

## JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE

## ANNUAL LIBRARY FESTIVAL

## 18th October 2023

The Annual Library Festival was held in the library of Janki Devi Memorial College on 18 October, 2023 at 10:41 am. The programme witnessed a panel of speakers who addressed the students on the enduring relevance of libraries even in this digital era. The event commenced with the arrival of two distinguished personalities, Prof. Swati Pal, the Principal of Janki Devi Memorial College along with Dr Sanjay Garg, Director of the National Archives of India. Their presence added immense prestige to the occasion.

Following a melodious rendition of hymns, the honoured panel of speakers were introduced and felicitated with plants, symbolizing growth and the nurturing of knowledge. Principal Ma'am, in her address, emphasized the profound importance of books, and the connections they create among people. Her address concluded with a heartfelt expression of gratitude to the dedicated library staff. Dr. Nivedita Sharma, our diligent librarian, presented a comprehensive review of our library's activities, showcasing its pivotal role in our academic journey.

Following this, Dr. Sanjay Garg delivered an enlightening opening remark on the theme, "Libraries Are Still Relevant in the Digital Era," highlighting the enduring importance of physical libraries and their contribution to knowledge dissemination. Next, Prof. Nandini Sahu addressed the audience regarding her background, her connection with Janki Devi Memorial College and introduced her upcoming book, "The Librarian," which promises to be a literary gem.

Subsequently, Mr. Kumar Sanjay emphasized the irreplaceable value of the personal touch offered by libraries, even in the age of digitalization. He firmly stated that printed books will never be replaced by e-books. Along with this, he also introduced the internship opportunities available with NITI Aayog, particularly for final-year students, opening doors to valuable experiential learning. In continuation, Dr Akash Singh addressed the audience on the importance of digital resources in the form of both digital libraries and physical libraries.

To conclude, Dr. Sanjay Garg reaffirmed the pivotal role of libraries in facilitating research and nurturing intellectual exploration. This was followed by a quick and interactive Q&A session with the students.

## 12:17: BOOK LAUNCH (IN SEARCH OF DELHI, REDISCOVERING SHAHJANABAD).

The festival featured the launch of an important literary work, "In Search of Delhi, Rediscovering Shahjahanabad." Principal Ma'am commended Dr. Jitendra Gill for being a torchbearer of research and KHOJ. Thereafter, Muskan and Himanshi were invited to speak a few words about the book and provided insights into the book's creation, emphasizing the exhaustive fieldwork and relentless research efforts that culminated in this remarkable work.

The Annual Library Festival concluded with the national anthem.





