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Saluting the Nation on the 70th Republic Day

From the Principal's Desk



We have already stepped on to the new year with new resolutions and new dreams. With the beginning of each new year, the mind unconsciously gets involved in a mental audit of the past year, its accomplishments as well as unfulfilled expectations. I am sure you all would also be undergoing mental musings and may be looking forward to have a better and more fulfilling new year. While it is time to move ahead and make new beginnings for the self, do not forget to carry with yourself the learnings of the past because one of the most rewarding things about the past is that it either motivates you with each successful experience or makes you wiser with each failure.

From institutional point of view also, we had a fulfilling year in terms of organization of many academic events including one national and four international conferences/workshops, smooth conduction of exams and overwhelming performance of the students in academics and sports. However, our dreams are bigger than our achievements and so we will continue to march towards attainment of excellence in various spheres in this new year also. I am hopeful of everyone's support this year too in the academic journey and wish you all success in achievement of your professional as well as personal goals.

Happy and a prosperous new year to all again!!!

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Achiever's Bay

Awards and Honours

- ◆ The College received the State level award from Rajasthan State AIDS Control Society for its immense contribution in the conduction of various HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns.
- ◆ Prof. K. B. Sharma, Principal, was honored by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Jaipur Chapter for his outstanding contribution in the field of education. He was also honored by the Nano and Molecular Society (India) for his sincere support and guidance in conduction of International Conference on Materials for Energy Applications at ICME-2018.
- ◆ Dr. Balram Tripathi, Department of Physics received a certificate of appreciation for his honest and dedicated contribution as the Convener of the International Conference on Materials for Energy Applications at ICME-2018 by Nano & Molecular Society (India)
- ◆ Dr. Neelkamal Purohit, Department of ABST, Dr. Chitra Rathore, Department of EAFM, Dr. Davendra Sharma, Department of ABST and Dr. Nandini Sharma, Department of Business Administration were honored by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Jaipur Chapter for their remarkable contribution in career education.
- ◆ Dr. Anshul Sharma, Department of History was felicitated by *Shikshak Shree Samman* 2018 in the 2nd National Workshop on Research and Publication organized by Navbharat Memorial Foundation.
- ◆ Ms. Simple Purohit, Department of Physical Education received certificate of appreciation in the Pareek Pride Ceremony-2018 for her contribution towards the society.

Campus Buzz



National Workshop on Biodiversity

A two day National Workshop on "Biodiversity : Issues and Solutions" was organized by the Department of Botany on 28th-29th September 2018. Shri Rajeev Tyagi, Chairman, Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board Jaipur and Shri C. S. Ratnasamy, Principal Chief Forest Conservator, Forest Force Rajasthan, were the Chief guests in the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies respectively. Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Prof. Kailash Agarwal and Prof. S. C. Joshi were invited as special guests. Welcome address was given by the Chairman of the workshop, Prof. K. B. Sharma. Prof. A. K. Jain from Jiwaji University Gwalior, Prof. M. S. Nathawat from IGNOU, New Delhi, Dr. Sudhakar Mishra renowned expert for identification of plants from Jaipur, Dr. Chandan Singh Purohit, Botanical Survey of India and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. H. S. Banyal, Dr. Rifat Hussain Raina from Zoological Survey of India along with the team of fourteen para-taxonomists and master trainers were invited to enrich the workshop. Venue of the workshop was Kulish Smriti Van as field study is very important for studying biodiversity in nature. Book stall from Botanical Survey of India, Poster presentation activity, distribution of holy plants to the participants were other important highlights of this workshop.

A two day International Conference on "Role of ICT in Higher Education & Research" was organized by the Department of Computer Science on 5th & 6th October 2018. The conference was a global forum for researchers, academicians, ICT stake holders and practitioners to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, results, experiences and concerns in several perspectives of Information Communication Systems with special reference to Higher Education and Research. 395 participants from countries across the globe including Japan, Bangkok, Rwanda and Nigeria participated in this conference. 67 full papers along with 87 abstracts were presented in the conference and were published as an edited book with ISBN number.

