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***MCD INCREASED NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS ON THE OCCASION OF
BAL DIVAS***

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today announced on the occasion of Bal Divas that the number and amount of Scholarships being awarded to meritorious students studying in Municipal Primary Schools is being increased. She said that at present the meritorious students studying in Class IV are being given Rs. 400/-, which is now being increased to Rs. 500/-. Similarly, meritorious studying in Class V are being paid Rs. 500/-, which is now being increased to Rs. 700/-. The numbers of students being paid the scholarships at present are 15,000, which is now being increased to 21,000.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi today organized a glittering function on the occasion at Ambedkar Stadium, Delhi Gate. Smt. Shiela Dikshit, Chief Minister of Delhi Government was the Chief Guest. Dr. Harshvardhan, former Health Minister of Delhi Government, Mr. Subhash Arya, Leader of House, Mr. Vijender Gupta, Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Prithvi Raj Sawhney, Chairman, Education Committee and Mr. Ashok Kumar Nigam, Municipal Commissioner were present at this function. Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi former Union Minister could not participate in this function and Dr. Harshvardhan read his message.

The Chief Minister speaking on this occasion said that the cultural programmes presented by students of Municipal Primary Schools are the best amongst the Country. Thousands of students presented delectable programmes with utmost coordination and discipline. She said that if we could think of heaven than we will have to think of these children. He called upon the children to enjoy music and dance alongwith their studies which will help their alround personality development.

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Nearly 5,000 students studying in Municipal Primary Schools dressed in colourful attires presented attractive cultural programmes of folk dances, PT drill, Aerobics and physical exercises. Six hundred children presented Aerobic drill, 650 children presented Mulkham, whereas 600 children presented programmes of folk dances. More than 20,000 children studying in Municipal Primary School were present at this function as spectators.

Dr. Harshvardhan, former Health Minister of Delhi Government, on this occasion said that honesty is the best policy to achieve utmost happiness and bliss. All children must observe honesty from the beginning of their childhood. Every child shall atleast do one pious work daily to wipe of tears from the eyes of atleast one humanbeing. He said that UNICEF has also observed that teachers and students of MCD presented remarkable cooperation in Polio drive which will be written in golden letters in the history of mankind.

Mr. Prithvi Raj Sawhney, Chairman, Education Committee complained that Delhi Government is ignoring the pact with MCD by imparting education to children upto Class V in its Sarvodaya Schools. Under this pact , MCD handed over 1500 Secondary and 500 Middle Schools to Delhi Government. It was obligatory function of MCD to provide Primary Education to children and as such it is to be left to MCD. But Delhi Government has not kept its promise. He said that now Delhi Government shall not open new Sarvodaya Schools where Primary Education is to be imparted.

Mayor of Delhi announced that all Municipal Primary Schools will remain closed tomorrow i.e. 15th November since students and teachers were preparing for programmes to be presented today for the last many days and they need rest.
