

REPORT

DEGREE CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

of

THE DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

FEBRUARY 2nd 2015

4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Chief Guest- Dr. Sindhu Dange

Ex Professor and Head, Dept. Of Sanskrit

Guest of Honour- Smt. Kiran Bajaj

Chairman, Shabdham & Paryavaran Mitra

The first ever Degree Certificates Distribution Ceremony of the Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai was held on Monday, February, 2, 2015 at the Ramakrishna Bajaj Sanskrit Bhavan. This is the first time in the history of the University of Mumbai that the individual departments have been directed to hold ceremony to award degree certificates to their students, thus setting the precedent for this annual event.

This function was graced by the Chief Guest Dr.Sindhu Dange – Ex R. G.Bhandarkar Professor and Head, Department of Sanskrit, the Guest of Honour - Smt. Kiran S. Bajaj – Founder and President of “Paryavaran Mitra”and “Shabdham”. Function started with University song and lighting of Lamp-Dr.Gauri Mahulikar (Head- Department of Sanskrit) welcomed guests and audience.

Dr.Madhavi Narsalay introduced the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour. Dr.Gauri Mahulikar presented the department profile. She talked about the lateral progress made by the department in the last few years having started various courses in Mythology, Mysticism, Manuscriptology, Bhakti literature apart from the regular courses dedicated to Sanskrit. She then recapitulated the events of the past year in brief.

Speech by Chief Guest Dr.SindhuDange:

Dr.Dange addressed the audience in her capacity as the chief guest. She quoted from the ancient texts on Dharma that consider a well educated student as a sacred centre of potential value. Giving present day examples she urged the students not to lose touch with himself/herself in this fast paced world. Our ancient texts talk of the Ultimate Goal of a man’s life is to seek the Ultimate Truth and Dr.Dange exhorted the students to stick to this goal no matter the circumstances.

This was followed by the distribution of certificates to the students. Dr.Dange and Smt. Kiran Bajaj felicitated all meritorious students with utmost appreciation.

Significant feature of this programme was the felicitation of Mr.Alok Chopra. Mr.Alok Chopra, Commissioner Excise, student of the P.G.Diploma in Mysticism class was felicitated for receiving the Presidential Award for his services.

Speech by Smt. Kiran Bajaj

Smt. Kiran Bajaj then addressed the audience. She stressed on the importance of local languages and talked of her efforts by way of her organisation “Shabdham” to promote the use of Hindi and other regional language. She talked about the mine of wealth that we as Indians possess in terms of our rich culture, traditions and ancient knowledge. She stressed the importance of preservation of Sanskrit language and urged the students to value and take pride in the culture that we have inherited.

Dr.Madhavi Narsalay proposed vote of thanks and ceremony concluded with the rendering of the National Anthem by Mrs. Medha Palsodkar, research assistant of the Sanskrit Department.

The first DCDC function was attended by students, their guardians teaching as well as non-teaching staff of the department. Snacks were distributed at the end.