

Samagams (spiritual / holy gatherings) and their relevance ...
(In line with the upcoming Annual Mass Gathering in Delhi)

Thursday 30th October 2003

Annual Samagam

In 1948, Baba Avtar Singh Ji lost his son, Sajjan Singh Ji at a very young age. Many travelled to Delhi to express their grief and ever since, a Samagam has been held yearly in Delhi. The Samagam was initially an opportunity to gather nationally and has since developed into a worldwide gathering. It is celebrated in the month of November.

Bhakti Parv

Held in January every year, this was initially an occasion to remember Santokh Singh Ji who dedicated his life to developing the Sarovar (park/ecological area) in accordance with Baba Ji's wishes. Today this congregation is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of those who dedicated themselves to the service of mankind and this mission.

Guru Pooja Diwas

This mass congregation held in February celebrates the birthday of Baba Hardev Singh Ji. It is also an opportunity for the Sewadal (Volunteers) to perform their annual Sewadal Rally.

Manav Ekta Diwas (Human Unity Day)

Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji, head of the Nirankari Mission in 1962 was assassinated on 24th April 1980. Many assemble on this day and pay tribute to Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji and to those great saints who gave up their lives for the Mission.

Mukti Parv

Celebrated on 15th August, (also India's Independence day), the Mission pays tribute to Jagat Mata Budhwanti Ji, the wife of Baba Avtar Singh Ji. Baba Avtar Ji passed away on 17th September 1969; the Samagam was an occasion for devotees to express their gratitude to him.

“ The Samagam not only provides an opportunity to the participants from all over India and abroad to get together and strengthen their faith and devotion, it also serves a great source of inspiration for the service of others.”

“Appreciating the spirit of dedication among the volunteers, his holiness said, ‘They rise above their social and economic status and simply obey the directions coming from above selflessly’.”
(From Nirankari website)

There is the opportunity to listen to many people from all walks of life

The face of the Holy Master enlightens your soul; you feel such energy, which leaves you feeling at bliss and one with almighty God.

It is a time to spread love and the message of Universal Brotherhood

One look of the congregation reiterates the unity within the Mission: there indeed are no barriers to colour, caste or creed.

Samagams make you think and feel positive. The love which flows within the congregation and the faces of the holy couple and mother, make you realise and value the mission which you have been blessed with: you feel the need to change yourself for the better.

Why are Samagams Important?

Watching the volunteers carry out their duties regardless of tiredness or the hot climate builds enthusiasm. It makes one think about his/her own level of dedication: do we perform our duties because it is the right thing to do or because we want to?

Listening to the different experiences, stories and speeches, strengthens your faith

Samagams provide you with the opportunity to break away from your usual sphere of congregation attendees, enabling you to meet and greet more of Baba Hardev Singh Ji's universal, extended family!

The Samagam awakens you and reminds you to extend your love for all. You learn how to communicate with those around you, as there are many people from various cultures, speaking different languages.