

Poetry marks Gurgaddi Anniversary in Canada

Sr. Gian Singh Kotli reports from Vancouver: An impressive Kavi Darbar was arranged, last October, by Gurdwara Khalsa Diwan Society, New Westminster (B.C.) on the auspicious occasion of the 300th Gurgaddi anniversary of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

On behalf of the Gurdwara management, Kuldip Singh, a popular host of Radio Shere-e-Punjab, and dedicated community worker, arranged the event and asked me - as a veteran poet and writer, to manage the presentation. I summed up the aim of the Gurmat Symposium that reflected the teaching of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

Explaining its universal appeal, I explained that rituals carry no meaning if we don't listen, learn and act upon the teaching of love, oneness of God, Unity of human race and service to mankind. I requested poets to recite only those poems that talk about love, equality, harmony and service in accordance with the teachings of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

Giani Harkirat Singh, of 'Punjab Guardian', recited the opening Shabad, followed by poetry recitation by Gurcharan Singh Gill Mansoor, Jiwan Singh Rampuri, Bikkar Singh Khosa, Dr. Gurdarshan Singh Badal, Banta Singh Sabharwal, Sukhbinder Kaur Bains, Harbans Kaur Bains, Gian Singh Kotli Bains, Master Manjit Singh Deol, Surinder Singh Jabal, Kamaljit Kaur Komal and 'wrestler' Kuldip Singh Jhand. Hardev Singh Grewal sang a shabad in a spell binding tune, Giani Jagjit Singh Takhar and Harbans Singh Gosal also recited poems. A young student, Saajan Singh Mann, delighted the sangat by presenting his poem in a fascinating voice. President Harbhajan Singh Atwal and General Secretary Avtar Singh thanked and honoured all poets by presenting them with plaques.

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