

## Guru Pooja – February 22 - 23, 2015

Guru Pooja Diwas is a day when all Nirankari Saints from all over the globe look forward eagerly to celebrate joyously. On this pious day, our Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj was born. The celebration begins with Seva Dal Rally.

Sewa Dal Rally is an important aspect of the mission. It began with an Adhikaari Pranaam, in which the presiding saint walked through the hall and the Sewa Dal paid respect to him. Then there were PT exercises which were done with the beats of the drums, followed by two games and a skit.



The first game composed of ten volunteers. The rule of the game was that the players were blindfolded and a number was placed on them. They were told the number in their ear but thereafter they were not allowed to speak to any of the team members. At the end they had to line up in ascending order according to the numbers assigned. But before this they were given



two minutes to discuss their plan of action. We saw how the plan of action they devised was a method in which each member would tap their finger "x" number of times on the other team member, communicating effectively without saying a single word. Eventually they were all able to line up in order. From this we learned that not only teamwork is a must but also working together to devise a plan is essential.



The second item was a skit, in which a scene of sangat was portrayed. Young saints were shown who had trouble getting to the Sewa Dal Rally. They came up with many excuses to not attend or to leave early. Then a saint from sangat asked them to help out in the kitchen and instead they began watching videos or complaining to each other. The moral of the skit was that no sewa is small or big. It is very important to follow the orders

from saints verbatim rather than applying our own minds to it.

Lastly a game known as “the human knot” was played. In this game, certain number of individuals from the audience were called up and asked to form a circle. After that they were told to take their right hands and grab someone else’s right hand across from them. Next, they were to do the same with their left hand. After all this, they had to move around and come out of the human knot without letting go of the hands they were holding.



This game taught that it is vital to follow instructions. If they wanted they could’ve let go of the hands, and hold them again to get out of the knot; but instead they took the challenge and fulfilled it with everyone’s participation and enthusiasm.

The following day, February 23, saints gathered at the bhavan to praise the Lord Master and celebrate HH Baba Ji’s birthday, which started with Holy Avtar Bani followed by a video documentary displaying Baba Hardev Singh Ji’s journey from childhood to present day. Saints



sang a medley of verses from Holy Avtar Bani, song written by Raj Mata Ji and other devotional hymns. The New Jersey baal sangat sang a medley of songs they learned over the past year. The kids held flags of different nationalities wearing colorful dresses of their nationalities. They also wished "Happy Birthday" to Baba Ji in their own unique style and language based upon country they represented. Baal sangat actively participated

in the events and prepared three skits based on Book 'Guru Dev Hardev', and a spiritual debate between three groups of youngsters from Baal Sangat, Youth and adult Alumnis of Baal Sangat. A Kavi Darbar was also presented with youngsters dressed up as Nirankari, Sufi and English poets of yester years.