

## CULTURAL EXCURSION TO GURUDWARA





Following the tradition of blending modern education with ethical values, young JMians visited the only Gurudwara of Greater Noida west on Thursday, August 22, 2019. The visit was important as August 31, 2019 was being celebrated as the "Prakash Utsav". The word "Gurudwara" literally means the "Door" leading towards the Guru or the "Almighty". It is essentially a place where people come together for the congregational worship.

The atmosphere in the Gurudwara was serene yet full of enthusiasm as the "Granthi's" prepared for the "Prakash Utsav". This day commemorates the first "Prakash" i.e. the opening ceremony of the "Guru Granth Sahib". Thus, the visit was a mere tool in strengthening the inter cultural ethical values. The students tried to understand the true meanings of "Kar Seva" and "Paropkar Parmo Dharam". Since young mind can be molded quickly it is important to inculcate good, moral values in them. The students participated in "Shabad" and heard the glorifying stories of "Guru Nanak, Guru Arjun Singh and Guru Govind Singh" so as to imbibe the right values. They also chanted "Wahe Guru" and "Jo Bole so Nihaal – Sat Shri Akaal".

They also learnt how the first Gurudwara in the world was built by Guru Nanak in the year 1521-22 in Kartarpur (Now in Pakistan).

Before returning to the school, the students and teachers enjoyed the "Kada Prasad" The young JMians are now more committed to help their fellow being and do a "Seva" wherever possible.