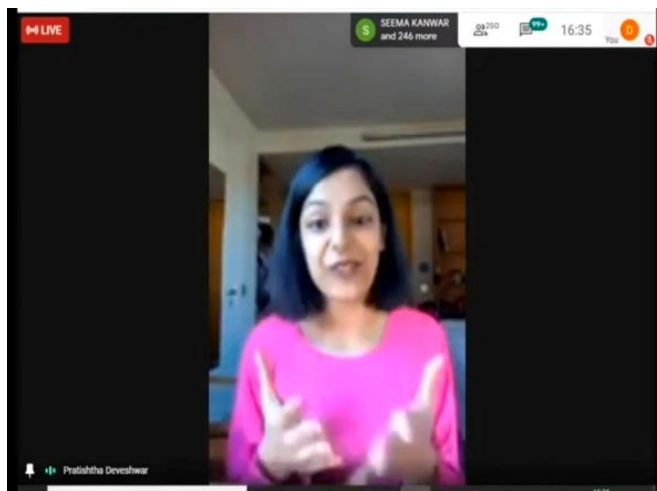
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The Cultural Committee of the College under the encouraging guidance of Ms. Deepa Chibber conducted various significant tasks and events during the session to enrich and diversify the community-building spirit amongst the students. In a unique event symbolizing the triumph of human will as rather than being bogged down by the pandemic ridden times, to induct the newcomers into the quintessential culture and ethos of the institution, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women hosted an **online Induction Programme 2020.**



Youth Ambassador and Motivational Speaker from University of Oxford, UK, Ms. Pratistha Deveshwar graced the infotainment extravaganza as the Special Guest. The programme began with an introductory video of the college to provide the newcomers glimpses of the great institution that they have become a part of now. In a highly inspiring and lively discourse, Ms. Pratistha Deveshwar spoke on **'The Power of Positivity and Never Giving Up'**, striking a chord with the students who have joined the college with the dreams of making it big in life. Ms. Deveshwar went on to share with the newcomers that life is a roller coaster ride and one should realize the potential of positivity in facing even the severest of challenging situations in life. Narrating her own story of losing the ability to walk at the age of 13 and overcoming the challenge of disability coupled with fighting the society's perception of disabled persons and the stereotypes attached therewith, Ms. Deveshwar said that she decided that if she cannot walk, she would grow wings and fly. Maintaining a journal of abilities, listening to the



voice within that reaffirms one's ability to accomplish

the undoable, daring to dream and chasing that dream, and lighting up the entire universe with one's spark of kindness were the practical life lessons that Ms. Deveshwar shared with the students for bringing positivity in one's life. A feisty skit with a touch of humour introducing the fresher to the college rules, melodious song performances, dance performance, poetry recitation and games won the hearts of all the viewers. The Deans

and Conveners of various committees and clubs were also introduced to the students. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava informed that the institution is working incessantly for the holistic development of its stakeholders. Welcoming the newcomers to this great seat of learning, Dr. Bhargava implored them to carry forward the rich legacy of this illustrious institution in a befitting manner and to write this new chapter of their life pragmatically. In her warm and affectionate address, Dr. Bhargava also motivated the students to realise their potential as the youth have the ability to dream and to achieve the impossible. **Dr. Bhargava ended her speech on a poetic note with her self-composed motivational poem 'Subah ki Roshni'** that touched the hearts of the audience.

The **Cultural Wing of Swachhta Committee** of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women **organized an Online Video Competition** on a very contextual theme keeping in mind the current pandemic- '**Dire Necessity of Cleanliness in the Present Distressed Times**'. Aimed at raising awareness about the importance of clean surroundings in fighting the COVID-19, the competition entailed submission of videos under three categories, namely mono acting, scene enactment and rap music depicting the theme. The participants came up with ingenious ideas weaving the theme aptly into their entries, using their skills in dramatics and music to convey the pertinent message of Swachhta. With the objective of generating awareness among students regarding the electoral process and significance of electoral franchise, the **Electoral Literacy Club of the college organised an Online Doodle Art Competition**. 46 students from across diverse streams, through their awe-inspiring art work displaying their exceptional talent and creativity, presented vivid ideas urging fellow citizens to realize the power of vote and highlighting its role in ensuring a nation's development. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava said that realizing its responsibility of keeping the young minds focused during these testing times, the college is undertaking various online initiatives to prevent the disruption brought about by COVID-19 to hamper academics.

The results of the competitions are:

Video Competition

i) Rap Music

1st- Mehak

2nd- Kunjalika Tikku and Tanvi

3rd- Deerga

ii) Mono acting

1st- Manavi Arora (MA English II)

2nd- Komalpreet (BA II)

Consolation- Garima Dalal (MA II)

iii) Scene Enactment

1st- Muskan Rana (BA I)

2nd- Ishika Gupta (BA III)

Doodle Art Competition

1st- Tania Singla (BSc NM I)

2nd- Mahika Sharma (BA I)

3rd- Sargun Chug (BA III)

Consolation- Bandhan Shinde (BA I)



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Online Musical Show with Bhavdeep Romana



Dr. Nisha Bhargava
Principal



Actor, Anchor & Singer
Bhavdeep Romana (R) &
Artist Fankaar Singh (L)

In a novel initiative to **rejuvenate** the students and **rekindle the spirit of hope during the COVID** induced lockdown, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised an online musical event. This **virtual Musical Show** was graced by Bhavdeep Romana, Actor, Anchor and Singer as the Guest of Honour who, along with artist Fankaar Singh, performed live to uplift the spirits of the viewers. **Over 1900 students viewed the show online.** The show was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava who said

