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MAHRAZ DARSHAN DAS

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OATH FOR DAS DHARAM

Devotees packed to capacity the Handsworth Leisure Centre, sat breath abated, on 15 February to catch a glimpse and listen to the inspirational words of the Man, who has brought so much joy and awakening into their lives.

Mahraz Darshan Das, founder/patron of Sachkhand Nanak Dham International and Das Dharam presided over the days programme, setting a precedent of awakening the spirit of man through a divine oath.

ignorance, in the face of which Humanity has taken wings and flown away.

"Mahraz Jee through His Divine messages urges us to rise above these differences and unite for the welfare of others", he said.

Cured of an eye ailment and body pains, Das Sohan Singh from Glasgow commented on the failings of man in not accepting the narrow path, yet saints and messengers of God await there for their devotees with open arms.

OBITUARY



Das Ravi Sharma, Private Secretary U.K., to Mahraz Darshan Das.

Das Ravi Sharma, Private Secretary for the United Kingdom to Mahraz Darshan Das, died on the morning of 20 March 1987.

Messages of sympathy have been reaching his expectant wife and two children at home and at the offices of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, from across the world.

Das Ravi came to Birmingham Centre as a social worker en route to court on behalf of a client, in 1984.

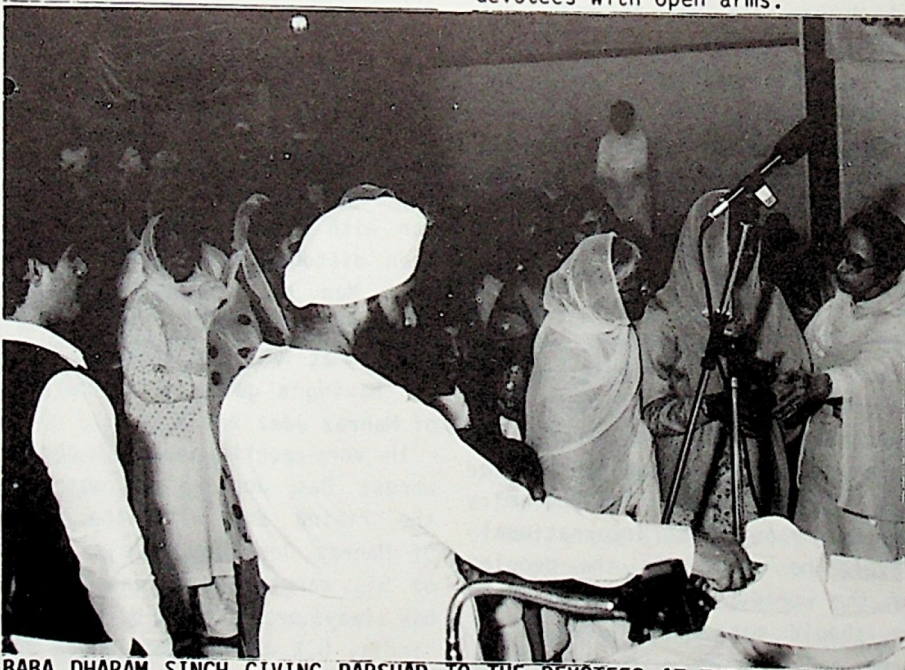
He came to the forefront, at the daily programmes for his inquisitiveness and thought provoking questions on religion and philosophy, to Mahraz Jee.

Mahraz Jee announced on the 25 Feb 1985 that he had chosen Das Ravi as his private secretary in the U.K, a position which he filled with fortitude and dignity.

Das Devi Chand president of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, Dera Management Committee, Birmingham said "it came as a complete shock".

The General Secretary of U.K, Das Manmohan Singh said "we were all taken unawares and are deeply shocked by the loss".

Mahraz Jee commented "he has left an indelable imprint in the pages of the mission", and pledged that every effort will be made by Sachkhand Nanak Dham to safeguard and serve the needs and future of the family.



BABA DHARAM SINGH GIVING PARSHAD TO THE DEVOTEES AT THE HANDSWORTH LEISURE CENTRE.

Starting early in the day, devotees sang hymns and songs of praise to the ever increasing members.

Das Tek Singh on behalf of Chatham Sewa Committee said that despite the messages of Saints and their many good deeds. Man has nonetheless created walls of hatred and

Having arrived from Holland in 1985, Das Sarwan, on behalf of his ill mother recounts how Mahraz Jee had said to him "do service here and your mother will get better".

