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95th Foundation Day of the University of Delhi

The University of Delhi celebrated its 95th Foundation Day on May 1, 2017 in the Convention Hall, Viceregal Lodge.

The distinguished guests who graced the occasion included Dr. Karan Singh, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha); Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Ambassador Shri Shiv Shankar Mukherjee, Former Ambassador of India to Nepal; Ambassador Shri Jayant Prasad, Director General, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses; Dr. Swapan Dasgupta, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha); Shri Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, INDIA TV and Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, President, South Asian University, all alumni of the University of Delhi. This was a momentous occasion with the University's distinctive purple flag being raised by the Vice Chancellor along with the distinguished guests after which tree saplings were planted by each of them.

The distinguished guests addressed the audience, followed by an award ceremony felicitating retired and in-service teachers and non-teaching staff. In his address, Dr. Karan Singh emphasized that while technological changes in education are important, the value system adorned in the motto of the University of Delhi, "*Nishtha Dhriti Satyam*" provides a sound foundation for our future. He reminded everyone that the role of fundamental duties must be given priority along with fundamental rights.

Mr. Shiv Shankar Mukherjee reminisced his time at the University and reminded everyone that purity of intention, passion for change and the courage to act defines the students of University of Delhi. He was followed by Mr. Jayant Prasad who reflected on his association with the University in various capacities, as a student and teacher. According to him, the role of knowledge, thought and imagination are paramount in building the future generation of students. Dr. Swapan Dasgupta felt that the University is a world in itself and congratulated the University for maintaining its standards through the years.

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Renowned journalist Mr. Rajat Sharma said that the University taught him the importance of dreams and remaining humble when those dreams are realized. Dr. Kavita Sharma who spent 42 years at the University, first as a student, then as a teacher and finally as the Principal of Hindu College said that the University taught students to take things in one's stride and recalled the wonderful relationship between the teacher and the taught. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul took great pride in being an alumnus of the University which has produced people of excellence across fields. He wished the University a great future and was certain that it would scale new peaks.

As in earlier years, awards were conferred upon highly deserving individuals who have rendered exemplary service to the University in the past and present. These awards were under the category of 'Distinguished Service Awards' to retired teachers and non-teaching staff and 'Excellence Awards' for teachers in service in University Departments and Colleges.

Finally, the Vice Chancellor Professor Yogesh Tyagi addressed the august gathering. He alluded to the long and cherished history of the University of Delhi with illustrious alumni that has left an indelible mark everywhere. He urged the alumni to come forward and participate in institution building and nation building via collective participation in the University.

The Foundation Day celebrations, thus, celebrated the portrayal of interlinkages of the past with the present of the University of Delhi.


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