



Mahatma Gandhi Shati Smarak Mahavidyalaya

Garua Maksudpur, Ghazipur



Guest lecture on Saint Kabir Das: An Indian Mystic Poet

Report

On September 05, 2020 the Department of Hindi at Mahatma Gandhi Shati Smarak Mahavidyalaya Garua Maksudpur, Ghazipur organized a Guest lecture on “Saint Kabir Das: An Indian Mystic Poet”. Mr. Sushil Tiwari commenced this session by his presidential address.

Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma Assistant Professor was the Chief guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, he said that there was a great depth of knowledge in the teachings and philosophy of Saint Kabir which he expounded through his couplets and these teachings were relevant in today’s social context as much as they were relevant in the 15th century, during his day and age. One should try to grasp the deeper meaning contained in his couplets and try to emulate them in life, he added.

He also emphasized on writings of Kabir which greatly influenced Hinduism and the Bhakti movement. He further added that there is not much evidence or information about his life but it is said that he was brought up in a family of Muslim Julahas or weavers, who were settled in or near the city of Benares(Varanasi). His verses are found in the Sikhism scripture Guru Granth Sahib, Panch Vani and Bijak. We get to know about his ideas through a vast collection of verses known as ‘sakhis’ and ‘pads’.

Kabir’s teachings were vehement and rejected major religious traditions. His teachings ridiculed different forms of external worship of both Brahmanical, Hinduism and Islam. He used to teach Hindu, Muslim unity. He believed that God is one who just has different names. He believed in a formless Supreme God. He also said that the only path to salvation was through bhakti or devotion. He also preached the lessons about the brotherhood of man. He was not in support of the caste system. His poetry was a form of spoken Hindi making it easy to understand for ordinary people. He has his followers among both Hindus and Muslims.

At the end of this lecture vote of thanks was given by Mr. Nitesh Pandey.



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