SIGNIFICANCE

In 1965, Prof. A. Dasgupta, with his vision felt that India was ready for management education and laid the foundation of the nation's first Business School and The Faculty of Management Studies at The University of Delhi came into being. This institution has not only traversed a long and illustrious path, but has churned out since its inception, a rich legacy of organizational leaders and business practitioners, who have excelled in their careers besides impacting society world over, thus fulfilling the Founder's dream.

The Founder's Day being instituted on the 15th of December 2019 under the guidance of Dean Prof. Sunita Singh Sengupta, is a grateful institution's homage to this man and a celebration of his remarkable efforts. It is envisaged as the setting up of a tradition, to be commemorated every year from hereon. It is conceived as an event, which will bring together all stakeholders, inspired in remembrance of the Founder and to remind themselves of their commitment to continue their efforts to continuously raise the academic and intellectual stature of FMS.

Date: 15th December 2019
Time: 2:00 PM
Venue: Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

The inaugural FMS Founder's Day is going to be organized at one of the marquee venues of the capital, Vigyan Bhavan. The following 5 events will add up to the magnificence of this event:

1. Prof. Dasgupta Memorial Lecture Series by Shri Gurcharan Das

Shri Gurcharan Das, the author of bestsellers like *India Unbound & The Difficulty of being Good* and the former Managing Director of Procter and Gamble (Worldwide) will launch the Prof. Dasgupta Memorial Lecture series this year. This series will continue every year on FMS Founder's Day with an eminent speaker gracing the occasion every year.

2. Panel Discussion

This discussion will be graced by thought leaders from different domains, curated by a well-renowned media anchor. The confirmed panellists are:
a) **Padma Shri Kiran Karnik**, who is currently Director in RBI Central Board of Directors, former President of NASSCOM and former MD & CEO of Discovery Networks.

b) **Ambassador Pavan Varma**, National Spokesperson and General Secretary of Janata Dal, former Press Secretary for President of India and former Spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs.

c) **Shri Sanjaya Baru**, former Media Advisor, and Chief Spokesperson of PMO, former Secretary-General, FICCI and former Chief Editor of leading newspapers like Business Standard and Financial Express. The details of the other panelists will be shared soon.

3. **Keynote speech by Cabinet Minister**

The stature of the event reaches its crescendo when in the evening, a Union Cabinet Minister will deliver his keynote address on the state of the nation. This speech will revolve around the theme: **The India Story - Glitter or Gloom.**

4. **State of the Union Debate**

For the first time in the history of FMS, the top 5 B-Schools of this country will share the stage in a battle of wits and words. **IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, and IIM Lucknow** will complete with **FMS Delhi** in the first-of-its-kind State of the Union Debate.

5. **Rewards & Recognition**

The legacy of the Red Building of Dreams is built on the synergy created by the contribution of the faculty members, alumni, and students. This FMS Founder’s Day, we’ll be recognizing & rewarding these efforts by presenting three distinct awards:

a) For the first time ever, a **Lifetime Achievement Award** will be presented to one of the esteemed faculty members for their invaluable contribution to this college.

b) The **Alumni Social Contribution Award** will be presented to a notable alumnus for their role in spreading the name of FMS throughout the world.

c) The **Student Leadership Awards** will be presented to the Winner of FMSSLA 2019-20.