

# Report of Alumni Committee (2020-21)

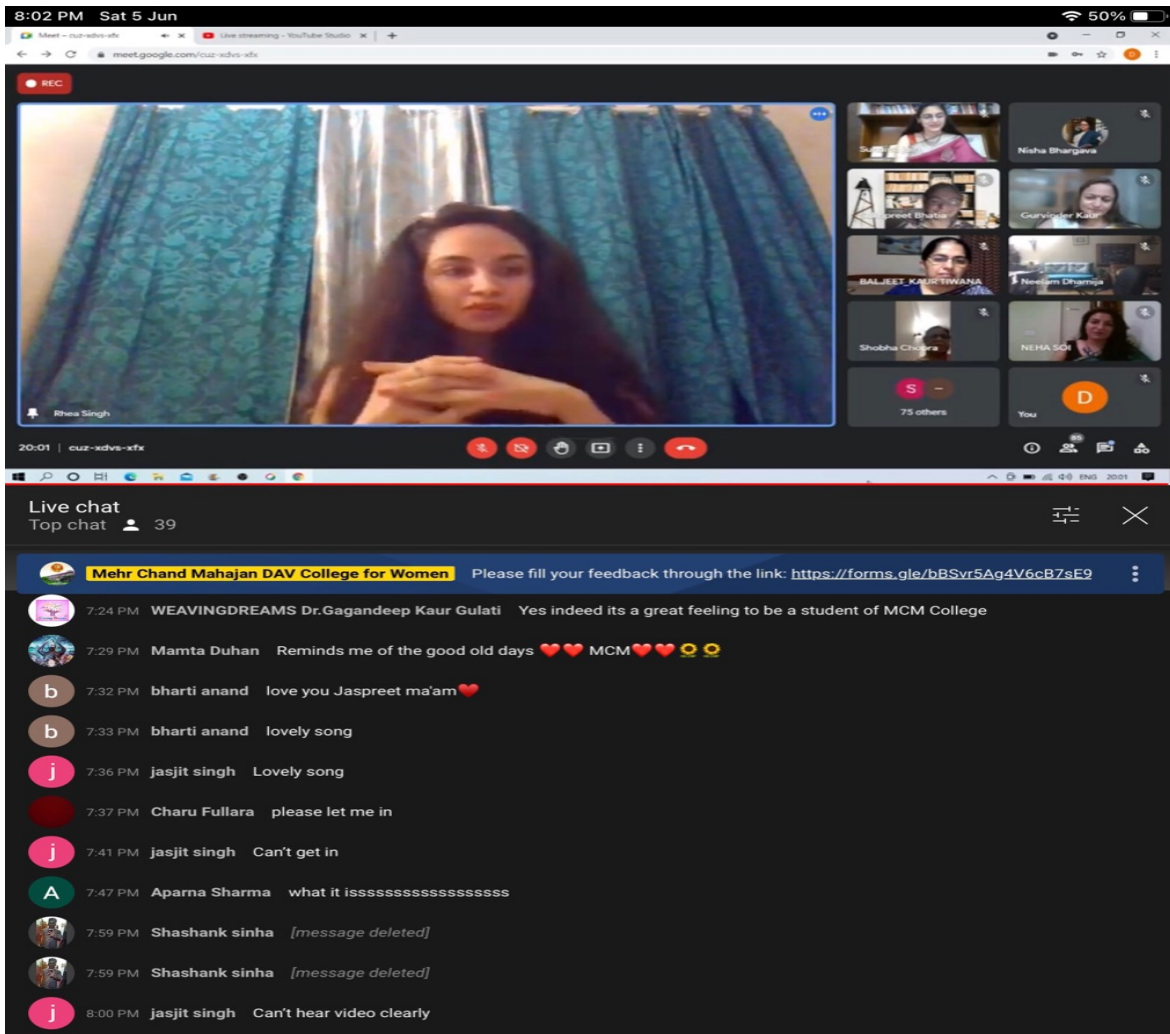


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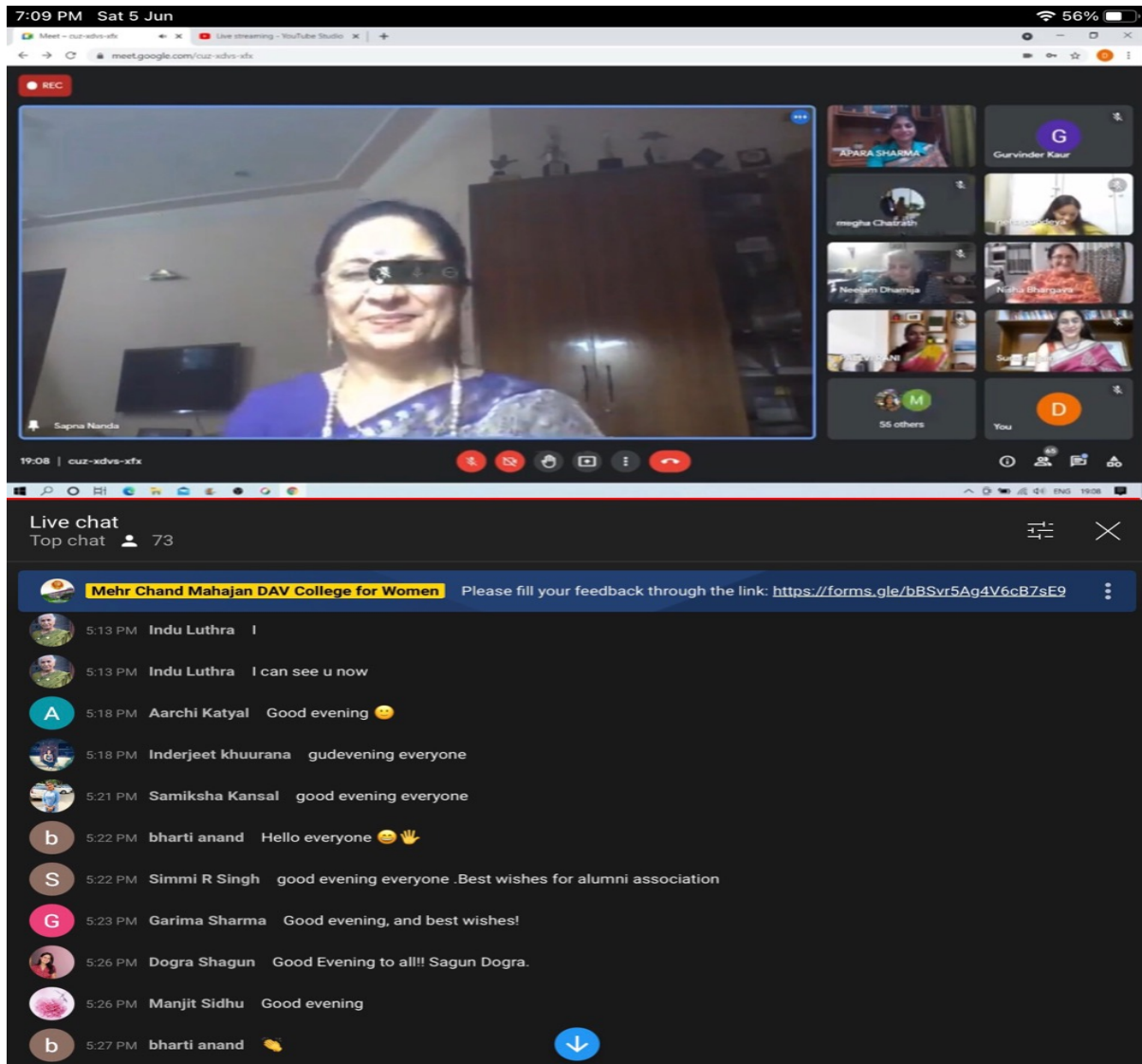
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The Association of MCM DAV Alumni (AMDA) is the registered Alumni body of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, that functions with the motto “To Care, To Share”. The Association strives to stay connected with the alumni and enlarge its base, year after year to create and sustain a community founded on camaraderie, belongingness and support. The network that AMDA has created with the alumni of the college manifests itself in our initiatives which not only promote the concerns of our alumni, but also create a bond between them, our existing student body, the institution and the society at large.

