

April 24th, 2016 marked the 36th anniversary of the ultimate sacrifice of spiritual mentor and head of the Mission then, Baba Gurbachan Singh ji made. The mere mention of the name Baba Gurbachan Singh ji invokes deep sentiments of humanity and at once revives the much needed yet fast evaporating zeal to be a true human being. Baba Gurbachan Singh ji was an embodiment of higher human attributes as love, compassion, broad thinking, all accepting, tolerance and patience. He was a visionary with the aim to cultivate thoughts, plans and actions to materialize the vision of one global family.



However a group of fellow brothers intoxicated with ignorance failed to digest such vision and in the process robbed humanity of its mentor by assassinating Baba Gurbachan Singh ji. This grave incident hovered over like thick dark clouds suffocating the teachings that Baba Gurbachan Singh ji had worked so hard to instill. It is during those seemingly unending opaque hours, when Nirankar directed Nirankari devotees toward Satguru Baba Hardev Singhji Maharaj. Who became the spiritual mentor and took on the vision that Baba Gurbachan Singh ji had long dreamed of. The incident still fresh in the minds and hearts of the

young devotees of the Mission, was inciting the aching hearts to go forth for a revenge. Observing such intense emotional outpour, Satguru Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj stated that indeed revenge is in order, yet what sort of revenge? Violence when dealt with violence has never resulted in peace. The great sacrifice that Baba Gurbachan Singh ji made for the sake of humanity and humanness, will be at complete loss if His very followers went on to the path that is in direct opposition to His teachings.



We will retaliate, but not with hate, but only and only with love. Such lofty thinking coupled with actions, led to humanitarian revolution. Blood Donation camps came in to being. As a matter of fact, April 24th. began to be equated with Human Unity and thus came into being the Human Unity Day a.k.a. Manav Ekta Diwas. This year it was held at a global level. Blood Donation Camps were held across the world and in this very **string New York Chapter too took part. The event was held at the local congregation center.** Volunteers of the branch had been planning and tailoring the swift smooth execution of the event for weeks in advance. **65 of donors had registered, while 47 of them were able to donate. In total 47 units of blood were collected. Alongside the Blood Drive a full fledge congregation was in**

full swing. Special appearance was marked **by delegates from the United Nations**. **Sister Joy T**, one of the visiting U.N. delegates expressed immense glee to witness such unconditional love amongst the devotees and marveled at the teachings and attitude of the Mission towards women and their welfare.



The U.N. delegates attended the entire length of the congregation and took keen interest towards each presentation. Rev. Raj Mami ji, visiting from India during her speech recalled some quite heart warming memories and reminded everyone to value the sacrifice Mission has made. Towards the conclusion of the event, Mission's Literature gift packs were presented to the U.N. delegates. New York Branch expresses immense gratitude to Satguru Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj and humbly prays for continuous guidance in an effort to bring to life the vision of Oneness to Humanness.

Slide show of the pictures of this event is loaded on branch website and can be viewed from following link.

<http://www.nirankari.org/newyork/media/photos/2016/ManavEktaDivas/index.html>