"Gains through selfless service are only apparent to my family and myself". He urged the gathering

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Once...

ONCE..., Mahraz Jee, invited to a friends house were being served the evening meal. Suddenly, just when they were ready to eat, there was a commotion from outside the house. Attracted by the commotion, everybody left the meal and went out of doors to investigate.

Apparently, a drunk neighbour, was hitting and shouting obscenities, at his wife who in turn was crying out for help. The friend who was acquainted with the neighbour restrained him and told him off, for beating his wife, who was crying. Having restrained the drunk and the situation calmed, the party returned to the meal.

Sitting down at the table, the friend noticed Mahraz Jee, very quiet, and looking at the food.

"Why have you gone quiet and sad?" enquired the friend.

"Oh! nothing really, its just that we must be lacking today in Gods' eye", replied Mahraz Jee

"Why", retorted the friend rather puzzled.

"Look here", Mahraz Jee said pointing to the table, "our meal was served to us, then suddenly, without even tasting a morsel, we are drawn away from it".

"But we are back and ready to eat", the friend emphasized.

"No! you miss the point" explained Mahraz Jee, "the satisfaction, peace and sanctity of the first sitting is not present at the second. Now, although sitting once again at the table, it is purely as a formality", Mahraz Jee explained further, "it is solely due to the fact that the food is on the table and we must eat it".

Food, whatever it may be must be consumed once it has been laid before you, because it is blessed and given to us by His Grace. If we, walk away, it may be the last meal we ever eat, second it is not only an insult to our Father but bad manners as we are His children. So always make time to eat to sustain the body but not as an indulgence, to eat for the sake of eating but in His Grace, the sustainer of all Creation.

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to do selfless service so that they can reap the benefits for themselves.

Das Pam Khuller, head of Yuva Das Dharam, Kent, urged the parents to encourage their children to join the Yuva body as, "they are our tomorrow". She said, "Peace cannot be found on this earth unless we meet on common ground", commenting on the problems of the world ".... God only asks us to do our best and then He will take over and do the rest".

Das Sukhwinder Singh congratulated the congregation with poetic verses entitled Unity.

An English devotee, Das Jenny Mackenzie said that although the English people do not understand the language or most of what is said during Satsang, "We nonetheless receive a great deal, when we come here. We find peace, fulfilment, a sense of purpose and a knowledge that we're taking part in a mission which is truly dedicated to serving other". Commenting on the long absences of Mahraz Jee yet to come, she said "we'll be able to get close to him through Naam and Sarbat Da Bhala".

On Mahraz Jees' teachings Das Madan Anand said "we should allow his teachings, his good deeds to permeate through us, to motivate us and inspire us, for in this we will find our true mission in life". He appealed to the devotees to contribute their talents saying, "...through our concerted efforts we should be able to propagate and promulgate the principles of Das Dharam". Speaking on the International level, he said, "To the people of the world, whose part we are, we should make this appeal, to come and join us, with faith and confidence to undertake the great and undaunting task, to unite humanity into a common bond of Truth, Love, Peace, Trust, Faith and Brotherhood. Thus unabling us to build this globe of ours into the paradise, God our Eternal Father once gave us".

"Ask not what Mahraz Jee and Das Dharam can do for me, but ask what can I do for Mahraz Jee

and Das Dharam", concluded Das Madan Anand.

Congratulating the gathered devotees and earlier speakers Das Mohan Singh concluded, that it is only through Love that Das Dharam can grow, "Love is God's other name".

"Dharam is a promise", said Das Jaswant Sagoo and explained that Man promises to serve humanity while still in the womb. Stating that the coming generations will recognise Das Dharam and then he illustrated the 5 principles - Truth, Contentment, Doing good for others, Attending congregations and Sacrifice which form the highest ideals for Man.

'Man was created out of the glory of God and not from scriptures - these glorify God and lay down principles and show the path to God", he said.

In praise Das Guriqbal said that Mahraz Jee had shattered the shackles of religious ignorance and awakened the Humanity within us. Illustrating a meeting where Mahraz Jee was asked the question, which is the highest scriptures?, to which he replied "The highest scriptures is this human life and its humanity real Dharam. Anyone who keeps his promise with God, is above all scriptures, religions, for he is a righteous person."

