



JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE

Founder's Day – Report

July 31, 2021

Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, celebrated the 62nd Founder's Day on 31st July 2021. On this occasion, the college extended a warm welcome to the Honourable Chief Guest, Mr N.N. Vohra (President, IIC) and the Guest of Honour, Dr. Kusum Krishna, Chairperson, College Governing Body. The Founder's Day is an annual event held to remember the contributions of Shri Brij Krishan Chandiwala (Bhaiji), the eminent Gandhian, who dedicated his entire inheritance to the cause of women's education.

The event began with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony, which was followed by a tribute to the Founder, Shri Brij Krishan Chandiwala (Bhaiji). This was followed by a beautiful rendition of the college prayer by *Sarang*, the Indian Classical Music Society of the college. Then, Dr. Kusum Krishna, Chairperson, Governing Body, and the Principal, Professor Swati Pal, in accordance with the college tradition of environment consciousness, planted saplings to commemorate this event.

After this, Professor Swati Pal formally welcomed the distinguished guests and everyone present. Prof. Pal thanked the Chief Guest, Mr. Vohra, the Guests of Honour, Dr Kusum Krishna and Shri Aditya Krishna. She paid rich tributes to the Founder of JDMC by talking about his dedication to the nation and devotion towards the cause of women's education. Prof. Pal explained that the most appropriate way to remember Bhaiji is to be selfless like him. She confirmed JDMC's commitment to the society and the concern for the well being of all during the pandemic. She spoke about the achievements of college during these difficult times. In spite of lockdowns and the pandemic, JDMC successfully carried out its responsibilities as an

institution of higher learning by hosting the distinguished speaker series; establishment of the new centres like the Placement Cell, Research Centre, Centre for Universal Values and Ethics, Centre for Extension and Outreach Activities and Centre of Gender Equity Studies, which is coming up. She inspired everyone to continue with good work and be like Bhaiji.

Then, the Coffee Table Book, which captures the 60 years of the college, was unveiled. Prof. Pal thanked everyone who made this possible.

After this, Prof. Pal felicitated Professor Sandhya Garg, Vice Principal of JDMC, and Dr. Ritu Arora, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, for completing 25 years of service at JDMC and complimented them on their commitment to work.

Thereafter, Dr. Kusum Krishna welcomed Mr. Vohra and paid a tribute to Bhaiji. She said that education is a miracle which makes women independent and this is what Bhaiji wanted. She also congratulated the Principal, the faculty, staff and students of the college for making all this possible.

This was followed by a speech by Mr. N.N Vohra, who talked about the importance of education and the changes that are taking place in the education sector at present. He said that to maintain an egalitarian society, according to the Constitution of India, basic education and literacy is very important. He asserted that institutions should focus on imparting ethical values of honesty and integrity among the students. He ended his address by thanking everyone and wishing them for a bright and successful future.

Mr. Vohra's address was followed by a beautiful dance performance by *Nupur*: The Classical Dance Society of the college.

Then Dr. Debahuti Brahmachari delivered the vote of thanks.

The event ended with the national anthem. Professor Pal thanked everyone for making this online event a success and expressed her special appreciation for the efforts of the staff Advisors Dr. Anupama Rajput, Dr. Debahuti Brahmachari, Ms. Shilpa Maggo and Dr. Khurshid Alam.

YouTube link for Founder's Day 2021:- <https://youtu.be/-q1FFPJDRQk>

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