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Celebration of 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji.

Government of India has decided to celebrate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji throughout the country and across the globe, in a grand and befitting manner. Year-long celebrations of the first Sikh Guru's 550th birth anniversary has been kicked off in the US to spread his message of peace, equality and brotherhood.

Consulate General of India, New York held the inaugural celebration with an evening of Sikh devotional music (Gurbani Sangeet) performed by well-known artist Bhai Baldeep Singh on Monday, January 14 at the Consulate. Bhai Baldeep Singh is a classical vocalist (Dhurpad, Vār & Chaňtt), joṛī & pakhāwaj exponent. He was accompanied by Dr Francesca Cassio, Sikh Musicology Chair at the Hofstra University, Long Island; Parminder Bhamra, Pakhwaj maestro and Sandhya Anand, Carnatic violin exponent. Throughout the program, Bhai Baldeep Singh along with an ensemble of musicians, held the audience captive with his masterly presentation of mystical hymns of Guru Nanak. Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty, Consul General, felicitated the artists and thanked the gathering for their presence. Prominent members of the Sikh community attended the event. Langar was served to all guests.

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