Today through religious ignorance and exploitation, the union of man with God and realization has been distorted to such an extent that Man has forgotten how to remember Him as well. Das Guriqbal said that we are indeed lucky for having a guide of the calibre of Mahraz Jee.

In very poetic and well chosen words, Das Joga Singh compared the rising sun with the birth of Mahraz Jee, and gave examples of his warmth and guidance which has always proved to be beneficial. "India, U.K, Kenya and Canada are just a few places where the branches of Sachkhand Nanak Dham reach out to, 'feeding' other people rather than ourselves first. We shall cry one day when we lose him", he said.

Our centres were destroyed and devotees killed but this did not deter Mahraz Jee or dampen his exuberance, for Mahraz Jee when required has been known to carry

bricks on his head and work effortlessly with his devotees in construction work. In poetic verses Das Joga Singh recited the yearning and pleading of the devotees urging for the return and reconstruction of the Loni Dera. In his closing words, he emphasised that, Mahraz Jee had blessed the devotees with contentment and patience and reminded the congregation of Mahraz Jees' words, "That houses of bricks can be destroyed and rebuilt but we have come to awaken Man".

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"Das Dharams Message, which you will perform and I will oversee, I will perform and you will oversee. It is a mutual relationship".

ਤੇਰੇ ਤੋਲ ਤਰਾਜੀ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ,
ਸ਼ਪਥ ਤਲਵਾਰ ਦੀ ਨੌਕ ਤਕ ॥
ਤੇਜ਼ ਧਾਰਾਂ ਆਰਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ,
ਰੇਤਾਂ ਤੱਤੀਆਂ ਪਵਾਈਆਂ
ਤੇਰੀ ਖਾਤਿਰ ॥
ਤੇਰੀ ਸੋਚ ਦੇ ਸਦਕੇ,
ਓਹਨਾਂ ਚੁੰਮੀਆਂ ਸੁਲੀਆਂ,
ਜਿਹਨਾਂ ਕਿੱਲ ਕੰਨਾਂ 'ਚ ਠੁਕਵਾਏ,
ਤੇਰੀ ਖਾਤਿਰ
ਤੇਰੇ ਆਸ਼ਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਇਸ਼ਕ ਅਵੱਲੇ ਨੇ,
ਜ਼ਹਿਰ ਪਿਆਲੇ ਪੀਤੇ,
ਤੇਰੇ ਇਸ਼ਕ ਦੀ ਖਾਤਰ ॥
ਜਿਸ ਸਾਂਝ ਨੂੰ ਤੂੰ
ਕਦੇ ਜਗਾਇਆ ਸੀ,
ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਉਹ ਉਦੋਂ ਦੀ,
ਬੁੱਝੀ ਏ ਹੁਣ ਤੀਕਰ ॥

Tere toal tarazi thon leh ke
Shapat talwar di nok tak
Taez dharaan aaryaan diaan
Raeta tatan pawayan
Teri khatir
Teri soach de sadke
Una chumiyen sooliyan
Jinhan kil kana-ch thukwae
Teri khatir
Tere ashikan de ishk avalay ne
Zehar piyalay peelay
Tere ishk di khatir
Jis saanjh nu toon
Kaday jagaya si
Darshan ooh oodhon di
Bhooji aey hoon tikkar.

"All scriptures, that we care to name, exemplify the flame kindled in His name, which today is smothered. Das Dharams' message



DEVOTEES AT THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

is the rekindling of the flame and realisation of God". The following extracts are of the speech made by Mahraz Jee on the 15th February 1987.

Mahraz Jee announced the two, spiritual and social levels of the mission. Sachkhand Nanak Dham nurturing the soul in realising God and Das Dharam providing for the every day needs of its members. "Das creates a platform of Unity for us all", he said "Dharam is defined as a promise" He cited that other people define Dharam as Sikh, Hindu, Muslim or Christian and in many other ways. He further divided it into two categories - Religion and Religious.

"We can have a Religion", Mahraz Jee confirmed "which can be Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Christian or whatever, but Religious we shall only become when we rise above these differences and remember the name of God, whose Glory creates unity". He further exemplified His Glory in the simplicity of natures' tastes and how it does not discriminate, stating, "Bread prepared in the kings kitchen will taste exactly as when prepared in a mud hut of the poor".

