## Aggarwal College Ballabgarh Hosts Zonal Youth Festival

The much-anticipated Zonal Youth Festival (Faridabad - Jhajjar Zone,10-12 Nov 2024) kicked off today i.e 10. 11.2024 with a grand inaugural ceremony at Aggarwal College Ballabgarh under the able guidance of Sh.Devender Kumar Gupta, President (Governing Body, Aggarwal College Ballabgarh), General Secretary Sh. Dinesh Gupta and Acting Principal Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta. Participants from a total of 40 colleges participated in 43 competitions spanning three days. The event, which celebrates the artistic and cultural talents of the youth, was graced by the presence of distinguished guests. On the first day more than 400 participants from 33 colleges participated. Professor Rajbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, was the Chief Guest and Dr Sharanjeet Kaur Chairperson Rehabilitation Council of India was the Guest of Honour. Professor Randeep Rana, Dean of Students' Welfare, was also the Guest of Honor of morning session. In the evening session, Sh. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Sr. Advocate, Faridabad was the Chief Guest and Dr. Jagbir Rathee, Former Director, Youth Welfare, M.D.U Rohtak and Sh. Mahender Goel, Sr. Member, AVPS were the guest of honour.

Dr. Pratap Rathee, Director, Youth Welfare, M.D.U Rohtak also graced the occasion.

The inaugural ceremony was marked by a vibrant and electrifying display of cultural performances. Students from various colleges showcased their talent in a wide range of events, including Group Dance (General), Classical Dance, Singing, Geet/Gazal/Bhajan/Folk song, Hindi Poem Recitation, English Poem Recitation, Quiz, On the Spot Painting, Clay Modeling, Sanskrit Declamation, Sanskrit Shloka Ucharan, Haryanvi Skit, Mime, Sanskrit Play, Classical Music, and Cartooning. Winners were fecilitated with attractive prizes.

In his address, Professor Rajbir Singh, the Chief Guest, praised the participants for their exceptional talents and encouraged them to continue pursuing their passions. He emphasized the importance of maintaining a balance between academic excellence and extracurricular activities, stating that such events provide a platform for students to showcase their multifaceted abilities. Dr Sharanjeet Kaur emphasised on inculcating moral values among students. She also laid stress on providing equal opportunity for specially able children in all fields.

Professor Randeep Rana, the Guest of Honor, highlighted the significance of these festivals in nurturing the holistic development of students. He applauded the organizers for their efforts in bringing together talented individuals from across the region and fostering a spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition.

Sh. Ashok Kumar Mittal commended the College for organizing such an enriching event that provided a platform for the youth to showcase their talents and skills. His words of encouragement resonated with the participants, inspiring them to reach new heights in their pursuits.

Dr. Rathee's presence symbolized the importance of youth development and empowerment. He said that such kind of events are necessary for holistic and overall development of a student. Sh. Mahender Goel applauded the College for organizing such a grand and perfect programme.

Sh. Devender Gupta said that the NEP 2020 calls for a transformative approach to education, one that promotes inclusive and holistic development. At Aggarwal College, we have embraced this vision and are working tirelessly to incorporate its tenets into every aspect of our institution.

Principal of the College and Convenor of event Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta highlighted that Zonal Youth Festival is a testament to our belief that education must go beyond the confines of the classroom. By providing a platform for our students to showcase their talents in diverse fields, we are nurturing their creativity, critical thinking, and interpersonal skills. Dr. Supriya Dhanda, Org. Secretary of the event managed the whole event very well.

The inaugural day of the Zonal Youth Festival at Aggarwal College Ballabgarh set the stage for three days of captivating performances, engaging competitions like Qawali, Orchestra, Rangoli and other invaluable learning experiences. As the event unfolds, the community eagerly anticipates the unfolding of new talents and the celebration of the vibrant cultural diversity of the region.