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Membership

We are please to inform that the membership of Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society, Malaysia has been computerized and keyed into the Microsoft Access Database.

We are also in the process of updating our membership records and would seek the assistance of members. A Membership Sub-Committee has been activated under the chairmanship of Sardar Giani Dalgit Singh. We have appointed the following as State Representatives to coordinate the membership updating of records.

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Kindly assist by liaising with Giani Dalgit Singh or your State Representative to update our membership records. During the last exercise, a total of 104 members were identified as 'Deceased' and currently our membership stands at 461 members.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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Sdr. Rejinder Singh Dhaliwal



Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa
Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

I feel honoured to be given the honour by the Sandesh Editorial Board to write a foreword for our Newsletter “The Sandesh”. It has been a splendid year since my election as President to this esteem organisation in May 2018. There have been many activities and projects being implemented along which some were long overdue. By the Grace and the Blessings of Almighty Waheguru Ji and with a dedicated Central Committee, we have been kept busy with all these activities and projects and also such as updating our membership records, rebranding the Gurmat Studies programme and also reviving our Newsletter ‘Sandesh’ amongst others.

We have activated various sub-committees under our Vice Presidents who have been assigned and given specific duties. Our Secretary Giani Dalgit Singh has been entrusted to coordinate our road shows to all Gurdwaras in Malaysia to promote the Vidyala and its programmes. Our Granthi Training programme is being promoted aggressively and we hope to see some results soon in the near future.

In the same context, our own Newsletter “The Sandesh” is being revived after some years. We have entrusted this responsibility to Sardar Tarlochan Singh Dhaliwal and his Editorial Board. They have taken the initiative to update members on the programmes and activities of the Society for the past year and also related matters.

I personally feel that the regular publication of Sandesh is important as it records the events, progress and history of the Society for the future. We also feel that the Sandesh is the vital link of communication between the Society and its members on a regular basis.

Before I end, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the Central Committee Members and also our members who have been contributing their sewa in every way possible for the success and Cardi Kala of Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society, Malaysia.

Finally, I would also pray that “The Sandesh” is published regularly and I wish to congratulate the Editorial Board of this publication “The Sandesh”.

May Almighty Waheguru Ji bless us all and lets us meet at the Annual Yaadgar Semagam 2019 in Melaka in May 2019 and partake in the sewa of the Panth.

Gurfateh to All

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rejinder Singh Dhaliwal'.

REJINDER SINGH DHALI WAL
President
Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society, Malaysia

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR/VICE PRESIDENT

Sardar Tarlochan Singh Dhaliwal



Dear Respected Members,

Gurfateh Parvan Karo Ji.

First and foremost I wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone 'A Very Happy Vaisakhi 2019' which was celebrated by all Sikhs throughout the world recently. I pray all our members will be blessed for the coming years with good health, wealth and Naam Simran.

Secondly, I have been entrusted by the Central Committee to revive our own Newsletter "The Sandesh". I have been nominated to be its Editor and will be assisted by an Editorial Board. We have taken up the 'challenge' and will ensure that "The Sandesh" is published regularly and also to update our members and the Sangat on the activities and programmes of the 'Vidyala' as the Society is commonly referred to by one and all in Malaysia.

Thirdly, we in Malaysia were blessed by the service or sewa of the great saint of Sant Baba Sohan Singh Ji, who spent a major part of his life in Malaysia living and spearheading the teachings of the Sikh Gurus and uniting the Sikh Community of Malaysia. Thereafter upon his demise in 1972, the Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society, Malaysia was set up to continue his life's mission of spreading the Universal Teachings of Sikhism.

Fourthly, "The Sandesh" is the official voice of the Society and acts as the link between the Society and its members who are residing all over Malaysia and some even overseas. Hence, it has an important role of play for the promotion of the Society's activities and programmes.

Fifthly, in this issue of "The Sandesh" we have highlighted some recent events and activities of the Society namely:-

1. The Gurdwara Sahib Prem Sagar Project in Punjab, India;
2. The Gurmat Studies Programmes; and
3. Tribute to our Trustee Sardar Hakam Singh Gill.

amongst others for the benefit of all members.

We are also in the progress of ensuring that this Newsletter is published regularly. Hence we seek your full cooperation to assist us in providing your feedback, comments and views. It is a project of the Panth and we should be fully committed and play our roles to serve the Community.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh



TARLOCHAN SINGH DHALIWAL

Editor - The Sandesh

Vice President - Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society, Malaysia



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**THE PASSING OF A DISTINGUISHED TRUSTEE
 OF SANT SOHAN SINGH JI MELAKA MEMORIAL SOCIETY MALAYSIA.**

A Tribute to Hakam Singh Gill

Sardar Hakam Singh Gill was born in the Village of Bohana near Moga in Punjab, India in 1924. Thereafter he migrated to Malaya (now Malaysia) and served with distinction in the Malaysian Legal and Judicial Services for many years until his retirement.

Sardar Hakam Singh Gill had dedicated his whole life to the legal profession. He joined the judicial clerical service in 1955 in the Sessions Court Registry in Seremban before Malaysia gained its independence from Great Britain in 1957.

Thereafter, he was posted to various courts in Kampar, Malacca, Kota Bahru and Muar serving as a Magistrate and High Court Assistant Registrar before retiring in Malacca. He was very well-versed in law and also equally in Sikhism.

In Malacca, he had established a special bond with Sant Sohan Singh Ji. He was very close to Sant Ji and visited him regularly to seek guidance and spiritual knowledge. Sant Ji also confided in him and held him in high esteem among the

Malacca Sangat.

Sardar Hakam Singh Gill was also active in the administration of Gurdwara Sahib Melaka having served with distinction and dedication as President. He was an intense spiritual person and could deliver lectures and sermons in Sikhism. The Sikh Sangat of Malacca held him in high esteem and also sought his views, assistance and support at various times. This can be proven at the demise of Sant Baba Sohan Singh Ji in 1972. The Malacca Sangat was divided on the venue for the cremation of Sant Ji. Some had wanted him to be cremated in the Gurdwara Sahib Melaka grounds while others wanted him to be cremated in the normal Melaka Crematorium Grounds.

Sardar Hakam Singh Gill was instrumental in advising and convincing the Sangat that Sant Ji should be cremated in the normal Melaka Crematorium. He advised them that Sant Ji had confided in him and that Sant Ji had never distanced himself from the Melaka Sangat and considered himself as amongst them at all times. As such, Sant Ji was given a simple cremation at the normal Melaka Crematorium on 25 May 1972.

Sardar Hakam Singh Gill was also instrumental in the establishment of the Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia in 1972 in memory of Sant Sohan Singh Ji. He served with distinction and dedication in various positions and also contributed greatly in the drafting of the Society's Constitution. He also advocated the policy that the Society should only elect a President and thereafter the President should be given the liberty and freedom to appoint his

own Committee to manage the affairs of the Society during his tenure as the President.

