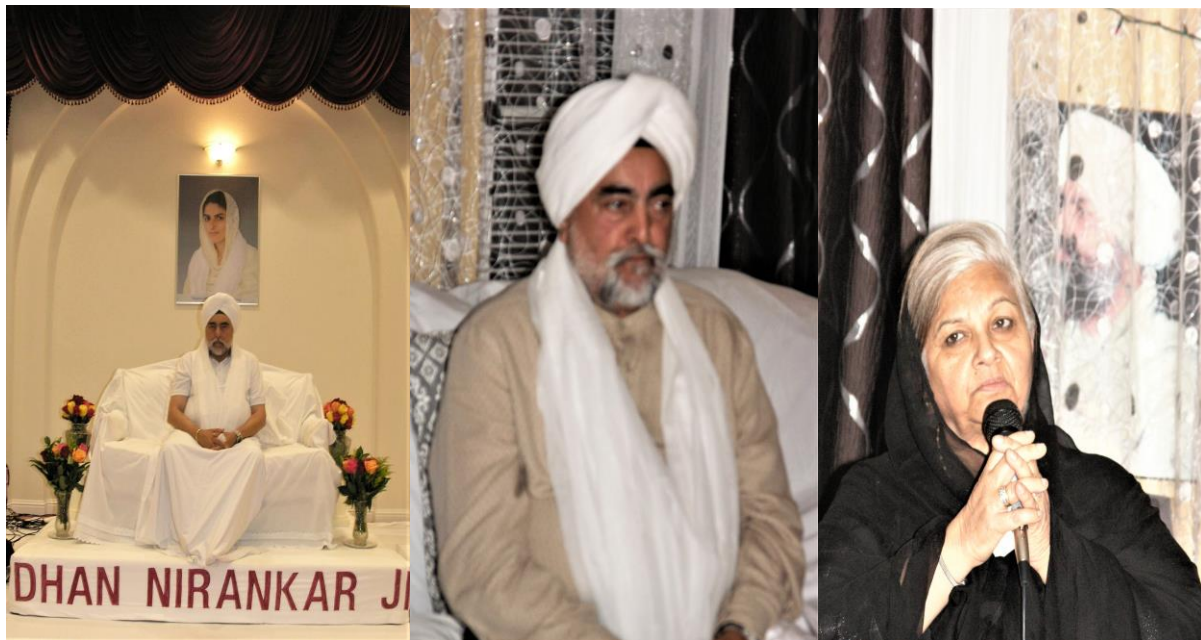


## Rev. Sukhdev Singh ji and HS Niranjan Kaur ji Visit to Bay Area

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From September 3-5, 2019, the SNM Tracy, California branch got an opportunity to seek blessings from special guests, Rev. Sukhdev Ji and Holi Sister Niranjan Ji from Amritsar, India. Rev. Gobind Ji and Nina Ji from Michigan also accompanied the chief guests on their tour. After blessing welcome sangat on 3rd evening in Tracy, they visited San Ramon on 4th for an evening satsang at Sanjeev and Poonam Sagar ji's home. There was a lot of excitement amongst saints to come and attend this sangat and seek blessings from these devoted saints of the mission. Hundreds of saints reached the venue and were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the special guests. Before reaching the sangat venue, pracharak saints visited Sandeep and Shalini Chitkara ji's residence. Shalini ji shared beautiful hindi poem on the topic of devotion with them which was appreciated by all saints present. After blessing the family there, pracharak saints arrived at the satsang venue.



Rev. Sukhdev ji presided the sangat. Topic of the month was 'Gursikh'. Speakers shared their thoughts on the topic. Silicon Valley Sangat Mukhi welcomed the guests and Dr Rai (President SNM, USA) thanked the guests. Rev. Gobind Singh ji, Pali Noor ji also shared inspirational thoughts on the topic of Gursikhi and devotion. Poonam ji thanked entire sadhsangat and the guests for blessing her family.

HS Niranjan Kaur ji addressed the sangat and shared stories from the lives of Baba Gurbachan Singh ji. The message from these stories was that we should always remember that Nirankar dwells in one and all and we should love one and all.

Rev. Sukhdev ji in his discourse elaborated on the topic of Gursukhi by referring to Avtar Bani verse. A true gurusikh sees Nirankar in all and hence his natural way of being is to serve all.

Rev Sukhdev ji told many real life stories from his life that explored the topic of faith and being a true Gursikh. Sadhsangat was listening attentively to his every word as his vast amount of knowledge and experience was providing guidance for some and inspiration for others. After the sangat, saints were served langar. One could see joy on everyone's faces after attending such a blissful satsang program.



Next day evening, satsang was held at Rev. Ajit Singh Sooch Ji's residence in the city of Antioch. Approximately 100 members attended the Satsang from near and far-by cities. The local Saints and Sewadal of Antioch whole heartedly welcomed Rev. Sukhdev Ji and Holi Sister Niranjan Ji with live Dhol played by young Saint Sanjog Sooch. Local Sewadal members volunteered in many ways to make this event a successful one. Members of the Satsang shared their gratitude and happiness in the form of speeches and geet throughout the Satsang. The Tracy youth and Bal sangat also sought the blessings in the form of a geet. Rev. Dev Raj Vijn Ji and Rev. Atul Batra Ji welcomed and thanked the special guests on behalf of the SNM Tracy branch.



Rev. Niranjan Ji blessed the attendees with a very inspiring speech. She shared how a true Gursikh should live their life by following the Satguru's teachings.

Rev. Sukhdev Ji blessed the saints with motivational thoughts. He shared how his life transformed following the Satguru's teachings and direction. Rev.Sukhdev Ji explained how the purpose of human life is realizing God's knowledge, which can be acquired through the teachings and blessings of Satguru . He then went on to discuss life before and after Gyan and how sewa has the power to evolve our lives. This entails never doing Namaskar empty handed, contributing to the building fund, performing all tasks full heartedly, and remembering that charity begins at home. As Rev. Sukhdev Ji beautifully expressed "Jesi Sangat vesi Rangat", meaning we should always incorporate Sewa, Simran, Satsang into our daily lives.

After hearing Rev. Sukhdev Ji's enlightening vichar all saints felt Nirankar's holy presence among them. The evening concluded with everyone in high spirits, enjoying langar, and partaking in self-less sewa. The blissful presence of Rev. Sukhdev Ji and the wisdom he shared left everyone inspired and truly connected with the Almighty Nirankar.

Such visit by guests always inspire young and elderly alike and Tracy sadhsangat will always remember teachings and learnings from this visit.

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