

Institutional Distinctiveness

Session: 2023-24



Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women Sector 36-A, Chandigarh



Our Beacon of Light



MAHARISHI SWAMI DAYANAND SARASWATI



Principles of Arya Samaj

- God is the efficient cause of all true knowledge and all that is known through knowledge.
- God is existent, intelligent and blissful. He is formless, omniscient, just, merciful, unborn, endless, unchangeable, beginning-less, unequalled, the support of all, the master of all, omnipresent, immanent, un-aging, immortal, fearless, eternal and holy, and the maker of all. He alone is worthy of being worshiped.
- The Vedas are the scriptures of all true knowledge. It is the paramount duty of all Aryas to read them, teach them, recite them and to hear them being read.
- One should always be ready to accept truth and to renounce untruth.
- All acts should be performed in accordance with Dharma that is, after deliberating what is right and wrong.
- The prime object of the Arya Samaj is to do good to the world, that is, to promote physical, spiritual and social good of everyone.
- Our conduct towards all should be guided by love, righteousness and justice.
- We should dispel Avidya (ignorance) and promote Vidya (knowledge).
- No one should be content with promoting his/her good only; on the contrary, one should look for his/her good in promoting the good of all.
- One should regard oneself under restriction to follow the rules of society calculated to promote the well being of all, while in following the rules of individual welfare all should be free.

7.3.1. Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust.



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At Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, we pride ourselves on an educational philosophy deeply rooted in *Anglo-Vedic traditions*. These principles serve as the cornerstone of our institutional ethos, fostering a harmonious blend of academic excellence, spiritual enrichment, and moral development. Knowledge intertwined with technical skills and human values can ensure holistic well-being in the contemporary society which faces challenges of disintegration due to narrow-mindedness and class-conflicts. The only way society can march ahead on road to phenomenal growth is by going back to the ancient culture as it has been envisioned in the New Education Policy 2020. True to our mission and vision, we strive to organize programmes to facilitate life-skills among the stakeholders.

Promotion of Vedic values lies at the core of our vision. Vedic Scriptures, as vast reservoir of ethical principles, are the guiding pillars for leading a socially meaningful and enriching life. The **Arya Samaj Committee and Character Building Committee** stands at the forefront of this mission, playing a pivotal role in instilling timeless values that resonate with the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. The objectives of the institution include fostering a global perspective among the students, learning about our rich heritage, creating awareness about our duties and constitutional values, appreciating diversity of our culture and upholding the national unity and sovereignty, critically analysing and applying the accumulated knowledge to day-to-day life and helping our stakeholders become invaluable team members.

Keeping up with the timeless tradition and morals of the institution, **havan** that symbolizes renewal, unity, and the pursuit of excellence, setting a spiritual tone for the journey ahead, is being organized on monthly basis. The new



session 2023-24 ushered on an auspicious note with a havan ceremony on 24.07.2023. Organized under the aegis of Arya Samaj Committee and Character

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Building Committee of the college, the ceremony was organized in keeping with the college's eternal tradition of seeking divine blessings on the commencement of the new session.

Sh. H. R. Gandhar, Vice President, DAV College Managing Committee, graced the ceremony with his gracious presence. Congratulating the newcomers for making it to this coveted seat of learning, Sh. Gandhar emphasized that the college



works for the holistic development of its students that includes sharpening of intellect, refinement of heart and mind, awakening of latent talents and cultivating wisdom and spiritual quotient. The 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.

A Speech Competition on the topic 'Role of Youth in Environment Conservation' was also conducted after the havan ceremony. The staff members and students whose birthday falls in the month of July were felicitated were garlands on this occasion.



Link to the activity include:

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Moreover, monthly havans in the tranquil Rishi Vatika are performed that reinforce the spiritual connection to our roots, inculcating Vedic values, fostering an atmosphere of reflection and positive energy while promoting environmental awareness. A special feature of it includes showering of blessings on all the



staff members and Arya Samaj Student Ambassadors whose birthdays fall in that month. Events such as Declamation Contests are organized on themes reiterating moral and ethical values such as the topic 'Global Problem, Local Solution' or 'Vaishvik Samasya, Swadeshi Samadhan'.

