

**An Interdisciplinary Online Short Term Certificate Course On  
Sri Guru Granth Sahib: An Introduction**

Sri Guru Granth Sahib incorporates the universal message of brotherhood of mankind. It was compiled in 1604 by the Fifth Guru of Sikhs, Guru Arjan Dev Ji and in 1708 the Tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh ji bestowed the divine seat of Guruship to the holy Granth. The Granth is a repository of deep Spiritual, Mystical and Philosophical Ideologies, which have been beautifully rendered in a poetic and musical manner. It is a confluence of the enriched knowledge of the Bani of Six Gurus, Fifteen Bhagats, Eleven Bhattas and four more contributors, who were very close to the Gurus. Their divine hymns have been expressed in the Granth without any disparity of caste, creed, religion or profession. It has amalgamated into its core fabric a deep spiritual thought, history, mythology and a huge treasury of linguistic inheritance of over five centuries, which not only is universal, but eternal as well.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell in Collaboration with Academic Committee & Divinity Society organized Online Short Term Certificate Course by Mata Sundri College for women from 07 February 2021 to 25 March 2021. During this short term course, speakers from various universities presented topics related to Shri Guru Granth Sahib ji emphasizing on religious, ecological, historical, ethical, socio-political, feminism, subalterns, folklore, museology and human right perspectives. During Inaugural Session keynote address was given by Prof. Gurinder Singh Mann. He inculcated on the basics of Religion and Relevance of Guru Granth Sahib. Prof. Mann said that “We should go back to our history and the original listeners of Guru Panth. In the race for modernization, we have scrapped the murals and handed over the

manuscripts in the name of Maryada. In fact, we have annihilated our own history". Valedictory Address was given by S. Harinder Pal Singh bestowing on Principles of Modern Management in Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Harpreet Kaur (Principal, Mata Sundri College for Women, New Delhi.) The Principal of the College thanked the audience. She said that "It was the intention of our team to present the discourse through different concepts to connect the new generation with Guru Granth Sahib". Focusing on the future she said that "Contemporary references related to fine arts etc. could be brought forward".

The convener and co-convenor of the Divinity Society, Dr. Iqbal Kaur and Dr. Lalita Meena welcomed all the listeners. IQAC coordinator Dr. Lokesh Gupta oversaw the entire program. Dr. Jasvinder Oberoi, Member of the divinity society supported the whole event. The coordinator of this program, Dr. Kiranjit Sethi played the role of moderator. Dr. Harwinder Singh acted as Organizing Secretary throughout the course. About 160 scholars and students participated in this program.