

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Regional Centre Vadodara

Date: 19th September, Saturday, 2020 (4:00 pm to 5:30 pm)

Event Type: Webinar

Title: *Significance of Shabad Kirtan and Teachings of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji*

Speaker: Shri. S. Baljeet Singh Sandhu, Scholar on Sikhism (Gandhinagar)

Gurbani Singers: 1. Bhai Mahindra Singh Ji, Indore Wale (Indore) 2. Baba Raghubir Singh Ji (Ahmedabad)

Chairperson: Sri. S. Gurucharan Singh Gill, Member of Steering Committee, The Commemoration of 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Celebration Series, IGNC A & Ex. Advocate General, Rajasthan.

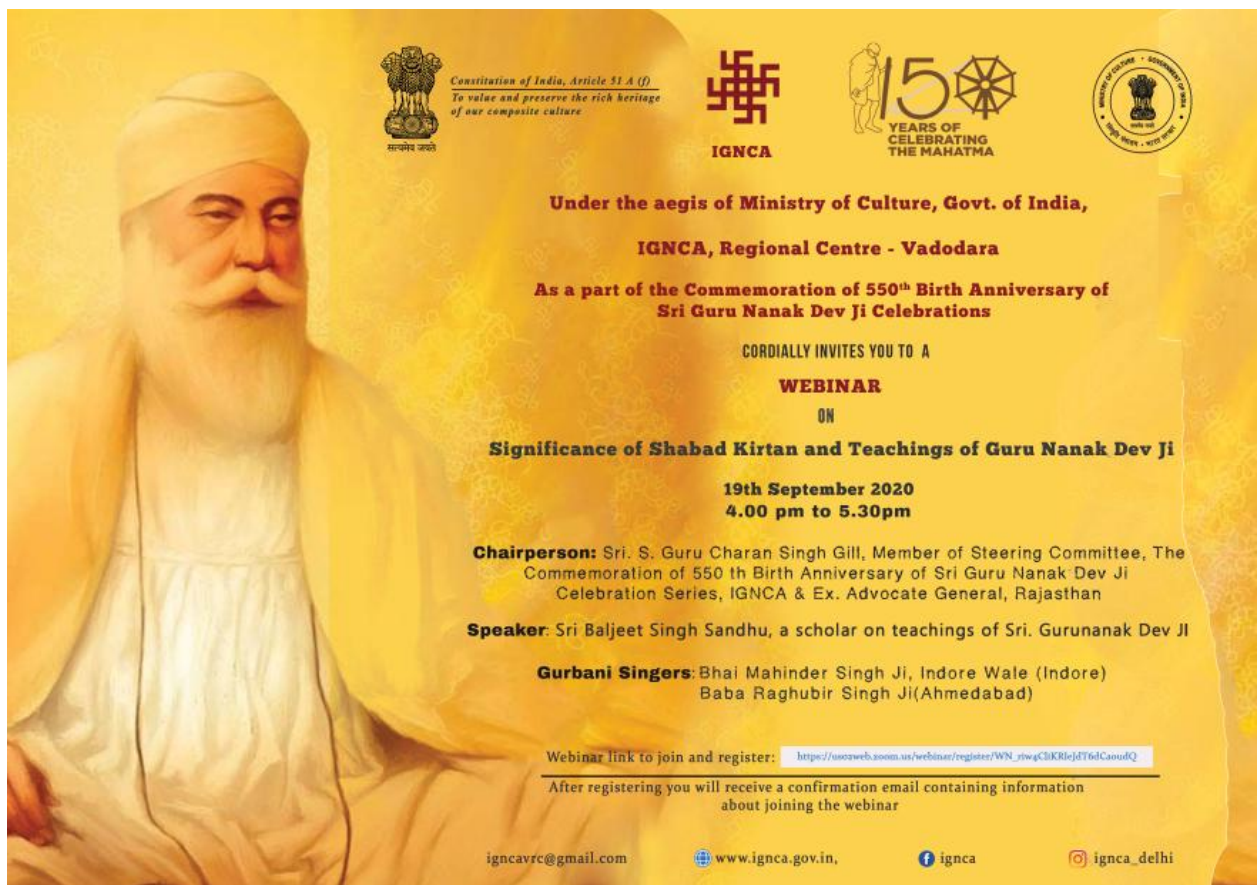
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Regional Centre Vadodara, conducted the second event to mark the 550th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev Ji at IGNC A, Regional Centre, Vadodara. This webinar was conceived considering the sacred and religious significance of Gurbani and its benefits on the mind and body. The webinar commenced with introductory remarks by Dr. Ayswaria Wariar, Regional Director, IGNC A, Regional Centre, Vadodara.