"Ram, Krishan, Guru Nanak, Guru Gobind, Mohammed, Socrates, Buddha, Jesus Christ, Mahabir and many others were the greatest gifts from God, who through their Spiritual Messages gathered Humanity. Man in his turn constructed houses of worship, but

above all this is the attire of humanity. Scriptures, temples, sacred sites and ponds were built for Man".

"Today" he carried on, "only Man bathes at the Ganges on the steps of God, and not animals, because whatever ritual it may be, it only does credit to Man and not animals".

"Sachkhand Nanak Dham is a universal and equal fountain for all Mankind. Its melodies take the form of Unity, Truth, Contentment, Doing good for others, Attending congregations and Sacrifice".

Mahraz Jee then urged the gathering to utilise whatever spare time they may have purposefully, not in temples or with learned people but in remembering HIM, in whatever form they believe HIM to be, - Allah, Ishvar, Ram, etc.

He encouraged the followers of Sachkhand Nanak Dham to know and spiritually strengthen themselves, "When your spirit is strong, no calamities will weaken you and you will not require any nation, house, religion or scriptures, these become your supports when your spirit is weak".

Referring to the Slogan, Nanak Naam Chardi Kala Tere Bhane Sarbat Da Bhala. Mahraz Jee pointed out that, "...in humility Guru Nanak beseeches the Lord to do good for others".

"If you cannot make an effort then beseech good for others", he stated, "Beseeching is higher most than doing".

"Donations are made according to ones individual faith. If you believe that you do not require anybodys' support then become someones support. It does not necessarily fall to reason that you only attach yourselves to those who give you something".

"It is a ruling in the House of God that only his beloved shall suffer and not you", Mahraz Jee inferred "Legacies of such suffering are numerous, for example, Sahib was beheaded, Sahib's children were entombed in brick, Socrates drank poison, Siri Ram was banished, Mohammed accepted torments and Jesus Christ sacrificed himself, but your suffering comes from your personal ventures".

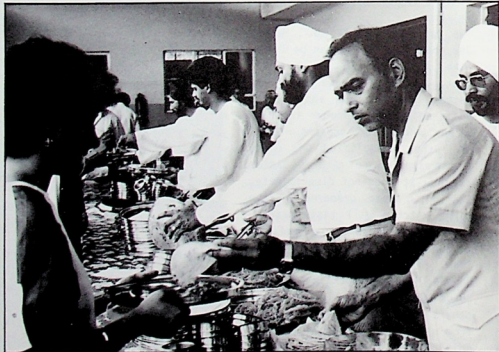
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ARJOI NIRADHAR BEING RECITED IN KENYA.



YUVA DAS DHARAM NAIROBI BEING INTRODUCED.

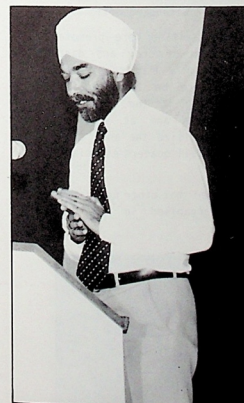


LANGER BEING SERVED TO THE CONGREGATION.

The aim of the youth should be National devotion and strength to resolve Unity, thus assisting your Supremo and Nation.
Mahraz Darshan Das



DEVOTEES AWAITING DIGNITARIES AT THE 7TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF DAS DHARAM ON THE 16TH FEB 1987 AT THE DEENDAYAL BHAVAN IN NAIROBI, KENYA.



DAS (COL.) SUKHDEV SINGH ADDRESSING THE GATHERING



DAS PARLAD SINGH PRESIDENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, NAIROBI.



MR CHAMAN. 1st SECRETARY TO HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, KENYA.



PEACE MARCH

A 9 day Peace March was organised and undertaken by 31 members of Yuva Das Dharam on 21 July 1986.



BABA GHASITA RAM (FRONT ROW WITH FLOWING BEARD) LEADING OFFICIALS & DIGNITARIES TO BLESS THE PEACE MARCH.

It started from the Rajghat and was blessed by Baba Ghasita Ram and Baba Saini in the presence of Shri Anand Sharma MP, President Youth Congress (1) who flagged off the rally. Travelling on bicycles, the members between the age group of 15-30 proceeded from India Gate to Model Town, Alipur, Sonipat, Panipat, Karnal, Nellokehri, Ambala, Rajpura, Gobindgar, Khana, Ludhiana, Phagwara, Jullundhar, Kartapur, Bious and culminated at Amritsar. In his address, Chief Guest, Shri Anand Sharma said that a handful miscreants have created danger to our leaders who have fought for years together. He said "We have to fight these elements not by force but Peacefully".