A Five day Faculty Development Program on "Teaching Learning Methodologies in Higher Education" was held on 26th-30th November 2018. Prof. A. K. Nagawat, Former Dean, Faculty of Science, Former Prof & Head Department of Physics, Former Chief Coordinator, University Innovation Cluster in Biotechnology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, delivered the keynote address on "Quality Education : Cognitive and Neural Perspective". Prof. Anil Mehta,



FDP on Teaching learning methodologies in Higher education

former Head, Department of Business Administration, UOR, Dean Research, Manipal University, Jaipur, spoke on "Excellence: A Balance of Knowledge and Attitude". According to him man is the creator of his own destiny. A motivational lecture on "Teaching Methodologies" was delivered by Prof. PC Trivedi, former Vice Chancellor, Faizabad, Gorakhpur University and former Prof. Department of Botany, University of Rajasthan. He focused on qualitative research and concluded that a good research is not measured on the basis of the number of pages but with it's innovativeness and relevance.

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- ◆ Dr. Kapil Kumar Anand NSS Programme Officer became a member of the NSS State level Advisory Committee 2018-19 set up by The Directorate of College Education, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur. He also became a member of the NSS State Level Committee, which shall publish a book about the various activities of NSS for the welfare of students. He was also invited to deliver a lecture about Human Rights awareness and NSS activities on International Human Rights Day at Shree Swaroop Govind Pareek (P.G.) College, Jaipur.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Dr. Rita Jain, Department of ABST, got a text book published on 'Goods and Service Tax' in the year 2018.
- ◆ Dr. Nandini Sharma and Mr. Ravi Gupta, Department of Business Administration, attended the 107th Orientation Program conducted from 1st October to 27th October 2018 by UGC-HRDC at University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
- ◆ Dr. Priti Gupta, Department of Business Administration, participated in the 108th Orientation Program organised from 3rd December to 29th December 2018 by UGC-HRDC at University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
- ◆ Dr. Madhu Sharma, Department of ABST, has been awarded with ICSSR-Post Doctoral Fellowship for the year 2018-19 for a period of two years. Her topic of work is "Digitalisation of Accounting Procedures: A case study of GST among small and medium enterprises in major cities of Rajasthan".
- ◆ Dr. Anant Vijay Soni, Department of Sociology, has been awarded with ICSSR- Post Doctoral Fellowship for the year 2018-19 for a period of two years. Her topic of work is "Status of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Sukanya Samridhi Yojana in Jaipur- A Sociological Study".

A three day International conference on "Materials for Energy Applications" was organized by the Department of Physics from 6th December to 8th December, 2018. The conference theme focused on the most recent innovations, trends, results, experiences and concerns in materials research for energy applications. Discussions were held between scientists, engineers and technologists and the deliberations centered around the new challenges faced by the Researchers and Engineers. Young professionals, academicians and industry experts from different countries like Russia, France, U.K., Estonia, Japan, South Korea and Saudi Arabia were a part of the 350 attendees of the conference from various streams. The conference was a huge success and truly a mega event as it saw the conglomeration of 12 countries, 22 states, 18 IITs, 13 NITs, 12 CSIR Labs, 36 universities and 48 colleges. In the conference 27 technical sessions, 2 keynote talks, 42 invited talks, 88 oral presentations and 207 poster presentations were held and made by various experts and scholars.



International Conference on "Materials for Energy Applications (ICME-2018)"

A one day International workshop on Neural Networks was organized by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with Nihon University, Japan. Professor Kaoru Sakatani, Director, NEWCAT Research Institute, was the key note speaker for the workshop. He shared his research work in the field of Neural Networks, demonstrating the use of Deep Learning for diagnosis of a disease - Dementia. The uses of deep learning



International Workshop on Neural Networks

algorithms for the development of Artificial Intelligence devices were highlighted. The Head, Computer Science department discussed the entrepreneurship opportunities for the IT students in the development of Artificial Intelligence devices for medical field. The workshop concluded by giving live practice sessions to students and faculty members of the department.

Following the nationwide series of competitions for the promotion of Legal Rights of Women under the sponsorship of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi, a competition was organised in the college on 10th December, 2018 (Human Rights Day). 85 UG & PG students of various streams participated in the event with great enthusiasm.

The Chemistry Department organized CONTECH -18 under the aegis of HomiBhabha Centre for Science Education (TIFR) on 6th October 2018. This is an objective type exam conducted annually by Association of Chemistry Teachers. 326 students registered for the examination.



