

Remembering Danish Siddiqui: Virtual Memorial Organized by Media Departments of Loyola College *An Online memorial meet organized by the Department of Visual Communication, DDU Kaushal Kendra & LIVE, Loyola College Chennai.*



The Department of Visual Communication, DDU Kaushal Kendra & Loyola Institute of Vocational Education (LIVE) together organized an online memorial meet for Danish Siddiqui, one of India's finest photojournalists and a Pulitzer prize-winning photographer, on 07 August 2021.

The event saw renowned journalists & photojournalists who had walked alongside Danish at various stages. The panel included Mr. Aijaz Rahi, Photographer/ Editor, Associated Press, Bangalore, Dr. Farhat Basir Khan, Author, Academician & Visual Communication Strategist, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, Mr. R.K. Radhakrishnan, Associate Editor, Frontline, Chennai and Mr. Arko Datta, Photojournalist, Mumbai.

Annal Prathiba from the Department of Digital Journalism, DDU Kaushal Kendra welcomed the gathering with a fitting tribute to Danish, saying that he cast light unto the darkness through his lens. Organizer of the event Rev. Dr. A. Irudhayaraj, Head, Department of Visual Communication shared his insights on life and works of Danish Siddiqui.

Mr. Aijaz Rahi, expressed his brotherly bond with Danish. Recalling their conversations while covering groundbreaking incidents admired the personality of Danish Siddiqui, daring to live life at its dangerous fringes. He spoke of the passion Danish had for his profession and quoted that his pictures always had a lasting effect, focused on ethical journalism and keen on grooming youth for the society.

Dr. Farhat Basir Khan, who was a teacher of Danish Siddiqui mentioned that Danish didn't belong to one generation or one country, as his achievements are spread across borders that journalists around the world mourned his death and recognized his contributions.

“Danish Siddiqui has put us again in the world map of photojournalism”



Dr. Farhat Basir Khan stressed upon the way Danish perceived things different from others. He affirmed that Danish's death cannot destroy his works, which stand for humanity.

Mr. R K Radhakrishnan, shared his thoughts on how he was deeply fascinated by Danish's photographs. He spoke about the difficulties and discomforts a photojournalist has to endure today. As a senior reporter, he shared loads of experience and guidelines for budding photographers and journalists.

Mr. Arko Datta, upon sharing his thoughts about Danish, spoke on how Indian photojournalism was on the verge of losing its uniqueness until those of Danish's kind retained it. He guided students on what might be needed to make it in the field of photojournalism and ended with a high praise for Danish stating that he was truly a global photojournalist from India who put us back again on the world map of photojournalism.

Jafflin Maria from the Department of Digital Journalism, DDU Kaushal Kendra summed up the event proceedings and thanked all the organisers and participants.