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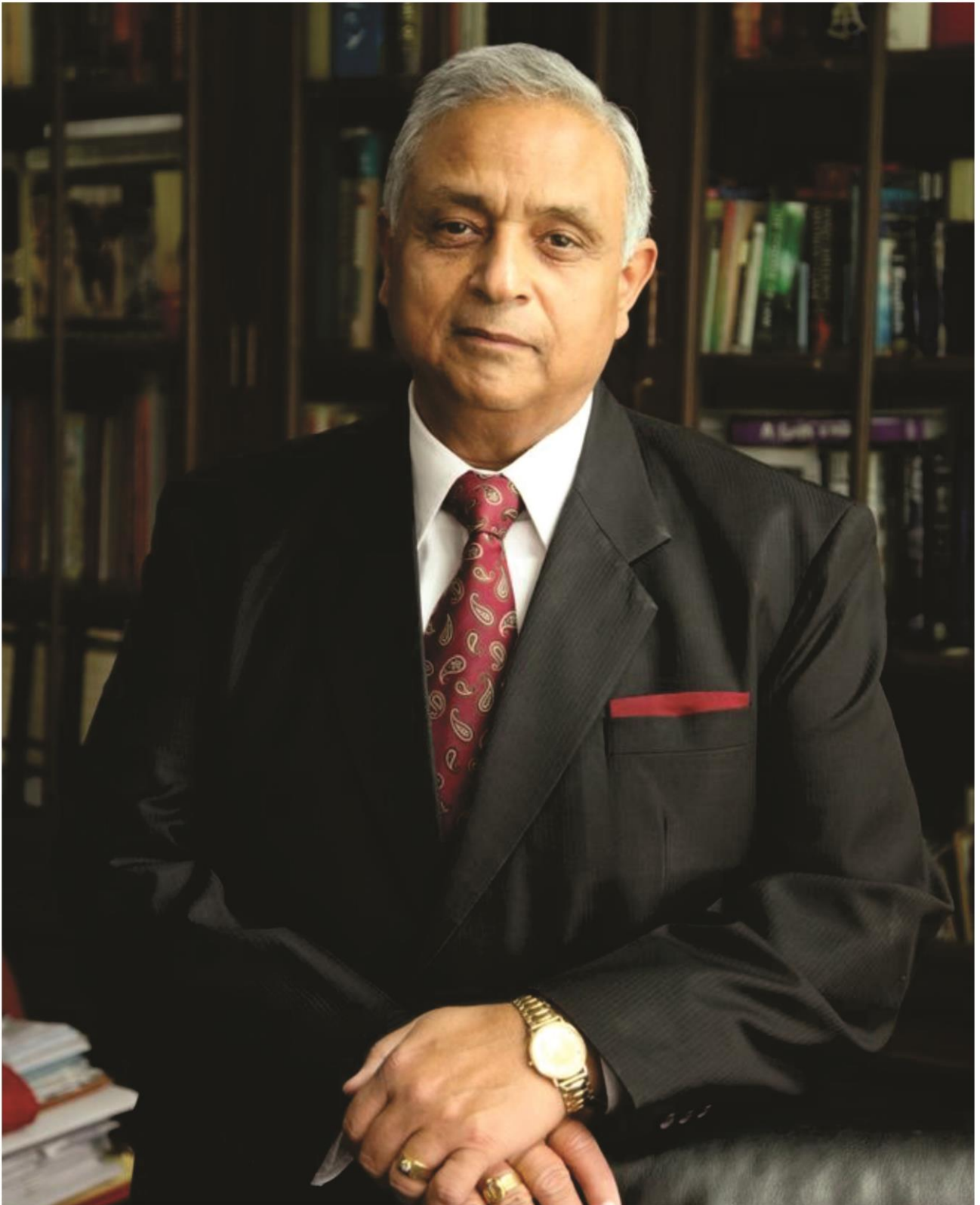


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Havan marks beginning of new academic session at MCM



Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, ushered the new academic session on an auspicious note with a havan ceremony here today. Organised under the aegis of Arya Samaj Committee and Character Building 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. 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 asserted 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.



He reminded the newcomers of the sacredness of the havan ceremony as they take oath in front of the holy fire to channelise their energies in the proper direction. Sh. Gandhar referred to education as the emancipation of mind from evils like intolerance, prejudice, etc., and called for strengthening of the student-teacher bond of knowledge. He also motivated the newcomers to consolidate their strengths and realise their potential as they traverse this crucial phase of their academic journey at the country's one of the most prestigious higher education institutions. 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 with garlands on this occasion.

Principal Dr. Nisha 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 organized at MCM



The Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh organized the monthly havan in the college. Auspicious chants of mantras reverberated in the college's Rishi Vatika, suffusing the surroundings with positive energy. On the occasion, students shared their views on the topic 'Global Problem, Local Solution' or 'Vaishvik Samasya, Swadeshi Samadhan'. The principal of the college, Dr. Nisha Bhargava, encouraged the students to adopt a sustainable lifestyle and refer to our ancient texts which offer



remedies for many contemporary challenges. She said that our heritage is a treasure trove of knowledge and wisdom. She added that Mahatma Gandhi also emphasized that one may begin with small changes in his or her life, ultimately leading to a huge impact. The havan ended with prasad being distributed among the members of teaching and non teaching staff.

