

## **DIVINITY SOCIETY (2018-19)**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The Divinity Society is integral to the dissemination of the ideals which form the foundation of this institution. It imparts the message of humanity, love, truth, honesty and courage among our students and staff. The society organizes various divinity functions such as Shabad and Kirtan Darbars, Seminars and Paper Reading Competitions on life and works of Sikh gurus and comparative religious studies. Every Thursday the diwan sahib is held at 1:00 p.m. at the college gurdwara sahib. The student members of divinity society perform paath followed by Kirtan for an hour. Kirtan and tabla classes are also held by Music department for divinity society students on Thursdays. Mata Sundri Simrati Diwas (Founder's Day of the college) is celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> March of every year. These activities are aimed at inculcating ethical and spiritual values among students and giving them a feeling of universal brotherhood.

Besides these events, the society also conducts the annual event "Bani-Kirtan and Declamation Competition" in which students from across schools and colleges participate. This year **43<sup>rd</sup> Bani, Declamation and Kirtan Competition** was held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. More than 1100 students from various schools and colleges of Delhi-NCR participated in the competitions, making it a grand success. The focus this year was on the teachings and ideology of Sri Guru Nanak Devji, being the 550<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Devji.

The Divinity Society organized an **Essay Competition** on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 on '**Bhai Ghanaiya ji**', to commemorate Bhai Ghanaiya Divas with an objective to acquaint students with his life and his contributory role in Sikh history for selfless service to humanity. As part of this initiative, a **First Aid Workshop 'How to Handle Emergencies'** was also conducted for students by Mr. Ojas Singh Walia, Assistant Commissioner, Red Cross (Saint John Ambulance) on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

An **Essay Writing Competition** was also organised in association with NSS on the topic **‘Life and Views of Shri Guru Nanak Devji’** on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. Best entries further participated for an Inter-state Essay Writing Competition held during an event on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was organized by an NGO “Bignning” to mark celebration of the 550<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji. From our college, Ms.GurleenKaur (B.El.Ed. II year) won 3<sup>rd</sup> position with cash prize worth Rs. 5000/- for essay writing and Ms. Aashima Gupta (B.El.Ed. I year) won cash prize of Rs.1000/- for slogan writing.

Students and staff members also participated in the Nagar Kirtans organised by Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee, Delhi on the occasion of Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's and Guru Gobind Singh J this year. Gurupurab was celebrated on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the college premises in which Bhai Sardar Inderjeet Singh and Team, Raagi Jathha (Rajouri Garden) performed Kirtan along with the students and staff members. Like every year, **Sri Akhand Path** was started on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and culminated on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 which is celebrated as **Mata Sundri Simrati Diwas**. Celebration of Mata Sundri Simrati Diwas also included Kirtan by students, staff members and Bhai Gurnam Singh and Bhai Deedar Singh of Raagi Jathha (GK II, Pahari Wala Gurudwara) followed by Guru ka Langar for all.

Students of Divinity Society secured various prizes throughout the year in various inter-college events as mentioned below:

- **Essay Writing Competition on Bhai Ghanaiya ji (20.09.2018)** at Mata Sundri College – I position was secured by Ms. Parampreet Kaur (B. Com I year); II position was secured by Ms. Gurpreet Kaur (BA Program III year) secured; III position was secured by Ms. Muskan Tyagi (B.El.Ed II year)
- **Bani Competition (11.10.2018)** at Mata Sundri College – II position team was secured by Ms. Anmol Kaur (BA Program II year) & Ms. Milandeep Kaur, (BA Program III year); III position was secured by Ms. Milandeep Kaur (BA Program III year)

- **Declamation Competition (11.10.2018)** at Mata Sundri College – III position for team prize was secured by Ms. Jasvinder Kaur (B. Com. program III year) & Ms. Ramneek Kaur (B.Com. Hons. III year)
- **Jaap Sahib Bani Kanth Competition (24.01.2019)** at Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce – II position for team prize was secured by Ms. Sanjam Kaur (BA Program III year) & Ms. Gurpreet Kaur (BA Program III year); II prize individually was secured by Ms. Gurpreet Kaur (BA Program III year)
- **Declamation competition (24.01.2019)** at Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce on ‘Life and legacy of Guru Gobind Singhji’ - II position for team prize was secured by Ms. Japneet Kaur (BA Psychology Hons. II year) & Ms. Ramneek Kaur (B.Com Hons. III year); II position individually was secured Ms. Japneet Kaur (BA Psychology Hons. II Year)
- **Paper Reading Competition (19.02.2019)** at Ramanujan College on ‘Sri Guru Nanak Devji’– III position team prize was secured by Ms. Jasvinder Kaur (B.Com Program III year) & Ms. Ramneek Kaur (B.Com Hons. III year).