

## **DIVINITY SOCIETY- ANNUAL REPORT (2017-18)**

Divinity society works for the spiritual growth of the students which helps in enhancing their positive thinking. Religious activities in the college are handled by the Divinity society.

The session began with the arambh of sehaj paath which is done by all the students, teachers and staff members and the sampooranta (completion) of sehaj paath takes place at the end of session. A weekly deewan is held, organised by divinity society on every Thursday at 12:00 p.m. In the college gurdwara sahib where students do paath followed by kirtan for an hour. Kirtan and Tabla classes are held by the trained students of society to the enthusiasts after the end of the Thursday Deewan. The trainees are given an opportunity on Thursday Deewans for Kirtan Sewa which helps in building up their confidence.

On 1st and 2nd November, the annual Bani Kirtan Competition was held which is organised by the Divinity Society. On the first day i.e., 1st November Bani kanth and declamation competition for school and college level took place. In the Bani Kirtan Competition 159 teams and 312 Individuals participated and in the declamation competition 145 teams and 269 individuals took part from various schools and colleges. On the second day Kirtan Competition was held in which various participants took part. Nagar kirtan took place on 3rd November on the occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Janam Dihaara (birthday), on 23rd November on the occasion of martyrdom of Ninth Guru - Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji and 24th December on the occasion of prakash dihaara of Guru Gobind Singh Ji in which lot of students of the society took part representing our college.

Gurupurab was celebrated on 22nd January. Our principal ma'am addressed the gathering. This was followed by recitation of Bani Kirtan by Bhai Manohar Singh ji and as well as the students of the Divinity society. At the end of the celebrations, Principal mam announced a paper writing competition on the topic Guru Nanak Dev ji's or Guru Gobind Singh ji's Legacy and life with language no bar, which took place on 2nd February. This was followed by Guru ka Langar in the college premises.

The inter college paper writing competition was organized by the divinity society and a number of 76 students participated in it. Students with different religious backgrounds participated in this competition. It was a rich experience for students to be a part of it. Motive of this competition was to increase the knowledge about Sikh history among the students. These 76 papers were internally examined by the college professors and 21 were shortlisted out of them for presentation. S. Harinderpal Singh – honourable member of college governing body and Chairman of Gurmat College, Dr. Amarjeet Kaur – retired associate professor, Mata Sundri College and S. Gurpreet Singh from Gurmat College were invited as judges to declare the winners. The judges announced four winners with 1st,2nd,3rd positions and a consolation one. Winners were presented with cash prizes and certificates.

In addition to this, Divinity society of Mata Sundri College performed a play on the college fest Saarang in Mata Sahib Kaur Auditorium on 7th February 2018. The play was titled "Kiv kure

tutte paal” in which the students represented the time when the two younger sahibzaade of Guru Gobind Singh ji gained martyrdom at age of mere 5 and 7 years. The play was directed by the team of “Tram- Impact Arts” naming director Gurjant Singh, S. Harpreet Singh and Mrs. Upasana Batra Sahota. The play held the significance of sacrifice of two younger sahibzaade of Guru Gobind Singh Ji – Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji which the team depicted beautifully by the guidance of respected directors. The play was highly appreciated by the audience, Principal and the guests.

The Divinity Society organized a National Seminar on “Guru Nanak Dev Ji View of Life: the Contemporary Context ” on 27 March, 2018 in Mata Gujri Hall. Dr. Jaspal Singh, Former Indian High Commissioner to Mozambique and Swaziland delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Gurmeet Singh Sidhu, Head. Dept of Religious Studies, Punjab University, Patiala; S. Harinderpal Singh, Chairman Gurmat College; Prof. Harjit Kaur Bhatia, Head, Dept of Educational Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; S. N. P. Singh, Former Principal, Super Ability School; Prof. Mohd. Habib, Dept. of Religious Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala; Dr. Pankaj Arora, Associate Professor, Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi, New Delhi and Ms. Bhawna Malik, Counselor, Mata Sundri College for Women, were the important speakers for the day.

Last but not the least, Founder’s Day “Mata Sundri Smriti Diwas” was celebrated on 12th March. The arambh of Sri Akhand Path Sahib was on 10th March and the Samapti Sri Akhand Path Sahib was on 12th March. Sardar Harinderpal Singh – honorable member of college governing body and Chairman of Gurmat College addressed the students. Sardar R. P. Singh- Chairman, Building Committee of College and Sardar Prithipal Singh- honorable member of college governing body graced the occasion. Recitation of Gurbani Kirtan was done by Bhai Kuttar Singh ji and as well as by the students of the society. This was followed by Guru ka Langar for all the students, teachers and staff members. To promote knowledge on Mata Sundriji the Library along with Divinity Society organized a book exhibition also on the theme “Mata Sundri Ji: A Gateway to Value Education” on 12 and 13 March, 2018. It was an enriching experience for students and staff, many of whom were not familiar with the vast literature on Mata Sundriji.