

## **Manav Ekta Diwas 2017**

Today our world is in an intense need of human unification, as the essence of humanity has been reduced to its historic low.

Sub human sentiments are escalating at stifling rate. Even innocent young children are being poisoned with negative thoughts. It is in times like this, Nirankari Mission not only provides solace to wounded humanity, but heals, enriches and empowers humanity for a peaceful future as well. Nirankari Mission has been working tirelessly for the greater welfare of mankind for over 9 decades.

Month of April has its own unique significance in the hearts of the Nirankari devotees as 37 years ago on April 24th. 1980, the spiritual head of the Mission, Baba Gurbachan Singh ji Maharaj had sacrificed His own life for the sake of humanity. Having completely surrendered to the almighty Nirankar, great icon of the Nirankari world, Chacha Pratap Singh ji too laid his life following the footsteps of his master. Leading up to this dark day in the 1980, several other followers of the Mission sacrificed their lives in an effort to secure humanity.

Contrary to the material laws, where feelings and actions of retaliation are the only means of solace, the spiritual laws are governed by higher authority and per the divine will only love is the right antidote for hate. With divinity at its foundation, Nirankari Mission too propelled forward with the aim to reciprocate hate with love and blood shed with blood drive. Since 1986 Nirankari Mission has been hosting blood donation camps all across the globe. The hallmark quote blessed by Satguru Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj that, "Blood should Flow in Veins and Not in Drains," has become the way of life for every citizen of the Nirankari world.

With this being said, this year too with the blessing of spiritual leader of the Mission, Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev ji Maharaj, Nirankari Mission held blood donation camps all over the world. New York Branch too took part in this humane cause. For past several years, New York Branch has been conducting blood drives in association with Long Island Blood Center.

The event began 11am sharp at the Vaishnav Temple, New Hyde Park, NY.

Volunteers queued up to fulfill the divine will and help save lives. Concurrently a full fledged congregation was taking place in the main hall. The congregation was presided over by reverend Baldev Narang ji visiting from India. During the congregation, teachings of Baba Gurbachan Singh ji Maharaj were stressed upon. Devotees shared heart-warming memories of the era of Baba Gurbachan Singh ji Maharaj. In the final discourses, reverend Baldev Narang ji blessed that it is the responsibility of every Nirankari devotee to lead the life as per the principles of the Mission. It is only then, humanity can indeed be unified and ultimately help materialize the dream of "One world, One family". New York Branch humbly expresses immense gratitude towards Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev ji Maharaj for such humane opportunities and prays to continue to be recipient of the divine grace

**.Here are the stats and some glimpses of the event:**







