

## College Initiates MERAKI 16

This was the inception year for the two-day College Annual Fest **MERAKI on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**. It was visualized, conceptualized and executed with unprecedented verve and ebullience by the students. It materialised beautifully under the reassuring leadership of the Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava who had taken charge a few months earlier and the supportive supervision of the Coordinators Mrs. Neena Dhawan and Mrs. Sukhpreet Bhatia. The well-organised event, that witnessed the participation of more than 20 institutions included contests such as Youth Parliament, Fusion Dance, Dramatics and Poetry Slam which elicited an overwhelming response.



Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava welcoming Ms. Savita Bhatti, Special Guest MERAKI



With DJ Candis who rocked the EDM Concert at MERAKI 16



Felicitating the well-known Punjabi Singer Sarabjit Cheema at MERAKI 16

The Rock Concert had the reverberating presence of the Rockstar Candis. Mrs. Savita Bhatti, Punjabi movie star Sarabjeet Cheema and Punjabi singer Satvinder Bitti were some of the other distinguished guests.

## Cultural Activities for Session 2016-17

### YOUTH WELFARE COMMITTEE

In this session, the Youth Welfare Committee had the opportunity to host the Zonal Youth Festival for Zone B Colleges, under the Youth Welfare Department, Panjab University. Dr. Simmi Singh, Ms. Rupinder Chattha and Ms. Sukhpreet Bhatia were the overall Coordinators of the event. Under the Contingent In-charge Ms. Sukhpreet Bhatia, the college successfully hosted the event for eight colleges from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.



Chief Guest MP Kiron Kher felicitating the Youth Fest winners



DHE K.K. Yadav honouring the winners



Youth Festival Coordinators Dr. Simmi Singh, Ms. Rupinder Chatha and Ms. Sukhpreet Bhatia being felicitated

The numerous accolades won by the students of our contingent are as follows:

### **ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL 2016**

ITEM	PARTICIPANTS	POSITION
Poster Making	MAHIMA VINOD SAUHTA	First
Still Life	GURSIMRAN KAUR	First
Shabad/Bhajan	SHWETA NAMITA REWA VERMA KIRANDEEP KAUR CHOPRA	First

	KHYATI TALWAR SIMRAN CHOUDHARY AMANDEEP KAUR	
Shabad/Bhajan--Individual	KIRANDEEP KAUR CHOPRA	First
Indian Orchestra	ARUSHI SINGLA GURSIMAR KAUR SWATI SHARMA RITIKA SUYAL IVNEET KAUR APOORVA SAMRITI JAIN KIRANDEEP KAUR CHOPRA	First
Indian Orchestra--Individual	SAMRITI JAIN	First
Classical Instrument(Percussion)	YUKTA MANRAL	First
Classical Instrument(Non-Percussion)	SAMRITI JAIN	First
Classical Vocal	SIMRAN CHOUDHARY	First
Group Song--Individual	SIMRAN CHOUDHARY	First
Folk Song-Individual	SIMRAN CHOUDHARY	First
On the Spot Painting	ANUSHRIYA SETHI	First
Clay Modelling	ALKA	First
One-Act Play--Individual	GARIMA KHANNA	First
Mimicry	ANUSHRIYA SETHI	First
Geet/Gazal	MAHIMA CHAUDHARY	Second
Group Song	SHWETA NAMITA PANKHURI BHARDWAJ SIMRAN CHOUDHARY RAVPREET KAUR MAHIMA CHAUDHARY	Second
Collage Making	JAPNIT ARNEJA	Second
Rangoli	RITIKA JINDAL	Individual Appreciation

One-Act Play	TANVI CHHACHHI GARIMA KHANNA AARZOO KUKAR LAKSHANDA RAI PARAMJEET KAUR PARUL BAKSHI VEDIKA SINGLA VARTIKA CHANDOLA ARSHDEEP KAUR	Second
Bhand	GARIMA KHANNA AARZOO KUKAR	Second
Giddha	JASPREET KAUR RAMANPREET KAUR PAVANJOT KAUR NIDHI GURPREET KAUR KHUSHDEEP KAUR SIMRANJOT CHAUHAN JASMINE KAUR RAMANDEEP KAUR FARMAISH KAUR PRABHDEEP KAUR GAGANPREET KAUR	Second
Creative Writing Story	PAVNI GAURANGI	Second
Poem Recitation	RICHA VASHISTA	Second
Crochet	ALPNA	Second
Cartooning	NINGTHAI KAMEI	Second
Knitting	SHIKHA	Second
Installation	JASMINE KAUR AARTI JOSHI MEHAR VADHERA FAIEQA SULTANI	Second

