

**Australian Nirankari Samagam Adelaide  
(ANSA)  
15-16<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The Sant Nirankari Mission Australia (SNMA) is neither a religion, nor a sect of any religion. It is a spiritual organization which focuses on Spiritual Liberation and Humanitarian reform and its followers work diligently towards the betterment of Humanity.

SNM has 5 centres in Australia. Followers at each centre actively participate in social welfare activities and through their noble work, spread SNM's message that:  
"There is only one religion in the world; and that is HUMANITY!"

SNM Australia organised the Australian National Sant Samagam (ANSA) on 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Adelaide Bhawan, 57-59; Old port Rd. Queenstown, SA, Australia to pay tribute and take inspiration from the life and teachings of the former Head of SNM, Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji. He headed the mission for over 36-years and spent his entire life serving humanity. He always emphasized that as members of the human family, it is important for us to imbibe the values of love, compassion, tolerance and forgiveness and live life as a good human being.

The ANSA was graced by the divine presence of respected saint Rev Surjeet Nasheela Ji and his wife Rev.Harbans Kaur Ji who arrived from SNM headquarters in Delhi, India, embodying the divine blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev Ji, the present head of the Mission.  
The samagam was themed "Tribute to Humanness" and was attended by 600 members of the Mission and guests, who arrived from different states of Australia and overseas including UK, India and UAE.

On the first day, 15th April, the Samagam programme commenced with an inspiring Sewa Dal (Volunteers) line up followed by a Volunteers Inspection by SNM In-charge and Prayers. SNM volunteers imbued with unparalleled enthusiasm performed PT Parade and participated in various games. The main objective was to convey the importance of rendering selfless service i.e. service above self and accomplishing the given task with discipline, coordination and team spirit. Towards the end, teams from different states played a volleyball match, where Team Sydney put in a swashbuckling performance against Team Melbourne in finals to win the title.

Later in the evening, a Devotional Night was held at the Adelaide Bhawan. Here, members of the Mission sang devotional songs and Ghazals and recited poems to pay tribute to the life of His Holiness Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji, through. The event commenced with kids from Adelaide signing prose known as Shabads from the Holy Avtar Bani, followed by a devotional song sung by Kids from Melbourne, expressing their gratitude to Babaji for all the blessings and making the world feel like heaven.  
Kids from Sydney presented a beautiful skit through which they showed importance of Bal Sangat and that age is not a barrier to attain God knowledge.

Saints from Sydney sang a devotional song and conveyed that Babaji wanted us to love everyone and build bridges of love by demolishing the wall of hatred.  
Kids from Melbourne performed a skit highlighting the Mission's contributing towards various noble causes such as blood donation, cleanliness and tree plantation, thereby making the world a beautiful place to live in.

Poets from the Mission also got an opportunity to pay tribute to Nirankari Baba Ji during Kavi Darbar. The topic assigned for Kavi Darbar was "Karz chukya nahin ja sakda Hardev tere ehsana da"(We cannot repay the debt of the blessings of Satguru).  
The melodious fusion of Shabad from Avtar Bani and hymns of Sufi saint Bulleh Shah was mesmerising and filled the environment with divinity.  
The event was well-attended by not only the members of Mission but also other invitees. The event was broadcast live on the social media platform Facebook and viewed by hundreds of thousands of members all over the world.

The first day concluded with blessings from the Holy chair, presided by saint Rev. Nasheela Ji. Underlining the importance of the Samagam, he said that this was the first International Samagam being held in Adelaide where more than 600 attendees were participating from Australia and other parts of the world. He added that these Samagams provide opportunities for saints from different parts of the world to come together and express their gratitude to the True master and Lord Almighty for all the blessings in their lives. Though we can never repay the debt of the blessings of Satguru, the pure and pious feeling of gratitude within the Saint towards True master's blessings is enough to revolutionise his life.

On the second day, 16th April, the congregation was held at the Adelaide Bhawan from 11 am to 3 pm. Saints started gathering at the venue at 8 am and the same divine spirit and enthusiasm as seen on Day 1 could again be witnessed that day. A Publication stall was installed at outside the venue, where the Mission's literature in form of books, CDs and DVDs, and novelty items such as calendars and diaries were displayed and sold to raise awareness about the Mission's teachings, ideology and history.

During the congregation, devotees paid their tribute to Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh ji by expressing their thoughts in the form of speeches, devotional songs and poems . One of the devotees expressed that Babaji wanted us to behave like Human beings and that the meaning of oneness is to "Know One, Believe in One, Become One." He further said, "If we want to change the world, we have to become the change."