Nationwide Competition on Legal Rights of Women



CONTECH - 18

- ◆ Dr. Surendra Yadav and Ms. Nimita Gupta, Department of EAFM got selected as college lecturers in the selections carried out by Rajasthan Public Service Commission, Ajmer.
- ◆ Dr. Seema Sharma, Department of Economics got selected in the Health Directorate, Jaipur
- ◆ Dr Varsha Agarwal, Department of ABST cleared UGC-NET 2018 in Commerce
- ◆ Mr. Sudhanshu Dwivedi, Department of Physics was awarded Ph. D. on the topic "Development of CrO₂ based Novel Nanocomposites and Spin Field Effect Transistors" from LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur.

Students' Gallery of Fame

- ◆ Three NCC cadets Anirudh Singh BCA V Semester, Prachi Sharma, B.Com Hons. EAFM, V Semester and Lalit Singh, B. A. V Semester were selected for the Youth Exchange Program (YEP). These cadets visited Russia, Singapore and Vietnam respectively.
- ◆ Two NCC Cadets Krishnanand Chourasiya B.A. III Semester and Mohit Singh B.Sc. III Semester from the college were selected for the Republic Day parade. They were the part of the Marching Contingent of NCC which took part in the Raj Path celebrations of the Republic Day.
- ◆ The following the post graduate students cleared NET-JRF :
 - Kajal Gupta, Batch 2018, Department of Physics
 - Girish Kumar, M.Sc., III Semester, Department of Botany
- ◆ The following post graduate students cleared NET
 - Kumbha Ram, Batch 2018, Department of Botany
 - Sharol Sebastian, Batch 2018, Department of Chemistry
 - Kavita Chaudhary, Batch 2017 Department of EAFM
 - Dikshita Kumawat, M.Com. EAFM, II Semester, Batch 2018-20



Pledge to Rescue : Mera Patient

A very informative application "Mera Patient" was introduced among the staff members of the college on 10th December, 2018. Ms Alkesh Shekhawat, Mr. Sushil Somvanshi and Ms. Surbhi Maheshwari gave a presentation on the emergency use of this application with its unique feature 'Gain in Pain'. Prof K.B. Sharma, Principal of the college welcomed all the guests and Shri VC Daga, Convener expressed his gratitude to the team members of Mera Patient. Around 300 staff members enrolled their names for taking advantage of this application. Routine tests of blood pressure, sugar and hemoglobin etc. were also conducted.

An International Workshop on Global Peace & Non-Violent Action was organized by the college in collaboration with Navbharat Memorial Foundation on 29th November 2018 at the college campus. The inaugural function was graced by the humble presence of Hon'ble Dr. Nand Bharadwaj, Former Director- Doordrashan Kendra, Jaipur, Prof. Matt Meyer, United Nations Representative, International Peace Research Association (IPRA), Chairman, Financial Advisory Committee; Prof. Vidya Jain, Convener, Nonviolence Commission (IPRA) and Ex Director-Gandhi Bhawan, Jaipur, Prof. K.B. Sharma, Principal and Dr. Surendra Pratap Singh Kothari, Founder-Navbharat Memorial Foundation. During the inaugural session a book titled "Connecting Contemporary African-Asian Peacemaking and Nonviolence" was also launched under the India Book Tour.



International Workshop on Global Peace & Non-Violent Action

The first unit of RANGERS comprising 16 students from different streams completed the training under the banner of "BHARAT SCOUT AND GUIDE" organised from 11th October to 15th October 2018. During the camp, the rangers participated in every activity and task with full enthusiasm.

Six rovers along with the college Rover leader Dr. Pawan Sharma and Dr. Vishal Gautam participated in the 60th State Level Rover Moot and 46th State Level Ranger Meet from 26th December to 30th December 2018 and received best Rangers' award in Hike, Service, Adventure and Discipline fields at Scout and Guide Training Centre, Jagatpura, Jaipur.



