

## Rev. Sandeep Chaudhary ji Visits New York (April 6<sup>th</sup>- April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

With the grace of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev ji Maharaj, New York Branch had the auspicious opportunity to host congregation in the presence of none other than the young saint Rev. Sandeep Chaudhary Ji. Rev. Sandeep Chaudhary Ji visiting from India, has been selflessly serving the Mission for several years. Even at such young age, Rev. Sandeep Chaudhary Ji has become an iconic figure and inspires devotees of all ages towards a higher spiritual plateau.

During the April 6th - 8th weekend, **congregations were held in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York** respectively while on the 7th, an informal spiritual forum was held which served as a platform for the reciprocation of thoughts and ideas to better one's approach in the realm of spirituality.



A formal congregation held at the New Jersey bhawan and local temple in New York, presented devotees the opportunity to express their state of glee and glorify

the almighty in the form of hymns, poems, and personal anecdotes. In the final discourse, rev. Sandeep Chaudhary Ji drawing couplets from holy Avtar Bani blessed, that man has the option to go on to this excursion called life either on his/her own or seek the aid of a guide. The condition though for the first option holds that one should gain in-depth knowledge and employ extra caution while scanning the unfamiliar territories of this journey else one might succumb to the abysmal darkness. Nonetheless the latter assures a smooth and rather placid journey as he/she always relies on the experience, expertise and overall navigation of the well trained guide. Besides these two options, there remains only ambiguity and uncertainty at every step. Continuing the thought, saint further shared a small anecdote. During one of the holy visits of Satguru Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj, little ones of the local area were presented with the opportunity to take part in the Bal Exhibition.



At this children came up with quite thought provoking artwork. One child composed a note candidly admitting his shortcoming when it came to spelling. The very note that child had prepared contained numerous spelling errors. This caliber of innocence was awe inspiring as the child did not paint a utopian image while presenting his lack of ability to spell, rather there it was in simple black and white equating his intention and his work, complementing each other. This was an example of how a devotee is to present his plea to his Satguru, that is devoid of any/all wits and intellects. Another child had a rather personal story to portray. The child had shared that his mother often stays ill, so he prays that no mother in the world should ever remain ill! What a perspective at such young age! There was yet one more exhibit. The child had attempted to sketch an image of His Holiness. However the resulted image did not resemble the intended one, now running out of time, the child

drew an arrow pointing to the image with the caption "Baba ji." Admiring each and every piece of artwork, Satguru blessed that the child is trying to convey the message that let us see the image of our Satguru in all beings irrespective of their outer appearance, disposition etc. In the arena of spirituality, simplicity is the sole integral attribute. Each one of us is created in his or own perfect manner, thus deviating from our natural state or attempting to portray a false image, only causes an imbalance in one's own equilibrium.



While maintaining a harmony between thought, speech and action, under the prescription of selfless devotion, one need not alter one's default disposition. And children always owning and adhering to their true self are great example to draw inspiration from to exercise this. In the concluding thought, rev. Sandeep ji blessed that one is to remain focused on his/her own agenda as per the teachings of the Satguru. As a great majority of upheaval comes into being, when one loses the focus from his own aim and begins to fall prey to comparison and evaluation in respect to fellow beings. Each child of Satguru is unique and special in his/her own way. Satguru, the all-knowing has carved out the best possible map for each child and when the child adheres to this route without getting side tracked to the scenario taking place in his/her vicinity, bliss is achieved.

Following the community meal, a Youth question/answer session was held to further derive benefit from the experience and wisdom of the visiting saint.

New York Branch expresses immense gratitude towards Satguru, sadh sangat and the almighty Nirankar for the wonderful opportunity and seek blessings for a continuation of the same in future as well.