

DIVINITY SOCIETY (2019-20)

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Ustat, the Divinity Society, seeks to create a community of students, teachers and staff who will take forward the values of the Sikh Gurus in the college and encourage reflections on them. The programmes this year, began with the **Arambh Shri Sehaj Path**, which coincided with the Orientation Day of the present academic session on 20th July, 2019.

Interviews were held to select office bearers of *Ustat* the Divinity Society on 28th August 2019. A students committee was thus formed for collective functioning of the society. The student, faculty and staff members hold **Kirtan** at the college Gurdwara every Thursday, throughout the year. This is done in order to keep alive the tradition of singing Kirtan based on classical ragas.

To commemorate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Divinity society organised an International Conference on the theme “**Guru Nanak Dev ji: Life, Philosophy and Legacy**” on **27th -28th September, 2019**, under the Convenorship of the Principal, Prof. Harpreet Kaur and a Conference organising committee. Several eminent speakers, resource persons, faculty members, research scholars and students participated in the Conference. There were participants from approximately 50 colleges/ Institutions participated in the conference. Shri Hamid Ansari, former vice president of India, was the chief guest at the conference. Notable speakers include Prof. Gurinder Singh Mann (Global Institute of Sikh Studies), Dr. Afroz Ahmed (Ministry of Revenue & Forest, Mumbai), Dr. Jaspal Singh (Member, NCMEI), Prof. Harmohinder Singh Bedi (Central University of HP), S.Tarlochan Singh (Minorities Commission), S. Gurwinder Singh Dhamja (Haryana Punjabi Sahitya Academy) and Prof. Himadri Banerjee (Jadavpur University, Kolkata).

The **44th Bani, Declamation and Kirtan Competition** was held on 5th and 6th November, 2019. Around 1200 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 Dev ji, being the 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji.

The Divinity Society of Mata Sundri College organized a trip from 25-27 November 2019 to the historical **Gurdwara Sri Kartarpur Sahib**. The trip also included visits to historical Gurdwaras at Sultanpur Lodhi and the Golden Temple, Amritsar. A group of 36 people including the Principal, faculty and other staff members from the college visited the shrines and sought divine blessings.

The student, faculty and staff members also participated in the **Nagar Kirtans** on account of Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji, and Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji on 11th November, 2019 and 29th December, 2019 respectively. Nagar Kirtan on Shaeedi Diwas of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was also held on 1st December 2019.

Gurupurab was celebrated in college on 9th January, 2020 with Kirtan by students, staff members and Hazuri Raagi Lakhbir Singh and Karnabir Singh and Langar for all.

The founders' day of the college was celebrated as **Mata Sundri Simrati Diwas** on 5 March 2020. The Simrati Diwas was commemorated with an Akhand Path starting on 3rd March and concluding on the 5th March, followed by Guru ka Langar.

Students of Divinity Society won various prizes throughout the year such in different competitions:

- **Anmol Kaur (B.A. Programme- III Year)** won 2nd Team prize in Intercollege Bani Kanth Competition on 05.11.19 and presented paper on topic "Guru Nanank and Social Worth" in International Conference on Guru Nanak Dev ji on 27.09.19 at Mata Sundri College for Women.
- **Achalpreet Kaur (B.A. Programme- II Year)** won 2nd Team prize as well as Individual prize in Intercollege Bani Kanth Competition on 05.11.19 at Mata Sundri College for Women.
- **Jaswinder Kaur and Shrishti Kamra (B.El.Ed. I Year)** won I Team prize in Intercollege Declamation Competition held on 23.01.2020 at Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce
- **Jasmeet Kaur (B.Com. Programme II Year) and Jasleen Kaur (B.Com. Programme I Year)** won 1st Team prize worth cash prize of Rs.1000 and trophy. Jasmeet Kaur secured Individual prize in Intercollege Bani Kanth Competition held on 23.01.2020 at Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce
- **Jasleen Kaur (B.Com. Programme III Year)** won 1st team prize as well as 2nd Individual prize in Declamation Competition held on 5.11.19 at Mata Sundri College for Women. She also won 3rd prize in Declamation Competition in Annual Fest of SGTB Khalsa College