With an objective of engaging students deeply with Vedic thinking, a session on 'Vedic Vichardhara' by Dr. Seema Kanwar, Head of Sanskrit Department of the college, was organized on 04.01.2024 during 7-Day and Night NSS Camp at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV



College for Women, Chandigarh. Unlocking the door to timeless wisdom, Dr. Kanwar highlighted that Vedic thinking is the bridge between man and the divine that helps cross the realms of the material world and explore the vastness of our spiritual essence.

The bicentennial birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati was a defining highlight of the year. To honour this visionary reformer and spiritual leader, the Arya Samaj committee organized a series of events, including the grand 200-kundiya havan, lectures on Swamiji's philosophy, and various creative competitions. A 200-kundiya havan was organized on 01.02.2024 where Sh. H R Gandhar, Vice President, DAV College Managing Committee, Mrs. Sudesh Gandhar, Senior Governing Body Member, DAV College Managing Committee and Principals of

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various DAV colleges and schools graced the occasion with their benign presence. The entire atmosphere soaked in divinity as the corridors of the college reverberated with the chants of holy mantras.



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In addition, various competitions, themed on Swamiji's life and ideology, were held on 04.03.2024-

05.03.2024 that included *Pushpanjali* (Prabhat Pheri), followed by *Divyanjali* (havan yajna),

Swaranjali (Bhajan Competition), *Kavyanjali* (Mantra and Poem Recitation Competition), *Gyananjali* (Quiz) and *Chitranjali* (Poster Making Competition).

Vidyanjali (Book Exhibition), *Geetanjali* (Bhajan Recital),

Rachnanjali (Video on Swamiji) and *Natyanjali* (Short Drama on Swamiji) which marked the second day of the celebration. On this occasion,

'*Shradhanjali*'- an Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) sponsored

special lecture titled 'Swami Dayanand Saraswati- Great Indian Philosopher' was delivered by Dr. Arvind Kumar, Mantri, Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal.



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In a series of 2-year long commemorative events dedicated to the 200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, the Sanskrit Department of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women,



Chandigarh, organized a **Shloka Writing Competition** on 11.01.2024. The competition aimed to pay tribute to the great visionary Swami ayanand Saraswati ji and to develop among students a sense of appreciation and understanding for our rich linguistic and Vedic tradition. The participants were required to write any two Sanskrit Shlokas and their meaning. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation.

A hallmark of the committee's approach lies in its ability to integrate tradition with innovation. While it nurtures an appreciation for ancient practices, such as shloka recitation and havan ceremonies, it also cultivates critical thinking, leadership, and a global perspective. These endeavors align seamlessly with the institution's broader mission of fostering responsible citizenship, cultural pride, and ethical awareness among students. On an occasion of Sanskrit Day, an event *Surbharti* was

organized on 28.08.2023 by Department of Sanskrit that aimed to apprise the students of correct pronunciation of shlokas and sanskrit language, in particular.



Celebrating Bicentennial birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji

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DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT
on the occasion of Sanskrit Divas
is organizing

"सुरभारती"

Following are the categories of the activity:-

1. मंत्र एवं श्लोक उच्चारण
2. संस्कृत गीत गायन
3. संस्कृत पुस्तक प्रदर्शनी
4. सात्विक आहार स्टाल

Date:- 28 August 2023
Time:- 10am to 12:30pm
Venue:- Celebration ground

Student Ambassadors:- Sneha, Geeta, Anandita singh, Kanchan, Nitika

Co-Convenor:- Dr. Seema Kanwar
Principal and Convenor:- Dr. Nisha Bhargava

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Two-day Swami Dayanand Saraswati Mahotsav

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As the students geared for the upcoming final examinations, the Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organized havan yajna to seek divine blessings. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava, staff and students offered prayers to the holy fire as chanting of shlokas and mantras soaked the entire atmosphere in spirituality. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava, staff and students offered prayers to the holy fire as chanting of shlokas and mantras soaked the entire atmosphere in spirituality. The staff and students whose birthdays fall in the month of April were blessed with felicitations by the Principal.



The initiatives undertaken by MCM DAV College for Women reflect its commitment to excellence and community-centric values. These efforts highlight that education at the college transcends the mere acquisition of knowledge, focusing instead on cultivating wisdom, empathy, and a sense of purpose. By shaping individuals who embody the ideals of compassion, resilience, and responsibility, the college continues to uphold its legacy of holistic and transformative education, fostering a community that thrives on values and societal contribution.

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