Sardar Hakam Singh Gill was also personally involved in the establishment of the "Sant Sohan Singh Dharmik Vidyala" by the Society.

A new building was erected behind the Gurdwara Sahib Melaka for the training of youths to adopt the Sikh Religious Path and to be trained as Granthis, Parcharaks and Ragis. This Vidyala has produced many learned and qualified granthis who are now serving in various Gurdwaras in Malaysia.

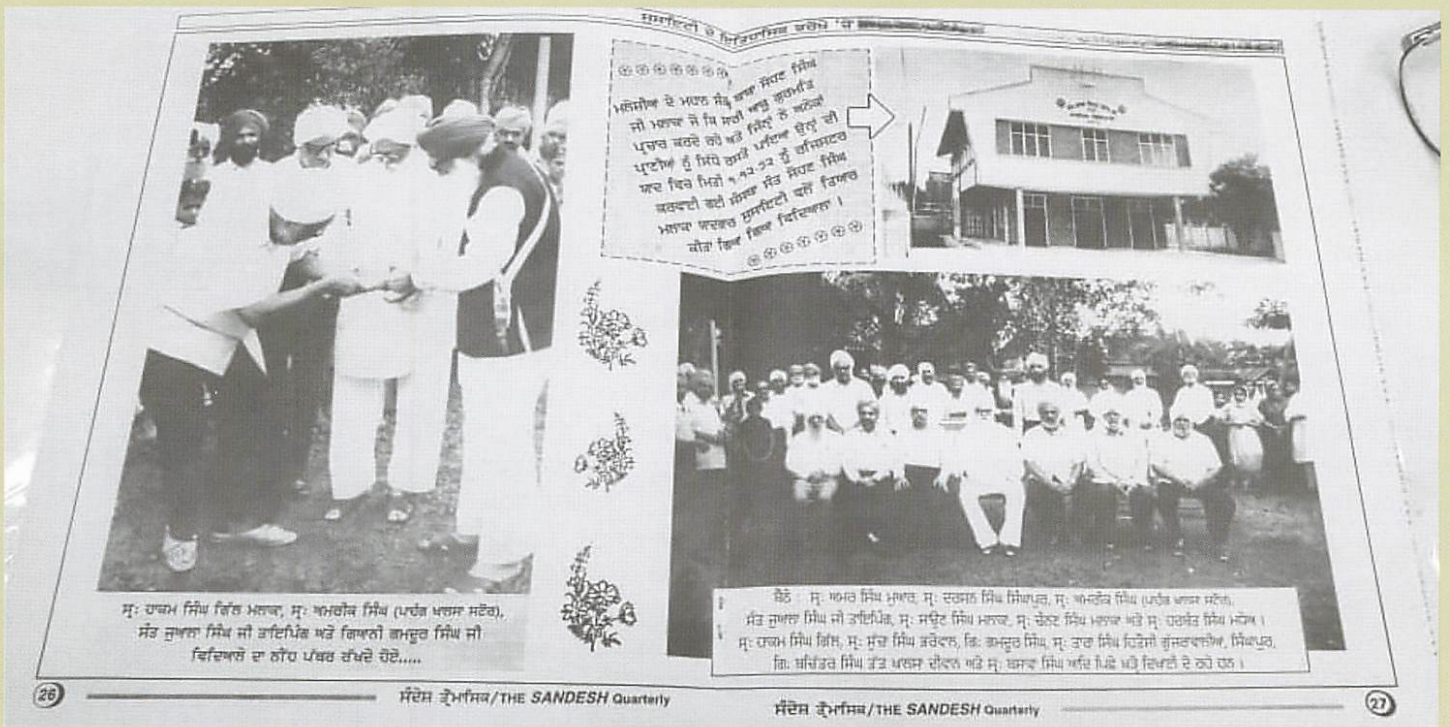
He was an active Principal Official of the Society for many years. Thereafter Sardar Hakam Singh Gill expressed his desire that age was catching up on him and he wished to retire. However the Society requested him to continue serving in an advisory capacity and he was appointed a Trustee of the Society.

He continued serving the Society as a Trustee until his demise on 7 August 2018 in Petaling Jaya, Selangor at the age of 94 years. The Society wishes to record its gratitude and appreciation towards the contributions and dedicated service of Sardar Hakam Singh Gill to the Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia.

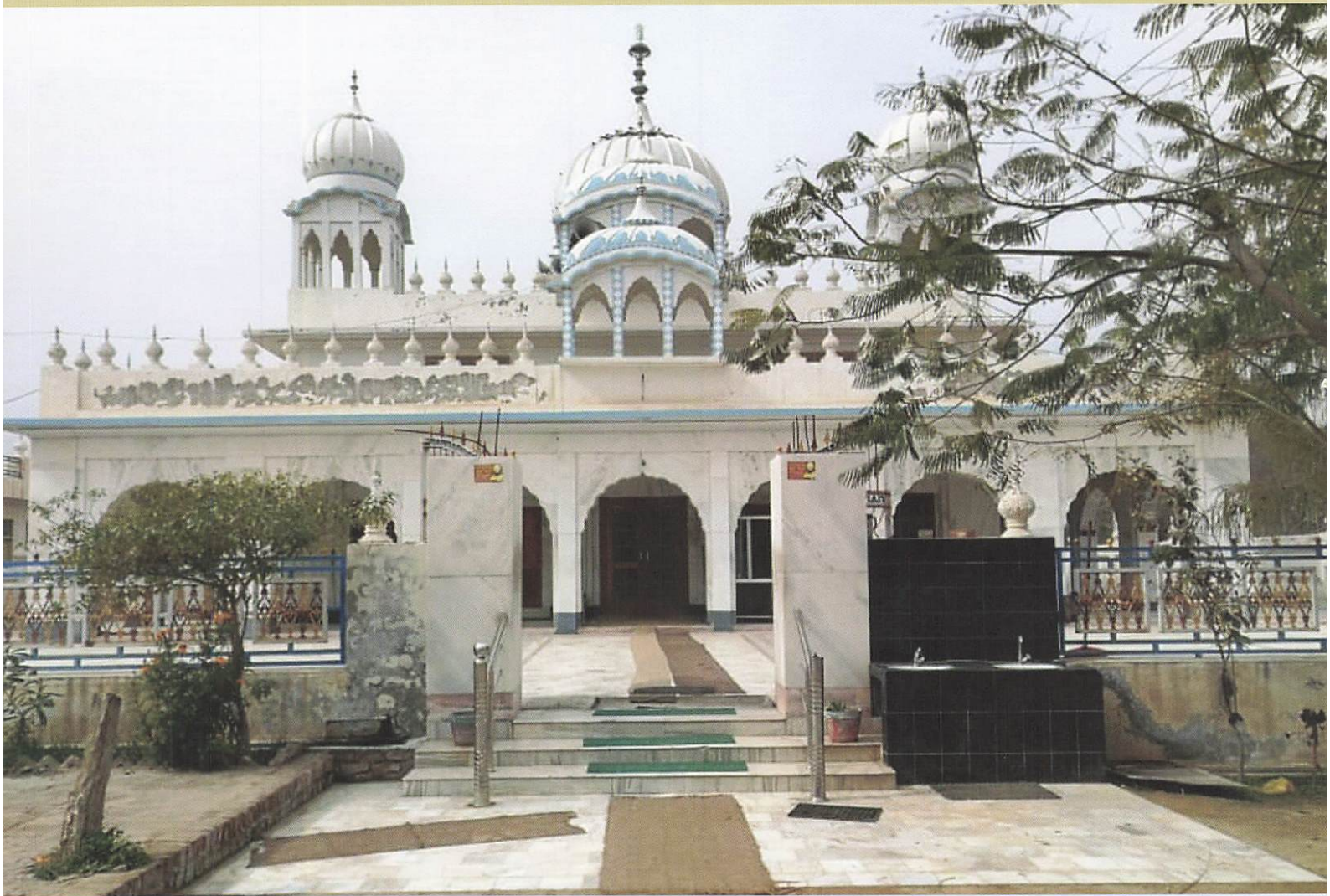
This is indeed a fitting tribute to the late Sardar Hakam Singh Gill A.M.N. for his indefatigable services to the Melaka Sangat and the Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia.



