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## SARASWATI PUJA: EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF LEARNING

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 **Location:** Department of Statistics, University of Delhi, Delhi

### Introduction

On 14<sup>th</sup> February, Saraswati Puja was organised with immense fervour and devotion by Udaan -The Socio-Cultural Cell, Department of Statistics, University of Delhi on the occasion of Vasant Panchami. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members, all coming together to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, who is revered as the deity of knowledge, wisdom, and creativity.

### Shlok and Lighting of the Lamp

The Saraswati Puja began with a scholar chanting a shlok (Verse) to invoke the blessings of Goddess Saraswati and create a sacred atmosphere, followed by welcome speech. The respected faculty members of the Department of Statistics then lit the lamp, symbolizing the arrival of divine light and the dispelling of darkness.

#### Importance of Vasant Panchami and Arti

The significance of Vasant Panchami was further explained to the students, with emphasis on the importance of knowledge, wisdom, and learning in one's life. The speaker also highlighted the role of Goddess Saraswati as the provider of intellect and creativity.

After that, all the teachers and students took part in the 'Arti' to receive the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, followed by the 'Words of wisdom' and encouragement from the teachers. The air was filled with the aroma of flowers and incense, and the atmosphere was charged with positivity and spiritual energy. The enchanting chants of mantras and the melodious sound of the hymns added to the divinity of the occasion.

### Vote of Thanks and Kite Flying

After seeking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati and receiving guidance from the esteemed teachers, the puja ceremony was concluded with a formal vote of thanks and the distribution of 'Prasad' - a religious offering that symbolizes the blessings of the divine.

The day was made even more memorable with a delightful kite-flying event that took place at the Faculty of Mathematical Sciences compound. The colourful kites soaring high in the sky added to the festive atmosphere and brought joy to the hearts of everyone present.









