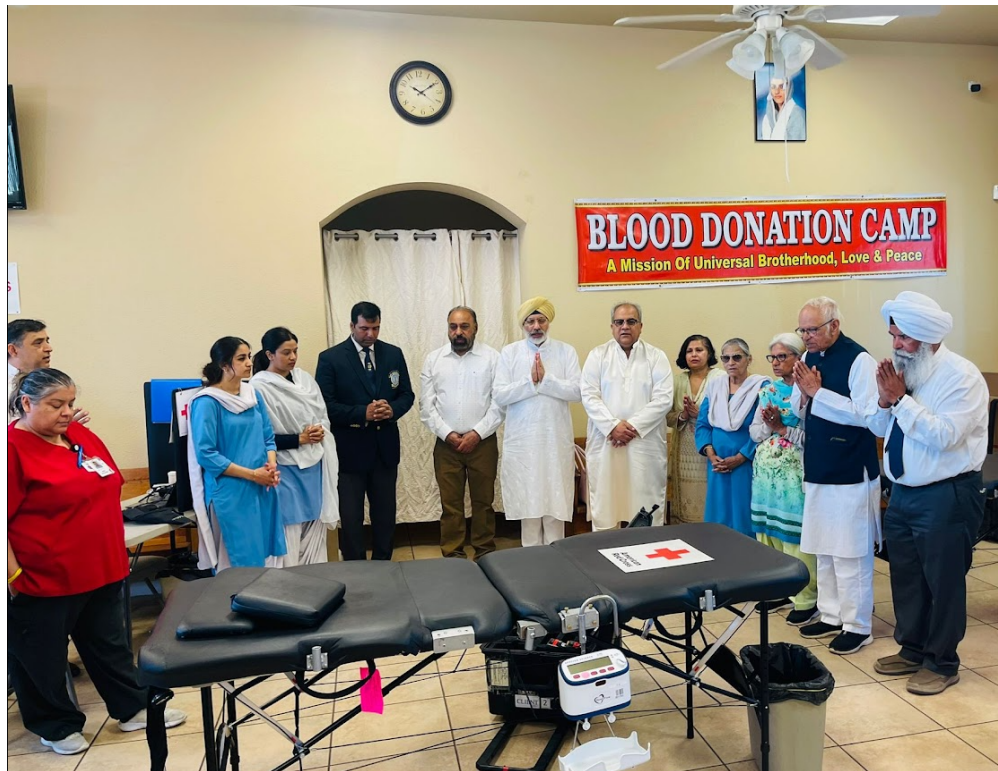


Manav Ekta Diwas - April 2023

SNM Greater San Francisco, CA

With the divine blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, Sant Nirankari Mission, San Francisco, California, USA branch observed Manav Ekta Diwas (Human Unity Day) on April 23rd 2023. The Manav Ekta Diwas honors and pays tribute to the supreme sacrifice made by Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj for humanity on his journey to spread the God-knowledge (Brahm Gyan) all around the world. We also remember Chacha Partap Singh Ji along with many other true devotees of Sant Nirankari Mission who gave their lives to disseminate the message of love, and compassion.



After Gurbachan Singh Ji's martyrdom, when it was time of despair in the mission, Baba Hardev Singh Ji Manahar started the blood donation program in 1986 as a tribute to him to promote the values of truth, peace, and tolerance and nonviolence. Thus Baba Hardev Singh Ji said that **"Blood should flow in veins, and not in the drains."** To continue this act of kindness, on the same day, Sunday the 23rd, a **blood donation camp** was organized by the Greater San Francisco branch in association with the American Red Cross Organization.

A day before the blood donation camp, the sewadal members sanitized the langar hall thoroughly to make it ready for the blood donation and tents were set-up outside the hall for langar arrangements. Blood donation camp started at 10am. **Dr. Rai ji** did Ardas at the holy feet of HH Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj to bless all of us with strength and guidance to serve the entire humanity selflessly.



About 60 volunteers registered for blood donation and 55 of them were able to donate the blood as only that many could be accommodated even after extending the drive time by a couple of hours. There were few first time donors as young as 16 to 18 years old and about 20% of the total donors came forth from the local community as well to become part of this humanitarian effort.



As selected donors were being directed towards langar hall for blood donation, a Manav Ekta Diwas samagam was being observed in the main satsang (congregation) hall of the Greater SFO Center for Oneness. During the congregation, devotees expressed their humble thoughts in the form of speeches, poems and hymns about Baba Gurbachana Singh Maharaj's life and his teachings on bringing love and peace in the world. During the final discourse, **Atul Batra Ji** blessed the saints emphasizing importance of our Mission's history and teachings of Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj.



Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj said, **“Blood donation is not a social factor, but a divine quality of humanity which reflects the spirit of contribution”**. We thank Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj for blessing us with such a wonderful opportunity and let us pray to Her holy feet that we may continue to remember the supreme sacrifices made by devotees in the past, and that we may imbibe Satguru's teachings in our lives.
