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New Jersey Center for Oneness Celebrates Manav Ekta Diwas



Elizabeth, New Jersey - April 24, 2016 - Members of the New Jersey branch of Sant Nirankari Mission celebrated their annual Manav Ekta Diwas with enthusiasm and fervor at the Center for Oneness (Bhawan) of the branch. The event comprised of a “Humanness Blood Drive” and a spiritual congregation discourse, promoting the message of unity, , truth, love and peace.

The Human Unity Day is observed to commemorate the supreme sacrifice made by Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji, and hundred of devotees of the Mission, who sacrificed themselves for the values of the mission. As the mission’s preacher, Baba Hardev Singh Ji promotes this benevolent social work across all the branches of the mission, with the belief that, “Human blood should flow in the veins, and not in the drains.”

This year the New Jersey branch partnered with Central Jersey Blood Center, a non-profit blood collection and distribution organization dedicated to serving residents of New Jersey.



Photo: Central Jersey Blood Center



“We are proud to help as volunteers with the blood donation process to promote the mission’s message of serving the community and saving lives.”
From Left to Right: Preet Sethi, NJ Sewadal, Nitin Kumar, NJ Sewadal

Starting at 8 AM on Sunday, many Sewadal and active members of the New Jersey branch worked extensively with the blood drive, helping members with the process and paper work. Nutritious snacks and drinks were also provided to help assist with any post-blood donation weaknesses or issues



Photo: Center for Oneness, New Jersey

For many members, Manav Ekta Divas provided a platform for togetherness of the Nirankari community and a day to make philanthropic contributions to the society. With the Mission’s biggest international convention coming up this summer in Canada, the event, combined with the blood drive, reflected on the importance of Manav Ekta Divas and the official theme of the convention, “Humanness.”





Manav Ekta Divas also included a spiritual congregation, Satsang, consisting of speeches, devotional songs and a web discourse of Baba Hardev Singh Ji who addressed the followers to encourage this act of saving human life and respect the sacrifices made to enhance and expand the Sant Nirankari Mission, it's values and ideals.



“I feel blissful after donating blood and helping this act of humanity. I feel that I’m promoting our Mission and Humanness by helping a “human being” save their life.”
From Left to Right: Manisha Singh, Volunteer for Blood Donation



From Left to Right: Michael Leviton, Neelu Wahi, Sonu Arora-Sangha

Director of Donor Relations from the Central Jersey Blood Center, Michael Leviton, conveyed gratitude and praised the efforts of the Mission in organizing the blood drive and regarding blood donations as the, “Greatest gift of Life.”

With over 50 Units of blood collected, the event was a great success towards aiding the New Jersey community, helping the ones in need. Several members of the branch spoke passionately about the essence of this human unity day as an effort to build stronger relations and connect the society through the principles of the Mission.



“This is a joint effort that we do for mankind. There’s nothing better than the gift of blood, a gift of new life to somebody. I encourage everyone to donate blood and help someone cherish their life just like we cherish our own life. I hope that we, as the members of this mission, are always available whenever we are needed for this cause.

From Left to Right: Neelu Wahi, Sonu Arora-Sangha



“This is my perfect opportunity to give back to mankind. The blood drive represents the message of humanness where blood is common between everyone and it doesn’t Discriminate based on race, creed or color ”

From Left to Right: Vineet Sabharwal, Volunteer for Blood Donation.

The 2016 Manav Ekta Divas succeeded in spreading the message of Humanness. It empowered the members to pledge towards spreading Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji's message of faith, benevolence and strengthening the bond of devotion and brotherhood in the Mission. The members of the Oneness Center considered the "Humanness Blood



regards to giving back to humanity.

Drive" an honor and privilege in

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