

<p style="text-align: justify;"> “The extra-mural activities can sharpen the vision, quicken the intellect, preserve the memory, activate the conscience, enhance the understanding and refresh the language.”? O.P Turner</p> <p style="text-align: justify;"> Extra-mural activities are essential part of education as they contribute to the development of a holistic personality of the learners. We, at the DAV Jalandhar, have always recognised the significance and role of Extra Mural Activities.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;"> Many an artist of national and international repute owe their initial grooming to the department of EMA during their stay here. The prominent artists picked, groomed and presented include Padam Bhushan Jagjit Singh, the Ghazal maestro; Padam Shri Hans Raj Hans; Sukhwinder Singh, the bollywood playback signer; Tejwant Kittu, the music director, Adarsh Gautam, the top dubbing artist in Film and TV Industry in Mumbai, Suraj Thapar, The TV star, Saurabh Kapoor; producer at Headlines Today etc. Besides these outstanding performers there are a host of others whose association with the EMA department has led them to make their careers in the field of editing, sound recording, event management, dubbing, direction, set-designing, choreography and so on. Amit Prasher has successfully directed his first Punjabi film Tu Mere 22, Mai Tera 22 recently.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;"> In January 2013, a college artist Diljaan made to it the Runners-up position in a hugely popular reality music show “Surkshetra” on Colors and Sahara Channels. All the judges of the show namely Asha Bhonsle, Abida Praveen, Ghulam Ali, Roona Laila

Laila were highly impressed by this young boy's range and purity of singing. We at the EMA Department are justly proud of him and wish him a resplendent future.

Talent Hunt:

To pick and select building stars, EMA department organises a Talent Hunt show right in the beginning of the session where the talented newcomers showcase their talent and are chosen to be trained for the youth festivals. The talent hunt show is one of the most eagerly awaited programmes in the college calendar.

Fee Concessions:

The selected student artists are granted liberal fee concession depending upon their performances in the university youth festival and other inter-college competitions. At present this performance-linked incentives range from Rs. 5000/- to total freeship. Besides this monetary assistance; the department takes care of the costumes, trainers, transportation and refreshment of all the student artists. All winners are felicitated at the Annual Prize Distribution Function of the college.

Not only these activities help in developing an integrated all-round personality of the students, it also goes a long way in channelising the surplus energy of the youth in a positive and purposeful direction. The Department of Extra Mural Activities comprises a Dean, a Deputy Dean and various members of the staff who train students and coordinate various activities like Debates, Declamations, Quiz, Dramatics, Dance, Music and Fine Arts etc. At present, the department is headed by Dean Prof. Sharad Manocha with Prof. S J Talwar as the Deputy Dean. Dr. Anoop Kumar looks after Fine-Arts, Dr. Dinesh Arora is the in-charge of literary items, Prof. Rajan Sharma along with Prof. Reena and Anupma coordinate various items of Indian Music. Dramatics, Western Music, Bhangra are supervised by Dean and Dy. Dean themselves. Prof. Komal Soni, Prof. Ekjot Kaur and Prof. R M Yadav help the budding quizzers and folk dancers.

The Department trains the young students with artistic talent for the Annual Youth Festival organised

organised by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and other inter-college competitions. The young artists regularly bring laurels to the institution, university and state. The major achievements of the department in the recent years are given below:

Session 2012-13

Second Runners-up championship Trophy of Guru Nanak Dev University :

The college artists lifted the second runners-up Over-all Championship trophy in the Inter-Zonal Youth Festival of GNDU, Amritsar that was held from 23. 10. 2012 to 26. 10. 2012. Besides this over-all championship the college also bagged the Folk trophy. In the Inter-Zonal Youth Festival, the college artists won top positions in One-Act Play, Debate, Bhangra, Tabla, Folk Orchestra, KaviShri, Classical Vocal, and Group Dance.

Zonal Youth Festival :

In the Zonal Youth Festival of Guru Nanak Dev University held from 12. 10. 2012 to 15. 10. 2012, the young performers of the institution lifted the First Runners-up trophy with top positions in One-Act Play, Bhangra, Folk Orchestra, Group Dance, KaviShri, Debate, Folk Song, Classical Vocal, Tabla, Vaar, Western Group Song etc.

11th National Youth Parliament :

The Zonal level 11th National Youth Parliament was organised by the Department on 6. 11. 2012. This event is organised under the guidelines and sponsorship of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India every year. The young parliamentarians performance was evaluated by Sh. Pavan Kumar Tinu, Chief Parliamentary Secretary (Youth Affairs and Sports) Government of Punjab, Sh. B Moomin, Group Coordinator appointed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India and Prof. D K Sood, Formerly Head, Department of Political Science, DAV College, Jalandhar. The final outcome of the Zonal National Youth Parliament is awaited as it would also depend on the performance of other teams of the North Zone. However, we are certain of a very positive result this time as the team is the National winner of the 10th National Youth Parliament.

