

# **Report of Arya Samaj Committee (2021-22)**



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- **Monthly Havan (2 November, 2021)**

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- **Havan to mark beginning of new year (3 January, 2022)**

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Speaking during the havan, Dr. Bhargava wished everyone a fulfilling year ahead and prayed for universal peace and prosperity. She informed that MCM has adopted a holistic approach to educating students wherein besides preparing the students for success, emphasis is also laid on inculcating moral values in them. She added that with the aim of keeping students in touch with our rich traditions and vedic practices, havan is organised every month.



- **Celebration of Basant Panchmi (5 February, 2022)**

In a befitting celebration of Basant Panchmi, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh marked the festival that heralds the beginning of spring season with various events. The celebration began on an auspicious note as the Arya Samaj Committee of the college organised havan yajna wherein Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava and staff members prayed before the holy fire amidst the chanting of mantras and sought the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. The staff members born in the month of February were blessed with garlands by Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava during the havan. Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Bhargava said that through this celebration, the college envisioned to celebrate the spirit of resilience and positivity, and expressed hope that the spring will herald a welcome change that will alleviate all the suffering of humanity.



- **Celebration of Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti (26 February, 2022)**

Marking the celebration of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti, the Character Building Committee and Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised national level online competitions titled 'Vedic Bhajan Gayan Pratiyogita' and 'Contribution on Canvas'. Besides paying tribute to the great philosopher, social reformer and the founder of Arya Samaj, the competitions aimed to enlighten students about the teachings and legacy of Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji. Speaking on this occasion, Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava apprised the students of the immensely significant contribution of Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji towards promotion of vedas and education, women empowerment, rekindling spirit of nationalism through vedas, fighting discrimination, social upliftment and nation building. Referring to Swamiji as one of the main architects of modern India, Dr. Bhargava asserted that a true tribute to him would be a resolve to walk on his path and to motivate others also to carry forward his legacy. The competitions



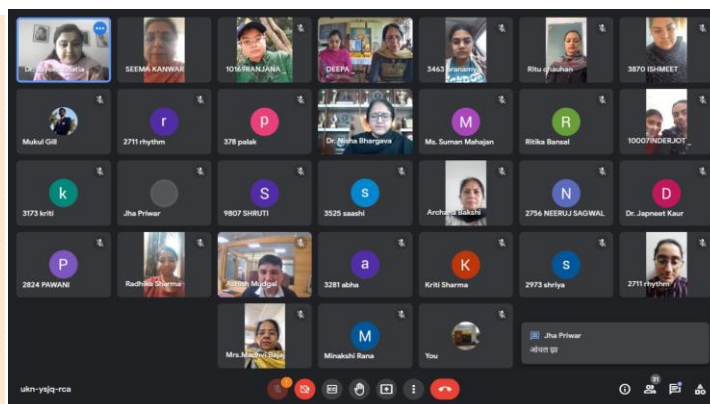
witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 47 students. In the online Vedic Bhajan Gayan Pratiyogita, the participants' soulful renditions of bhajans spellbound the audience. For the Contribution on Canvas Competition, the participants submitted their creative artworks showcasing the contributions of Swamiji.

The results for Contribution on Canvas are:

- First Prize: Amisha Goel, BA-II, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh
- Second Prize: Anubha Sharma, BA-II, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh
- Third Prize: Piezal Singh, BCA-III, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh
- Consolation prize: Aashima Chopra, B.A III, PCM SD College for Women.

The results of Vedic Bhajan Pratiyogita are:

- First Prize: Mukul Gill, Panjab University
- Second Prize: Ishmeet Kaur, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV college for Women, Chandigarh
- Third Prize: Anchal Jha, Shivangi Mahila MahaVidyalya Pachhatiya, Jaunpur (UP) and Simranjeet Kaur, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh



- **Monthly havan yajna (9 May, 2022)**

The Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised monthly havan yajna. Mrs. Saroj Miglani, a propagator of Arya Samaj and Vedic Values was Special Guest on this occasion. The staff members whose birthdays fall in the month of May were blessed with garlands by Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava. In view of the upcoming examinations

next month, Dr. Bhargava advised the students to give their best and wished them success. Sharing an inspiring anecdote from her own life, she motivated the students to dream big and then pursue that dream with dogged determination. She informed that the college has adopted a holistic approach to educating students wherein besides preparing the students for success, emphasis is also laid on inculcating moral values in them.



