

ALUMNI AFFAIRS 2015–2016

ACHIEVEMENTS

A series of initiatives towards innovative Alumni services and a set of Achiever / Heritage milestones marked the year's enriched Alumni service Portal.

A unique **Alumni Authors Library** AAL conceived of by Adviser Prof Sydney Rebeiro has been established with books, many donor – autographed, by eminent alumni like Dr Karan Singh MP Gopalkrishna Gandhi, CECs Navin B Chawla and Dr SY Quraishi , CAG Vinod Rai, Amitabh Bachchan, Dr Shashi Tharoor, K Natwar Singh, Dr N K Singh, Kishwar *Ahluwalia* Desai , Nirmal Verma , Ramachandra Guha and Anuja B Chauhan , alongwith select published compilation/s of landmark Court judgments pronounced across decades by our world – eminent DU alumni jurists.

A firsttime integrated **Alumni Services eWindow** has consolidated all frequently – sought Alumni – in – Need services with Forms, Certificates, Fee Schedules etc and close coordination with ExamBranch has resulted in speedier deliverables.

Over 700 alumni across 4 continents have been provided time-bound, 48 hour Response – services including customised counselling, guidance and support .

Further admin – streamlining measures this year encompass the first – ever **e-transfer** of Fees / Donations etc into Registrar – controlled dedicated Bank accounts, the incorporation of **Transcripts-in- Marksheets** on the active intervention of VC Professor Dinesh Singh, the introduction of eTranscripts and the updating of **eMasterLists** of records for immediate cross-referencing, thereby bringing our University within standard operating procedures SOPs worldwide and thus fulfilling the longfelt need/s of alumni seeking further studies, career advancement and citizenship requirements in India and abroad .

Through active pursuance **The Alumni Affairs Account AAC**, begun at Platinum 1997, and virtually dormant since 2003, **has been revived** this year and will greatly benefit Alumni Services .

As many as 90 Departments, Centres and Colleges now have (faculty) Core Coordinators CCs and AI Representatives for direct liaison with Adviser / Dean Alumni Affairs, while over 25 new micro / institution – based *Alumni Chapters* received guidance and support.

Over 2000 fresh photographs coded *alpix* softc documents and an additional 1500 tracts, Factsheets, file – folios etc spanning 10 broad sets of Corporate, Academic, Media, Sports, Culture, Professional, Legal, Literature, CivilService and Eminent Public Persons *Resource Pools* RPs **Alumni ResourceBank** have been added in the year under review .

In heartwarming, classic revival of a tradition begun in Platinum Year 1997–1998, eminent alumni were invited to Convocation 2015 and a large swathe of eminent alumni conveyed their "**felicitations and blessings**" to the fresh graduands .

ACROSS – THE – BOARD SERVICES

In addition, revised and enlarged lists of Alumni USA / UK / Canada / Africa / Mid East / Mumbai

/ Chennai Chapters , besides an updated **Very Eminent Alumni** VEA ShortList have laid further foundation for a "*meaningful, fulfilling DU – Alumni Dynamic .*"

And an intensified *ReachingOut* has seen the **DU Alumni Global Database 2015** cross **45,000 names** from all sources, up 30,000 since 2014.

An updated proposed statutory framework for the Alumni Advisory Council **AAC** has been submitted.

The statutory **DUAA** Membership continues to grow and DUAA elected Reps to The DU Court are Dr Anil Sardana , Advocates Gautam Banerjee, Michael Dias and Sanjeet Kumar Singh , media – expert Sidharth Misra, noted oncologist Dr Gauri Kapoor, Hari Shankar Gupta, Surinder Kumar, Professor J L Gupta *Retd* and Professor Virendra Kumar Agrawal .

In fact, about 160 alumni are actively engaged in **University governance** through statutory bodies such as The Court, EC, AC, Finance Committee etc and over 34 pc of The University Court is alumni, while over 50 alumni serve on DU College governing bodies in the Capital.

A major **Alumni Seminar** – cum – Fellowship Dinner was hosted by alumnus VC Professor Dinesh Singh and organized by Dean Malashri Lal with part facilitation provided . The panel was chaired by His Lordship Justice Arjan K Sikri, alumnus double goldmedallist and included Law alumnus Kiren Rijju MoS Govt of India.

The updated DU Alumni Directory is ready – to – print, while alumni eZine edition three 2015 and **edition four 2016** include quicktime Alumni FastTrack, Picture This ! evocative Nostalgia and Heritage Sections and an especial *In Memoriam* which pays affectionate tribute to some of our Dear Departed .

We thank God for his abundant Blessings and place on record our grateful appreciation of VC Professor Dinesh Singh's consistent and inspirational support

and

We extend a very warm welcome to our new Vice Chancellor Professor Yogesh K Tyagi, a distinguished Legal Studies scholar from Columbia, JNU and South Asian University and wish him consolidation, enrichment and HE enhancement while sustaining the integrity and intellectual autonomy of this great University

and we also

express the fervent hope 'n prayer that he will deepen and strengthen values and our motto

"Towards a meaningful, fulfilling DU – Alumni – Dynamic"

and encourage alumni to play, as our Visitor and President Pranab Mukherjee repeatedly emphasizes, role/s as enablers, mentors, motivators and sponsors in the entire gamut of DU's dynamic life ...

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