

Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Centennial College Day Celebrations

7th February, 2023

Report

Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi celebrated its Centennial College Day on 7th February, 2023. The program was conducted in the college auditorium and was attended by student prize winners and faculty members. The function was graced by the Chief Guest, Shri Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa; Distinguished Alumna Guest, Ms. Bela Negi, Eminent Writer and Filmmaker; and Shri Alok B. Shriram, Chairman of the Governing Body.

The programme commenced with the National Anthem followed up by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the distinguished guests. The invocation was conducted by Alaap, the Indian Music Society of the College. Prof. Rekha Sethi, Principal (Acting) felicitated the guests and welcomed them. The programme advanced with the welcome address by Shri Alok B. Shriram, Chairman, Governing Body of Indraprastha College for Women, who congratulated the college community for its holistic growth and dedicated service to the society.

Prof. Rekha Sethi then welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest and the Distinguished Alumna guest. For the curtain raiser of centennial college day celebrations, Prof. Sethi congratulated all stakeholders involved in advancing education for women and women empowerment. She also expressed her gratitude to Prof. Babli Moitra Saraf, Ex-Principal, Indraprastha College for Women for her immense dedication throughout these 13 years of her valuable service. This was followed by the release of the Annual College Students' Magazine, *Aaroh* and College Heritage Calendar 2023.

The Principal (Acting) then addressed the gathering and presented the detailed Principal's Report 2022 while appreciating the teaching and non-teaching staff for their contributions. To mark the centennial and centenary celebrations, Prof. Sethi highlighted the augment research and development of the institution through extensive participation in a series of conferences, NAAC accreditation, improved NIRF ranking, successful promotion of teachers, faculty

achievements at international fora, successful implementation of National Education Policy 2020, infrastructural development, recognition for environmental initiatives received by the college and student achievements. She also emphasized on the need for women leadership in the process of development. Prof. Sethi further extended her thanks to the University of Delhi, Governing Body, esteemed guests, teachers and students for their active participation and support. While celebrating the spirit of centennial, she encouraged everyone to achieve greater heights and add glory to the college.

The podium was then taken over by the Honourable Chief Guest Shri Amitabh Kant, who congratulated the college for its centennial celebrations and shared his thoughts on the potentiality of women to become the leaders of tomorrow. While reflecting on India's presidency of the G20 in the midst of geopolitical changes and the overall post covid era extending on the crisis of food, global debt, climate action and climate finance; Shri Kant delved on the opportunities to accelerate the pace of growth in the middle of the crisis. With much emphasis on the urgent need to change the status quo through transformation in self and becoming an agent of change, Shri Kant highlighted the importance of conceptual understanding, digital transformation, leadership roles and sustainable growth while prioritizing women led development for better tomorrow. He encouraged everyone to harbour the values of goodness and humility in the interest of our country.

The speech was then followed by the distribution of awards to the Outstanding Students of the College and All-round Excellence Awards and Environmental Stewardship Award by the Honourable Chief Guest.

Next to grace the podium by her presence was the Distinguished Alumna Guest Ms. Bela Negi, who reminisced about her college days and emphasised on the need to celebrate individuality beyond any gender defined roles. She highlighted the need of women empowerment in view of respecting our own self and individuality.

The programme furthered with the distribution of awards for various co-curricular achievements and academic proficiency- the College Excellence awards and Principal's Honour Roll.

The event was concluded by the President of the Students' Union, Ms. Kirti Mondal, who gave a vote of thanks to the entire college community.