

Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As the new academic year started, the university came alive with the students who are the soul of Sharda. The School of Education proudly announced the commencement of two new programs: B.A. B.Ed and B.Sc. B.Ed Integrated (four year) courses. The months of June and July were the ones full of excitement with new additions into the Sharda family. Each new session brings along with it the new challenges and expectations which need to be fulfilled with each new day.

The lines by Robert Frost remind me of the actual purpose of life,
The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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Orientation Programme

The University organized the orientation program for the new students into the Sharda family. The orientation for the B.Sc B.Ed students was on the 4th of August, 2016 while that of B.A. B.Ed and B.Ed programmes took place on the 23rd of the same month. Students came along with their parents to visit the School of Education. They were welcomed by the Head of the School of Education, Prof. Rainu Gupta and other faculty members. They were shown the classrooms, the conference halls, library, common room, canteen and other places to acquaint them with the premises. Students were very excited frolicking around trying to figure out different venues in the university. They were provided with delicious lunch followed by the orientation ceremony which took place in the auditorium.

The Vice-Chancellor, Chief Advisor, Controller of Examinations and other dignitaries graced the occasion. The program started with lighting of the lamp by dignitaries and parents. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Gupta infused the students with an enthusiasm to study hard and achieve laurels of success. The chief advisor encouraged the new students with his golden words. The Head of the School of Education, Prof. Rainu Gupta told the students about the inevitable role of teachers and the high place they enjoy in society. She emphasized on the fact that teaching is a very serious profession and students should also be very strict about the same. The program came to an end around 4 pm after which there was an interaction between the faculty and students. The students had their eyes filled with a new hope at the horizon.

The Changing Face of Teaching

Teaching and Learning has evolved in past few decades like never before. Education has that power to cope up with changes in the world and to make it change through its transformative abilities. Although research suggests that the supervisory and feedback systems in place have not been able to contribute much still sufficient faith of developing expertise. Through deliberate practice, helps improve performance through feedback packs that challenges barriers with the help of better understanding of components of good teaching. The Art & Science of teaching helps our future teachers to showcase their talent of teaching and learning in classroom.

To impart information in the classroom most effectively and develop the students' self confidence, it is necessary for the teacher to subjugate his ego to some degree. Spend less time convincing your students how smart you are and more time convincing your students how smart they are (or at least how smart they could be if they work hard and appreciate that there is always more to learn). The most effective teachers understand that their integrity in the classroom rests not only on what they know, but also on their willingness to concede what they do not know.

A teacher plays a critical role in the education of his students, but that role is much more conductor than composer. The students' formal education is but one part of a much larger and ongoing process of learning and discovery. The most important skills we teach our students are not reflected in a set of facts and theories, but in the ability to think rigorously, critically and objectively in the pursuit of truth and knowledge.

Grishma Raj Gautam

BCA 1st Semester

The Cold Slayer

In vain I feared because I was old
 Today I cough because I am old.
 Fortune threatened I lived in shy,
 Untouched and motionless today I lie.
 Stepping for eternity in my muddy bed,
 No greed of glitters, no wish for shed.
 I got no worries, nothing to mend,
 No darlings or no relation to blend.

I never had no courtesy,
 But they said to me a fantasy
 The fragor of fortune and fallacy,
 For years I was impelled to the cutter.
 To chop them all and to murder....
 Blood was all I paid for.
 Yet they called ma a filthy mugger,
 Their fate bowed down in my claw...
 Life was tiny in my law.

The flame surged forward
The sky riddled with the cries of
The dying birds
The deer engulfed in smoke
The frogs with their incessant croaks
The foxes jumped
But the fire stealthily on their tails thumped
Coats singed, noses burnt
Before death they uttered a terrible grunt
Then the raindrops fell
Tolled the thunder like church bells
The fire had been slain
But the creatures had died in pain
Death and carnage lay scattered about
In the midst of all was
A cigar burning stout

My First Day at Sharda

It was finally the day of a new beginning, a new chapter and a new life. Sharda University opened its doors to me and there I stood to mark a relationship of the coming two interesting years of my life, two years of learning, of bonding with my teachers, my guides to be and my fellow students.

It started with a sparkling sunny day of our Orientation. We had a beautifully set up seating for us students. Gradually, the informal introductory conversation started amongst us and so did the light chit chats. As the orientation started in the Auditorium sometime later, we were very warmly welcomed by our Honorable Registrar Sir, Dean Sir, HOD Mam and rest of the teachers. Starting with the prayer, everyone introduced us to the university and our life to be, for the next two years.

From there we proceeded for the lip smacking lunch, which was especially arranged for us freshers by our dear faculty members. We were made to feel very comfortable right on our first day, adding to the pleasure and making us look forward to this beginning. We finally bid byes to each other to meet up for the first class of our session of Bachelor of Education.

As its said: "Good Teachers know how to Bring out the Best in students" by Charles Kurlt, we promise to become the best students here to transform into very Good future teachers.

