## **DEEPAKALI 2020**

## REPORT

Deepakali is one of the distinctive features of Shrimati Binzani Mahila Mahavidyalaya. In the Session 2019-20 the responsibility of 'Deepakali' was assigned to me. Every year its new issue is launched on the Foundation day of the college i.e. 16<sup>th</sup> July. However, the impasse created by pandemic resulted in the situation of extreme uncertainties which brought the world to a standstill condition. Resultantly the entire process of finalization and publication of the issue got delayed and finally it was unveiled in the Publication Ceremony held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The impediment caused due to epidemic though was disheartening, the institution decided to convert it into an opportunity for implementing a green initiative. Hence, this year it is released in the form of e-book and henceforth the rendezvous of readers with Deepakali will be in its digital form.

The panorama of the articles in this issue includes subjects ranging from Education to politics, economics to science and environment to spirituality. The year 2019-20 was the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi, 100<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary Year of Lokmanya Tilak and 100<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary year of Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe. The articles dedicated to these legendary figures are included in this issue. In addition to these, articles to offer tribute to veteran actor Shriram Lagoo, playwright, actor and director Girish Karnaad, renowned Music Director Khaiyaam, former Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj, former Minister of Corporate Affairs of India, Shri. Arun Jaitley, former Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Social activist Raja Dhale and former Chief Election Commissioner T.N. Sheshan are also contributed by the students.

The cover page of this issue depicts Deepakali as 'Shabdyaan' - a spacecraft in Galaxy quest. The propellant for getting this Shabdyaan in the Universe of Expressions consists of ideas, emotions, thoughts, feelings and ideas of the budding writers, poets and litterateur. On the back page, the college salutes COVID 19 valiant warriors who have been relentlessly working for the safety of others.

I hereby accord my sincere thanks to Dr. L. Gajbhiye, former Officiating Principal, Smt. Deepashri Patil, Officiating Principal and Dr. S. Marathe, Vice-Principal who entrusted this responsibility to me. I thank Dr. Veena Ganu

Madam from the depth of my heart for accepting our request to judge Deepakali. Her insight, sincerity and commitment towards the task of literary evaluation was noteworthy. My heartfelt thanks to Dr. D. Shambharkar, Co-Editor for his assistance from time to time. I thank Supervisor A. Barge and my collegues Dr. G. Tajne, Mrs. R. Vyas, Dr. A. Gupta, Dr. Vairagade, Dr. R. Gajghate, Mrs. K. Rajandekar, Dr. S. Mule, Dr.V. Nichkawade, Mrs. S. Panurkar, Dr. Kosare and Dr. Bothra for extending their kind help. The students who contributed in the magazine and members of Editorial Board deserve thanks and appreciation.

Total expenditure (2019-20)

: 20,060/-

Last year's expenditure (2018-19)

: 35,000/-

The expenditure reduced because the issue was published in the digital format of e-book. Hence it was suggested that the same practice be continued henceforth.

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