**Report**

Event Name: REUNION-2021(Online Alumni Meet)

Event Date: July 4, 2021

Organized by: Doaba College Jalandhar Alumni Association (DCJAA)

Doaba College Jalandhar Alumni Association (DCJAA) organized REUNION-2021 (Online Alumni Meet) on 4th July 2021. It was attended by the students and faculty of the College spread across the many academic sessions. Prof. Priya, the moderator, introduced the event. It was formally inaugurated by Lighenting the Holy Lamp. Prof. Gurdish Saini gave the Introductory Address. She went through the memory lane and recalled alumnis’ activities, especially, Gurpreet Ghuggis’s first histrionic event in College’s Open Air Theatre. Dr. Avinash Bawa, the Convener of DCJAA, in his Welcome Address gave a hearty welcome to Sh. Chander Mohan, President, Doaba College Managing Committee and Arya Shiksha Mandal, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest for the event, Sh. Alok Sondhi, an alumnus and General Secretary, Arya Shiksha Mandal and Doaba College Managing Committee, Principal Dr. Pardeep Bhandari, alumni and over 260 participants. He also talked about a number of alumni who have made a mark in the different spheres of their lives.

In his Inaugural Address Dr. Pardeep Bhandari appreciated the efforts of Alumni to join the event and making it a grand success. He stated that the purpose of the Alumni Meet was to make a garland out of the scattered pearls of the College. He threw light on the establishment of College in 1941 and its various achievements such as NAAC Accreditations, DBT Star Status, College with Potential for Excellence, and upcoming Skill Development Courses. He was delighted to be connected to the participants and showed his commmitment to upscale the activities of the Alumni Association in the times to come. He also shared the objectives of formation of Doaba College Jalandhar Alumni Association to create job opportunities for Doaba College students, to use professional experience of Alumni for the benefit of Doaba College, to make corpus for helping deserving and needy students and to improve college infrastructure beginning with construction of students cafeteria to the establishment of a world class skill development centre to increase employability of the students.

The moderator then thanked the Principal and presented a virtual tour of the College through a video. She invited alumnus Sh. Harish Gupta, Member, Doaba College Managing Committee, who shared his memories of his old time spent in Doaba College. He recalled that the College did not charge any fees from him and gave him love as a child receives from his family. Mr. Rajiv Rai, Managing Director, AR International Holdings Ltd. shared his initiative of developing Alumni Association Website. He expressed his idea to develop it City wise and Batch wise. Mr. Sushil Kohli, Dhayan Chand Awardee, shared his old experience of learning swimming by coaches of Doaba College which helped him in winning many prestigious awards. He reminiscented his time in the college and credited the faculty for the motivation. The event was kept lively by playing games under the “Sunehri Yaadein” section. Arushi, a former Doaba College student, played musical notes on her guitar on the song ‘Zindagi’.

S. Gurpreet Ghuggi, a renowned Bollywood actor, expressed his deep love with the soil of Doaba College. He stated that he owed his identity to his alma matter. He showed his keen willingness to preserve the heritage of the college by providing financial help. Another game ‘Guess the Voice’ was played in-between the event. Mr. Avtar Singh, NSS National Awardee, Dr. Kapil Gupta, General Physician, Kapil Hospital, Jalandhar shared their old memories of the College and wanted to visit it. Dr. Ashok Goyal, Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Government Medical College, Amritsar, recalled his time when he did not have money to buy even the prospectus for taking admission in the college. He felt indebted to the teachers who helped him financially to pay his fees and books. Sh. Alok Sondhi General Secretary, Arya Shiksha Mandal and Doaba College Managing Committee was the Guest of Honor for the event. He appreciated the efforts of the Principal Dr. Pardeep Bhandari under whose leadership college is progressing by leaps and bounds. He also assured his commitment to be with college for its betterment in every way.

In his Presidential Address, the Chief Guest, Shri Chander Mohan congratulated the Principal, thanked the alumni and hoped to conduct Alumni meet on the College Campus next year. He invited the alumni to visit the college once the pandemic is over. Finally, Dr. Suresh Mago, Convener of the Alumni Association casted the vote of Thanks for all. The event concluded with Doaba Jai Gaan.

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