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A HERO AMONG MEN

AIR COMMODORE DR. GAURAV DIWAKAR MEHTA,
FORMER CHANCELLOR OF SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH
A DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

"Bravery is the audacity to be unhindered by failures, and to walk with freedom, strength and hope in the face of things unknown."

-Morgan Harper Nicholas

You would never believe that this powerhouse of a man sitting in front of us, in a huge office, surrounded by his many medals of valor was once a shy and timid boy who was scared to talk to others because of his lack of fluency in English. His father was a polio affected railway employee who saw big dreams for his son. A hardworking man, who decided to uproot his entire family and move to Mumbai from Baroda so that his children would be better equipped to achieve their ambitions.. Instead of letting the new environment overwhelm him, he adapted to the situation and rose to meet the challenge head on. This drive, perseverance and can do attitude is exactly what has shaped him into a man we all love and respect-

Air Commodore Dr. Gaurav Diwakar Mehta, Former Chancellor of Sumandeep Vidyapeeth a deemed to be university.

After a turbulent start, he soon flourished into an accomplished young man with hopes of studying medicine. However, he failed to secure a seat due to a single percent. Unable to let this misstep hold him back, he procured a Bachelor of Science from Elphinstone College, Mumbai. After his BSC, he tried to get into a medical college but could not and so decided to pursue dentistry. In college he was very popular with his peers and was even the captain of the cricket team. One day he happened to notice an advertisement in the newspaper, recruiting doctors for the Army. He applied and got an interview in Delhi. This marked the beginning of his transformation from a scrawny boy in a borrowed suit into a confident and charismatic man who can capture a room with his mere presence.



After undergoing some extensive Military training at a camp in Hyderabad, he finally became a Lieutenant in the army. His first posting was in the Delhi Headquarters attending to the sick and the wounded. One day he received a call and found out he had been stationed at the Yol Army Camp in Himachal Pradesh. An apprehensive Mehta was seen off at the train station by a brigadier and his wife. Upon reaching Yol, he went to the mess. Here a hawaldar told him, "To go and have his meal for it may be his last". Stunned, Mehta sir asked him why and was informed that India and Pakistan had just declared War. This was a particularly difficult time as they had to tend to around 80-90 wounded a day, living in the constant fear that they would be attacked next. Sometimes they had night duty where they had to patrol the border of the camp in utter darkness and follow a strict routine with specific passwords at checkpoints or they could be shot. During this time communication with the outside world was limited and a newly married Gaurav had no way to contact his wife. She would have to rely on newspapers and hope they were accurate. A week after he reached Yol, she woke up to headlines stating that Yol had been bombarded! She, along with his family members frantically started calling the camp but to no avail. Fortunately for them, the Delhi office was able to look into it and inform them of his safety. Thankfully he made it through that nightmare with no injuries.

Another notable event was when Dr. G.D.Mehta volunteered to be posted in Tawang at 14000 feet. Food supplies would be dropped by a plane into a landing zone and the crate would often break on contact with the ground. The environment in Tawang was so bad that no one could be posted there for more than two years. It was not conducive to human life. Braving freezing temperatures, harsh weather, and overcoming various obstacles he completed his posting. He also served during the second India-Pakistan War in Dhaka in 1971. After a few years in the Army, a vacancy opened up in the Air force. He volunteered to transfer there and went on to achieve the highest possible rank- Air Force Dental Advisor.

Apart from his difficult postings, he also remembers his time in the cantonments very fondly. To him, they were like extended family. The warm and hospitable environment never let him feel out of place. They used to organize parties and get together every 15 days and had dinner with a group every Saturday. The only part he did not enjoy as much was when he was made the canteen officer but he still carried out his duties diligently. He credits the Army for instilling into him values like discipline, kindness, tolerance, adaptability and administration. As he says- "Army men are like potatoes, they mix in anywhere" and for these very reasons, he makes sure to encourage his students to join the Army.

