



'GURU PUJA DIWAS 2012' CELEBRATED

By our community reporter

MELBOURNE, 22 Feb: The Nirankari Mission celebrated the 58th birthday of its head Baba Hardev Singh with a large number of Mission members and others attending a programme at its Melbourne headquarters. The well-organised function was addressed by Hon. Dr. S. K. Behera, India's Consul in Melbourne, Hon. Alan Tudge, Federal member for Aston and Mr. Neeraj Nanda, Editor South Asia Times among others. Members of the 'Sewa Dal' started the function with a prayer which was followed by volunteer's games in which boys, girls and kids participated.

The Sewa Dal volunteer's also sang a beautiful 'marching song' which said they were working for all humanity irrespective of faith. Mr. Behera, who was attending the place for the first time,

praised the formless creator concept of the mission. Mr. Alan congratulated the mission members on the birthday of Baba Hardev Singh. Mr. Nanda in his speech praised the zeal of the mission and the message of the 'marching song' which coincided with the concept of multicultural Australia. All the three speakers were then honoured. A tour of the mission property was another interesting part of the celebration.

The mission property amidst lush greenery in the shadow of the Dandenong ranges was decorated with colourful bulbs. All those present then feasted in the 'langar' with homemade tasty Indian food. The evening ended with cool breeze and sweets. The event left attended by about 200 people left an everlasting memory of commitment and dedication.



KPCA SHIVRATRI FUNCTION: AN EVENING WITH KAILASH MEHRA



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MELBOURNE, The Kashmiri Pandit's Cultural Organisation (KPCA), Victoria celebrated 'Shivratri' 2012 with famous Kashmiri singer Kailash Mehra Sadhu at the Ajani Centre, Lower Templestowe on 10th March with great enthusiasm. A large number of Kashmiri families came to attend the function and there was puja, food and lots of singing in many languages by Kailash Mehra also known as the Lata of Kashmir. Organisers and leaders including Krishna Pandita, Anjali Razdan & Dr. Mattoo of Australia India Institute need to be commended for the beautiful and entertaining event.

