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'**MODI@DU Colours of Centenary Celebrations**' is an excellent, contentful, informative and aesthetically produced book penned and assembled by Prof. KP Singh. Prof Singh affectionately addressed as KP by friends and admirers is a Professor in the Department of Library & Information Science, DU. His potentials and capabilities are recognised by DU authorities and therefore he is trusted by them for multiple additional responsibilities: Directorship of Gandhi Foundation - he has just been awarded the second term, Provost of PG Men Hostel, Membership on many GBs, VC's representative on selection committees, etc. KP Singh discharges all these responsibilities with easy conviviality and efficiency.

Modi@DU graphically traces the glorious hundred years history of DU from 1922 onwards. How in 1922 with only 3 Colleges (St. Stephen's, Hindu, Ramjas), 750 students, 2 DU faculty (co-operative teaching was encouraged from colleges), 2 Academic Faculties (Science & Arts) with only 8 Departments, 1380 'gifted books' for its library journey of DU to its present status of Institution of Eminence (IoE). In its Centenary Year Delhi University has 90 Colleges, 16 Faculties, 82 Departments, 30 Centres, 6lakh+ students, thousands of Researchers, and a strong & modern library system. DU alumni are established world & national leaders in multiple fields: higher education, upper echelons of administration, higher judiciary, political administration, diplomacy, art and culture, science and technology, sports, business, commerce & management. You shall discover signature footsteps of DU in all parts of the world.

My friend Prof.KP Singh has competently covered all these aspects in a wide and pictorial canvas in his excellent book: Modi@DU. Congratulations KP!

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Prof.KP Singh has mastered the art and science and technology of documentation. This reflects in his book. Documentation, in modern times, is not confined to notes from old files. Documentation now includes social media posts, clips from electronic media, opinions from print media, sms and other messaging techniques. KP Singh has expertly used multimedia documents to compile his book. This makes his book vibrant and bubbly - easy reading. Inclusion of opinions of other stakeholders through multimedia modes makes the book really a document conveying public opinion.

Modi@DU is chapterised into sections: University of Delhi - a magnificent journey of hundred years, Preparedness for making the historic event, digital and print foot prints of pre closing ceremony, valedictory ceremony - PM's address, voice of people on social media, digital and print footprints of closing ceremony, chronology of centenary celebrations. (7 Chapters with hundreds if photos in each chapter.)

In this book PM Modi dominates and shines from each page: his mesmerising personality, his multiple achievements, his instant connect with his audience, his convivial mixing with all states - from intellectuals to rural folks, from established industrialists to small time businessman, with rural women.... His connect with younger generation is phenomenal. Younger people see future in him, what he is doing and saying, his promises. This was eminently reflected in his visit to DU on 30th June 2023 when he visited DU on the valedictory of Centenary Celebrations. The University community erupted with joy. PM Modi is one of the greatest communicator world gases produced.

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