

Shyam Lal College (Evening) Celebrates its 56th Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony

Shyam Lal College (Evening), University of Delhi, celebrated its 56th Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony on 27 May 2026 with great enthusiasm and dignity. The occasion was graced by the august presence of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu ji, as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Manoj Tiwari ji, attended the programme as the Guest of Honour. Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi was the distinguished guest. Shri Himanshu Gupta ji, Member of the Governing Body and representative of the Chairperson, Shyam Lal College; and Shri Jitender Mahajan ji, Member of the Legislative Assembly also graced the occasion with their presence.

The esteemed guests were received at the college with warmth and respect amid the beats of traditional dhol. The NCC Guard of Honour added solemnity and grace to the welcome. The guests were then escorted to the dais, where they were welcomed by the college community.

The programme formally commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp in the presence of the esteemed guests, Principal Prof. Nachiketa Singh, Prof. Aditya P. Tripathi, Convenor of the Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony, faculty members, staff, and students. This was followed by the rendition of the University of Delhi Kulgeet, which added dignity and a sense of institutional pride to the occasion.

At the outset, greetings and welcome were conveyed on behalf of Smt. Savita Gupta ji, Chairperson of the Governing Body of Shyam Lal College, who was represented on the occasion by Shri Himanshu Gupta ji. The presence of distinguished guests, members of the Governing Body, faculty, staff, students, and awardees made the occasion memorable for the entire college community.

The guests were felicitated with siropa, mementoes, angavastram, and saplings as a gesture of honour and gratitude. The presentation of saplings also reflected the college's commitment to environmental consciousness and sustainable values.

Following the felicitation, Prof. Nachiketa Singh, Principal of Shyam Lal College (Evening), presented the Annual Report for the academic year 2025–26. In his address, he highlighted the academic progress, institutional achievements, and major initiatives undertaken by the college during the year. He acknowledged the accomplishments of students, faculty members, and non-teaching staff, and appreciated their dedication and collective contribution to the growth of the institution. He also spoke about the role of various societies, cells, and committees in enriching student life beyond the classroom. The Principal further highlighted the strengthening of physical

and digital infrastructure and expressed gratitude to the Chairperson and the Governing Body for their continued support and guidance.

A special moment of the programme was the unveiling of *Stavak*, the Annual Magazine of the college. The magazine reflects the creative, literary, academic, and cultural expressions of the college community, and serves as an important record of the intellectual and artistic life of the institution.

In his address, the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu ji, emphasised the significance of evening colleges in making higher education accessible to a wider section of society. He observed that education must extend beyond the classroom and help students understand the larger purpose of life. Referring to the importance of goal-oriented education, he reminded students that education should not remain merely a certificate, but must become a lifelong process of learning, responsibility, and self-development.

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor encouraged students to develop clarity of thought, adaptability, resilience, and practical skills. He urged them to contribute to the national vision of *Viksit Bharat* by becoming socially conscious citizens who can lead transformation in diverse fields such as education, administration, media, technology, creative industries, and public life. He concluded by encouraging students to learn with humility, integrity, sensitivity, and a strong sense of responsibility.

The Guest of Honour, Shri Manoj Tiwari ji, addressed the gathering with warmth and simplicity. Drawing upon his own life experiences, he encouraged students to recognise their inner talents and work sincerely to develop them. He urged them to remain alert, reject misinformation, and become conscious and responsible citizens. Echoing the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he also appealed to students and the audience to make greater use of public transport, including the metro, as a responsible step towards public welfare and national development.

Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi, congratulated the college and the award winners. He described the Annual Day as an occasion of celebration, acknowledgement, and appreciation. In his address, he highlighted the vital role of teachers in shaping the lives of students and helping them distinguish right from wrong. He urged students to develop self-confidence, self-reliance, courage, and compassion, and to grow into better human beings.

Shri Himanshu Gupta ji, Member of the Governing Body and representative of the Chairperson, also addressed the gathering. He spoke about the need for education to prepare students for a changing world. He observed that academic learning, environmental consciousness, research orientation, and career preparedness must together help students become thoughtful citizens and capable professionals. On behalf of the Governing Body, he appreciated the Principal for his

leadership, the teaching fraternity for their dedication, the non-teaching community for their dependable service, and the students for bringing energy and purpose to the life of the institution.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony formed the central part of the event. A total of 70 academic toppers from various courses and years were felicitated for their outstanding academic performance. Winners of academic prizes and scholarship schemes were also honoured. In addition, 88 students from various societies and committees were awarded for their valuable contribution to the institutional, academic, cultural, and co-curricular life of the college. The prestigious Student of the Year Award was presented to Ms. Aayushi, a fourth-year student of B.A. Programme, in recognition of her overall excellence, active participation, leadership, and meaningful contribution to college life.

The event was also attended by several esteemed guests, including Shri Dinesh Jhunjhunwala ji, Prof. R. P. Tulsyan ji, Shri Keshav Rai Arora ji, Shri. Gaurav Gupta ji, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar ji, Prof. L. N. Rout ji, and Dr. Priti Jagwani among others.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. Aditya P. Tripathi, Convenor of the Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony. He expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, distinguished guests, members of the Governing Body, Principal, faculty members, non-teaching staff, students, and all committees involved in the successful organisation of the event. He especially appreciated the collective efforts of the organising teams whose dedication ensured the smooth conduct of the ceremony.

The ceremony came to a dignified close with the singing of the National Anthem. The 56th Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony of Shyam Lal College (Evening) stood as a meaningful celebration of academic excellence, institutional growth, student engagement, and the collective strength of the college community.