Mime--Individual	ANKITA GULERIA	Third
Skit	TANVI CHHACHHI LAKSHANDA RAI AARZOO KUKAR PARAMJEET KAUR PARUL BAKSHI VEDIKA SINGLA	Third
Quiz	SMRITI PARMAR JASNOOR KAUR BATTI JAHNAVI TAAK	Third
Bhand-Individual	AARZOO KUKAR	Third
Creative Writing Essay	REETU DHAUTA	Third
Debate	AYUSHEE ARORA	Third
Elocution	ROSHNI AHUJA	Third
Photography	HARNOOR	Third
Traditional Song	REWA VERMA KHYATI TALWAR RAVPREET KAUR SURBHI THAKUR DIWANSHI NAVREET KAUR	Third
Luddi	NAVDEEP KAUR RIA MALHOTRA SAVREET KAUR RISHAM JASMINE SINGH AYUSHI BOSE BIR KANWAL KAUR RANDHAWA GAURVI BISHNOI KAWANDEEP KAUR CHANDANDEEP KAUR ROOPASHI	Third
Cartooning	DEEPIKA GAUTAM	Third

### **INTER-ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL 2016**

ITEM	PARTICIPANTS	POSITION
Poster Making	MAHIMA VINOD SAUHTA	First
Classical Vocal Solo	SIMRAN CHAUDHARY	First
Classical Instrumental (Non-Percussion)	SAMRITI JAIN	Second
Indian Orchestra	ARUSHI SINGLA GURSIMAR KAUR SWATI SHARMA RITIKA SUYAL IVNEET KAUR APOORVA SAMRITI JAIN KIRANDEEP KAUR CHOPRA	Second

### **NATIONAL/ INTER-UNIVERSITY YOUTH FESTIVAL 2016**

ITEM	PARTICIPANTS	POSITION
Poster Making	MAHIMA VINOD SAUHTA	Third

### **FOLK DANCES, GIDDHA AND LUDDI**

Keeping up the winning tradition, the folk dance teams of the college gave spectacular performances at various competitions. In the Panjab University Youth and Heritage Festival held at Postgraduate Government College for Girls, Sector – 11, the Luddi team won the first prize. Riya Malhotra got the first prize in the individual category. In the Inter-Zonal Youth and Heritage Festival held at Dev Samaj College, Ferozepur, the College Luddi team secured Second position. Mannat Sandhu won the first prize(individual).



Performance under Gidha and Luddi Committee





Performances under Folk Dances Committee

The college Giddha team won the second prize at the Panjab University Youth and Heritage Festival held at Postgraduate Government College for Girls, Sector – 11, Chandigarh

**CULTURAL COMMITTEE** continued with its enthused pursuits in the direction of preservation of culture and instilling ethical values in the students. Along with the hosting of the two-day mega event MERAKI and organizing the College and Hostel Farewell functions for Undergraduate and Postgraduate students and the Induction Day for Freshers, the Committee celebrated 'Dhiyan di Lohri' in collaboration with 94.3 MY FM during which the RJs Golmaal Gagan and Vishal interacted with the students and gave away some prizes and coupons for the contests held to mark the occasion.



Lohri Celebrations 2016-17

Another unique event organized jointly with Star Glitz International Group was to attempt a Guinness World Record through a Save the Girl Child Initiative by collecting the maximum number of girls in a selfie. It was named H.O.L.A.H. that is Hugs of Love and Happiness.



Record 1245 strong Selfie

More than 1200 girls were clicked in a selfie in the college campus. The committee also organized a discussion on women-related issues such as the reality of empowerment, employment, security of women and gender-discrimination that was telecast by an Indo-American TV Channel Jus-Punjabi on the occasion of International Women's Day.

The committee organized its annual Farewell Functions to bid adieu to its outgoing hostellers and students in two different functions.



Singer-actor Harish Verma was the celebrity on the occasion of Hostel Farewell and mesmerised the audience with his performance. The presence of Prof. Neera Grover, PU Syndicate and Senate Member Principal Dr. Gurdip Sharma, PU Senator and Principal of PGGCG-11 Dr. Anita Kaushal, Mrs. Gurneet Chaddha, Director, Chanakya IAS Academy, Chandigarh, and Mrs. Madhu Kaul, Former Principal, Government Home Science College, Chandigarh during the Hostel Farewell enlivened the function.