Another devotee expressing his views said that Babaji wanted us to live a pious life full of love and that Satguru is the true manifestation of Lord Almighty.

One devotee shared a beautiful example that darkness and cold do not exist. Darkness, is in reality, the absence of light and according to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is, in reality, the absence of heat. Similarly, evil does not exist, it's just the absence of love and faith in Lord Almighty.

Poets from the Mission paid tribute to Satguru Baba Hardev Ji through poems in Punjabi and Hindi and various devotees sang songs in different languages to express their love and gratitude towards Babaji.

Rev Shashi Grover, Vice President of SNM Australia, touched upon the Mission's role in empowering women. She said it started with Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji, when he set an example by sharing the stage with Pujya Rajmata Ji.

Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh ji continued the tradition by sharing the stage with Rajmata Ji and Pujya Mataji and exhibited to the world that women are equal to men in all aspects. He gave opportunity to women to be part of the executive committee. Satguru Pujya Mataji complemented Babaji shoulder to shoulder in spreading the message of the Mission.

Respected saint Harbans kaur Ji, who accompanied Rev Nasheela Ji from India, blessed all attendees and expressed her happiness to be part of the Samagam. She recited a poem highlighting the significance of Sewa (Selfless service), Satsang(Congregation) and Simran(Prayer).

Rev Chanbir Singh Ji, President of SNM Australia, expressed his gratitude towards Rev Nasheela Ji and respected Her holiness Satguru Mataji for making this Samagam possible in Adelaide, Australia and giving an opportunity to saints from various states to be part of it. He reiterated the teachings of Babaji that we can make our life easy by seeking forgiveness from someone and by forgiving someone. He further added that Babaji was love personified. During his tour of Australia, when Babaji visited Parliaments of different states, he left an indelible impression on the Members of the Parliament. He also highlighted the contribution of the Mission in undertaking community initiatives, such as blood donation, cleanliness and tree plantation drives. He also thanked the media team,

members of meal preparation team and all other members for their untiring and diligent efforts for making the Samagam a grand success.

A documentary titled "Hardev - Ek Mukamal Yug", created by the Sant Nirankari studio, to pay tribute to Baba Hardev Singh ji, was shown to all attendees, followed by a recorded message from Her holiness Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev ji from SNM Headquarters in Delhi. She said that the main objective of having these Samagams at different places is to spread the teachings of Babaji everywhere. Babaji's life was dedicated to the cause of love and humanity. We need to ensure that our tribute to the sacrifices of Babaji do not remain confined to words only. We need to think and understand what Babaji wanted from us and if we have implemented that in our lives. We heard from Babaji that technology-wise, we are getting close and connected but are our hearts connected? We expect people to forgive but find it difficult to forgive others, why is this difference? Is our 'ego' bigger than the teachings of Babaji and humanity? There is so much hatred in the world today, its only love that can overcome it. Our character should reflect the teachings of Babaji.

The congregation concluded with a discourse from saint Rev Surjeet Nasheela Ji, who presided the congregation and sat on the Holy Chair. He said that Satguru is the only true Master and Baba Hardev Singh ji, in the form of Satguru, blessed many saints with God knowledge. Truth remains same in all the ages. Reason for change in the Era is not because of the changes in nature but because of human beings. He recited a prose that human beings are enough to cause disruption in the world and they leave no stone unturned to create havoc.

The True Master comes to this world to bless us all and fortunate are the ones who attain this divine knowledge. Babaji's contribution to the mission was not just for 36 years but it was from his birth in 1954. In his early years, he became a prominent member of the Sewadal.

He further said that people cannot tolerate each other due to differences such as caste, creed and religion. The True Master breaks all these shackles and frees us from the bondages of ignorance by bestowing God knowledge upon us.

Babaji took on the responsibility as Head of the Mission at the young age of 26 and initiated blood donation drives. Through this, he conveyed the message to the world that blood should flow in veins and not in drains. Babaji, as leader of the Mission, also initiated the involvement of the Mission in various community services throughout the world, such as cleanliness drives and tree plantation drives.

The Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation was also created under his guidance and today, the Nirankari mission is recognised worldwide for its contributions to the society and mankind. Rev. Nasheela ji reiterated the teachings of Babaji that the love is an eminent part of devotion. Without love for fellow beings, devotion is not complete. Finally, there is no way we can repay the debt of the blessings of Satguru Hardev ji, the best we can do is to follow his teachings.

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