Institute of Home Economics

<u>Celebrates Centenary of University of Delhi</u> (May 2022- May 2023)

The Institute of Home Economics commemorated the centennial year of University of Delhi with a lot of enthusiasm and organized a series of events throughout the year from 1st May, 2022 to end of May, 2023.

The series began with an *Inter-College Competition* initiated by the University for undergraduate and post graduate students on 20th of May, 2022. These encompassed competitions such as Poster making, Designing of Banners, Slogan making and Logo Designing on relevant contemporary and topical themes. The students across the courses participated with much enthusiasm in all the competitions.

Second in the series of events was *Shatabdi Vriksharopan* on the 10th of August, 2022. This event was organized in collaboration with the Environment Outreach Committee of the college. The entire student body, college union, NSS student members, teaching and non-teaching faculty gathered to witness the planation of the centennial tree. Our former Director, Prof. Geeta Trilok-Kumar graced the occasion by planting the centennial sapling (*Kachar*) as a mark of green initiative taken up by the college in the centenary year of the University. The other saplings planted to celebrate the occasion were *Seris, Mahua*, Jackfruit, Lemon and Jacaranda. To support the green initiative of the University, a plant donation drive was also organized by the team on the same day.







The next centenary event organized was a cultural commemoration to celebrate hundred glorious years of University of Delhi entitled *Nritya Ananda*, an intra college solo dance competition. This was organized by the Cultural committee of the college and the Centenary Celebration team on 14th October, '22. Twenty-five participants across different courses performed in the competition. The powerful presentations included dance forms of different genres- classical, semi-classical and folk dance performances. The performances were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Prizes were given to the winning participants who were declared to be among the top three in the competition.











The next event in the series was a very prestigious one-the Centennial Oration and a Panel Discussion on National Education Policy, 2020 on October 18, 2023. This was organized at the Laxmipath Singhania Auditorium, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi. The panel discussion comprised of a distinguished group of panelists- Prof. K. Ramachandran, member drafting committee for NEP, 2020; Prof. C.B Sharma, Director, School of Education, IGNOU; Prof. Haneet Gandhi, Dean, Admissions, DU and Dr. Punita Duhan, Director, Delhi Skill Entrepreneurship University. The panel was chaired by Prof. K. Ratnabali, Convenor of NEP 2020, Task Force, DU and Dean, Academic Activities and Projects. The panel discussion was entitled 'National Education Policy; Transformations in Higher Education: The Changing Landscape'. The discussion emphasized upon the significance and the new features of the National Education Policy and how it has been planned after much discussion and deliberation. It seeks to create equitable education opportunity for all learners regardless of their social strata. Laying emphasis on the inter-disciplinary nature of the policy, the panel discussion laid importance on developing human capacities of students by giving them opportunities of intellectual, multi-disciplinary, skill and value based education. At the same time, the policy envisaged to give an impetus to the traditional knowledge systems of the Indian society many of which had hitherto not been emphasized upon. The students and faculty truly gained a lot of insights from the panel discussion and got an opportunity to clarify their doubts through the question answer session that followed.

The panel discussion was followed by the oration which was delivered by Prof. Ajoy Ghatak, President at the National Academy of Sciences, India, on the theme **'Development of Science and Technology in India: A Brief Historical Perspective.**' In his oration, Prof. Ghatak discussed some of recent achievements of India in scientific research. Emphasing on the role of education, science and technology, he discussed the significance of greater involvement of women in scientific research and policy making. Prof. Ghatak being an excellent orator gave a very enlightening presentation on the role of Indian scientists in research and invention. All the audience were indeed appreciative of the oration. The centenary event was attended by distinguished guests across various academic institutions of Delhi, former directors of IHE, retired faculty, teaching-non teaching staff and students.









Taking the journey forward, the Centenary-G20 committee of the Institute of Home Economics organized a *Sufi Evening, Jashan-e-Ekta*, to memorialize India's prestigious role in G20 Presidency as well as to celebrate the unity that G20 stands for in the centennial year of University of Delhi. The performance in Sufi evening was by the very known, Niazi Nizami Brothers on the 13th of April, 2023 in the college premises.

The highly absorbing and interactive performance received a phenomenal response and was attended by about 850-900 people including students, faculty, staff and guests. Students across different colleges of DU and other universities of Delhi too attended the event. The event received extensive media coverage by HT City.











on the same afternoon, earlier, the college also organized an inter-college singing competition, *Ekta: Suron Ka Sangam*, that included both group and solo songs in the languages spoken across the G20 countries. The event was graced by the celebrity judge Ms. Sheena Chawla (Indian Idol fame). The event received a very enthusiastic response from students across DU colleges and other institutions such as IIT, Delhi and Ambedkar University who participated in the event. The event ended with the prize distribution ceremony for the position holders. IHE participants received a special prize from the judges for singing a French song.





The last in the centenary event series was the event by Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences. An *Inter-College Women's Yoga Championship* was organized on 27th of April, 2023 as a commemorative event. Many teams from different colleges of University of Delhi participated actively in the event. The 1st and 3rd positions were secured by Gargi College and 2nd position by Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College.







The journey continues.....