Name of the Activity
Online Declamation Contest to Commemorate 400th Birth Anniversary of
Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji

Name of the organizing Institute
G.H.G. Khalsa College of Education, Gurusar Sadhar, Ludhiana

Nodal Department
Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Punjab and Youth Welfare Services, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Date of the Event: May, 2021 and announcement of the winners on May 18, 2021

Introduction
G.H.G Khalsa college of Education, Gurusar Sadhar organised various activities and events to mark 400th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji. In these year long celebrations college organized various events like national level Seminar, Webinars, online quiz competitions and poster making competition depicting the Life and Preaching of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji. A special addition of College biannual research journal “GHG Journal of Sixth Thought” dedicated to the 400th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji was also released on January 23, 2021 in a national level seminar which was organized in collaboration with Bombay Teachers’ Training
College, Mumbai- a constituent college of HSNC, University, Mumbai. The recent development in this regard included a declamation contest dedicated to the life and preaching of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji which was organized by the college in May 2021.

**About the Event**

The declamation contest organized to commemorate the 400th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, witnessed the participation of nearly 150 teachers and students from various categories. These categories included College teachers, School teachers, College students and School students. The various theme of the declamation contest included: Life of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, Teachings of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, *Bani* Composed by Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, Teachings of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji in Present Context and any other theme related to Guru Teg Bahadur Ji. The declamation contest was organized under the patronage of Punjab Government and in cooperation with Youth Welfare Services, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

A webinar was organized on May 18, 2021 to announce the results of this online declamation contest. S. Lakhmir Singh Rajput, PCS, Joint Director, Cultural Department, Punjab Government was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Other distinguished guests present on the occasion included Dr. Sanjay Kaushik, Dean College Development Council, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Prof. Avtar Singh, Ramgarhia College, Phagwara and Dr. Nirmal Jaura, Director, Youth Welfare Services, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The event commenced with the College Shabad followed by brief description of the event by Dr. Jagjit Singh. Dr. Pargat Singh Garcha, Principal of the college, presented a formal welcome to all the guests and participants in the webinar. While addressing the participants Dr. Nirmal Jaura, highlighted that the declamation contest organized by the college is a part of the series of the programme started in 2020 by the Govt. of Punjab to commemorate 400th birth anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji. He further elaborated that the significance of this declamation contest has become more with the involvement of the students. He mentioned that since June 2020, each month a programme dedicated to the birth anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji is organized at the university as well as the at the college level. He advised all the participants to follow the message of “devotion” from the *Bani* of Guruji. He also appreciated the efforts of college for successfully organizing the event. Prof. Sanjay Kaushik congratulated the college as well all the participants for making the event a success. While sharing his views with the participants he said that the significance of the
Bani composed by Guruji is for all times. He further highlighted that Guruji always stressed on to abandon the evil company as all our actions depends on the company that we keep. S. Lakhmir Singh in his message appreciated the efforts of Panjab University, Chandigarh and the G.H.G. Khalsa College of Education Gurusar Sadhar for organizing the declamation contest to celebrate the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji. He said that the college is doing a marvelous job by propagating the teachings of Guruji among the students. Prof. Avtar Singh shared his valuable views on the Bani of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji. He said that the teaching of Guruji is not for a particular segment of the community rather it is for the whole humanity. He quoted some instances from the childhood of Guruji to depict that how He was always ready to help the poor and downtrodden. He advised the participants to take inspiration from the life of Guruji and must always be ready to help others.

The result of the declamation contest is as per follows:

**First category (College Teachers)**: 1st – S. Gurdev Singh, Asst. Prof., G.K.S.M Govt. College, Urmar Tanda, Hoshiarpur

2nd – Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Asst. Prof., Kamla Lohtia S.D. College, Ludhiana


**Second category (School Teachers)**: 1st – Ms. Manjinder Kaur, GSSS, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana

2nd – Ms. Sharanjit Kaur, E.T.T teacher, Govt. Primary School, Nimbooa, S.A.S. Nagar

3rd – S. Iqbal Singh, GSS Smart School, Sahnewal

4th – Ms. Sarwada Bhalla, E.T.T. Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Kot Santokh Rai

**Third category (College Students)**: 1st – Ms. Manvir Kaur, Govt. College Girls, Ludhiana

2nd – Ms. Sanjana, G.H.G.H. Harparkash College of Education for Girls, Sidhwan Khurd

3rd – Ritika Parmar, Layallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar

4th – Manjot Kaur, M.G.N. College of Education, Jalandhar
Fourth category (School Students) : 1st – Ms. Rajpreet Kaur, GSS Smart School, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana

2nd – Ms. Gurveer Kaur Mangat, R.S.Model Sr. Sec. School, Ludhiana

3rd – Ms. Kashishpreet Kaur, GSS Smart School, Sahnewal

4th – Tamana Arora, Govt. High School, Sekha Kalan