



Indian Knowledge System

**Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib
Punjab, India (Autonomous College)**

Organises

**A Visit to Saras Mela, PAU
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The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Cell, in collaboration with the Postgraduate Department of English, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib, organized a one-day educational visit to the Saras Mela held at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, on October 9, 2025. The visit, graciously permitted by the respected Principal, Dr. Jasvir Singh, aimed to provide students with experiential learning about India's diverse cultural heritage, rural art forms, and traditional crafts.

The Saras Mela served as a vibrant platform showcasing the rich culture, art, and handicrafts of various Indian states. The students enthusiastically explored numerous stalls displaying handmade products, traditional attire, and delectable regional cuisines. They also enjoyed captivating folk dances, music, and cultural performances that reflected the artistic spirit and unity in diversity of the nation. The event offered students a unique opportunity to appreciate the aesthetic and economic significance of rural craftsmanship and entrepreneurship.

This visit beautifully resonated with the vision of the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), which emphasize Samskara (values and refinement), Sambandha (relationships and harmony), and Sampada (heritage and prosperity). By engaging directly with artisans and cultural practitioners, the students experienced a living expression of India's traditional wisdom and sustainable practices. The mela highlighted the intrinsic link between creativity, community, and livelihood—core values embedded in the IKS philosophy.

Through this enriching experience, students not only gained exposure to India's vast cultural and artisanal diversity but also developed an understanding of the importance of preserving indigenous knowledge systems and promoting rural entrepreneurship. Such initiatives help bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications, fostering holistic education that nurtures both intellect and empathy.

The Principal, Dr. Jasvir Singh, appreciated the efforts of the IKS Cell and faculty members for organizing this meaningful initiative that aligns with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by promoting experiential and value-based learning. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Gurpreet Kaur (Incharge, IKS Cell & Head, PG Department of English), Dr. Shaveta Kaushal (Member, IKS Cell & Head, PG Department of Economics), Dr. Manpreet Kaur (PG Department of Punjabi), Prof. Darshpreet Kaur, and Prof. Jaspreet Kaur (PG Department of English), whose collective efforts ensured the success of this culturally enriching and educational experience.



Students explored and admired exquisite handcrafted artworks and traditional wooden crafts showcasing India's rich cultural heritage at the Saras Mela, PAU Ludhiana