Actor Harish Verma at Farewell 2016-17

On the occasion of College Farewell, the foreign students of the college who excelled in academics were felicitated. Cultural extravaganza marked both the occasions, with an array of enthralling dance performances, music and fun games that captivated the students as they tried to make the most of the precious moments before bidding adieu to the college. Applauding the spectacular show put up by the students, the guests were all praises for the superlative talent nurtured at MCM. The functions also saw confident young girls walking down the ramp competing for the coveted Ms. MCM Hostel and Ms. MCM crowns. Mehak (BSc MFT) was crowned Ms. MCM Hostel while Sonali (BA) was adjudged 1st Runner up and Jasmine (BBA) was declared 2nd Runner up. During the College Farewell, Simar Bhatia (BA) took away the Ms. MCM crown, Gazelle (BA) was chosen 1st Runner up and Riya Malhotra (BA) won the 2nd Runner up title in the Undergraduate category. In the Postgraduate category, the crown of Ms. MCM went to Divya Thakur (MA), Priyanka Gulati (M.Com) bagged the 1st Runner up title and Divya Singh (MA) was adjudged 2nd Runner up.



Winners of College Farewell Titles



Title Winners at Induction Day

MCM Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava wished the outgoing students success and glory in life and prodded them to observe the revered value system inculcated in them during their college years.



## Meraki 2016-17

MCM DAV College for Women reverberated with youthful exuberance and revelry as its Annual cultural fest Meraki 2017- a soulful extravaganza filled with colours of music, dance, poetry, drama, debate and much more, commenced here today. An exceptional platform for exhibiting creativity, the fiesta witnessed the participation of 30 colleges across the tricity. Inaugurating the fest by lighting the ceremonial lamp, PU Registrar Col.G.S.Chadda said that such events empower the youth by providing them a channel for expression and it is this empowered youth that holds the key to a successful nation.



Harbhajan Mann at MERAKI 17

Meraki-a word of Greek origin, refers to the act of infusing creativity with soul. True to its name, Meraki offered an array of events to engage, empower and encourage the youth of today. The highlight of day one was Youth Conclave that served as a platform for youth-centric interaction and brought together RJs,

YouTubers, social media experts, young entrepreneurs and others from unexplored fields to inspire the audience with their story. The celebrity of the day- Harbhajan Mann won many hearts with his soulful singing. A mega event with 17 on-ground events and 4 online events, the fest featured competitions like Groove it up, Behind the Mask, In (quiz)itive, Tug of War, Photobooth, LAN Gaming and Doodle that tantalized the audience's senses and drew enthusiastic participation.

The Chief Guest for the evening session was Mr.Manmohan Singh (PPS), AIG Vigilance, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab. He congratulated the college for providing such a grand platform to the youth for showcasing their creativity, talent, knowledge and caliber. Performance by Swastik band was a crowd puller and ended day one on a musical note.

Overwhelmed at the huge response to the fest, MCM Principal Dr.Nisha Bhargava said that the competitive spirit of the participants took the fest several notches high and made it a success.

The second day of Meraki 2017 at MCM DAV College For Women was as electrifying and fun filled as the inaugural day, with a host of events to keep the competitive spirit of participants ticking and the audience mesmerized.

PU Senate and Syndicate member and Additional State Project Director, RUSA Dr. Dalip Kumar graced the occasion with his presence as the Chief Guest. Visibly impressed by the scale of the event, Dr. Dalip lauded the zeal of the participants and the immaculate organisation of the event.The day's events kicked off with exhilarating cultural programme -

Rangla Punjab where students performed on foot tapping Punjabi numbers. Renowned Punjabi television personality Mrs.Savita Bhatti infused overwhelming energy into the event with her presence. One of the highlights of the day was Fashion Show which saw confident beauties walking down the ramp with aplomb and grace in their traditional ethnic finery. In a tough contest for the crown of Ms. Meraki, Nikita emerged the winner while Monica was crowned first runner up and Abhiseerat was adjudged second runner up.



Dramatics performance at MERAKI 17

The audience swayed to the melodious song performances by bands of different colleges at the event -Open Mike, with the sounds of guitars and drums soaking the entire atmosphere in melody. The other events of the day included Youth Parliament, Devil follows, Poetry Slam and Prime Suspect. The second day witnessed a befitting end with an enthralling EDM Concert winning the evening with eclectic music.



Rock band performance at MERAKI 17

Principal Dr.Nisha Bhargava gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions held on the two days. She was all praises for the organisers of the fest for having put up a splendid show and congratulated the winners of various events and motivated all the students to emulate the qualities of leadership and excellence displayed during the fest.