

MANAV EKTA DIWAS (NEW HYDE PARK, NY April 21st, 2019)

With the grace of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, New York Metro observed Manav Ekta Diwas on April 21st, 2019. The commemorative event was held in New York at Vaishnav Temple. As per the directives, devotees from New York, Connecticut, Boston, Albany, New Jersey and Pennsylvania attended the occasion in great count. Blood Donation being the hallmark attribute of the event, a collaborative effort was made between the participating branches to host a blood drive in partnership with New York Blood Center.



Parallel to the congregation, Blood Drive activities were taking place in full swing. During the congregation, devotees shared and drew examples from the divine iconic life of Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj, Chacha Pratap Singh ji and several devotees who laid down their lives for the preservation and propagation of truth. In particular an anecdote was relayed that once Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji on a U.S. tour had made home calls and first handed requested local followers to come and be part of the congregation. Such a humble act that shall continue to inspire humility and love for fellow human beings. In another incident that was shared, during Baba Gurbachan Singh ji's era, Mission

did not have the transportation facilities, but that never became an obstacle to further the message of truth and humanity. Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj travelled long and tirelessly via road to propagate Mission's timeless ideology. Little children presented devotional hymn glorifying the sacrifices made by the founding members of the Mission.



Addressing the congregation Mr. Asad, a representative on behalf of the New York Blood Center, expressed his glee to be part of such event. He shared that it is quite awe inspiring to witness such selfless love and compassion amongst the followers. It is this unconditional outlook that is the need of the hour. Mr. Asad further added that New York Blood Center looks forward to keep this partnership growing. Sister Swaran Nayak too shared her humble sentiments that one is able to take part in such humane causes only with the grace of the true master. With every one pint of blood donated, three lives can be saved. This indeed is the responsibility of every citizen of the Nirankari world to engage in such pious initiative and help fellow brothers and sisters in need.

Rev. Paul Chellani ji (Incharge NY-CT Branch) thanked Satguru Mata ji for

blessings the branch with an opportunity to serve the mankind.

During the webcast vichar, Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj blessed that mere recitation of an entity or idea will never deliver its seeker to his/her destination, whether the entity is as minute as a needle or as grand as salvation. There are those who deny the existence of the higher authority, those cannot be helped as in a way they represent a lost case. Then there are those who do believe that there exists some power, however they fail to pursue to the next level.



This is still better than being an atheist, however it still does not fulfill the purpose of human life. One must not quit the quest to identify one's true origin. It is an enormous malady of human psyche to harbor the perception that it is God who has veiled itself! How could the grandest entity that has the entire creation engulfed within itself be veiled? It is the contrary to this popular myth, it is man who has been trapped in the veil of ignorance. Just as we might find it rather amusing to learn that a fish in the arms of a vast ocean finds itself on a mission to discover water, the same plight is with human being. Man while all surrounded by his creator, assumes that the creator is hidden and must be discovered. The higher authority is simply too vast to be lost, rather it is man who has lost his way through the countless cycles of births and deaths. What is then needed is to not search for the creator however to search for the one who holds the knowledge to divulge the identity of the supreme entity. It is upon getting acquainted with such figure, that

the man comes to acknowledge the creator and his true self.



Following the conclusion of the event, a community meal was organized. Blood donation too continued into the early hours of the evening with even greater zeal.

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