Lecture on topic Vedic Vichardhara



The 7-Day and Night NSS Camp at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, entered its second day today. The day's events were tailored to align with the camp's aim to nurture growth and ignite a passion for continuous development among the students.

A session on 'Vedic Vichardhara' by Dr. Seema Kanwar, Head of Sanskrit Department of the college, marked the beginning of day two. 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.

MCM holds Shloka Writing Competition



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, organised a Shloka Writing Competition. The competition aimed to pay tribute to the great visionary Swami Dayanand 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.

Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava lauded the endeavours of the Sanskrit Department to keep the students rooted to our Vedic values. She motivated the students to learn from the teachings and philosophy of Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji and work towards making the entire world noble based on the principle of 'Krinvanto Vishvam Aryam'.

The result of the competition is:

First : Geeta and Harshita (BA 2), Second : Ruby (BA 2) and Third : Garima Joshi (BA 2)

200-kundiya havan at MCM marks 200th birth anniversary celebrations of Swami Dayanand



To mark the pious celebration of bicentenary birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji, the Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised 200-kundiya havan here today. Sh. H R Gandhar, Vice President, DAV College Managing Committee, Mrs. Sudesh Gandhar, Senior Governing Body Member, DAV College Managing Committee and Principals of 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.



Speaking about the immensely significant contribution of visionary Swami Dayanand ji, Sh. H R Gandhar asserted that it was Swamiji who first sowed the seeds of freedom. Sh. Gandhar hailed Swamiji's role as a reformist and revolutionary who talked about Swadeshi, raised voice against untouchability, advocated scientific temper and fought for the cause of women education. He further impressed upon Swamiji's ability to solve problems through establishment of dialogue with people.



Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava paid rich tributes to the founder of Arya Samaj. She reminded students of Swamiji's message of 'Go back to the Vedas', and motivated them to take inspiration from Swamiji's life and walk on the path of truth.



**Arya Samaj Chandigarh holds
200-kundiya havan to mark bicentennial birth anniversary
celebration of Swami Dayanand Saraswati**



Marking the 200th birth anniversary celebration of Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji in a befitting manner, Arya Samaj and Stree Samaj, Sector 16, Chandigarh, paid rich tributes to the founder of Arya Samaj by holding a grand 200-kundiya vaidik havan. Sh. H R Gandhar, Vice President, DAV College Managing Committee, Mrs. Sudesh Gandhar, Senior Governing Body Member, DAV College Managing Committee, Sh. B C Josan, President, Arya Samaj, Mrs. Rani Josan, Dr. Nisha Bhargava, Senior Vice President, Arya Samaj and President, Stree Samaj, Dr. Gurdip Sharma, Working President SD Pratinidhi Sabha, Punjab, and Heads, staff and students of various DAV institutions from the tricity partook in this divine ceremony. Chanting of soulful mantras and shlokas soaked the entire atmosphere in divinity as the participants offered prayers to the holy fire. Each and every participant seemed deeply engrossed in the ceremony and paid homage to Swami Dayanand ji, resolving to walk on the path shown by him and uphold his ideals. The ceremony culminated with prasad distribution.

MCM holds 2-day Swami Dayanand Saraswati Mahotsav



Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, marked the celebration of 200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati with a grand 2-day Mahotsav, paying a befitting tribute to the Maharishi.



Day 1 of the celebration began on a divine note with Pushpanjali (Prabhat Pheri), followed by Divyanjali (havan yajna). Various competitions, themed on Swamiji's life and ideology, were also held on day 1 that included 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) 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. Dr. Arvind referred to Swamiji as a revolutionary saint who, in the



backdrop of the period of chaos marked by rampant prevalence of vices, became a harbinger of renaissance. Eulogising Swamiji as a great social reformer who gave the important message of 'Go back to the Vedas', Dr. Arvind apprised the audience of the unparalleled contributions of Swamiji including promotion of women education and Vedic knowledge, upliftment of the downtrodden, awakening of consciousness and renouncing of evil practices. Dr. Arvind lauded the DAV institutions for carrying forward Swamiji's legacy by providing holistic education that inculcates values in students while making them self-reliant. Commenting that the world is drifting from 'yog marg' towards 'bhog marg', he added that we need to walk on the path shown by Swamiji i.e. 'gyan avem ved marg'. The event culminated with a prize distribution ceremony wherein the winners of various competitions were felicitated.

Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava paid rich tributes to the founder of Arya Samaj, hailing the role of Swami Dayanand ji as a great visionary who worked for the extrication of 'sanatan'. She motivated the students to take inspiration from Swamiji's life and walk on the path of truth.

MCM holds monthly Havan Yajna



Keeping up with its tradition of monthly havan, the Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised havan yajna to seek divine blessings as the students gear up for the upcoming University examinations. 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 garlands by the Principal. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Bhargava wished the students success in the upcoming examinations and shared valuable tips on acing their exams. She asserted 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. A Speech Competition on the topic 'Bhartiya Gyan Parampara' was also organised after the havan. The winners of the competition were: First prize: Manila Sharma (BA II), Second prize: Shreya Goel (BA II) and Third prize: Muskan Devi (BCom I).



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