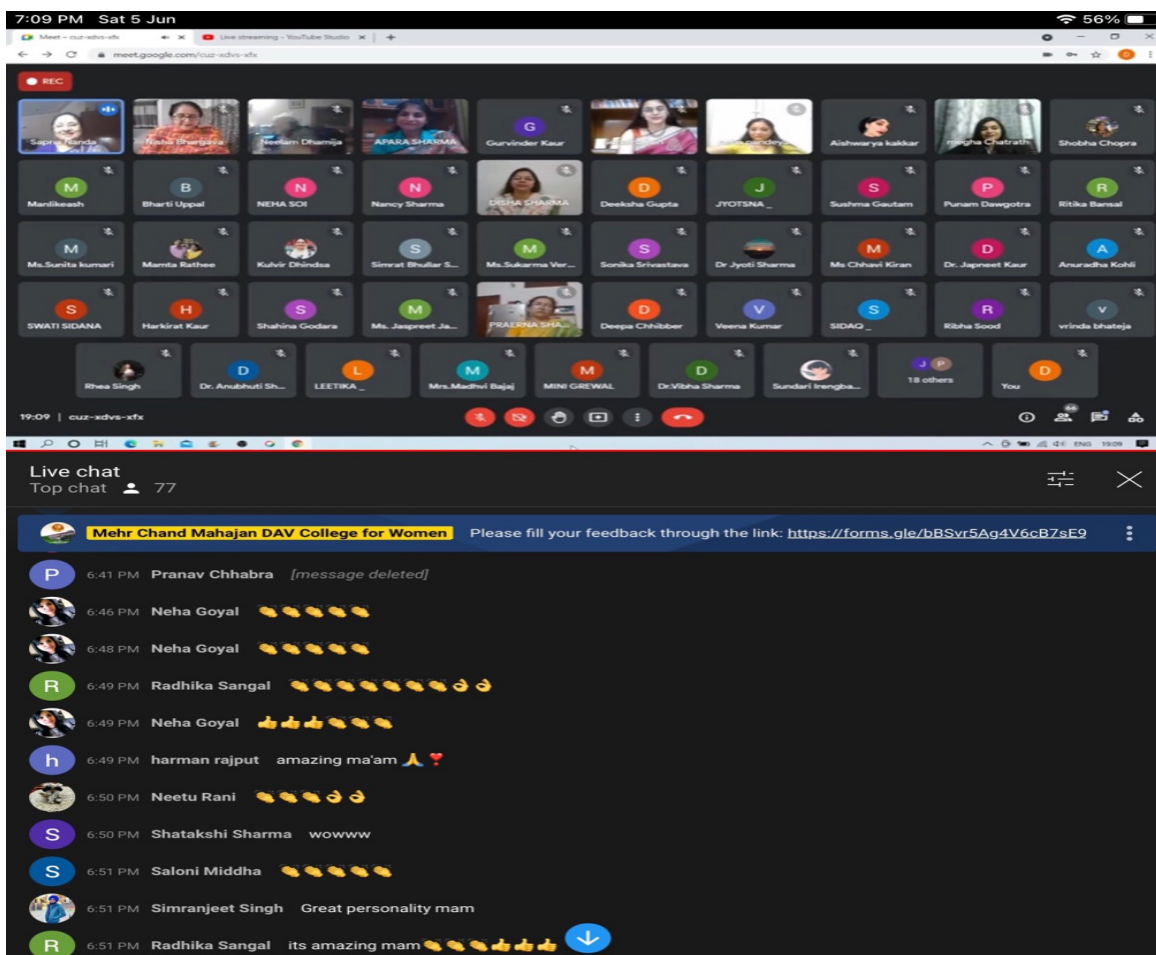


The Annual Alumni Meet “Rendezvous and Reminiscences” is organized to bring together our alumni to the institution and propagate ideas and programs beneficial to the society. Based on themes of sustainability, promotion of entrepreneurial skills, environment conservation through solar power and many others of the like, the Meet becomes a fertile space for alumni interaction, industry-institution interface and community engagement, not only at the level of propagation of ideas but also at the level of tangible social output. In April 2020, AMDA rose to the occasion and took up the responsibility of reaching out to the community in the wake of Covid-19.



