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Shaheed Diwas

The University of Delhi organized a programme to pay homage and commemorate 90 years of martyrdom of our national icons of the Indian National Movement - Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru on '**Shaheed Diwas**' in the Convention Hall of the Viceregal Lodge on 23rd March, 2021. To honour and value the sacrifices made by the national icons and to drive out lessons of inspiration from their lives and times, the Government of India has declared 23rd March as the '**Shaheed Diwas**'. History holds important lessons for the humanity and commemorating such events remind ourselves of the price paid by our ancestors for the freedom we enjoy today. Only by understanding its value we can keep the flame of freedom ignited among the people.

On the occasion of the 97th convocation ceremony held at the University of Delhi, Hon'ble Minister of Education - Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank", stressed on the need of holding such events that instil inspiration and pride in the youth of today, to absorb the values that our national heroes exemplified in making independent India a reality.

The Hon'ble Minister of Education - Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank", graced the occasion virtually as the **Chief Guest** and Prof. P.C. Joshi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi presided over the function. Homage was paid to Shaheed Bhagat Singh in the Chamber located in the basement of the Viceregal Lodge of the University where he was imprisoned. On this occasion **Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak** was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Education virtually. The existing collection of books on freedom fighters in the Bhagat Singh Smarak has been announced to be converted into "**Shaheed Smriti Pustakalaya**" by the Hon'ble Minister of Education. Tribute was paid to Shaheed Bhagat Singh and his associates through patriotic songs presented by the students and faculty members of the Music Faculty. The University of Delhi organized various competitions - poetry, song, slogan and essay writing in all the Colleges. The topics for these competitions were related to Shaheed Diwas. The award winning students were felicitated by Prof. P.C. Joshi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi. Later, the award winning students also showcased their talents in front of the guests. The Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi announced that the Bhagat Singh Smarak shall remain open to the students and the university community to inculcate values of freedom and sacrifice.

The live Webcast of the Program was made available on the official website of the University: www.du.ac.in. All are requested to visit www.du.ac.in for further details and updates.

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