Essay Writings contest:

The Department of EMA organised the 3rd Annual Essay Writing contest sponsored by Sh. Jitinder Behl, a distinguished alumnus. Like the earlier two years, entries for the essays on given topics were invited and evaluated by a panel of judges comprising. Prof. Sharad Manocha, Dr. Anoop Kumar and Dr. R B Singh. The first three winners were awarded cash prizes of Rs. 10,000/- Rs. 8,000/- and Rs. 6,000/- by Sh. Jitinder

Behl himself on 24. 11. 2012. Two consolation prizes of Rs. 5000/- each were also awarded. This Essay writing contest has become an anxiously awaited event where in students try to demonstrate their writing skills and get chance to win handsome cash prizes.

Session 2011-12

The session 2011-12 was one of the most momentous years in the glorious history of Extra Mural Activities Department as the students of the Department emerged as the National winners of the 10th National Youth Parliament organised by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India. Around 70 participants under the guidance of the coordinator Dr. Dinesh Arora participated in this event of National level on September 6, 2011 and enacted the working of the actual Parliament. The winners were invited and felicitated by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on January 18, 2012 in the Parliament House, New Delhi. Our young parliamentarians re-enacted the entire parliament before a select audience. The prizes were awarded by Sh. Rajiv Shukla, Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. The contingent led by Dr. Dinesh Arora, Prof. Kunwar Rajeev, Dean EMA, Prof. Sharad Manocha Dy. Dean EMA, Dr. B B Sharma, HOD, Political Science were also given a guided tour of the Parliament House.

College Theatre Team wins second Position at National Level

The college play team, representing the state of Punjab, participated in the 17th National Youth Festival, Mangalore organised jointly by Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Youth Affairs and Sports, Nehru Yuvak Kendra and Government of Karnataka from 12. 1. 2012 to 16. 1. 2012. The college play “*Tu Tu Tu Tu Tara*” was adjudged the second best in a very tough competition. The team was awarded Silver medal and a cash prize of Rs. 24000/-. The lead actor Manish Dahri was also declared as the best actor of the competition. Thus, the theatre team brought laurels not only to the institution but also to the state.

University Youth Festival

Besides excelling in the National Youth Parliament and National Youth Festival, the College artists continued to stamp their class in the Zonal and Inter-Zonal Youth Festival organised by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

The Department of EMA lifted the second Runners-up trophy in the Zonal Youth Festival bagging top-position in the One-Act Play, Bhangra, Quiz, Debate and the newly-introduced item Kavishri. Along with these top positions, there were two second positions and five third places.

In the Inter-Zonal Festival held from 27.10.2012 to 31.10.2012 at the University campus, the College emerged victorious in the most keenly contested item of Bhangra. The college artists got second place in One-Act Play and Quiz while Kavishri and Debate were adjudged third. The college got runners-up Literary Trophy.

Session 2010-11

University Youth Festivals:

In the Zonal Youth Festival, the College lifted the second Runners-up trophy with top positions in Play, Bhangra, Skit, Mime, Quiz, Debate, Elocution, Group Song, Group Bhajan, Vaar, Classical Instrumental etc.

University Inter-Zonal Youth Festival

The student artists kept the DAV flag high in the Inter Zonal Youth Festival organised by GNDU at the university campus by lifting two individual trophies viz Theatre Trophy and the Literary Trophy. The College bagged top positions in Histrionics, Play, Skit, Mime in theatre category while the supremacy in literary category was asserted by notching top positions in Debate and Quiz. Besides these items, the

college bagged positions in solo Bhajan, Group song, Vaar etc.

Session 2009-10

The Session 2009-10 was one of the most glorious and luminous chapters in the history of Department of Extra Mural Activities when the student artists of the College stamped their class in two different national events.

First place for College Mime at All India Inter University Youth Festival:

In the National Inter-University Youth Festival organised by A.I.U. from 2.2.2010 to 6.2.2010 at M.D.U. Rohtak, the College Mime team emerged as the National winner with an impeccable performance thus bringing laurels to the College and University.

North Zone Inter-Varsity Youth Festival, Kurukshetra:

Representing Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in the category of One-Act Play and Mime at the AIU sponsored North Zone Inter Varsity Youth Festival, the college artists mesmerized the audience and judges with their flawless performances. The Mime was adjudged first while the One-Act Play “Bhoomika” got third place. The college quiz team also got third place in a very keenly fought quiz with teams from 29 universities of North India.

15th National Youth Festival, Bhubaneshwar:

The College had a singular honour of representing Punjab contingent in the 15th National Youth Festival, Bhubanshwar jointly organised by Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Nehru Yuvak Kendra and Government of Orissa from 8. 1. 2010 to 12. 1. 2010. Two items viz One-Act Play and Elocution (extempore) were allotted to DAV Jalandhar. DAV artists did the state proud by bagging Second place in the One-Act Play category while competing with almost all states and UTs of India.