## 44th Bani Kirtan Competition REPORT

The 44<sup>th</sup> Bani Kirtan Competition was inaugurated in Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The competitions are organised to encourage students to study the teachings of the great Sikh Gurus and Guru Granth Sahib. To commemorate the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, the competition this year focuses on his teachings and ideology.

On the first day students participated in the Bani and Declamation competitions. This is the only competition in Delhi University where children from Nursery to University level participate. Five Hundred students competed on the first day. The second day will focus on Kiratn.

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Twelve hundred students participated in the 44<sup>th</sup> Bani Kirtan Competition held at Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi. The competitions were held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Each year competitions are organised to encourage students to study the teachings of the great Sikh Gurus and Guru Granth Sahib. This year the focus was on the teachings and ideology of Guru Nanak Dev Ji to commemorate his 550<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.

On the first day, students participated in the Bani and Declamation competitions. On the second day, students participated in Kirtan Competitions in which they recited Shabads from Guru Nanak Dev ji's Bani based on Ragas as enshrined in Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

This is the only competition in Delhi University where students from Government, Public and Khalsa schools as well as University students participate. Around 1200 students from Nursery to University level participated in this two day event. Mata Sundri College has not only made its mark in the academic field but is also developing its students on the principles of *Kirant Karo, Vand Chako, Naam Japo* through this competition.

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