

## Sant Nirankari Mission, New Jersey Branch

Report – July 2019

With the grace of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, the New Jersey Branch observed the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Satsang in the presence of Respected Holy Sister Mohini Ahuja Ji from Hyderabad, India. Respected Holy Sister Mohini Ahuja Ji was on *prachar* visit of the New Jersey Branch from Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition to attending and delivering Satguru's blessing from the stage in the congregation on Sunday, she graced the Sangat with her presence at a social event held at the Sant Nirankari Bhawan in NJ on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

During the two-hour congregation, devotees praised the Almighty Nirankar and expressed their thoughts in the form of hymns, poems and personal anecdotes related to the teachings of the Mission. The messages shared emphasized the qualities of a true disciple such as maintaining an attitude of gratitude, demonstrating forgiveness, and progressing on the path of spirituality by aligning our actions with our words.

Rev. Arun Ahluwalia Ji, General Secretary of the Sant Nirankari Mission USA, welcomed Holy Sister Mohini Ahuja Ji with a bouquet of flowers.

Addressing the congregation, Holy Sister Mohini Ahuja Ji recalled the scene on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 when Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj graced the Sant Nirankari Bhawan in NJ with his divine presence and blessed the Sangat. The members of this congregation are extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to seek His blessings in physical form that day.

God works in mysterious ways. As human beings, our perspective is limited, and we do not always understand the reasons behind many of the events that unfold around us. However, when the True Master enters our lives and bestows upon us this God Knowledge, our perspective broadens. In this way, as followers of this Mission, we must ensure we remain broad-minded and treat everyone with patience, kindness and respect.

Everywhere He went, Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj highlighted the importance of showing love towards others and exemplifying the message of Universal Brotherhood. These are lessons we learn when we come to Sangat. These teachings are not new and can be found in centuries-old holy books and texts, and have remained consistent since the start of the Mission.

In spreading the message of Truth, we have heard of the many sacrifices made by our Satguru and other prominent leaders of the Mission over the years which have enabled us to enjoy the comforts and conveniences available to us today. Because of the hard work and determination of those who came before us, we have the privilege of attending Sangat in comfort in Bhawans all around the world. These Bhawans were constructed for the benefit of the devotees, so we can sing the praises of the Almighty God in peace.

Our Satguru has made this all possible. We cannot repay the debt we owe to our Satguru nor should we forget the sacrifices that were made for us. The growth and happiness we have experienced in our lives over the years – we owe it all to our Satguru. There is no limit to our wants, but we have been blessed with the things that enable us to thrive in this society. Yet, instead of being grateful, we complain and focus on the things we do not have. Hundreds of devotees would spend hours in line to do Namaskar at

the feet of Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj and they would ask him to grant their wants. Satguru would very patiently listen to every single person. Until today we remember the care and personalized attention that He showed to each one of us. Although 3 years have passed, our eyes still fill with tears at His memory and the unconditional and limitless love that he showered upon us, a kind of love that we probably don't get from even our closest relatives.

By way of a story, Holy Sister Mohini Ji explained that our only true companion is God. All other relationships we have, and believe we are responsible for, are temporary and only exist while we live in this society. As such, our focus needs to remain steadily on this Nirankar through *Seva*, *Simran* and *Satsang*. At the end of the day, it is only God we can count on.

Our Satguru has given us so much and for this, we must never cease to be grateful. When we are satisfied with what we have, we experience happiness and peace of mind. As soon as we recognize and accept that Nirankar is the creator and the doer, and that everything happens in accordance with His will, we will learn to be thankful in every instance. We have the ability to do so much in this world only because Nirankar has blessed us with a soul. Once this soul leaves our bodies, we are no longer able to move, eat or sleep as before. The body looks the same from the outside, but it is rendered useless once the soul leaves.

A true devotee knows where his or her true home is and maintains a firm connection with Nirankar throughout his or her time on this earth. A true devotee knows that the body is temporary; as such, they live a life devoid of ego and credit everything to the True Master.

It is in Sangat where we learn how we should live and conduct ourselves in this world. Treat others the way you want to be treated. If you want to be respected and loved, then show respect to others and give love. Put others' needs before your own.

Our worries or anxieties should not prevent us from attending Sangat. The atmosphere in Sangat is one of positivity and kindness which means that each blessing we are given by other Saints comes true. It is as though those blessings are coming from Satguru herself which means they will surely manifest in our lives. It is important not only for us to keep coming to Sangat, but for our children to come and learn these crucial life lessons from an early age.

Concluding her thoughts, Respected Holy Sister Mohini Ahuja Ji humbly urged all Saints to honor our promise to Satguru and keep doing *Seva*, *Simran* and *Satsang*, and prayed for Nirankar to bless everyone with an abundance of happiness and peace.

The New Jersey and Pennsylvania Saints are grateful to be the recipients of such opportunities, and humbly pray to Satguru that we live our lives in accordance with the teachings of this Mission and honor the countless sacrifices that were made in establishing and growing it to where it is today.