

## Report

### Mata Sundri College for Women, DU, celebrates Annual College Fest 'SAARANG' with Sufi singer and poet Satinder Sartaj Live in Performance (24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020)

Mata Sundri College for Women, DU celebrated 'Saarang', the annual college festival on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 under the aegis of President, DSGMC S. Manjinder Singh Sirsa; General Secretary, DSGMC, S. Harmeet Singh Kalka; Governing Body Chairman, Padma Shree S. Vikramjit Singh Sahni; Member Governing Body Dr. Rawail Singh, Member Governing Body, S. Prithipal Singh Sahney; Principal of college, Dr. Harpreet Kaur, and the Convener of festival Dr Suprita Jha.

The two day celebration saw the participation of more than 500 students from DU and other universities such as Jamia Milia Islamia, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, etc. The motto of the fest was making learning festive and there were many competitions for students keeping in mind their academic, spiritual, artistic and performative interests. Events such as **Quiz Competition, Sanskrit Shlokavriti and Vaartah, and Debate** competition which helped students sharpen their **awareness of contemporary topics in various fields of knowledge**. The topics of all these competitions were chosen to **expose students to the most current questions facing our society**, such as our responsibilities while using social media in the age of **Information Technology** and **women empowerment**. Guru Nanak Paper Reading with its theme "**Guru Nanak Ji as the Redeemer of Humanity**" helped to tie all knowledge to **spiritual** ethos. Saarang 2020 was mindful about the **environmental responsibility** that is owed by all to their future generations. Events such as **Eco-Innovation** were held to encourage students to come up with innovative solutions to the obstacles to sustainable development. **Indian traditions of song and dance** were encouraged with events like **Thirak, Mehfil-e-Ghazal and Sur Sarita**. Creativity and **art combined with social messages** formed the basis of competitions such as **Nukkad Natak and Rangoli**, and the fields of **marketing** and **information technology** found platforms in **Ad-o-Mania** and **Coding Competition**.

**Students of Mata Sundri College won 14 awards** in the competitive events, such as Shlokavriti, Debate Competition, Eco Innovation, and more...

To cap the festive learning, the college welcomed the **renowned Sufi singer and poet, Satinder Sartaj** for the **Grand Finale** of the festival. The concert was a huge success with students and staff singing along with the folk music that was redolent of traditional **Punjabi culture, landscape and ways of life**. Accompanied by his team, Sartaj produced a jubilant atmosphere for his audience, interspersed with reflective shayyari, and was appreciated particularly for his famous song 'Sai'. Many fans who had long awaited the opportunity were able to meet the singer onstage and offer him their gifts such as portraits, bouquets, etc, which the singer graciously and gratefully accepted.