Sardar Hakam Singh Gill being honoured by the Yang DiPertuan Negeri Melaka for his services to the Sikh Community



Gurdwara Sahib Prem Sagar Chatewal, Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda, Punjab



Grand Entrance to Gurdwara Sahib Prem Sagar Chatewal

Gurdwara Sahib Prem Sagar is located in the Village of Chatewal, near Talwandi Sabo, Damdama Sahib in the District of Bathinda in Punjab, India.

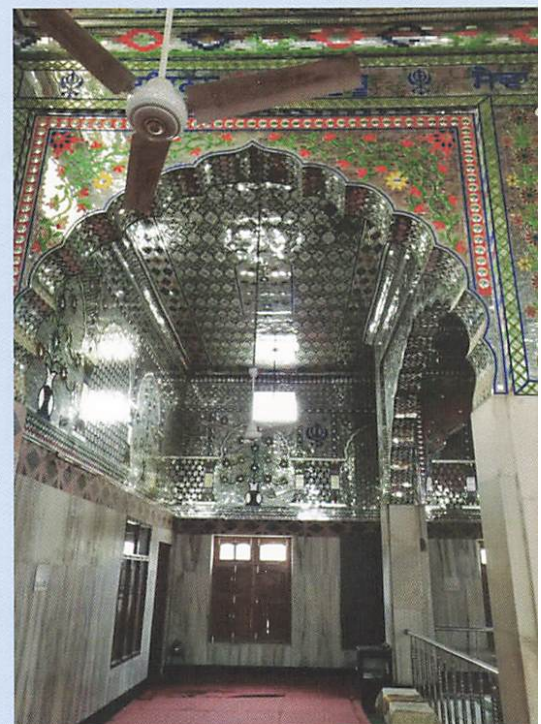
Sant Baba Sohan Singh Ji was born in Phool Nager in 1902 but was brought up and received his early education in Chatewal and thereafter in other religious institutions in Punjab before coming to Malaysia in 1923.

Sant Sohan Singh Ji had first built a small Gurdwara in Chatewal sometime in 1960. However over the years the condition of the Gurdwara had deteriorated and needed much repairs for its restoration.

Thus in 2007, Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society together with Gurdwara Sahib Melaka collectively agreed to look into the project of reconstructing Gurdwara Sahib in Chatewal.

Thus, on 15 May 2009 the foundation stone was laid by the Panj Pyare for the construction of a new Gurdwara Building in Chatewal to be known as Gurdwara Prem Sagar. The labour and construction work was under taken by Kar Sewa.

Gurdwara Sahib Prem Sagar was completed in



October 2013. The opening ceremony of the Gurdwara Sahib was initiated with an Akhand Paath in November 2013.

Sant Sohan Singh Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia appointed Sardar Reshminster Singh (VP) of this society as project manager who coordinated all fund transfers from Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia, Gurdwara Sahib Melaka and individuals.

Sardar Dr. Gurdev Singh the grand nephew of SantJi's who lives in Damdama Sahib was the coordinator for all funds that was send to him from time to time for this project. Sardar Reshminster Singh and Sardar Dr. Gurdev Singh were constantly in touch over this period of the construction. A total of RM350,000.00 was donated by the above two societies as well as the sanggat of Malaysia and Singapore for this noble project.

The society would like to thank each and every one for their generous contribution.

