

## HOPE 2021 & ACADEMIC ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION – MAY 2021

The Annual academic prize distribution along with the cultural fest **HOPE** of all self-financed courses of Lala Lajpatrai College of Commerce & Economics was held online on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 via Zoom Platform keeping in mind the pandemic protocols. It was first of its kind where the entire event of academic prize distribution and non-academic events as well as its prize distributions was organized online using a virtual platform. The event of academic prize distribution was graced by the chief guest **Ms. Shweta Shalini – Young Indian Entrepreneur Social Activist & BJP spokesperson**. Not only that, there were more than 15 teaching staff members and 200 students who witnessed the program. The program was also telecast live on YouTube, which has around 1000 plus views till date.

The program began at sharp 10:00 am with the National Anthem played online. The whole program was very well compered by the very young faculty member of SFC department; Ms. Delaveen Tarapore. The first half of the program had all Non-Academic events – cultural events popularly known as HOPE. The event began with **singing competition** followed by **dance competition, playing of instruments** and in between every event **some notable performances of students** were played online in the form of the fillers.

In singing competition there were total 11 participants across all streams. Their pre-recorded performances were played as the event was completely online. Followed by singing there were special performances and 3 such performances were played before the beginning of the dance competition.

There were around 9 participants who participated in dance competition from all stream taken together. Even in dance competition; there were pre-recorded dances of these students which were played as a part of their participation. Followed by the dance competition again there were 2 special performances played. The Non-academic cultural event HOPE ended with the last competition **Playing Instrument**. There were 5 participants in Playing Instruments.

The cultural program was ended with **paying tribute to the departed souls** who were part of Lala Lajpatrai family.

The second half of the program was Annual Prize distribution ceremony. Every year The Annual Prize Distribution ceremony is always an occasion to celebrate the achievements of Lalait who have attained excellence in academic and co-curricular spheres through dedicated hard work and perseverance. Felicitating the achievers not only serves the purpose of motivating them to surpass their own performance but also encourages their

peers to attain similar heights. The college has grown exponentially and so has all self-financed courses of Lala College.

The formal program began with a small video of all students who contributed to the society during this pandemic time in the form of social service.

**Dr. Neelam Arora, Principal of Lala Lajpatrai College** gave her opening remarks where she praised the students and the staff members for showcasing their hard work to make the program possible online and make it a grand success. She also shared her experience of how demotivating it is for her to see the empty staff rooms and class rooms of the college which once used to be full of the presence and cheers of the students and the staff members. But as she rightly mentioned that there is always a HOPE at the end of every tunnel; there is surely a hope that this too shall pass.

**Ms. Shweta Shalini – Young Indian Entrepreneur Social Activist & BJP spokesperson;** the Chief Guest of the program also gave a very motivational speech. She shared her own experience as how she turned a successful entrepreneur inspite of coming from a non-entrepreneurial background. Madam also shared her views about her initiatives for women upliftment and women empowerment and she also gave five key points for students to carry forward with them in their lives to make their careers successful.

**Dr. Arun Poojari Vice Principal of SFC courses** in his speech mentioned about how human lives and education system having been affected due to COVID. He also mentioned that there have been now new challenges in education field due to COVID and despite these challenges there is a positive response by the Higher Education and how this adversity has taught us to face the challenges in higher education including admission process, online lectures and various other activities. Dr. Arun also applauded the contribution of all faculties for their overall performance through out the year, support from the principal Dr. Neelam Arora, students and non-teaching staff.

After the speech from the stalwarts, each self-financed department coordinator presented their annual report. This is the yearly report on various activities of every department. A brief of each activity was given by each department coordinator in their presentation.

It is undeniably true that success does not happen by chance, nor does it occur overnight. The winners of the various special awards proved that they were a cut above the rest in the focused pursuit of their goals. The Annual Prize Distribution program of the college winners from following 6 different categories.

The proud achievers under the first category i.e. Non-Academic category included

- Student of the Year
- Best Girl

- Best Boy
- Best organizer
- And TWO special categories as decided by each department coordinator.

In the Second category, student participants of various committees such as Placement committee, DLLE, NSS, Punjabi Association, Marathi Association and the fest in charge of each department were felicitated.

And last but not least, various Academic achievers i.e. student toppers from each semester were felicitated.

The program was ended with a formal vote proposed by Prof. Miloni Shah from BMS department.



