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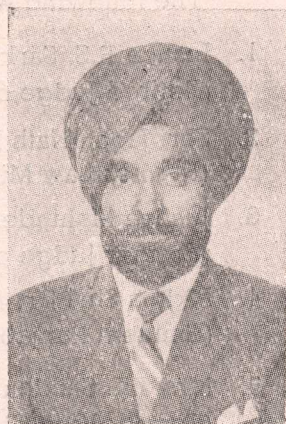
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Our New Patron

Dr. Ujagar Singh Banga



Born on 6th June, 1936, Dr. Ujagar Singh Banga is a debonair, dynamic and dedicated educational administrator of Punjab. He is a known figure in the world of sports besides being the senior most Principal in the Government Colleges of the state.

As a young sportsman, he was Secretary of the All-India Inter University Champion team for 1958. He attended the first International Coaching Course held in Bombay in 1968 and captained the DFA team which toured Pakistan in 1960.

He did his post-graduation in Physical Education and History and attended the first NIS course way back in 1961. His Ph.D. thesis, 'The Impact of Teacher Training Programme on Personality, Fitness, Adjustment and Motivity of the Student Teachers', is recognised as a valuable document by scholars and educationists.

Before taking over as Principal of this premier institution of the state, he served as Principal, Govt. College of Physical Education, Patiala, Govt.

College, Sunam, Govt. Ranbir College, Sangrur, and Govt. College of Education, Patiala.

He has guided M. Phil scholars and two Ph.D. scholars are currently working under his guidance.

Directory of Old Mahendrians

The Association proposes to bring out a Directory of Old Mahendrians (Life Patrons/Life Members only). Please send a passport size (black and white) photograph on glossy paper alongwith your bio-data to the Secretary, OSA, at the earliest.

Information regarding Distinguished Mahendrians

If you know an old Mahendrian who has distinguished himself in any walk of life and deserves recognition, please send this information to the secretariat immediately.

Request for becoming Life Members

Old Mahendrians whose three-year term of membership is about to expire are requested to renew their membership by becoming life members.

The Story of Mahendra College

The Story of Mahendra College, narrated by Prof. S.C. Sharma, is now ready in the form of a video cassette.

Congratulations

Prof. Mohinder Singh Salh, Secretary, OSA, has been recently nominated to the College Development Council, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Prof. R.C. Verma, a member of the Executive Committee, OSA, has taken over as Principal, Govt. College, Nabha.

A meeting of the General Body of the Association will be held on 22nd May, '88 (Sunday) at 10-30 a.m. in the College Hall. Please make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Release of Postal Stamp



A grand and gorgeous function was jointly organised by the Old Students' Association and Government Mahendra College, Patiala, on 14th March, 1988 at the college campus to mark the release of the Commemorative Postal Stamp on the college. His Excellency Shri S.S. Ray, Governor, Punjab, accompanied by Mrs. Maya Ray, graced the occasion. As a happy departure from the convention, the chief guest asked Dr. Partap Singh, the oldest living Mahendrian present in the audience, to release the historic stamp. This was a fine gesture of appreciation of the work done by the association in this regard.

Dr. U. S. Banga, Principal of the college, accorded a hearty welcome to the chief guest and other dignitaries and apprised them of the achievements of the college.

Dr. Bhagat Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala, Brig. Sukhdev Singh, President OSA, and Mr. Angurala, PMG, Patiala Region, also spoke on this occasion.

Six retired Principals of Mahendra College of the last thirty years were honoured at the function. Dr. G.L. Bakhshi (1958-62), Dr. Bhagat Singh (1967-72), Prof. Gursewak Singh (1972-76 & 1977-80), Prof. Umrao Singh (1976-77), Prof. Harbakhsh Singh (1980-82), and Dr. Jogindar Singh (1982-87) received mementoes from Shri S.S. Ray.

Prof. M.S. Salh, Secretary, OSA, read out a brief report of the activities of the Association since the last meeting of the Association on 30th March, 1987 and introduced the distinguished Old Mahendrians to the audience.

Mrs. Maya Ray gave away the mementoes to the following distinguished Mahendrians.

1. Justice Jitendra Vir Gupta
(Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court).
2. S. Charanjit Singh Walia
(Member of Parliament).
3. Prof. Harnek Singh
(International Player of Volleyball).
4. Prof. Guranditta Singh Brar
(International Athlete).
5. Shri Ram Sarup Anakhi
(Recipient of Indian Sahitya Academy award).

The following were honoured in absentia.

1. Justice R.S. Sarkaria
(Retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India).
2. Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal
(Former Law Minister of India and Governor).
3. Justice Mohinder Singh Joshi
(Former Judge of the Delhi High Court).
4. Padma Shri Dr. Attar Singh
(Eminent Punjabi Writer).
5. Mrs. I.K. Sandhu
(Former Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University)
6. Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu
(Cricket Star of India).
7. S. Surinderpal Singh Mann
(Member, PPSC and former Admn. Member, PSEB).

Mrs. Maya Ray also released a Souvenir edited by Prof. S.C. Sharma, Joint Secretary, OSA.

Dr. S.M. Verma read out a brief history of the college.

Prof. Pritpal Singh compered the programme.

Prof. B.C. Verma proposed a vote of thanks to the chief guest and other dignitaries who had graced the occasion.

The function was followed by a sumptuous lunch arranged by Prof. Parminder Singh Sidhu and his team. Shri S.K. Ahluwalia, P.C.S., S. Amarjit Singh, DETC, S. Inderjit Singh Chahal, ETO, Prof. M.S. Salh, Prof. S.R. Sahni Dr. D.P. Mittal, and Prof. G.S. Walia collected funds for the function.