Bharat Scout and Guide : Rangers



State Level 60th Rover Moot and 46 Ranger Meet

- ◆ Rover Umakant Sharma received Best Rover Award by State Training Commissioner Shri Paritosh K. Shukla in the Regional Level Youth Programme held at Silvasa (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) from 21st November to 25th November 2018
- ◆ Following teams of the college won in the University of Rajasthan Inter-Collegiate Tournament-2018:
 - Squash
 - Athletics
- ◆ Following teams of the college were Runners up in the University of Rajasthan Inter-Collegiate Tournament 2018:
 - Boxing
 - Cricket
 - Weightlifting
- ◆ Karan Singh Shekhawat, M. A. I Semester and Man Singh, B.A. III Semester got selected in the Indian Under-21 Handball Team and participated in UBON 2018: IHF Trophy Asian Continental Phase held at Bangkok in November 2018.
- ◆ Rajat Chauhan, B. A. I Semester, participated in the 8th Macau Indoor Archery Open 2018 and won second place in the competition with a prize money of 750 dollars.
- ◆ Shristi Kanwar, B.A. Honours Geography, III Semester and Chatru Kumari, B.A. Honours Geography, I Semester have been selected to represent Rajasthan in the KHELO INDIA National Championship 2019 being held in Pune in Archery and Athletics respectively.
- ◆ The following students won prizes in the different events at Kasturi- The Youth Festival, held at Kanoria College, Jaipur:
 - Arundhati Sharma, M.A. Political Science, I Semester won the third prize in the Extempore competition
 - Satyendra Pal Singh, M. A. History, I Semester won the third prize in the Literary Slam and English debate competition.



Extempore Competition

An extempore competition was conducted by the Department of Chemistry on 12th October, 2018. Students from all the streams participated in this activity with great enthusiasm. The aim of this activity was to cultivate confidence and overall personality development of the students. The way in which students expressed their views on various issues was really commendable.

On 28th September 2018, the Department of Geography organized a guest lecture by Prof. (Dr.) M. S. Nathawat, Dean of Social Sciences, IGNOU on "Interpretation of Remote Sensing Data and its Use in Different Fields". The students of post graduation and honors got benefitted through this lecture.

A trip to Birla Water Park, Ajmer was organised for the students of BBA on 31st October 2018. The students enjoyed a lot and refreshed themselves after the CIA exams.

Under the Industry-Academia interface, various departments organized industrial visits:

- Department of Journalism and Mass Communication : Dainik Bhaskar Printing Press, Shivdaspura.
- Department of BBA : Ajmer Zila Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh - A Co-operative Organization (Ajmer Dairy).
- Department of Geography : Birla Planetarium, Jaipur.



Trip to Birla Water Park



An awareness program regarding "Smart Investment & Safe Investment" was organised on 15th November 2018. The speaker Shri Mamtani made a very informative presentation on the topic and answered the queries of the audience.

The students of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication participated in the Media Festival "Talk Journalism 2018" organized by the Vox Foundation supported by Google, Facebook and Twitter at Hotel Fairmont, Jaipur from 10th August to 12th August, 2018.

An outreach program in the form of a talk show was organized on 14th November 2018 in the college to inspire and motivate students. An initiative of the "Ignite Talks", the students had a great learning experience when they heard the success stories of unsung heroes, change makers and creative leaders who mastered their crafts to shape their lives under adversities. The college also received a venue partner memento from Ignite Talks.



Ignite Talks

- ◆ The college Girls : Cricket team won the trophy in the 26th Late Satyendra Pal Singh Memorial Inter College Maharaja Cup Cricket Tournament held at Maharaja College Ground, Jaipur.
- ◆ The following students won prizes in the different events at Vividha - The Media Fest held at The IIS University, Jaipur:
 - Ashish Kumar Sharma, M.A. JMC, I Semester - First prize in the Budding journalist event
 - Bhupendra Prajapat, M.Sc. Env. Sc., III Semester - First prize in RJ Hunt event. Ashish Kumar Sharma, M. A. JMC Semester I - Second prize in the RJ Hunt event.
 - Satyendra Pal Singh, M.A. History Semester I and Rekha, M.A. History, Semester I, won third prize in Brainstorming (Media Quiz) competition.
 - Ashish Kumar Sharma, M.A. JMC, Semester I, Rekha, M.A. History, Semester I, Satyendra Pal Singh, M.A. History, Semester I and Balkishan Yadav, M.A. JMC, Semester I won the Second prize in Ad-Mad (Advertisement Designing) competition.
- ◆ Arundhati Sharma, M.A. Political Science, I Semester won first prize in Aashubhashan and Debate Competition held at Apex Girls College. She also secured third position in a District Level Debate Competition held at Subodh College of Global Excellence.
- ◆ Manish Kumar Sharma, Ajay Singh Tanwar, Kavita Yadav, Kailas Khatri and Harshit Bhati of M.A. Geography Semester III stood second in Cosmos Fest held at The IIS University, Jaipur.
- ◆ Ruchit Gupta and Harsimran Singh, BBA Semester IV, won the third prize in KWIZON (Quiz) competition in AJJAY - an inter college youth fest organised by Biyani Group of Colleges.