Janamasthmi is celebrated all over India on the eighth day of Krishna Paksh or dark fortnight. Janmashtami is also known as Gokulashtami or Krishnasthmi. The day is celebrated with great zeal and devotion. The Lord Krishna devotees observe fast for the entire day and night, worshipping him and stay awake throughout the night listening to his tales, and singing devotional songs from the Gita. The birthplace of Krishna, Mathura and Vrindavan celebrate this occasion with great enthusiasm and splendor. Religious plays or Raslilas are performed to re-create events from the life of Lord Krishna and to honor his love for Radha. Devotees gather to these pious places to celebrate Janmashtami. On this auspicious day, homes and temples are decorated and illuminated beautifully. Singing and dancing is marked as the celebration of this festival all over northern India. At midnight, the figurine of infant Krishna is bathed and laid in a cradle, which is rocked lovingly by all his devotees, amidst the ringing of bells. In Maharashtra, people enact Krishna's childhood attempts to steal butter and curd from earthen pots which were beyond his reach. A similar earthen pot is suspended high above the ground and groups of people form human pyramids and try to reach the pot and break it. The town of Dwarka in Gujarat which is Krishna's own land witnesses hordes of visitors gathering for celebrations.

This is one of the most colourful festivals of India.



Book Review

EMMA (1815) BY JANE AUSTEN

Shweta Thapliyal

B.Sc B.Ed. 1st Year

Emma was published in December, 1815, and was dedicated (reluctantly, but by invitation) to the Prince Regent. It was written by an accomplished novelist who is a forty-year old unmarried woman of limited means in a society where marriage, and not a writer's career, is every woman's expected path to success. 'I never have been in love, it's not my way, or in my nature; and I don't think it ever shall.'

Emma Woodhouse, a beautiful, clever, rich and single woman who sees no need for either love or marriage. She is a young woman with far too much time on her hands, deciding to run the lives of all around her. After successfully finding a husband for her governess, she takes herself to be an excellent matchmaker. She decides to now match up a poor farmer's daughter, Harriet, with someone and make her a 'pet'. Harriet falls in love with, Mr. Collins at first, who was in love with Emma herself. Throughout all entangling relationships, Emma has created, her old friend Mr. Knightley always watched over her and stepped in when things were taken too far by Emma. But she did not always listen to him, and thus suffered the consequences. The real trial came when Harriet later falls in love with Mr. Knightley. By this time Emma realized, just how much she loved Mr. Knightley, herself, but by then it was too late.

Emma provided a slight picture of rural and village life in the early nineteenth century and the significant issues of growing up and picking the right match for one self. As Emma maneuvered and manipulated with men and women in her attempt to make good matches, the importance of status gets clear. Unlike more romantically imagined heroines, Emma's character's conception of the marriage market was based more on economics than feelings and sentiments. It is perhaps not surprising that Emma, always considering herself to be the right on each topic, did not realize the fact that her own heart could be full of intimacy for someone. This for sure, exposes the problem of social demands governing feelings.

Have We Really Achieved The Independence?

We all know that now we have entered the 70th year of independence. Each year we celebrate it, but are we really Independent? Are we really in an Independent country as our leaders fought for us and dreamt for us to be Independent? There are many things that do not allow us to say with pride that we are INDEPENDENT and they are as follows:

Religion: In India, people have religious trademarks such as HINDU, MUSLIM, SIKH and CHRISTIAN. This is an honor that people of different religions live together in a country but what is sad is that they suffer partiality. It is discrimination for one to be treated unfairly compared to someone else, because of their religion or belief. This is called direct discrimination and is illegal but it still persists so commonly.

Corruption: Corruption in India is a major issue that adversely affects its economy. A study conducted by Transparency International in year 2005 found that more than 62% of Indians had first-hand experience of paying bribes or influence peddling to get jobs done in public offices successfully. In its study conducted in year 2008, Transparency International reports about 40% of Indians had first-hand experience of paying bribes or using a contact to get a job done in public office.

Terrorism: Terrorism is the systematic use of threatened use of violence to intimidate a population or government for political, religious or ideological goals. The best example would be that recently INDIAN soldiers killed a terrorist Burhan in Kashmir. Instead of backslapping the soldiers, the Kashmiris got together for mourning Burhan and started protesting against soldiers.

Forgetting our Traditional Languages: Indians are very much attracted towards the western culture and have even started to follow it. Almost 96% of the teenagers do not know how many languages are there in INDIA. They have a craze to learn other languages, but what is the advantage of this craze when we are losing our traditions and imitating other cultures.

We say INDIA got INDEPENDENCE in 1947, but in my view, we have not got fully Independent yet. There are various issues prevailing in our country at present, but when we would be able to resolve the above mentioned issues, that would be our first step towards independence, the REAL INDEPENDENCE DAY should be celebrated on that very day.

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