

## Annual Day Celebrations at Maitreyi College

27<sup>th</sup> April, 2019



Maitreyi College celebrated its 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Day on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, with great fanfare, as a year of new frontiers and landmarks. Basking in the latest achievement of being ranked the 11<sup>th</sup> most prominent women's college in the latest NIRF rankings, this was a day of triumph. Like every year, the annual celebrations recognised and felicitated all the achievers of the past academic year.



Before the commencement of the formal programme, a Plantation Drive was organised by the college, in keeping with its reputation as a green campus. All the esteemed guests arrived in the New Auditorium to be greeted by students, teachers and parents. The lighting of the ceremonial lamp was accompanied by a Ganesh Vandana, and followed by a mesmerising Kuchipudi dance recital. All the guests were felicitated by our Principal, Dr. Haritma Chopra, with mementos made by our students from Artisto, the Fine Arts society, and home-grown potted plants from our gardens.



Dr. Chopra addressed the gathering to present the Annual Report highlighting the numerous achievements of the students, faculty and non-teaching staff in the last academic year. She mentioned the institution of new awards, innovation and research initiatives, international MoUs, faculty research publications, magazines, excursions, short-term courses, placements, and numerous other extra-curricular achievements, all of which were received with much applause and cheer from the audience. Soon after this, the Gardeners of the college, the non-teaching staff and the faculty members were felicitated. A compendium of 60 research papers was released by the guests, and the editorial boards of various department magazines were commended for their initiatives.



The Chief Guest for the day, Advocate Madhavi Goradia Divan, Additional Solicitor General, Supreme Court, called Maitreyi "a paradise in the heart of the city". In her inspirational address, she emphasised the need for young women of today to remain questioning and thinking individuals, like the eponymous Vedic philosopher Maitreyi. Drawing from her personal experiences, she stressed on the need for tenacity and better role models for women in this exciting time. Presiding over the function was the Governing Body Chairperson, Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda, who expressed his delight at the enthusiasm of the students and faculty and stressed on the complexity of the teacher-learner relationship. He assured all his support to the college. The special invitee, Mr. Sanjay Kansal, ex-chairperson of the Governing Body, appreciated the positive attitude of the college towards innovations. He urged the students to explore themselves through newer entrepreneurial initiatives. Gracing the occasion were also some special guests - Mrs. Bhalla (former principal of Maitreyi College), Mrs. Ranjita Kant (daughter-in-law of former principal late Mrs. Sita Srivastava) and Mrs. Sangeeta Kalia (sister of our former principal late Dr. Savita Datta).



The formal felicitation of all the academic achievers and cultural societies of the college, including Sports, NSS and NCC, was then undertaken. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajni Johar, Student Union Advisor, and the singing of the national anthem, followed by lunch.

