

REPORT BOOK FAIR

P.G.D.A.V. College Library organized two days Book Fair from 2nd -3rd March 2022. The occasion was graced by the two distinguished personalities of the University of Delhi. Chief Guest **Prof. K. P.Singh** is a distinguished educationist, eminent librarian, teacher, teacher activist, academic administrator, and erudite orator. Currently, he is working as a Professor of Library and Information Science , University of Delhi.

Guest of Honour, **Prof. A.K. Bhagi** is a renowned face and popular teacher activist, Former EC Member and President NDTF. He is also President DUTA and at present Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi. He has several books and research papers to his credit.

Honorable Principal, Prof. Krishna Sharma and esteemed guests inaugurated the book fair and shared their words of wisdom on the *Importance of books and their significance in our lives*. **Librarian, Garima Gaur Srivastava** gladly welcomed all the Guests. She gave an overview of the theme of Book Fair and the recent initiatives taken by the college library to combat the COVID crisis. The program began with the tradition of Lamp lighting and floral offering to **Goddess Saraswati** and **Dr. S.R. Ranganathan (the Father of Library Science in India)**.

Prof. Krishna Sharma shared her idea of the book fair. She emphasized the importance of books in our lives and need for promoting reading habits among students. She said that books illuminates our imagination and acts as a doorway of connecting us with world around us.

Prof. A.K. Bhagi highlighted the benefits of reading books. He appreciated the blended mode of teaching and learning. He said **Books are indispensable** and print media can't be replaced with electronic, rather both support each other. E-content and application of ICT enhances the reading and learning capabilities and expands mode of delivery of information and knowledge.

Prof. K.P.Singh stimulated our thoughts with the theory of survival of the fittest in the academic world at times of COVID pandemic. According to him if we adapt to our adaptations then only teaching and learning can be smoothly conducted. He asserted the need for digital literacy and said that **Application of Knowledge is Power**.

Dr. Avanijesh Awasthi, convener Library Committee drew attention towards lack of reading habits among teachers and students. He suggested ways to inculcate reading habits in children at a very early age. The program concluded with vote of thanks to both the guests for their gracious presence.