Success Story of Siddharth Jain



Siddharth Jain had been a student of Bachelor of Commerce at Subodh College, Rambagh Circle, Jaipur. As any other student, he never knew that this was a golden key to his successful future. We recently had a talk with him and learnt about his journey to success

Q. How would you like to introduce yourself?

My name is Siddharth Jain. I am from Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan. I did my graduation in Commerce from S. S. Jain Subodh P. G.

College in the year 2011. Professionally, I am a Chartered Accountant (2012) and a Company Secretary (2014). I had worked in a Central PSU for 4 years before being selected in UPSC Civil Services Exam 2017 with All India Rank 11. I have been allocated Indian Administrative Services, Madhya Pradesh cadre.

Q. When did you decide to pursue career in civil services and how did you achieve it?

I was very clear right from my school days that I wanted to make a career in civil services. My grandfather always told me to aspire as high as possible and stay humble and rooted. In terms of career, I was mainly convinced by my father why civil services is a good choice over others. While working, I got the opportunity to interact with District administration, which further strengthened my resolve. Hence, the aim was set during my school days itself as far as career was concerned.

For achieving the aim, I got into contact with seniors who made me aware of the exact demands of exam. I did preparation, which was a mix of smart and hard work. I would brainstorm and think of my own solutions to the problems. I kept on attempting the exam, unperturbed by initial failures till the time I made it into the list.

Q. Do you have any other dream/ goal in life?

Civil Services along with prestige also sets huge challenges and expectations of citizens. Presently, I will focus on doing my work dutifully and meet the expectations of people and contribute whatever positive I can contribute in governance. Haven't thought of any other dream as of now.

Q. What role did Subodh College play in your life?

My first interface with higher education was with Subodh College. The infrastructure, pedagogy and ecosystem in the college is par excellence.

I fondly remember the time spent in the rich library of the college and hours long conversations with friends in the canteen. Getting into Subodh college, studying here and earning friends has been an important milestone of my journey.

I hope this institution will carry the legacy with more glory in the times to come and maintain the ethos of quality education with affordability.

Q. Which "Success mantra" would you like to share with the students?

Trusting oneself and believing in one's own abilities is the key to success. The world today is not of first movers but fast movers. One should learn things quickly and apply them even faster. If you are reading about something, read what the best person in that field is writing. Try to get into his/her zone.

Lastly have a positive approach in life. It makes things simpler.

Best of Luck!!!

I am a Woman

Dr. Divya Walia
Department of English

I am a woman, I feel special to be one
My dreams are neither big nor high
But they are woven with intense passion
They lend me wings to fly and soar high

I am a woman, I am different
I am not dying to do what all men do
I just believe in being equal in spirit
In freedom to do whatever I choose

I am a woman, I am proud and glad
I have a heart that sings out of joy
But pain of others makes me sad
I shed tears but I have the strength of an alloy

Growing Up : Achievement of Goals and Time Management

Rajshree Sharma
Department of Business Administration

Life is full of different kinds of people with varied interests, aptitude and attributes. Some have their goals and some don't have a vision of what they want in their life. If we talk about the goal-driven person, his/her real friend is his/her schedule. When we first sit down and start to define goals, it seems like a difficult and daunting task, but as we start taking steps, it begins to get much easier. Everything is necessary in life as family, friends and society, but the real necessity of you is you! You-Yourself!. You have to respect, value and appraise your time. If you don't, no one else will. There are many people who ask you to meet or to have some fun on either Saturday or Sunday just because of the simple fact that it is a weekend. They are the saboteurs and simply want you to be a part of their fun, but the decision depends on our priorities. As we grow up, our priorities should be changed, night outs should be swapped for night ins, our circle should get smaller. Games, drama and partying every weekend loses the element of fun, since there should be quality in fun, not quantity. Like our career, faith, relationships, home and family, there should be something that gives us satisfaction and peace, something that's ours, something that's real, something we are proud of. Only time management can help one achieve not only one's goals but also the satisfaction in life.