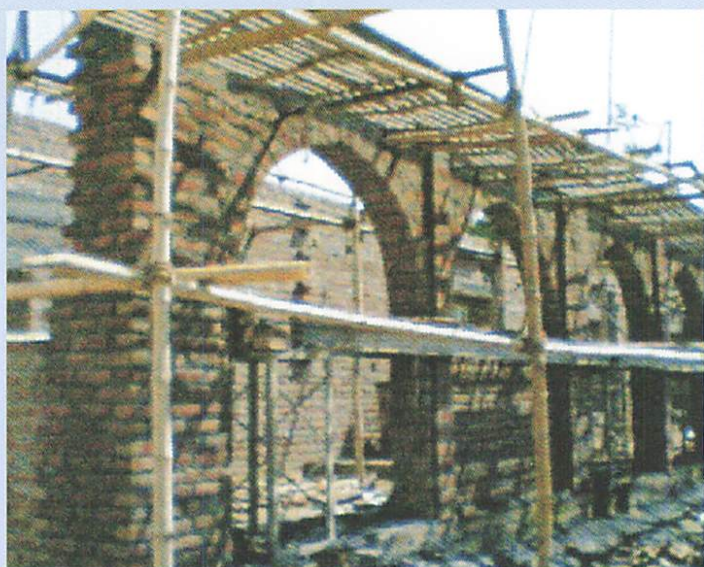


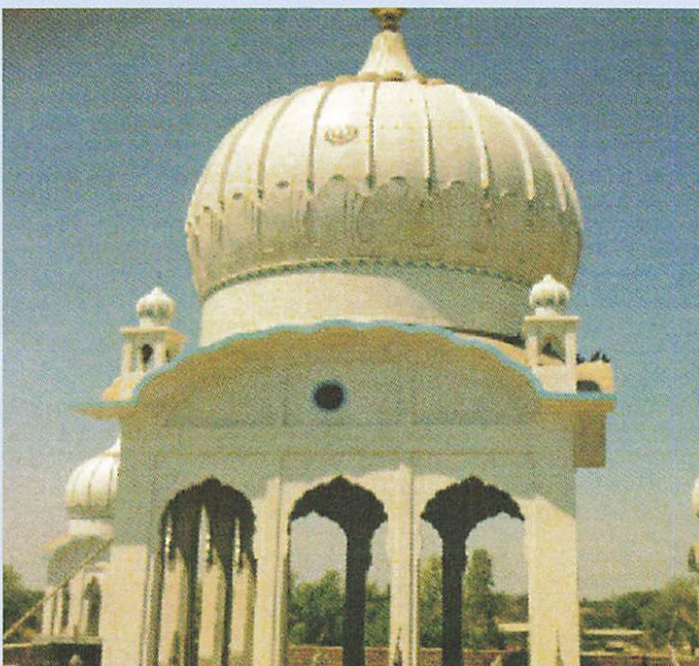
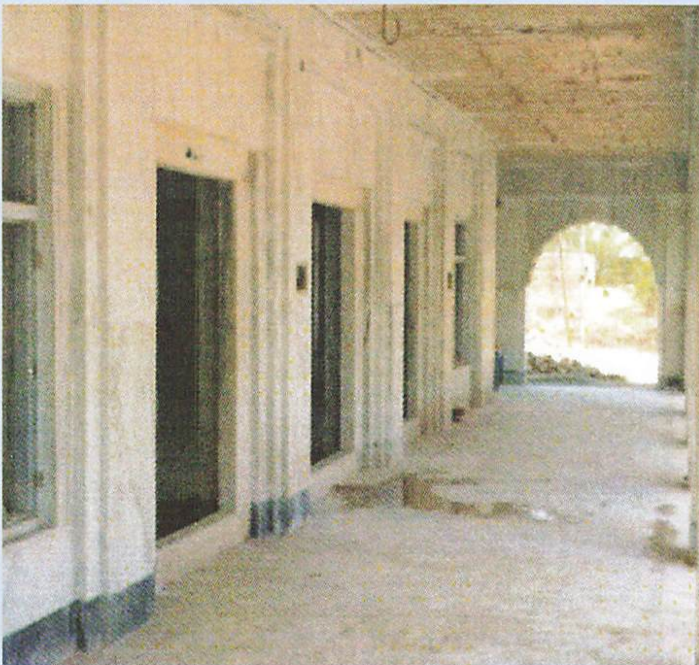
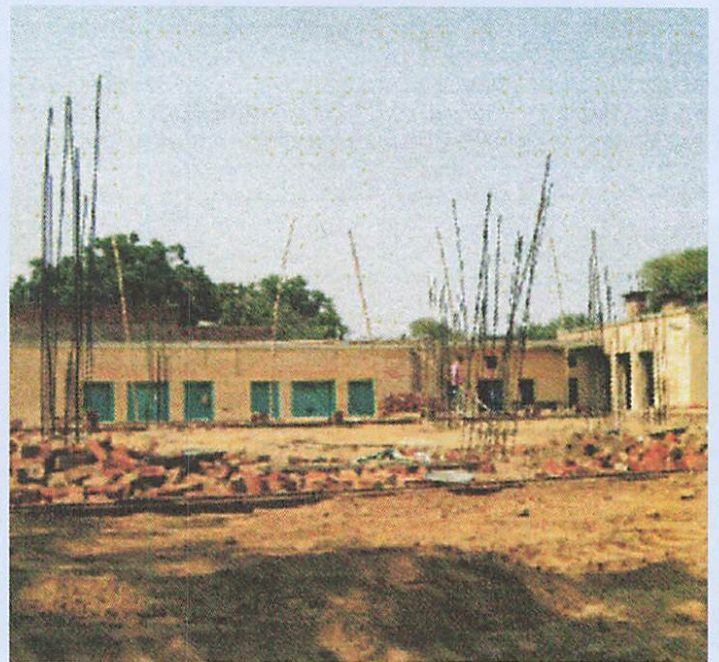
PALKI in Gurdwara Sahib Prem Sagal

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF GURDWARA SAHIB PREM SAGAR ON 15 MAY 2009



CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS 2009 - 2013

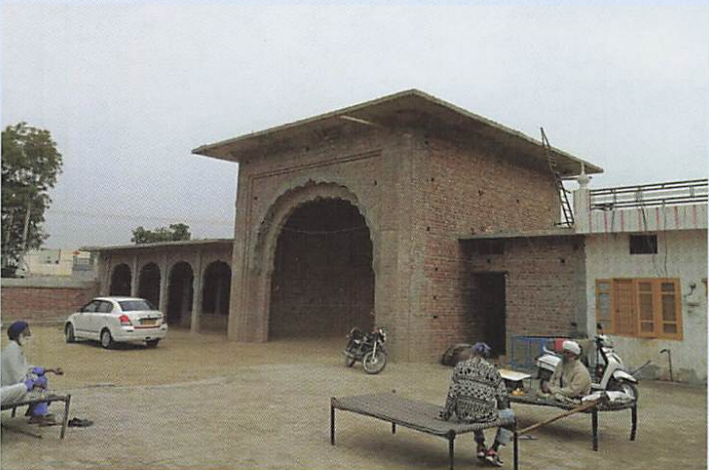




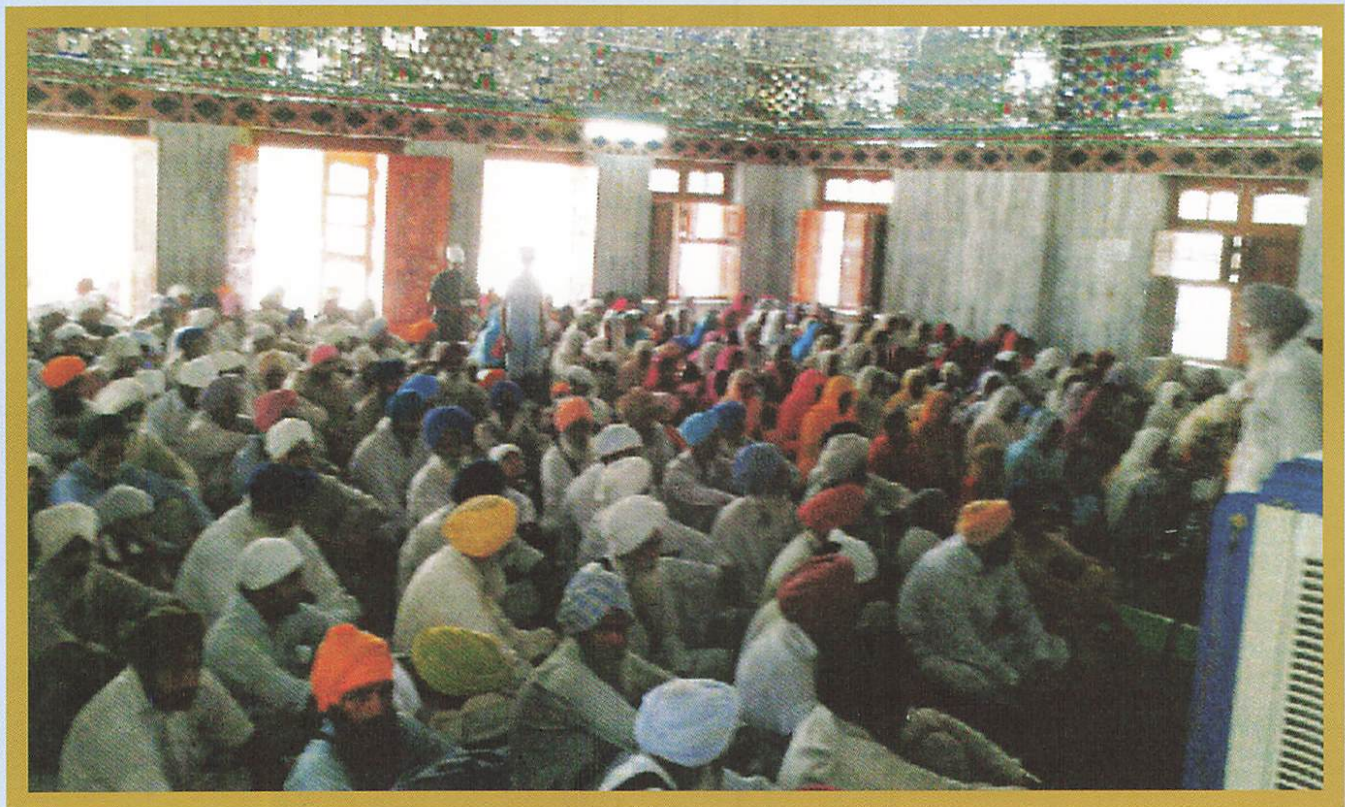
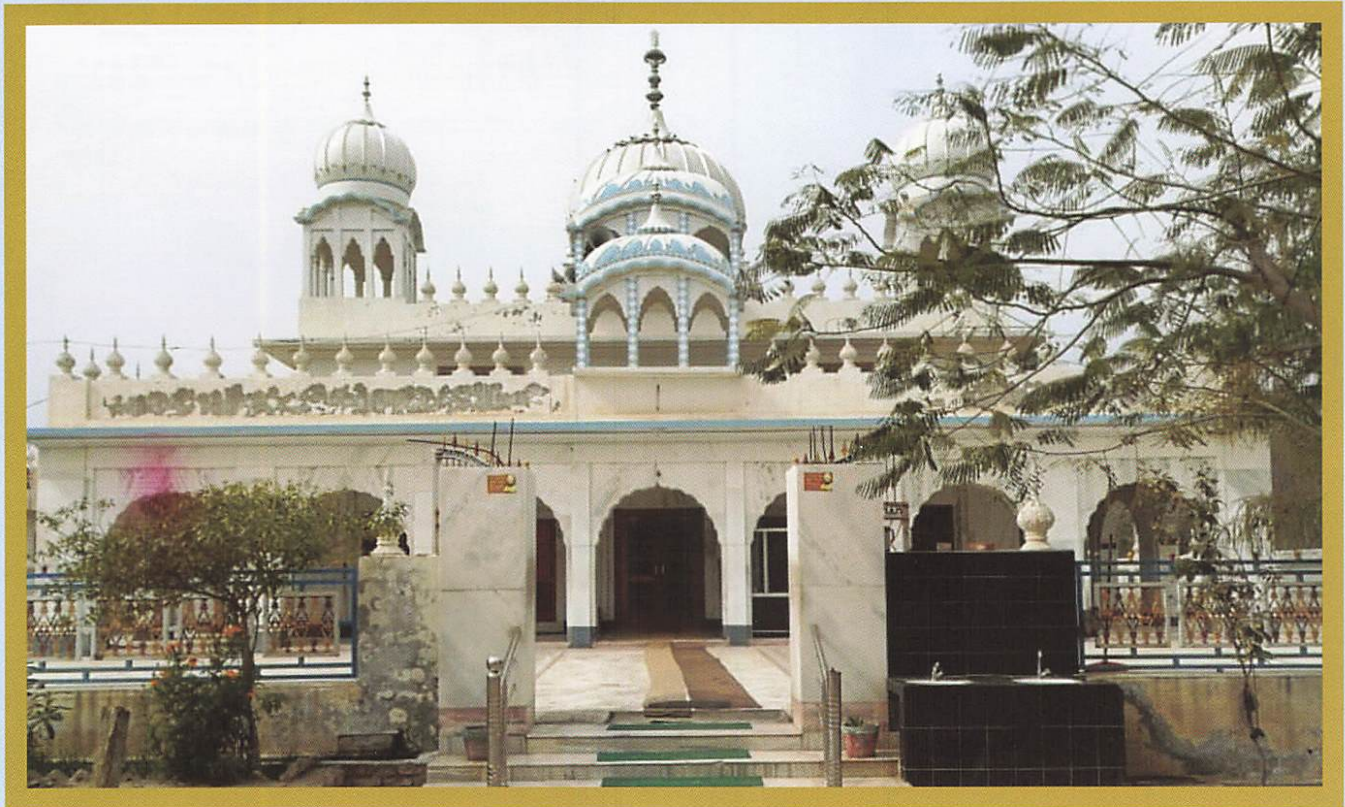
INTERIOR OF GURDWARA SAHIB PREM SAGAR



SURROUNDING COMPOUND OF GURDWARA SAHIB PREM SAGAR



OPENING CEREMONY NOVEMBER 2013



DONATION FROM THE FAMILY OF LATE RANJIT SINGH OF IPOH



Front L to R: Sdr. S.S. Muker, Sdr. Reshminster Singh, Sdrni. Amardev Kaur, Sdr. Rejinder Singh (President), Datin Jagjir Kaur, Sdr. Tarlochan Singh Dhaliwal
Back L to R: Giani Dalgit Singh and Datuk Dr. Dalbir Singh Sagoo

Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia (SSSJMMSM) on 19 January 2019 received a 'generous' donation from a family that had a close relationship with Sant Baba Sohan Singh Ji in whose memory the Society was formed.

