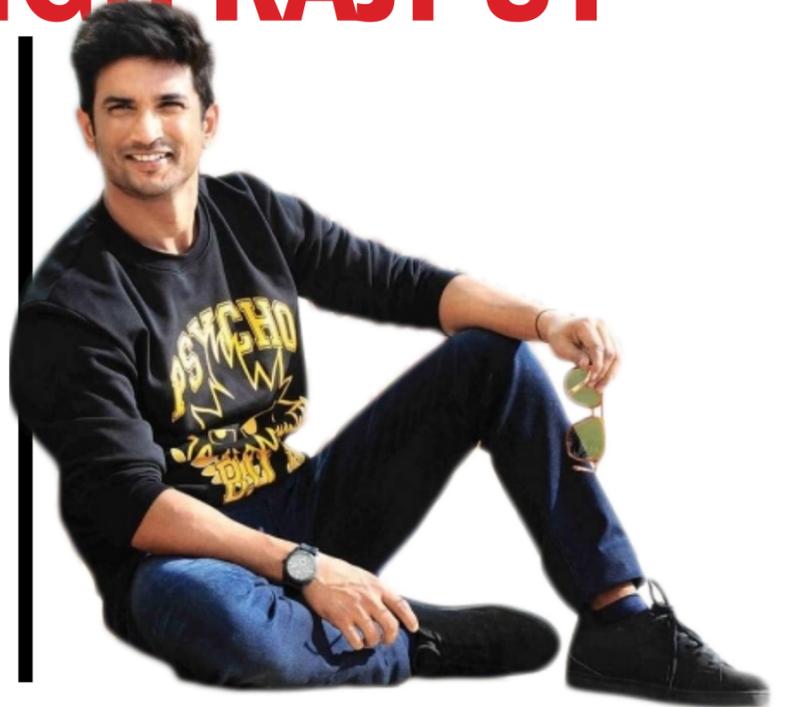


DAV CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT

Around the afternoon of 14 June 2020, when the whole India was engaged in its “live with Covid-19” lifestyle mixed of anxiety, fear and strength, a news flashed up on mobile screens that “Famous Indian Actor Sushant Singh Rajput Commits Suicide”. For the first few minutes, everyone denied it and thought that it has some typographic error mixed with the tragic news of suicide committed by his Ex-Manager, Disha Salian, four days back. But as everyone started going deeper on phone or television, the reality hit hard and the facts changed forever that we all lost our Sushant.



The common bond that we all have with Sushant is that we all are a part of DAV fraternity. As promoted by Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji, DAV follows the blend of Vedic knowledge and Modern-day science, where most of us believe that soul never dies; it was and it will always remain there. When the whole nation is mourning the death of Sushant Singh Rajput, we at DAV, will like to celebrate his life and share our pride that he was an alumnus of a DAV institute — Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Delhi — during his crucial academic phase of life in 2004-05. We all have the fond memories of 10 August 2016 when two celebrated Indians and DAVians, M.S. Dhoni and Sushant Singh Rajput, visited their alma mater DAV. The occasion was the Trailer Launch of the famous biopic tilted *M.S. Dhoni—The Untold Story*, in which Sushant played the lead role of M.S. Dhoni. Although readers can watch the whole video of their visit embedded in this Article, however, it is distinct to mention that for Sushant, the Trailer Launch of this film was one of the biggest moments of his life as it was held in his school and in front of his fellow students, only on the insistence of both the celebrities as they wanted to

celebrate this historical moment from where their journey started. We distinctly remember that Sushant sat leisurely at the stage watching the trailer with moist eyes and in his inspiring message, he told the students that it is very important to enjoy the school time as these days never come back once passed. During the occasion, DAVCMC President Shri Punam Suri shared his joy in his words where he mentioned that he felt like the father-bird whose children, who were flying high in the sky, had come to meet their father that day. He felicitated the two DAVians for bringing pride to the organisation. Sushant, who chose to say goodbye to us at the age of 34, has left us with many unresolved questions which will take their own time to unfold the mystery behind his choice, but it will never stop us from celebrating what he accomplished because there are very rare examples where a 15-year boy, after doing



“ The death of young actor Sushant Singh Rajput has come as a shock reverberating through society including the DAV fraternity. He was one of our distinguished alumnus who made us proud with his several accomplished performances under his belt from *Kai Po Che* to *Detective Byomkesh Bakshy*. It is a matter of profound sorrow that a talent extinguished too soon. I pray to the Almighty to give strength to the bereaved family to overcome this irreparable loss and give peace to the departed soul! ”

- Punam Suri, President, DAV College Managing Committee



Video 1 

Video 2 

Video 3 



well in studies from Bihar, joins a reputed school in Delhi in Class-XI and then cracks one of the toughest exams of the Delhi College of Engineering and achieves All India 7th Rank. Suddenly, the mind and path change and he gets trained under Shaimak Davar, Barry John, and in his Final year of engineering, he turns down a scholarship offer from Stanford to follow his heart and later, becomes an actor and thus, proves that for him nothing was unachievable. He rose to become a celebrated actor with 15 Bollywood films and almost every big Indian Acting Award under his belt. He surely made DAV proud and his life is worth always celebrating! ■



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