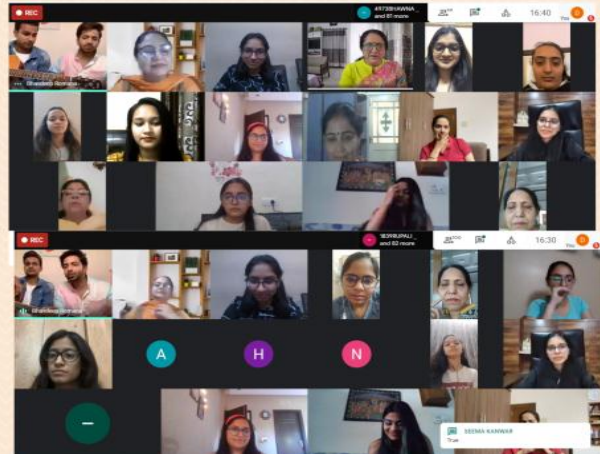
that this event was organised to **infuse a sense of positivity among the students in such troubled times.** Dr. Bhargava motivated the students to stay hopeful during these tough times by bearing in mind that every dark night has to give way to a bright morning. A Ludhiana based stand-up comedian Simar Singh performed a short act to enliven the event. Bhavdeep's melodious rendition of various hit songs left the audience spell bound who kept asking for more. Foot tapping Hindi and Punjabi numbers sung by the artist had the audience swaying to his tunes, making the show a huge success. The virtual platform was flooded with words of appreciation as the overwhelmed students thoroughly enjoyed the show and felt rejuvenated.



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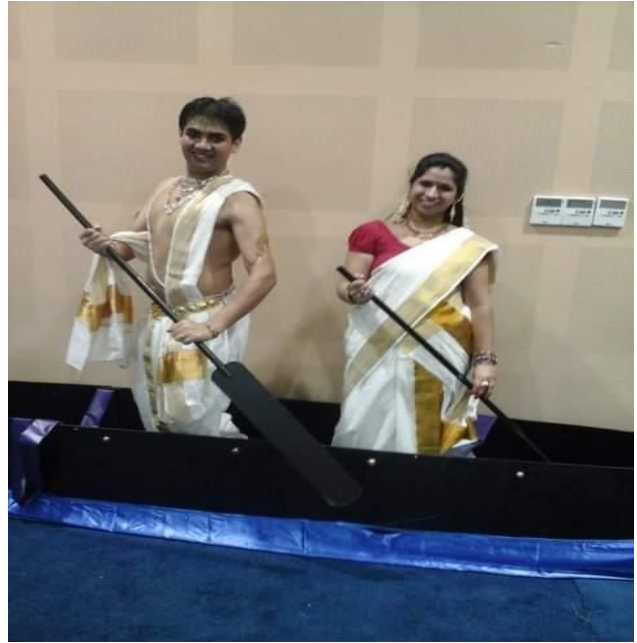
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In the Pictures:
Principal Dr. Nisha
Bhargava, Bhavdeep
Romana, Fankaar
Singh, Members of
Organising
Committee, MCM staff
and students



In these testing times when uncertainty and stress shroud the minds of students, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women undertook an initiative to help students dance away the blues. Besides being a beautiful medium of expression, dance is also widely used for its therapeutic benefits. The college, in collaboration with the renowned dance institute of the city beautiful- **Kalalayam**, organized a **6-day online workshop on Bharatnatyam.** The workshop was conducted by international performer and choreographer

Mr. Rahul Gupta and his wife Mrs. Nandini Gupta. **180 students participated** and benefitted from this unique workshop and were awarded e-certificates on successful completion of the workshop.



The participants showed great enthusiasm during the workshop and shared that they found immense gratification in connecting with their rich culture while learning a great dance form of India and also learnt how to tap the benefits of movement for fighting stress and anxiety. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava congratulated the students on utilizing their time in a constructive manner by learning about the ancient and graceful dance form of India and grooming their dance skills.

The outgoing students of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women received a virtual bouquet of memories as the college organised an **online Farewell** to bid adieu to them. Organised under the aegis of Youth Welfare Committee and Cultural Committee, the farewell was a fun filled virtual event to reminisce over the cherished years of college life with music, games and dance performances. Live performances by **Bollywood singer Alamgir Khan and Ruhaniyat band** added to the entertainment quotient of the event. The highlight of this unique farewell



was Pride of MCM Contest wherein 5 of the outgoing **students were awarded for the Best Social Outreach Activities**. Noor Gupta, Aarushi Talwar, Deepika, Sanya Sehgal and Devanshi Agarwal received the title of Pride of MCM and were awarded cash prizes for their exemplary social outreach work during the

pandemic. Gursimranjeet Kaur, an alumna who secured 6th rank in the Punjab State Civil Services Combined Competitive Examination 2020 also joined the event and advised the students to trust the process and their own capabilities while following their dreams.



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Online Farewell 2021



Dr. Nisha Bhargava
Principal

And She also expressed gratitude to her teachers at MCM for guiding her and nurturing her abilities throughout her years at MCM. Adding to the emotional quotient of the event, some of the outgoing students shared their experiences and fondest memories at MCM. Games, songs and dance performances made the evening all the more exciting and engrossing as the outgoing students bid adieu to their alma mater on a nostalgic note. Principal **Dr. Nisha Bhargava** wished the outgoing students success and glory in life and **prodded them to observe the revered value system inculcated in them during their college years.** Highlighting the significant role of alumni in making an institution great, she urged the outgoing students to stay connected to their roots and be the ambassadors of the college. She also motivated them to work towards higher goals in life as well as work for fellow beings, society and environment.