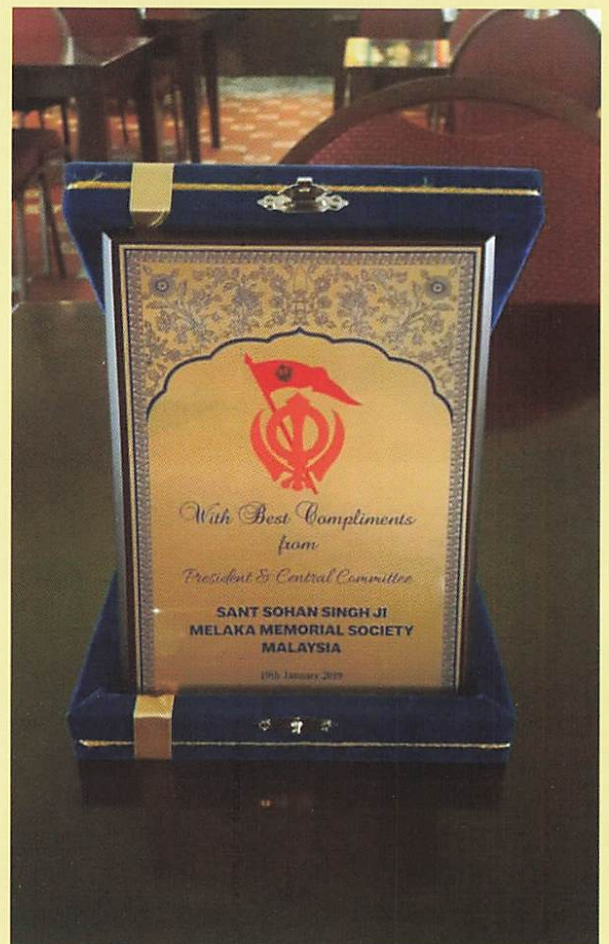
Reshminster Singh, a former Vice President of the society made the donation on behalf of his family as per the wishes of his late parents Sardar Ranjit Singh and Srdni Pajan Kaur.

"My late mother Pajan Kaur had willed it that should the siblings sell the family home, one portion would go to the Vidyala. She had also expressed the wish that the donation be channeled towards education," he told The Sandesh.

SSSJMMSM, popularly known as the Vidyala, was established in 1972 in the memory of Baba Sohan Singh, the renowned granthi of Gurdwara Sahib Malacca and a respected Sikh preacher in Southeast Asia in the 1960s and 1970s.

Reshminster, who is involved in the recycling business in Texas, and all his siblings have migrated to the United States and are settled there.

What is the story behind the donation? In 1968, Reshminster's father Ranjit Singh, then a police clerk based in Perak Policeheadquarters in Ipoh, had showed Baba Sohan Singh a house in Sibilin, Ipoh, that he wanted to purchase. Baba Sohan Singh did an ardas and told him to proceed with the purchase.



Token of Appreciation to Sardar Reshminster Singh and family

In her will, the late Pajan Kaur had stated that should her children decide to sell the house, one equal portion of the sale price should go to the Vidyala for their educational projects.

The donation was received by SSSJMMSM president Rejinder Singh Dhaliwal, vice presidents S S Muker and Tarlochan Singh Dhaliwal and secretary Daljit Singh.

In expressing thanks to Reshminder Singh and family, Rejinder hoped the generous donation would inspire other members to make similar generous donations to the society to carry out its duties and obligations for the betterment of the Sikh community.

“Aside from organising the annual programme in the memory of Baba Sohan Singh, the Vidyala has also join hands with other Sikh societies to promote Sikhi in Malaysia. We are also in the process of reviving the granthi training programme,” Rejinder told the Sandesh.

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FROM VIDYALA



L to R: Sdr Reshminder Singh, Giani Daljit Singh, Sdr. Tarlochan Singh Dhaliwal, Sdr. Rejinder Singh and Datuk Dr. Dalbir Singh Sagoo.

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Vidyala has always contributed generously to various Sikh organisations for their projects which benefit the Sikh Community of Malaysia. Recently the following donations / contributions were given :-

1. SIKH NAUJAWAN SABHA MALAYSIA



The Sikh Naujawan Sabha Malaysia is currently developing the International Sikh Centre @ Khalsa Land in Kuala Kubu Bahru, Selangor.

The Project is being developed for the needs of the Sikh Community of Malaysia and shall consist of a Multi-Purpose Convention Centre, providing for Conference Facilities, Seminars, Training and Camp Facilities for Sikh Naujawans. It is on a 20 acres freehold land and being developed in phases and the estimated cost of the project is around RM15 million.

The Society is committed to the project and has made a donation of RM100,000.00 to SNSM. Furthermore, Sant Sohan Singh Ji was the First Patron of Sikh Naujawan Sabha Malaysia and also the main initiator of the Annual Gurmat Parchar Samelans held every year by SNSM.

2. SHAMSHAN BHOOMI PARBANDAK SOCIETY KUALA LUMPUR



CONSTRUCTION OF SHAMSHAN BHOOMI COMPLEX AT JALAN LOKE YEW, KUALA LUMPUR

The Shamshan Bhoomi Parbandak Society Kuala Lumpur is responsible for the management of the Sikh Crematorium in Jalan Loke Yew, Kuala Lumpur commonly referred to as the Loke Yew Crematorium.

The Society is currently constructing the Shamshan Bhoomi Complex and has obtained the necessary approvals. The Complex shall consist of the following facilities for the benefit of the Sikh Community :-

1. Main Building (Administration Office, Prayer and Waiting Halls);
2. Four (4) Timber Traditional Cremation Bays;
3. Two (2) Modern Gas Cremation Bays;
4. Mortuary Freezers for the deceased Sikhs.

The Society is committed to the above Project and has made a donation of RM21,000.00 to the Shamshan Bhoomi Parbandak Society. Members are also encouraged to donate generously to the above project.

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HISTORY OF THE GURMAT STUDIES PROGRAMME

The Institute of Sikh Philosophy, Research and Education (InSPIRE) approached the Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society in 2008 with a view to conduct Gurmat Studies Courses in Malaysia. After getting the necessary response and feedback to this course, it was confirmed there was a dire need for Gurmat education on Sikhi among adults in Malaysia. The president Dato' Amar Singh Sandhu then initiated a Gurmat Studies Sub-committee to address this request of the Panth.

After a series of meetings, an Ardas was done at the Annual Yadgar Semagam on 23, May 2009 in Vidyala Malacca to seek the blessings of Akal Purakh to conduct a Diploma on Gurmat Studies Programme in Malaysia.

