



Hardev Singhji : Messenger of Peace


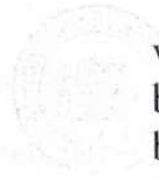
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Nirankari Baba Hardev Singhji Maharaj was the fourth Satguru of Sant Nirankari Mission. He was born in 23 February 1954 in Delhi to Gurubachan and Kulwant Kaur. His father Gurubachan Singh was the third Satguru of Nirankari Mission.

He completed his education from Patiyala, Punjab and Delhi. Hardev Singh became a member of the Nirankari Seva Dal in 1971. In 1975 he married to Sawinder Kaur. After the assassination of his father in 1980 Baba Hardev Singhji took over the responsibility as the Head of Nirankari Mission in the form of Satguru from year 1980 and continued to provide teaching to the believers. After the sudden demise of Baba Gurbachan Singhji in 1980, he addressed the distressed and agitated devotees of the Nirankari Mission with these magnificent words- "Any emotion of revenge will go against the ideology established and lived by Baba Gurbachan Singhji, for which he sacrificed his life." This profound statement by Baba Hardev Singhji, who was now heading the mission as its Satguru, provided the much-needed stability and direction to the devotees in today's era of intolerance.

Babaji's teaching is based on Satsang (trying to lead a simple saintly life), Sewa (doing a favour), and Simaran (meditation). According to him spiritual awareness is the only medium which can lead humans towards goal of human unity. And Here world brotherhood is achievable aspiration.

During this period under the guidance of Baba Hardev Singhji, Nirankari mission has undertaken several welfare activities for mankind. Sant Nirankari Mission is the institute



which gives spiritual knowledge and currently there are 3000 branches in 27 countries. The mission is for the people belonging to all the castes, creed, colour and nation. The people do not have to bring flowers, garlands and other things. The mission not only focusses on spiritual awakening but it also gives moral education. Today it also performs social works likes: tree-plantation camps, medical check up, blood donation camps on the occasion of Manav Ekata Divas (as as a sign of self-less service to humanity and a tribute to sacrifice of Baba Gurubachan Singhji) , drought helps, group marriages etc. Mission has undertaken responsibility of more than 20 railway-stations for cleanliness. Hardev Singhji Maharaj gave stress on discipline and politeness in the mission . Due to his expectation we notice all devotees and Sevalal Mahatmas behaving very politely . Though minimum ten to fifteen lakh devotees gather in Samagam ; we notice that there is no running or pushing one another in the line of meal , getting water or any other thing . At the same time we find that there is no need of police department in spite of a vast crowd . He inspired the youth across the India to participate in mission activities. As a result of this first International Nirankari mission samagam held in Birmingham (UK) on 11 & 12 August 2012 was well organised by youth. During Sant Samagam (Gathering of believers), many Mahatmas (male volunteers), and Behenjji (female volenteers) give there Sewa (do a favour) & follow the ideology of humanity. Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation was rocognized by many well known istitutions in India and across the India for this social work. "Dhan nirankarji" is the main slogan of Nirankari Mission. It means that "God is formless, yet is in all forms".

As an ambassador of peace and truth, Baba Hardev Singhji undertook numerous salvation tours in remote areas of India, and overseas. His unique messages like peaceful co-existence, a world without walls and harmony in oneness not only impressed everyone, but also changed the lives of many & provided the much-needed stability to the devotees in today's world of uncertainty. According to him " Humanity



is the only religion - is the definition of religion.

In 2005, the Nirankari Museum was launched by Baba Hardev Singhji. This museum is located within the Sant Nirankari Sarovar in New Delhi. It states the history & ideology of nirankari mission.

Hardev Singh Maharaj did the work of human welfare for 36 years. A great personality doing all this divine work passed away on 13 May 2016 in Canada due to car crash.

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