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DUMADS REVIVED 'N CAMPUS

The Delhi University Music Arts and Drama Society DUMADS, the only cultural organisation of its kind in North India, was revived today after a "gap" of 8 years.

Founded in 1959, DUMADS dominated the cultural scene on the campus for almost a decade and a half. Several prominent names have been associated with the society in past : Amitabh Bachchan, Kulthushan Kharbade, Ravi Baswari, Frank Thakurdas, Margaret Chatterji, T.R. Subramaniam, Rochan Seth, Dr. Chadbourne Gilpatrick, Rati Bartholomew, Dinesh Thakur, and Thirtiman Chatterji the hero of "36 Chowringhee Lane"....

Following an appeal by some "elder" teachers, AC elected member Mr. Sydney Rebeiro took up the cause of the revival of DUMADS.

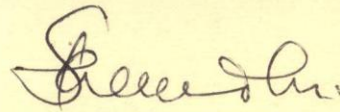
After discussions with the Vice-Chancellor, a steering committee was appointed with renowned poetess and music critic Professor Margaret Chatterji as Chairperson; members included Debu Chaudhuri, Sydney Rebeiro, accomplished pianist Dr. Iris Paintal, folk arts exponent Durgadas Mukhopadhyay, Lola Chatterji, IPTA director Aziz Qureshi and the then Dean Ms S. Mitatkar.

The initiative of Mr. Sydney Rebeiro was responded to by the V.C. and the South Delhi Campus Director Professor Abed Ahmed and Programme and Working Committees have been formed with teachers and students drawn from 29 institutions of the university.

Presiding over the revival function, at which the well-known satire in Hindustani "Ghor Ke Ghar Wbr" was staged, V.C. Professor Gurbakhsh Singh lauded the effort and asked the University community to work for creative things.

Welcoming the guests, DUMADS Chairperson and world famous sitarist Debu Chaudhuri said the purpose is to create a "climate of culture" on the campus. He added that DUMADS will function from 4 zones in Delhi; North, South, East and West.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms Deepthi Tachary Bhalla on behalf of the students and function convener Ms Ranjana Srivastava on behalf of teachers.


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