Praising Yuva Das Dharam for their services for national unity and integrity not only in India but abroad too, he emphasised the need to forget castism & religionism but to work unitedly for the unity of the country. "We all must be known as Indians", he said instead of Gujarati, Marathi, Bengali, Punjabi etc.

PREERNA AN ANTI DRUGS CAMPAIGN

In response to the growing concern about the spread and use of drugs, Yuva Das Dharam, the youth body of Sachkhand Nanak Dham organised an Anti Drugs campaign on the 3rd January 1987, in Delhi.



Booked into the 1000 seat auditorium the speakers highlighted the aspirations and fears of the youth to Shri Jai Parkash Agarwal MP and other attending officials.

Other activities were promoted in the form of song and dance concluding in a firm commitment that a stance be taken against those dealing in the corruption of the youth and at the same time to publicize the anti drugs campaign to all quarters especially the youth.

It is hoped that other programmes will be organised in the near future.



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India 7th Dec. 1986

Peace and Unity were the overall message conveyed at the 33rd Birthday Celebrations of His Holiness Mahraz Darshan Das, at the New Mahabir Nagar Centre, Delhi.

Gathered on the occasion were all the committees within easy reach, to mark this auspicious day.

Das Brij Mohan, President of the youth body, Yuva Das Dharam, asked the youth to take an 'oath to sustain Peace and Unity of the Nation'.

He emphasized the fact that in spite of Mahraz Darshan Das being abroad, His heart and mind is dedicated to Peace, Unity and brotherhood. It is well within Mahraz Jee's wishes that the celebration conveys a message of Peace.

"Offer your mind, body and soul for Peace, Unity, Brotherhood, and the prosperity of the Nation. This is the need and call of the hour. If there is a Nation, so there is Dharam", quoted Brij Mohan, the verses of Mahraz. Concluding he said, "We should sacrifice ourselves for the prosperity and good of the Nation".

Acknowledging, the congregation erupted and in unison shouted slogans "Hindustan Hamara Hai", 'Hum Sub Ek Hein' - "We are all one".

"Long live National Unity".

Baba Ghasita Ram, officiating in the absence of Mahraz Darshan Das, and head of the Delhi Centres, congratulated the congregation on the birthday celebrations.

He emphasized that we should work towards abolishing differences and work for the achievement of Peace for the Nation. Whether it is Peace for Punjab, Delhi or Hindustan.

"It is the need of the hour to unite and work for the well being and prosperity of the Nation", he concluded.

Kenya 7th Dec. 1986

Devotees of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, small in number but united in one faith gathered to celebrate the birthday of Hazur Mahraz Darshan Das in Nairobi, Kenya.

Yuva Das Dharam—the youth wing, recited various songs of praise and 'Mera Desh Bara Mahaan Hai', a patriotic song, written by Mahraz Jee. Congratulating the members Das Parlad Singh, President on the Nairobi Committee, reportedly said "...be firm with his faith, follow His footsteps which will lead you all towards the high bright light, which you have been searching for many, many years".

Das Jagjeet Kaur, a Yuva member recounted her visit to England and her meeting with Mahraz Jee, and left no doubt as to her faith and conviction with the concluding lines—"The greatest and priceless gift would be to bring up a child in Mahraz Jees' mission".

In poetic verses, Das Ram Sharda, praised Mahraz Jee and pointed towards the awakening of the members to the right path.

"A great deal of time and thought is put into buying any valuable item", commented Das Gupta, "similarly to attain this human life, requires a great many good thoughts and deeds". Das Varma introduced the 'Arjoi Niradhar' and gave a personal interpretation of Mahraz Jees' rendition.

Mr Chanan, 1st secretary to the High Commission of India, for Kenya, praised the work of the mission and encouraged the youth in their future endeavours.

While the devotees sat to langar - the evening meal, a firework display lit the night sky in dazzling colours, illuminating the delighted faces clearly portraying their conviction and hope of a bright future, yet to come.

Hunger for Peace

The Punjab Action Committee set up to work positively, encourage and pressure the various Government bodies, to take greater measures in serving policies conducive to the benefit of Punjab.

