

## PROCLAMATION CEREMONY

Brahma Kumaris Sacramento participating in the ceremonial signing of a proclamation declaring the month of October to be, Hindu Cultural Month, by the Mayor of Elk Grove and City Council members.



Dr. Parikh, member of the City of Elk Grove Diversity and Inclusion Commission, spoke at the ceremony - "It is with great appreciation and honor to be presented with the proclamation."



Elk Grove mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen stands in the center of Hindu community. Sister Hansa standing near by.



Closing group photo of all the Hindu community leaders who added their finger of cooperation in making this momentous occasion happen.

Result...a warm heartfelt relationship has been formed with the local Indian communities... ❤️

### **PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE SIKH COMMUNITY AT CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL**

Brahma Kumaris Sacramento attending Sikh Prayer Vigil as part of the Greater Sacramento Interfaith. Sharing the message of love, harmony, and unity during this time healing.

Mayor of West Sacramento, spoke on behalf of the City of West Sacramento conveying their full support for the families and victims.



Former Californian state insurance commissioner - Dave Jones, candidate for California State Senate, standing with Sister Hansa.



Sister Hansa with Sacramento City Mayor - Darrell Steinberg, previously California Senate President and Sacramento City Council member - Katie Valenzuela.



Sister Hansa is conducting meditation for healing and harmony.

Youth and other Community leaders attended the vigil. Sikh youth spoke about the importance of being aware and safe... Many dignitaries and political leaders attended and spoke...Mayor of West Sacramento, Martha Guerrero, speaks on behalf of the community.

The vigil ending in silent prayer and candle lighting... Many new contacts were made and recognition of the Brahma Kumaris unending work of offering spiritual support to the community wherever needed.

## GURUNANAK JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Brahma Kumaris Sacramento participated in Gurunanak Jayanti celebration in Yuba City California.

For 43 years, on the first weekend of November, close to 100,000 people from different parts of the USA and Canada, come together to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti in Yuba City, CA. (45 miles north of Sacramento).

Even while in the midst of festivities and parades, people visiting the Gurudwara created an atmosphere of peace and devotion filled with love.

As per Sikh tradition meals are organized and served free of charge in a very peaceful manner.

This year for the very first time Brahma Kumaris Sacramento was invited to participate in the event. The Brahma Kumaris booth included meditation pictures and the Virtue wheel. The booth was visited by many from the Sikh community.

Special blessings cards created in Panjabi language with English translations were distributed. young and old enjoyed spinning virtue wheel and received their virtue as a gift. Some school teachers were interested in starting a value education with meditation for their students and teachers. Over all very good experience for all who attended. Here are some pictures.

Great job!

Baba's blessings to all who lent a finger to put Baba's service report together ...



Yuba city entrance of the Gurudwara



Beautiful parade floats



BK sister introducing Rajyoga



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BK sisters are doing silence meditation with Sister Hansa



BK sister introducing Rajyoga



BK sister and community people with Sister Hansa

## DIWALI CELEBRATION AT CENTER

Multiple community leaders *Mr. Akram, member of Salam Center and member of Elk Grove Interfaith Council; Mr. Santosh, President of Intel India; and Dr. Parikh, member of the Elk Grove City Diversity and Inclusion Commission;* participated in the celebration.



Sister Hansa, Sister Elizabeth, and Sister Hema with the community leaders

Children of all ages joined the celebration and shared their thoughts about Diwali. 7-years old Vedanta gave talk about how Diwali means lighting the lamp of positivity. 4-years old Naadan also shared about Diwali is a experience of light of peace and love. Neil Nayyar—a 17-year-old prodigy from City of Elk Grove ..who plays over 100 instruments perfectly and recently appeared on the Jennifer Hudson Show, also participated the celebration.





Sister Ganga performed a graceful dance while Sister Elizabeth sang Hindi song “*We are one family...*”.



Sister Hansa conducted candle lighting ceremony with Sister Hema, and Sister Elizabeth. At the end, everyone shared their Diwali greetings and received a message about *how we can keep the light ignited* from Sister Hansa. Sister also shared about *how we can take care of ourselves while connecting to the divine light in the middle of the forehead*.



Diwali celebration of BK family holding the light of self reflection and beautiful madeala of virtues and qualities