Gurbani are hymns in the central text of the Sikhs, the Guru Granth Sahib. They are considered as a source of spiritual knowledge which illuminate the mind and give internal bliss. Its rhythm has positive effects on our mind and relaxes our senses. This webinar combined the singing of the kirtans in the Guru Granth Sahib, known as Shabad Kirtan, by two proficient Gurbani Singers along with a public lecture on the topic by a scholar on Sikhism. The first Gurbani was sung by Bhai Mahindra Singh Ji, Indore Wale (Indore) who is well known Ragi. Bhai Sahib has been performing Kirtan for over four decades and he with his jatha play a mix of both classical raga and modern raga-based tunes. Bhai Sahib is the lead vocalist with support from his Jatha members Bhai Rajendra Singh on harmonium and Bhai Gurmeet Singh on Tabla. After the first video, Bhai Mahindra Singh Ji, shared an anecdote from the life of Gurunanak Ji on his visit to Multan. Following this, our second singer – Baba Raghuvir Singh ji explained the importance of Gurbani. Baba Raghuvir Singh ji has served as a Granthi and Kirtan karta at Gurdwara Prem Sabha Akali Dal Saraspur from 1972 to 1995. He like Bhai Mahindra Singh Ji, has performed Kirtan Samagams in Singapore, Hong-Kong, Malaysia and Canada several times in various Gurdwaras. After his explanation, the speaker - Shri. S. Baljeet Singh Sandhu, a scholar on Sikhism threw light on the teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji both in a general context as well as with reference to singing of Gurbani in Gurudwaras. He also discussed the scientific aspect of Gurunanak Ji's philosophical discoveries. The idea of including Gurbani recitals with the lecture was to enhance the impact of the literary discourse and offer a multisensory experience to the audience. It also aimed to offer an intellectual as well as a spiritual experience to the audience to help them wade through these tough times of the pandemic.


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To sum up the webinar, the Chair: Shri. S. Gurucharan Singh Gill shared his introspective comments and many historical facts from Gurunanak Dev ji's life and philosophy. Following this, the second video of Gurbani by Bhai Mahindra Singh Ji, was played to offer another musical breather to the listeners. Dr. Ayswaria Wariar then shared more thoughts on Gurbani and concluded the webinar. Dr. Achal Pandya, HOD Conservation Department, IGNCA and Chief Coordinator of this series was also present in the webinar. The webinar was coordinated and hosted by Dr. Abhjit Dixit, Research Officer, IGNCA, New Delhi. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Kanika Mondal, Project Associate, IGNCA, Regional Centre, Vadodara. The details of the webinar were uploaded on IGNCA web portals and social media platforms. It was attended by 25 attendees and conducted on Zoom platform of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India (NeGD).


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Webinar Photographs



Image 1: Shri Baljeet Singh Sandhu - Speaker; Dr. Ayswaria Wariar, Regional Director, IGNC, RC Vadodara; Dr. Kanika Mondal, Project Associate, IGNC, RC Vadodara – Moderator; Bhai Mahindra Singh Ji, Indore Wale- Singer; during the webinar (Clockwise from top left window).



Image 2: Bhai Mahindra Singh Ji, Indore Wale - Singer with his Jatha members - Bhai Rajendra Singh on harmonium and Bhai Gurmeet Singh on Tabla, performing during the webinar.