It took upon itself the task to raise funds for the medical fraternity and an appeal was made on social media for everyone to contribute to the cause. Within a short span of one and a half month, an amount of Rs 1,00,000 was raised from the alumni of the college. The Principal, Dr. Nisha Bhargava was gracious enough to lead the endeavour by donating Rs.10,000.

An annual guest lecture for the outgoing batch of students is organized to add value to their personalities. Every year a well known and much sought after personality is invited to motivate our outgoing class and steer them to a positive and successful future. An interactive session on “Cyber Privacy and You” was organized on 30th Jan, 2020. Advocate Sandeep Suri from Punjab and Haryana High Court spoke on various issues related to possible breach in cyber space ranging from hacking of passwords to extraction of information by ‘Dark Web’.



As part of our annual alumni interaction, the association also organizes various lectures and workshops for its enrolled students with our alumni who impart to their successors the knowledge and wisdom they have garnered through their experience in diverse fields. Given the uncertain scenario under the new normal, the College decided to think on lines of a subtler version of the usual colourful and vibrant alumni meet and for this we turned to our distinguished alumni.

On 21st Dec, 2020 Ms. Simran Chawla (Software developer, Arcesium India Pvt Ltd interacted with the students on the topic Demystifying the Career in IT and familiarized them with the various career opportunities in the IT sector.

On 22nd Dec, 2020, Ms. Amanjot Kaur, Director, Innovative Financial Management (our alumna of batch 1991) with her practical experience of the industry enlightened the students about Financial Literacy as a Life Skill

On 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2020 Ms. Pia Bakshi an alumna of batch 2012-15 who is the Founder of Philanthropy and a creative writer par excellence conducted a session on Writing the “I” and shared her thoughts on the process of writing.

On the same day, an interactive session on Research and Career Opportunities was also conducted by Ms. Aanchal Bhalla, PGT Chemistry Teacher in Shivalik Public School, Ms. Aastha Singla, Research Scholar at Tata Institute of Fundamental research Mumbai, Ms. Abhilasha Research scholar at IISER Bhopla and Ms. Deepika, Research scholar, NIT Jalandhar.

On 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, a session on journalism and creative writing titled “Srijan and Samvad” was conducted by Ms. Shailja Kaushal Kochhar, Information and Public Relations Officer (Press), Govt of Haryana who is also an author and motivational speaker and passed out in the year 2000 from the college.

Last but not the least on 9th Jan, 2021 Ms. Sarab Kochhar, Director, Communications, Kaiser Permanente, USA and a pass out of the 2003 batch, shared her experiences and insights on Planning a career in the United States of America.

Their gesture was honoured by bestowing upon them the title of Pride of MCM at the Annual Alumni Meet, Rendezvous and Reminiscences 2020-21 held on 5 June 2021. The same honour was conferred upon the office bearers of AMDA for their unflinching support to carry forward the activities of AMDA.

The Association also honoured its alumni who have made a mark for themselves in diverse fields.

In the testing times of the pandemic, we thought of spreading some cheer around. It is then that the thought of creating a unique platform for our alumni through which they can share their memories and creativity with us emerged. The Association launched a space for their creative genius through Liaquat. It is not only a repository to preserve the diverse ways in which our alumni have spread their wings – through singing, painting, dancing, cooking, gardening, storytelling – but also a testimony of their versatility, dynamism and magnetism.

Agastya knits together college-time memories and journeys of our alumni in a colourful montage.