2.6.2021

"Vanshiya Jan (Our Lineage)" Celebrations

Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector-36 Chandigarh, celebrated "Vanshiya Jan (Our Lineage) dedicated to its philosophy of cherishing and treasuring the ancestors and offering them our gratitude. The program was organised under the stewardship of Shriman Nirmal Singh Ji Dhillon, Secretary Dev Samaj and Chairman Dev Samaj Colleges who has dedicated his life in the service of Dev Samaj from a very young age and whose motto of life is self-less service to the humanity. Shriman Nirmal Singh Ji Dhillon, with his all-encompassing vision has enabled ensured & encouraged progress in various educational institutions of Dev Samaj. Dr. (Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon, Principal of the college was the Chief Patron of the event. Dr. Shefali Cheema, Clinical Psychologist, Assistant Professor, Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector 36-B, Chandigarh was the esteemed resource person. Ms. Shivani Sharma, Assistant Professor, was the Event Organizer. The celebration began with the welcome address by Dr. Anuradha Agnihotri, Assistant Professor who welcomed Shriman Nirmal Singh Dhillon, Secretary Dev Samaj & Chairman, Dev Samaj College of Education & Member of Dev Samaj Managing Council, the Resource Person- Dr. Shefali Cheema, Dr.(Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon Principal DSCE, faculty members and students. The welcome address was followed by the college prayer "Bhala Chahna" by the music department of the college.

Dr. Shefali Cheema through her delicacy of expression pinpointed the "Relations with One's Lineage" through the teachings of Bhagwan Dev Atma Ji (Founder of Dev Dharma). She accentuated on the point that it is both the heredity and environment that play a significant role in the life of an individual. Insightful anecdotes were shared among the students to reflect relevance of knowing about one's heritage and ancestry. Students were made aware of the emotional aspect of the lineage. She also discussed the role of heredity on the development of an individual and how it influences physical development, intelligence, greatness and diseases/defect in human beings. She further manifested the role of environment and its influence on the physical development, intellectual development, family structure and home environment of a person. Apart from this, she emphasized on the importance of heritage and family tree which helps in the better understanding of the relationships. Lastly, she shared the "Humanistic Mediations by Bhagwan Devatma Ji" which includes swavansa yajna (relations with one's own lineage) and the spiritual exercises which

include commandments such as consciousness of relations, knowledge, feeling of respect and gratitude, preservation of memory, ordinary help, service and donation. She also gave the examples of her own lineage to elaborate upon paternal and maternal lineage.

The honourable Chairman also enlightened and blessed the audience through his words of wisdom regarding "Vanshiya Jan." He shared the fundamental objective of knowing one's lineage which is to make us more and more capable of promoting the cause of unique life mission of Bhagwan Dev Atma. These objectives further help to eradicate from the hearts of the people, as far as possible, the egotistic forces such as vanity, hatred, self-will and selfishness and to evolve such altruistic feelings as compassion, gratitude and reverence. He also told about his eight generations out of which five generations worked with British army.

The celebration came to a close with the vote of thanks by Dr. Anuradha Agnihotri, Assistant Professor.

The college also organized a competition to mark the event which comprised of two events-Gratitude Letters and Description of Longest Ancestor Trees. Many students participated in the competition and the winners were rewarded with cash prizes and certificates.