33 years and various medals later he retired from the Dental Corp and joined Sumandeep Vidyapeeth where he rose through the ranks and eventually became the Chancellor in 2014. A favourite among all, well loved and respected. Dr G.D.Mehta has led an exemplary life, one filled with utter lows and tremendous highs; even when he failed or made mistakes, he assessed the situation, brushed it off and bounced back. A single person may not be able to change the world but he has impacted many lives and touched many souls. He truly is a hero among men.



DEEP 2019

The University Council has the habit of working hard and taking things to the next level. The annual celebration of Sumandeep Vidyapeeth was no exception to it. The co-ordination and execution of the various events like Solo Dance, Group Dance, Cultural Dance, Fashion Show, Solo singing, Group singing, Duet singing and many more was absolutely enthralling. The energy and zeal with which the students got involved in it is beyond compare. It can be said without a doubt that Deep 2019 was a complete success!





12TH FOUNDATION DAY

CELEBRATION OF 12TH FOUNDATION DAY & YOUTH DAY AT SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH ON 17TH JANUARY, 2019

SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH AN INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED ITS 12TH FOUNDATION DAY ON 17TH JANUARY, 2019. THE CEREMONIAL MARCH-PAST THAT STARTED FROM SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH AN INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY BUILDING WITH UNIVERSITY TORCH (MASHAAL) AND THE MARCH-PASSED BY THE K.M.SHAH DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, DHIRAJ HOSPITAL, SMT. B.K.SHAH MEDICAL INSTITUTE & RESEARCH CENTER, SUMANDEEP NURSING COLLEGE, LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE, ENGINEERING & MAINTENANCE SECTION, HALLS OF RESIDENCE, COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT & PARAMEDICAL SCIENCES AND DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY. THE RESPECTIVE HOI / HOS JOINED THE MARCH-PAST WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS WITH EXCHANGE OF TORCH (MASHAAL). THE HON'BLE FOUNDER PRESIDENT DR. MANSHUKHBHAI SHAH HOISTED THE SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH AN INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY FLAG. HE WAS JOINED BY THE PRESIDENT OF SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH TRUST DR. DIXIT M SHAH, THE CHANCELLOR, THE VICE CHANCELLOR, THE REGISTRAR AND ALL THE HEAD OF INSTITUTIONS OF SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH. DURING THE AWARD CEREMONY, THE TEACHING FACULTY & THE STUDENTS WERE FACILITATED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT & FOR BRINGING LAURELS TO THE SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH AT STATE, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL LEVELS IN ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, SPORTS, CULTURAL, ISR & ICC ACTIVITIES.



FIT INDIA CAMPAIGN : WALKATHON

FIT INDIA CAMPAIGN IS A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN THAT AIMS AT ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO INCLUDE PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

A WALKATHON WAS ORGANISED ON FIT INDIA CAMPAIGN ON 31ST JANUARY 2020 BY THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCIL TO CREATE AWARENESS IN OUR STUDENTS WHO ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY TO BE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY FIT.

THE EVENT STARTED AT 10:00 A.M. FROM THE CAMPUS TO PIPRIYA, WAGHODIA AND COVERED A DISTANCE OF ROUGHLY 2 KILOMETRES. STUDENTS GAVE SLOGANS 1) HEALTH MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY 2) FIGHT FOR 3) FOREVER FIT, FOREVER STRONG 4) BODY FIT , MIND FIT.



WOMEN SELF DEFENCE PROGRAM

THIS PROJECT AIMS AT EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE AWARENESS AND PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR WOMEN SELF-DEFENCE HAS BECOME EXTREMELY POPULAR AMONG THE WOMEN ALL ACROSS INDIA.

WOMEN SELF-DEFENCE PROGRAM WAS ORGANISED AS PER THE INITIATIVE OF FIT INDIA CAMPAIGN ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 2020 BY THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCIL TO CREATE AWARENESS IN OUR STUDENTS WHO ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.

THE EVENT STARTED AT 09:00 A.M. IN THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. THERE WERE ABOUT 1300 WOMEN THAT PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORKSHOP. THE GUEST TRAINER WAS RANBIR LAISHRAM AND HIS TEAM WHO WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.



