

## Guru Puja Diwas - 2020 (New York Bhawan)

In the Nirankari world, Guru Puja Diwas is synonymous with the birth anniversary of Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj. This pious day is gleefully observed across the globe as followers not only reminisce, yet actively participate to fortify the teachings and commandments portrayed through actions by Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj. With the grace of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, NY-CT Branch had the auspicious opportunity to be the host for the Guru Puja Diwas 2020. For the New York Branch, there was an added delight as the grand occasion was being celebrated for the very first time at New York's very own newly acquired **satsang Bhawan**.



The event was attended in great number by visiting saints **from Boston, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Albany and the local devotees from greater New York area.**

The event commenced with the hallmark presentation by the sewadal which included devotional hymns towards Satguru followed by a full fledge rally and concluded with blessings from the dais. Shortly after, the samagam began, during which devotees of all ages belonging to various cultural and traditional backgrounds shared their thoughts, experiences, personal anecdotes, poems and spiritual hymns. From a bird's eye-view, it was nothing short of a divine mosaic phenomenon. Every face beaming, emitting the divine glow and every eye twinkling with joy, completely enveloped within the aura of the

spiritual dimension. Extending a warm welcome to all the visiting saints, **Rev. Paul Chellani** ji shared that it is faith in the ultimate truth, meaning the almighty Nirankar, that ordinary beings are equipped, empowered and enabled to achieve extraordinary heights in the realm of divinity.

Addressing the congregation, **Rev. Arun Ahluwalia** ji blessed that for a realized soul, the entire universe becomes its own.



There remains no room for sub human vices as hatred, animosity or divisions. However in order for a soul to achieve enlightened state, one must seek the company of learned holy beings. It is only through the benevolence of the true master, that the soul gets blessed with Brahm Gyan, which is the reunion between the soul and the Over Soul. Once the relationship is restored, healing begins. The soul no longer dwells in darkness rather glides into the light of awareness. **The sole goal to celebrate Guru Puja Diwas is to imbibe the teachings of the true master and become ambassadors of peace, love, compassion and humanity.** Following the main event, community meal(langar) and other refreshments were served.

**Cleanliness Drive was key community event of the day. As Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj had** blessed that pollution is injurious, whether it is subjugating the mind or the



external environment. This social activity was enthusiastically participated by not only the sewadal volunteers but by saints of all ages.

All the adjacent and peripheral areas of the satsang Bhawan were covered in this drive. Once again even during the cold and breezy month of February, only soft smiles and agreeable nods radiated on the faces of the participating volunteers.



NY-CT Branch with folded hands expresses immense gratitude towards Satguru Mata ji for such opportunities to draw inspirations and continue to learn and become an aid in the uplifting of the human society.

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