The Battle of Chamkaur Sahib

Anu Malhotra
Department of Chemistry



*Chidiyanaal main baajladawa, Giddranto main sherbanawa
Sawa lakh se ekladawa, Tab Gobind Singh naamdharawa*

The city of Anandpur Sahib was founded by Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru and it prospered and flourished under the leadership of the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh. He established the Khalsa Panth there in 1699. Emperor Aurangzeb feared that the meteorical rise of the Khalsa would threaten his supremacy and ordered his Governor Wazir Khan to destroy Anandpur Sahib. The Hindu Rajas and the Muslims sided with Wazir Khan and cut off supplies to the city leading to starvation. Aurangzeb sent a message to the Guru, assuring him of a safe passage if he left the city. The guru realised it was a trap but he had no choice. They were ambushed by the Mughals and in the course of the battle, two of his sons (Sahebzade) accompanied him and remaining two got separated and went with Mata Gujri Devi, the Guru's mother. The Guru and 40 of his followers took shelter in a fort at Chamkaur Sahib and resolved to fight till the last drop of blood. They were hopelessly outnumbered by the Mughals who were 10 lakhs in number. At that point of time, Guru Gobind Singh uttered the above words...one sikh is equal to 1.25 lakh Mughals. His sons fought valiantly but were martyred. Gurujee was forced to escape with five of his followers.

Meanwhile, a former servant of Gurujee's household gave shelter to Mata Gujri and two younger Sahebzade but later on disclosed their location to Wazir Khan who offered to save their lives if they converted to Islam. When the boys who were only seven and nine years old refused, the Governor ordered them to be bricked alive. Their grandmother passed away on hearing this tragic news. Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib stands at the spot of the martyrdom.

There is no parallel to the martyrdom of such young boys in the annals of human history. On hearing this news, Guru Gobind Singh wrote a beautiful letter Zafarnama to Aurangzeb-"It matters little if a jackal through cunningness and treachery succeeds in killing two lion cubs; for the lion himself lives to inflict retribution on you".

Such is the glory of the Sikh faith!



लोकतंत्र का पर्व

अंकित भारद्वाज
बी.ए. सेमेस्टर-IV



अरे ये लोकतंत्र का पर्व।
भाई पाँच साल में आया॥

तुम सब खूब करो मतदान।
बढ़ाओ लोकतंत्र का मान॥
अरे ये अवसर पावन रे।
भाई पाँच साल में आया॥1॥
अरे ये लोकतंत्र.....

दो तुम राष्ट्रवाद को वोट।
करो तुम वंशवाद पर चोट॥
हाथ हथियार तुम्हारे रे।
भाई पाँच साल में आया॥2॥
अरे ये लोकतंत्र....

है मतदान अपना अधिकार।
चुनना अपनी अच्छी सरकार॥
अवसर अब हाथ तुम्हारे रे।
भाई पाँच साल में आया॥3॥
अरे ये लोकतंत्र....

भैया और मेरी बहना सुनलो।
नेता अपना अच्छा चुन लो॥
है ये मौका अच्छा रे।
भाई पाँच साल में आया॥4॥
अरे ये लोकतंत्र....

वोट देने अवश्य जाओ।
नाचो, गाओ, खुशी मनाओ॥
अरे ये पर्व है न्यारा रे।
भाई पाँच साल में आया॥5॥
अरे ये लोकतंत्र....

Legacy of Chattrapati Shivaji

Dr. Kapil Kumar Anand
Department of Political Science



Very few of us know that there is a statue of Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Vietnam. He is worshipped as a great warrior in a country which is thousands of miles away from India. When the Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh was asked about the reason for this respect, he said that, "It was impossible for Vietnam to defeat the superpower America in a long drawn war (1954-1975) but during the war I read the biography of a brave king from India -Shivaji. We adopted his guerrilla warfare which he had used against the Mughals and achieved victory. Had this great king been born in our country, we would have ruled the world!".

President Ho Chi Minh had a great regard for Shivaji Maharaj so much so that he had instructed his officers to write on his (President) tombstone, "Amaval (soldier) of Shivaji Maharaj is laid to rest here". That sentence can be seen even today.

Years later, Vietnamese Foreign Minister visited India and was taken to see the Red Fort and the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi. The Indian officers accompanying her were surprised when she insisted on visiting the Samadhi of Shivaji Maharaj. She was taken to Raigad in Maharashtra where she first paid respect and then collected

the soil and put it in her purse with a lot of devotion. When the press asked her about this, she said, "This is the soil of great warriors. A great king like Chattrapati was born here. After going back I will mix this soil with the soil of Vietnam so that great valiant leaders will be born even in my country".

Such is the legacy of Chattrapati Shivaji...

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