Accordingly, a Gurmat Studies Centre was set up at Gurdwara Sahib Petaling Jaya whose Management kindly gave us a room to set up our office. Sdr. Bhag Singh a Vice President of the Society was appointed as the Chairman of the Gurmat Studies Centre together with Sdr. Tarlochan Singh Dhaliwal who was the president of Gurdwara Sahib Petaling Jaya and Exco Member of the Vidyala. They were to manage the administrative and funding matters for the Centre. Sdr. Autar Singh was appointed as the Course Director to manage the academic affairs at the Centre.

The Diploma in Gurmat Studies was officially launched at the Cooperative College Malaysia in Petaling Jaya on 6, September 2009 by Singh Sahib Prof. Manjit Singh who was the Acting Jathedar of Takht Damdama Sahib in Punjab India.

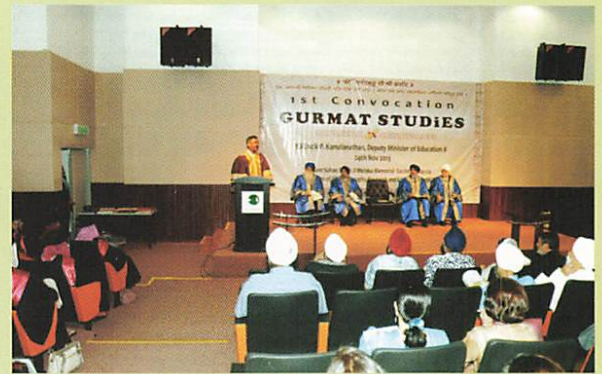
The Gurmat Studies Diploma Course is based on the correspondence course of the Sikh Missionary College Ludhiana. It has eight trimesters or modules and is conducted as a distance learning programme. However regular seminars were held to discuss and share important topics covered in the course. Students who completed eight modules are awarded a Diploma and those who have completed four modules are awarded a Certificate in Gurmat Studies.

We are proud to announce that as at December 2018, some 676 Sikhs in Malaysia and some even from Singapore,

Indonesia and Australia had registered for this course and benefited spiritually in their knowledge of Sikhi and the History of Sikhism.

So far we have held two convocations to motivate for the students. These convocations were held in Petaling Jaya on the following dates:-

1. First Convocation – 24 November 2013
 - a. Diploma in Sikh Studies – 63 students
 - b. Certificate in Gurmat Studies – 161 students
2. Second Convocation – 18 February 2017
 - a. Diploma in Gurmat Studies – 34 students
 - b. Certificate in Gurmat Studies - 8 students



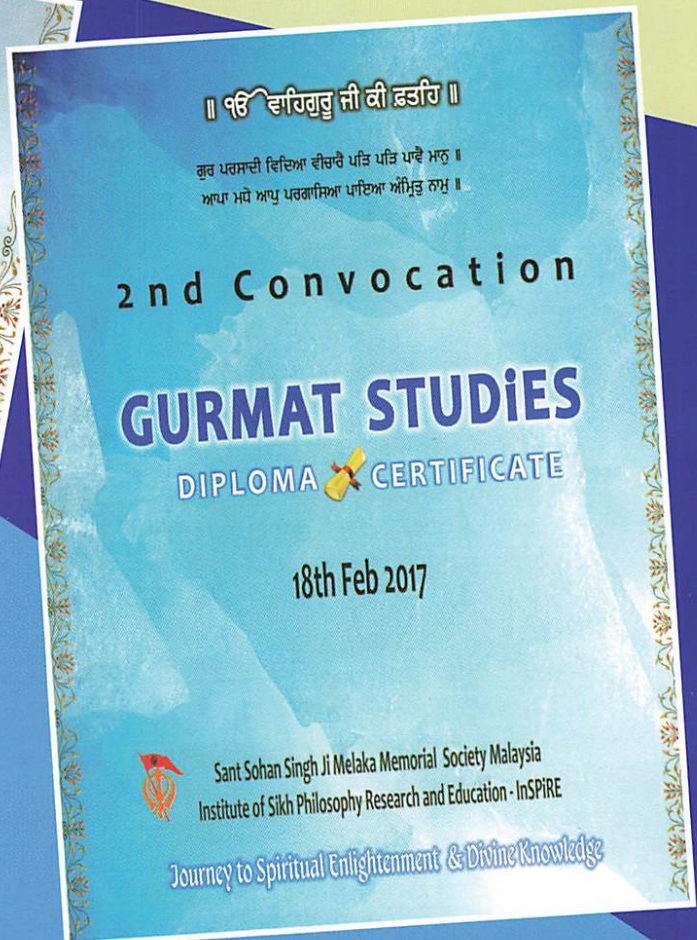
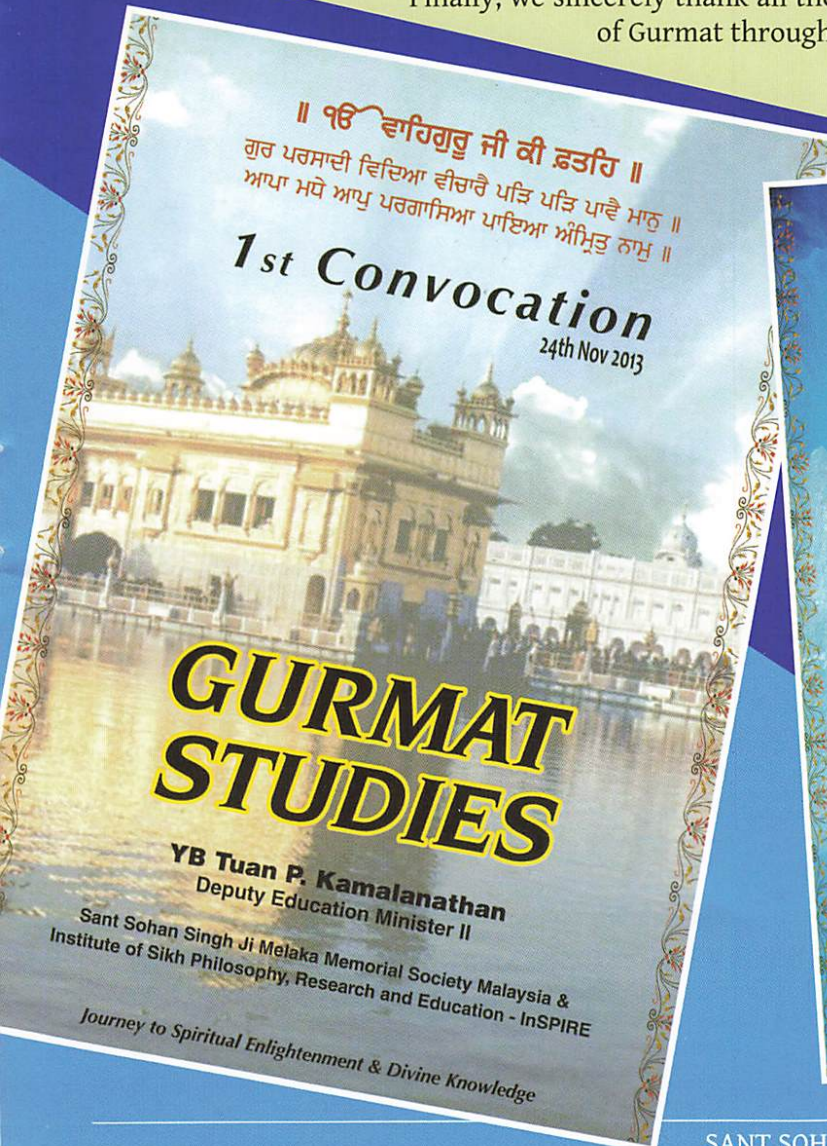
The Gurmat Studies Centre also conducts Certificate Courses in individual compositions in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji for a deeper understanding of the Banis. We have conducted classes in understanding the following:-

