

Report

National Webinar on 'Sikh Heritage and Conservation'

The Department of History of Mata Sundri College for Women conducted a National Webinar on Sikh Heritage and Conservation on 24th July 2021 under the convenorship of Dr Daljit Kaur. Dr Rupali Bhalla Mathur, Assistant Professor, Mata Sundri College, moderator for the webinar presented the introductory note. Ananya, the President of the Gatha society mentioned the achievements of Dharohar, The History Society. She explained the importance of heritage and the importance of awareness towards its conservation. She also mentioned the basic functioning of the society during this pandemic.

Dr Daljit Kaur, Teacher- in- charge, Department of History presented the concept note. Prof. Harpreet Kaur, principal of Mata Sundri College for Women gave the welcome address. Head of the History Department, Delhi University, Professor Seema Bawa graced the webinar with her presence and spoke the need for preserving and conserving our heritage. After her wise words, Hargun Kaur, a student of third year from the Department of History presented the life sketch of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur. Professor Chandra Shekhar, the former Head of the Department of Persian, Delhi University was kind enough to join us from Kazakhstan.

Ms Simran Kaur, a star alumna of the Department of History presented a beautiful rendition of Shabad. She addressed the contributions of Guru Tegh Bahadur in Gurmat Sangeet and also the key attributes of his hymns. After her mesmerising presentation Ms Jasmeet Kaur, a talented alumni of the Department of History spoke about the Sikh Heritage Conservation. She also discussed the Puratan Bani, coins, instrument, and Bhai Mati Das Museum in Chandni Chowk.

Dr S.P Singh, Director Conservation, National Museum, New Delhi, speaker for the webinar started his presentation which was extremely enlightening and eye opening. He also mentioned the basic principles of conservation and went on to explain in detail about Sikh heritage and the need for constant vigilance to preserve it. He also spoke on Sri Guru Arjan Dev ji's sacred relics. It was indeed a very relevant and useful webinar which brought the attention of the students towards preserving their Dharohar.