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Name of the Event: 50 YEARS OF EMERGENCY: LESSONS IN DEMOCRACY

Organised by: UDAAN: THE MOTIVATIONAL SOCIETY

Date of the Event: 23rd September, 2025

Duration/Event Timing: 12:40 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.

Venue of the Event: Library Auditorium, Hansraj College

Name of Coordinator: Adarsh Singh (President) and Himanshi Sangwan (Vice President)

Name of Convener: Dr. Vikash Singh

Description:

UDAAN– The Motivational Society of Hansraj College, University of Delhi organized its podcast at the Library Auditorium. **Themed around 50 YEARS OF EMERGENCY: LESSONS IN DEMOCRACY**, the keynote speaker for the session was Shri Shehzad Poonawalla.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and an introduction to our guest, highlighting his journey and contributions to the society. This was followed by the lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. To honor his presence and invaluable wisdom, a felicitation ceremony was held, **Shri Shehzad Poonawalla was presented with a token of appreciation.**

The year 2025 marks fifty years since the proclamation of the Emergency in India (25th June 1975–21st March 1977), a period widely regarded as a **turning point in the history of Indian democracy**. The theme of the session, Licensing Democracy, aimed to revisit this chapter and draw meaningful lessons for the present and future generations.

The podcast session was led by Shri Shehzad Poonawalla, the national spokesperson, BJP. He also leads the IT & Social media department of BJP Delhi, a lawyer and a civil right activist. Speaking on the theme “ 50 YEARS OF EMERGENCY: LESSONS IN DEMOCRACY”, Shri Poonawalla reflected on the Emergency as a time when civil

liberties were suspended, the press was censored, and fundamental rights such as Article 21 (Right to Liberty) were curtailed.

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Mr. Poonawalla emphasized that the Emergency was a **critical juncture in India's democratic history, civil rights and constitutional values**. He drew attention to the courage of leaders, activists, and ordinary citizens who collectively resisted authoritarian tendencies and safeguarded democracy. He also emphasized that Democracy weakens when entitlement or authoritarian tendencies prevail in any country. **He quoted "An informed, aware, diligent citizen is the true saviour of the constitution"**. He cited that freedom is not permanent but must be continuously preserved through awareness and active participation. The speaker also associated the situation of the Emergency to today's youth, especially Gen Z, stressing that democracy requires constant accountability, awareness, and participation.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where students raised questions on **media responsibility, electoral trust, and constitutional accountability**. Shri Poonawalla cited that history must be remembered not only as a record of past struggles but as a guide for future resilience.

As the event came to a close, **President Adarsh Singh delivered a heartfelt thank-you address, expressing his gratitude for Shri Shehzaad Poonawalla for his valuable time and the inspiration**. The session concluded with a group photograph & a standing ovation, a true testament to the profound words had on everyone present. This session was not just a podcast-it was an experience, an emotion, and a journey through the history of emergency.

Five Geo-tagged Pictures:



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