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| 1. Asa Di Vaar | 2. So Dar |
| 3. So Purkh | 4. Sohela |
| 5. Anand Sahib | 6. Ardas |

This courses are currently ongoing and interested students may register to participate. Currently the Programme Coordinators are Giani Dalgit Singh (in Kuala Lumpur) and Sdr. Amritpal Singh (in Malacca). Registration is always ongoing and a good time to register will be during the Annual Yadgar Semagam in Malacca in May 2019.

Finally, we sincerely thank all those who are helping the Society to spread the fragrance of Gurmat through these programmes throughout Malaysia.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh



CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES



The Society would like to convey its sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the families of our following members who passed away recently :-

1. **Sardar Hakam Singh Gill (Malacca/Petaling Jaya)**
2. **Sardar Raghbir Singh Jahangir (Seremban)**
3. **Sardar Datuk Ir. Mokham Singh Bhullar (Johor Bahru)**
4. **Sardarni Sapinderpal Kaur w/o Dr. Jaspall Singh Malhi (Subang Jaya)**

We also thank Sardar Dr. Jaspall Singh Malhi who is our Committee Member for his kind donation in memory of his late wife, Madam Sapinderpal Kaur to the Vidyala for its projects.

The Vidyala would always appreciate donations when we are celebrating happy occasions and also solemn ceremonies for our beloved ones.



SWORDS OF MIRI PIRI

The Kirpan has been an integral part of the Sikh religion since its early inception and has a very sacred religious symbolism for Sikhs.

The Kirpan is a symbol of spiritual wisdom and divine knowledge. Like a Kirpan, spiritual wisdom cuts down the bondages of the mind that keep it away from achieving spiritual enlightenment and union with the divine while still alive.

ਗੁਰ ਤੇ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਪਾਇਆ ਅਤਿ ਖੜਗੁ ਕਚਾਰਾ ॥
ਦੂਜਾ ਭ੍ਰਮੁ ਗੜੁ ਕਟਿਆ ਮੋਹੁ ਲੋਭੁ ਅਹੰਕਾਰਾ ॥
ਹਰਿ ਕਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਮਨਿ ਵਸਿਆ ਗੁਰ ਸਬਦਿ ਵੀਚਾਰਾ ॥
ਸਚ ਸੰਜਮਿ ਮਤਿ ਉਤਮਾ ਹਰਿ ਲਗਾ ਪਿਆਰਾ ॥
ਸਭੁ ਸਚੇ ਸਚੁ ਵਰਤਦਾ ਸਚੁ ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰਾ ॥੧॥

"From the Guru, I have obtained the supremely powerful sword of spiritual wisdom. I have cut down the fortress of duality and doubt, attachment, greed and egotism. The Name of the Lord abides within my mind; I contemplate the Word of the Guru's hymns." (Guru Ram Das, Maru, pg. 1087)

To Sikhs the Kirpan is also religiously symbolic of their spirituality and the constant struggle of good and morality over the forces of evil and injustice, both on an individual as well as social level. The usage of the Kirpan in this religious context is clearly indicated in the Sikh scriptures (Sri Guru Granth Sahib) and wearing it is meant to inspire Sikhs in their daily life;

ਮਾਨ ਮੋਹ ਮੇਰ ਤੇਰ ਬਿਬਰਜਿਤ ਏਹੁ ਮਾਰਗੁ ਖੰਡੇ ਧਾਰ ॥

"To forsake pride, emotional attachment, and the sense of 'mine and yours', is the path of the double-edged sword." (Guru Arjan Dev, Devgandhari, pg. 534)

The Kirpan also symbolises the concept of Miri Piri, ie the individual freedom to live one's temporal and spiritual life. The sovereignty over both one's spiritual as well as worldly obligations. The sixth Guru, Guru Hargobind Sahib wore two Kirpans to represent Miri (temporal) and Piri (spiritual), which also made it obligatory for a Sikh to live life as a Saint-Soldier. A Sikh must live as a Saint in the world, personifying divine virtues in daily life. At the same time a Sikh is also expected to be a soldier, a person taking part in social responsibilities to family, community and society. Following the path of law, order and morality as laid out by the Sikh Gurus. Championing justice, equality and righteousness at all times.



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SANT SOHAN SINGH JI MELAKA MEMORIAL SOCIETY, MALAYSIA



The Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia was founded in 1972 and duly registered on 31 July 1973 with the Registrar of Societies Malaysia.

The Society was set up in memory of our beloved Sant Baba Sohan Singh Ji upon his demise on 24 May 1972 in the Ipoh General Hospital after a brief illness. The primary objectives of the Society amongst others are :-

1. To continue and promote the Sikh religious teachings by His Holiness the late Sant Baba Sohan Singh Ji of Melaka;
2. To train Sikh missionaries, religious teachers, priests, musicians and preachers;
3. To print and publish books, booklets, newsletters, magazines for the advancement of Sikhism and in line with the aims and objectives of the Society;
4. To organise and commenorate the Annual Yaadgar Semagam in memory of Sant Sohan Singh Ji in May every year;
5. To protect the religious rights of the Sikh Community in Malaysia and make representations to the Government from time to time;
6. To obtain land and establish institutions for the purpose of training granthis, parcharaks and ragis in Malaysia;
7. To establish an Education Aid Fund and to grant scholarships, grants and loans to Sikh Students for religious and secular education;
8. To make donations, grants, loans and other monetary assistance for the construction and renovations to Gurdwaras, other religious buildings and institutions of learning in Malaysia and abroad.

The membership of the Society commonly known as the Vidyala is open to all Sikhs, who are Malaysian citizens above the age of 18 years.

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