

# International Punjabi Conference, Delhi-2018

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Sri Guru Teg Bhadur Khalsa College (SGTB) is prima donna of education in the capital city. The college has carved out a name for itself in the field of academics and sports. The other areas where college has made headway are in the field of research and the UGC e lesson programme.

One of the most coveted recently organized programme was a two-day International Punjabi Conference, Delhi-2018 in the Master Tara Singh Auditorium. Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Principal of the SGTB College welcomed the international gathering which included subject experts from Canada, U.K. and USA. Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister of India, and an eminent economist graced the occasion by being its Chief Guest. Mr. S. Manjit Singh GK, President, Delhi Sri Gurudwara Management Committee (SGMC) outlined the major concerns of the conference and emphasized upon the inimitable role of the "refugees" in the social, economic and cultural development of Delhi.

Dr. Manmohan Singh In his thought-provoking address emphasized upon the mutually beneficial and enriching exchange between language and literature in Punjabi. He further made a plea for the re-evaluation of the status of Punjabi in contemporary society.

Keynote Address by S. Satnam Singh Manak, Executive Editor of Ajit Group was aimed at delineating the contemporary political, economic and cultural crisis in Punjab and the debilitating effects on Punjabi language and tradition because of the popular representations in films, songs and mass media. S. Manjinder Singh Sirsa, General Secretary, DGSMC, shared his views in social and cultural contexts in Punjab,

The conference honoured renowned experts who have contributed to the humanitarian and social causes, particularly in the field of education and social welfare areas. Among the imminent dignitaries who have contributed to the growth and promotion of the Punjabi language and culture honoured were Baba Iqbal Singh, Bhai Mohinder Singh, Justice Rajinder Sachar, Harsimrat Kaur Badal (in absentia), Padma Shri Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Dr. Taranjeet Singh, Kiran Chopra, K.C. Singh, Padma Shri Hans Raj Hans, Rajinder Singh Chadha, S.P. Singh Oberoi, Prof. Gurcharan Singh, Ajaib Singh Chatha, Sukhi Bath, Balbir Modhopuri, Smt. Gursharan Kaur.

During the two-day conference there were six sessions devoted to various facets of Punjabi, language and its culture where international experts put forward their views laced in scholarly presentation. Most of the speakers laid emphasis upon the need for the promotion and preservation of Punjabi culture and language.. Prof. Jaspal Kaur of Delhi University's Punjabi Department presented the report of the Conference. S. Manjit Singh GK felt that conference has come up with viable ways and means to preserve the ethnicity and argot of Punjab and has special word of gratitude to the media for their sustained support. He moved a resolution to make SGTB Khalsa College the International Centre for Punjabi and expressed a desire that college should organise biannually International Punjabi