- **Celebration of DAV Foundation Day (2 June, 2022)**

The Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh marked the celebration of DAV Foundation Day with great fervour. The day, marking the establishment of the first DAV institution by Mahatma Hansraj on 1st June 1886 in the memory of Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji, holds immense significance for the DAV fraternity and was celebrated in a befitting manner by the college. During the celebration, the staff and students chanted mantras, followed by soulful bhajan renditions by the staff members and students. Paying rich tributes to Mahatma Hansraj ji, Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava said that the DAV fraternity of 1000+ institutions in India and abroad is indebted to this great teacher for laying the foundation of this illustrious institution that has produced stalwarts in diverse fields. She paid rich tributes to Mahatma Hansraj ji as she shared the story of his exemplary dedication to the cause of DAV movement and to education. Adding that presently the DAV institutions are scaling new heights under the visionary leadership of Padam Shree Dr. Punam Suri ji, Dr. Bhargava motivated the students and staff to work towards carrying forward the legacy of the founding fathers. The celebration culminated with shanti path.





- **Havan to bless students before exams (8 June, 2022)**

To seek divine blessings for its students in view of the upcoming Panjab University Examinations 2022 and in keeping with its tradition of performing havan at the beginning of every month, Mehra Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised havan yajna. Sh. H.R. Gandhar, Vice President, DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi and Mrs. Sudesh Gandhar, Senior Governing Body Member of various DAV institutions graced the occasion with their presence and wished the students for the upcoming exams. Expressing appreciation for the college's endeavour to instill a strong value system and spiritual intelligence among students, Sh. H.R. Gandhar asserted that besides intelligence quotient and emotional quotient, it is imperative to enhance one's spiritual quotient. He further added that the students should be appreciative of the fact that they are a part of an institution like MCM that has a special aroma of ethos, ethics, culture, and values. He also advised the students to be grateful to their parents for their sacrifices and untiring efforts, and to the teachers-the priests of knowledge for guiding them on their path to success. In his motivational address, Sh. Gandhar urged the students to develop in themselves the qualities of compassion, confidence, determination, perseverance, tolerance, focus and much more for carving a niche for themselves. Prayers to the holy fire amidst chanting of shlokas and mantras soaked the atmosphere in divinity. The staff members whose birthdays fall in the month of June were also blessed with garlands on this occasion. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava advised the students to give their best and wished them success in their lives. She informed that at MCM, havan is organised every month with the objective of inculcating vedic values in the students, and added that the college has adopted a holistic approach to educating students wherein besides preparing the students for success, emphasis is also laid on inculcating moral values in them.







- **Havan to mark beginning of new academic session (16 September, 2022)**

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, began the new academic session 2022-23 on an auspicious note with a havan ceremony. Organised under the aegis of Arya Samaj Committee of the college, the ceremony was organised in keeping with the college's timeless tradition of seeking divine blessings on the commencement of the new session. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava, staff members and students offered prayers to the holy fire for a fulfilling session ahead. Soulful hymns reverberated the campus, filling everyone present with spiritual energy. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhargava welcomed the newcomers and apprised them of the illustrious history of the institution. She shared some of the outstanding innumerable accomplishments of the college with the students and motivated them to carry forward the rich legacy by adhering to the ethos of the institution and striving for excellence in their chosen domains.



- **Monthly havan yajna (11 November, 2022)**

The Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised the monthly havan yajna. The tradition of monthly havan at the college aims to inculcate vedic values in the students and to keep them in touch with rich Indian culture and vedic practices. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava alongwith the staff and students offered prayers to the holy fire amidst the chanting of shlokas and mantras. The staff members and students whose birthdays fall in the month of November were blessed with garlands in this occasion by the Principal. A Speech Competition on the topic 'Spirit of Resilience and Revival of Life after COVID' was conducted after the havan, wherein the participants expressed their nuanced views on the topic. Dr. Nisha Bhargava showered the students with best wishes for the upcoming examinations. Highlighting the spirit of resilience of the faculty and students during COVID, Dr. Bhargava asserted that the college's holistic approach to education not only prepares the students for success but also inculcates moral values and life skills in them.

The result of Speech Competition is:

First: Ms. Bramleen

Second: Ms. Nancy

Third: Ms. Jahnavi