Acting on the invitation of the PAC, Yuva Das Dharam participated in the National Campaign for peace in Punjab, part of which involved a one day Hunger Strike.

Yuva Das Dharam members with other participating organisations, gathered at the 'Raj Ghat' on the 19th January 1981, the appointed Day for the Hunger Strike to drive home the inadequacies of the policies now being enforced in Punjab, plus the need for Unity in the face of adversity.

UPO Satsangs

Devotees will be pleased to know that U.P.O. (Universal Peace Organisation) Satsangs presided over by Mahraz Darshan Das Jee are being organised this year.

The first will take place in Liverpool, on the 31st May 1987 at:

34 SHERMAN DRIVE
RAINHILL
MERSEYSIDE L35 6PW.

Poem

Love is great;
for it waits.
Love is born
and not made.
Love is continuous;
not a fixed date.
Love sacrifices
at every stage.
Oh Lord!,
I beseech your Love
for I wait
I wait
wait.

Vasdev

OATH

"The Slogan of the Nation and Supremo has been given to you in our Unity leaflet. On the one hand, our Nation is Sachkhand, and Supremo - God. On the other hand our Nation is the one we reside in, and the Supremo - the leader at that time, who is susceptible to change".

"Every provision has been granted to you to be firm and loyal, but the pulse of the hour dictates that you strengthen yourselves spiritually and your other needs will automatically be provided".

"The pulse of the hour also states", said Mahraz Jee,

ਰਾਜੇ ਰਾਜ ਕਮਾਂਵਦੇ
 ਜੁਲਮ ਕਰਨ ਦਿਨ ਰਾਤ ॥
 ਕੁਤਿਆਂ ਵਾਂਗੂ ਭੌਂਕਦੇ
 ਜਿਵੇਂ ਮੁਰਦਾ ਖਾਵਣ ਕਾਰਾ ॥
 ਮਾਇਆ ਜਫੀਆਂ ਪਾਂਵਦੇ
 ਬਣ ਬੈਠੇ ਕਾਲੇ ਨਾਗ ॥
 ਦਰਗਾਹੇ ਢੋਈ ਨਾ ਮਿਲਸੀ
 ਜਗਤ ਨਾ ਲਾਗੇ ਲਾਜ ॥
 ਮੰਦਰ ਖਾਧੇ ਬਾਹਮਣਾਂ
 ਭਾਈਆਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਦੁਆਰ ॥
 ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਲੇਖਾ ਮੰਗੋਸੀ
 ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ॥

(Editors Note: Conditions - Hypocrisy of the Government Policies, Exploitation, Religious termoil)

ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਲੇਖਾ ਮੰਗੋਸੀ
 ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ॥

These conditions are apparent for us all to see. The last two verses, Mahraz Jee explained, "Even I will have to stand in judgement to answer for my deeds in the house of the Lord".

Lastly the main message from Das Dharam were the prophetic verses, mentioned at the beginning. Concluding, Mahraz Jee said "... To rekindle the flame you are urged to awaken, stand up and make an effort, and try to recognise the Truth".

ARE YOU A BRITISH CITIZEN

Are you a British Citizen ?
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 by 31st December 1987.

Your right if you were born outside the U.K.

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3. Many women who married before 1st January 1983, and whose husbands became British citizens on that date.

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Your right to register if....

....You are a women

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...Your husband was a citizen of the U.K. and colonies on 31st Dec 1982 and became a British citizen on 1st Jan 1983

...You are still married to him



Your right to register if.....

...You are a citizen of a commonwealth country

...You are 18 or over

...You have the right of abode

in the U.K. (e.g. if any one of your parents or your husband was born here)

...You have lived here for 5 years



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...You have the right to abode in the U.K.

...You will have lived here for 5 years by 31st Dec 1988 or have been in 'relevant service' for that time. Relevant services is crown service under the government of the U.K. - e.g. as member of the Armed Forces, the Home Civil Service or the Diplomatic Service

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The Nationality Division
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 Lunar House
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 Community Organisation.

HOW MUCH

£60 with completed application forms.

VAISAKHI

Vaisakhi celebrations have been extended to 19 April 1987 at:

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY CENTRE
 MERRICK ROAD, SOUTHALL.
 DETAILS--: 01 - 571 - 2017

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