

## Lohri Celebration

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> January' 2020

Venue: **Gitarattan Institute of Advanced Studies & Training**

**Lohri** is a popular winter Punjabi folk festival, celebrated primarily by Hindus and Sikhs from the Punjab region of the northern part of the Indian subcontinent, on 13 January of every year. It is a harvesting festival to celebrate the new harvest of the year. To respect the diversity of cultures, Lohri was celebrated in Gitarattan Institute of Advanced Studies and Training, Rohini on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

It was celebrated with much fervour and enthusiasm. To mark this auspicious occasion, a huge bonfire was lit by Principal, Prof. Sonia Jindal and all the other faculty members and students of B.Ed and D.El.Ed had gathered in the ground. The festival was celebrated by singing and dancing around the bonfire. The munching of seasonal goodies such as popcorn, *rewaris*, and groundnuts formed an integral part of the celebration. Fistfuls of these goodies also found their way into the bonfire, as an offering to the God of fire. After it, all these were distributed among students and faculty members. Principal, Prof. Sonia Jindal addressed all the students and the staff members and exchanged greetings of this festival.

As students were excited for this celebration, they danced to the beats of *dhol* and music and dressed themselves in the Punjabi attire to have the feel of it. It was a colorful and vibrating environment in the premises. Everyone enjoyed it a lot.

