



## Alumni Affairs 2016–2017

### ACHIEVEMENTS and INNOVATIONS

Historic highest – ever alumnus donation , global QS Alumni Rank 21 in 500 worldwide , trendsetting landmark events , pioneering programmes and enlarged Alumni – in – Need services across 4 continents under the continued Advisership of Prof Sydney R Rebeiro have made this a deeply – rewarding session “ *Towards a meaningful , fulfilling DU – Alumni Dynamic*” .

The year witnessed the **highest – ever single donation** to The University of Delhi since inception 1922 by US – based alumnus Dr Madan Gopal Seth who provided a historic , record **R 3 crore** Endowment towards indepth , intensive research .

This surpassed the USD 85000 ( + USD 15000 ) Endowments provided by alumnus Dr Ashit and Ms Jean Ganguly , US – based techno – scientists in 1999 .

In yet another memorable **First** DU Alumni entered the **global Top 25** of the QS World University Rankings 2018 Edition , London engaging over 70,000 academics , 40000 employers responses and 4300 HE institutions globally .

DU Alumni scored a **remarkable 96. 6pc** and is placed at **Global Rank 21** among 500 ultra-elite institutions worldwide.

An innovative idea by Vice Chancellor Professor Yogesh Kumar Tyagi lent Annual Convocation 19 Nov 2016 a distinctive quality in the **first time** participation of 16 eminent alumni in the Academic Procession where alumnus renowned Civil Laws Scholar Professor Ved P Nanda was Chief Guest , while a host of distinguished alumni also sent their greetings and especial Blessings to the young graduands , which included Their Lordships Justices Madan B Lokur and Dr Arjan K Sikri The Supreme Court of India , UPSC 2015 Topper Ms Ira Singhal IAS , District and Sessions Judge DC Anand , VC Professor Jawahar Lal Kaul , Topnotch medicos Dr Saumitra Rawat *Padma Shri* , Dr Mahesh Verma *Padma Shri* , and Dr Rajeev Sood President Urological Society of India , SAU President Dr Kavita A Sharma , Corporate Leader Surya Kant Jaipuria Chairman The Jaipuria Group ( Universities / Schools / Raymond’s etc ) Ajaypal Singh Banga President and Global CEO *MasterCard* , VC Professor Rajan Saxena NMIMS , world – renowned Corporate Giant Rahul Bajaj , CAG 2009 – 2013 Vinod Rai IAS *Retd* , Dr Alwyn Didar Singh IAS *Retd* Sec General FICCI 2012 – 2016 and former Parliamentarian and top bureaucrat N K Singh , besides India’s CEC 2008 – 2010 Navin B Chawla IAS *Retd* , 6 – time Olympian and double goldmedallist Commonwealth / Asian Games Randhir Singh and Founder President IATO Dr Subhash Goyal .

On yet another pioneering initiative ideated by VC Professor Yogesh K Tyagi, DU **Foundation Day 1 May 2017** was defined by *felicitation* of select High Achiever alumni : His Lordship The Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul Judge The Supreme Court of India, legendary Union Minister – Parliamentarian and scholar-statesman Dr Karan Singh MP *Padma Vibhushan*, writer - Parliamentarian Dr Swapan Dasgupta MP *Padma Bhushan*, mediaperson Rajat Sharma *Padma Bhushan*, ambassador Shiv Shanker Mukherjee and senior bureaucrat Dr Jayant Prasad .

A **milestone** in DU – Alumni Dialogics was established with the institution of *Percipience The DU Eminent Alumni Lecture Series* as conceived by VC Professor Yogesh K Tyagi and steered by a Committee of Dr Vanita Tripathi Dy Dean VCO, Dr Shalini Baxi Dy Dean Culture, Capt Dr Parminder Sehgal Dy Proctor, JR Mr RP Singh and in creative partnership with Professor Pami Dua Dean Academics / Research, with Professor Sydney R Rebeiro Adviser / Dean Alumni Affairs as Chairman .

The launch of *Percipience 1* was defined by the elevating presence of global cultural icon and alumna Dr Kapila Vatsyayan *Padma Vibhushan* whose inspirational “ **Looking Back**” 1940s--2017 proved a memorable journey for 3 generations of teachers , students and alumni who attended .

*Percipience 2* underscored the quintessential Democracy elements of Fundamental Rights qua Fundamental Duties as enshrined in The Constitution of The Republic of India .

His Lordship The Hon'ble Dr Justice Arjan K Sikri delivered the Lecture , presided over by former Dean and noted scholar Professor M P Singh Chancellor Central Univeristy of Haryana , while VC Professor Yogesh K Tyagi delivered a lucid , challenging Address , urging scholars and professionals to research a possible *jural correlative* between Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties since the two were umbilically linked .

While the DU History project has been initiated by VC Professor Tyagi , a very special **Centenary Dossier** of *Centenaries and Jubilees* of DU institutions has been designed – and – developed .

## **ENRICHED ALUMNI SERVICES**

Over 1800 *alumni – in – Need* located in as many as 21 nations have been provided crucial support and guidance and the documents required to help fulfil their citizen-professional advancement .

The DU *Alumni Global Database* has been consolidated at 45000 – *plus* and includes 4 generations of alumni from across multiple disciplines and vocations .

The DU *Alumni Authors Library* continues to grow and is distinguished by the autographs of alumni-authors and by a capsule summary of the alumna/alumnus ' studentdays truck with the parent University .

The proposal for an **Alumni Advisory Council** AAC has been restructured and submitted for due process .

The rationale, design and programme format to establish **The Distinguished Alumni Awards** DAAw envisaged as an intercontinental event nervecentred in The Viceregal Lodge / Vice Chancellor Secretariat On Campus has been drafted for appropriate follow – through .

**CapitAl** The DU Alumni Newsmagazine has been updated and Edition 2 / 2017 is ready – to – print with innovative designs capturing the history , institutional and celebrity Recall and event – landscape of alumni achievements , services and memorabilia .

**eZine** “ *L' affaire Alumni*” किस्सा अलम्नाई का edition Five / 2017 in renewed format was uploaded and garnered very enthusiastic response from across the globe .

Micro and macro – Connectivity has been increased to cover over 100 Departments , Colleges , SOL and NCWEB through the network of *Core Coordinations* ( faculty ) and Alumni Representatives *Al Reps* .

Efforts are underway to revive the system of *Alumni Chapters* in various alumni – intensive cities in USA , UK , Canada , the MidEast , Australia , Africa and Europe .

The ***Job Portal*** geared to alumni employer – and – employee requirements is being advanced at eZine “*L’affaire Alumni*” edition Five / 2017 and alumni job – givers and job – seekers are encouraged to send in due requisitions ,which placement services are provided *gratis* .

Fresh membership and Renewals of the statutory DU Alumni Association **DUAA** were carried out within the norms and our 10 elected Alumni Representatives on The DU Court continue to serve : the Representatives are Dr Anil Sardana , Adv Michael Dias, Dr Gauri Kapoor , Adv Gautam Banerjee , Sidharth Mishra , Hari Shankar Gupta , Surinder Kumar , Sanjeet Kumar Singh , Professor J L Gupta and Professor Virendra Kumar Agrawal .

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