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YOUTH SPEAKS OUT

Young Mission members expressed their views at a function held in London recently.

In a speech contest organised by the North London Regional Committee of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, twelve young people enthralled a packed auditorium at Edmonton Green (Banqueting Hall) with their answers to the question, "What have you learned as a young member of this Mission and how can you serve others?"

Winner, Kit Bindra, a 17 year old from Leicester said, "I am learning the authentic and righteous way of living, which is full of bliss and felicity when walked upon".

"Mahraz Jee is prevailing throughout the world, using bricks which will never become dilapidated or be demolished, no matter how hard any one tries", she told the large congregation.

Runner up 17 years old, Jaswinder Mattu, said, "I am still learning like a child stumbling and faltering over its first and most important footsteps, that to serve others in need must come foremost in my mind.

"To serve others in Mahraz Jee's mission, we must tell them that Naam is the most beneficial, most important and precious gift in all the world. Because once Naam has been taken, you see things in a different light and have a better understanding of the Almighty".

Second merit award winner, Das Narinder Kaur, from Walsall thanked Mahraz Jee for "teaching us the right way of life, and for letting me partake in this Mission. Mahraz



Das Kit Bindra showing the cup, with Das Kulwant Singh (left) and Das Devi Chand.

Jee, I hope with your blessing, I will be able to play a larger part in your mission in helping others".

In thanking the organisers she pointed out that the occasion had "allowed us, the younger generation to come and speak out what we think and have learnt here at Sachkhand Nanak Dham".

The highlight of the occasion at Edmonton on Saturday, 1st August was the Satsang or Spiritual message given by Hazur Mahraz Darshan Das Jee.

"If you can develop a yearning within your body for God, which is as strong as the yearnings that most of us have for material life, then your thoughts will be pure and you can accept the good things that he has in store for you. These are truth, contentment, being a member of the congregation of a Perfect Spiritual Master, appreciating the true meaning of sacrifice and most important of all, serving others", He said.

"Communities and homes destroy themselves when they think only

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The person behind this, as you all know, is His Holiness Mahraz Darshan Das Jee, subtly and radically transformed my character and personality as he has done with so many of us. Each one of us have Something to cherish a long its lines Somewhere.



DAS KIT BINDRA

However, I can say I have learnt and at present am learning, the authentic and righteous way of living, a way of living which is full of bliss and felicity when walked upon. We can feel the happiness within our souls when we walk down the road of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, without turning any corners, enter the world outside us and only stopping to strive to help the destitute.

I do not think we come here for a reason, as such, but for once in our lives someone has listened and taken us seriously - we "children or teenages" as classed by the outside world, are actually felt wanted and most of all needed.

This mission stands on a fountain of love, a love so strong that even Kalyug does not resist to its power. The power Mahraz Jee is prevailing throughtout the world using bricks which will never become dilcipated or demolished no matter how hard any one tries.

I finish by proclaiming I myself still have certain faults which with the help of this Mission and Mahraz Jee I intend to put right.

VOICES FOR THE FUTURE

I have learnt that everything our dear Mahraz Jee has said and done, is going to be preserved for posterity because in coming years, responsibilities will fall on the shoulders of todays youth. So it is essential that our shoulders must not weaken but to become broader and stronger to hold the weight of responsibilities.

I have now learnt and am still learning, like a child stumbling and faltering on its first and most important footsteps. That to serve others in need, must come foremost in my mind.



DAS JASWINDER MATTU

When one is to serve others, in Mahraj Jees Mission they must tell them, that Naam is the most beneficial, most important and precious gift in all the world, because once Naam has been taken, you see things in a different light and have a better understanding of the Almighty.

Mahraz Jee has taught us to refrain from indulging in narcotics, alcohol, meat, fish and eggs.

In coming years people will have the following qualities, love and respect, integrity and enthusiasm towards the mission, so that Sackhand Nanak Dham will have strong and firm foothold in every nation.

The first time I came to Mahraz Jee's Darbar was because my mother and father persuaded me to come, if they did not persuade me then, I would not be here today, so firstly I would like to thank my mother and father for bringing me here, because I have gained so much and bettered my life, since I have started doing sangat to Mahraz Jee.



DAS NARINDER KAUR

Here I have learnt to break down the barriers of hatred, to break down the barriers of caste, creed and colour and to live as human beings. In other words I am being given the teachings of Humanity, to unite all under one banner of Love and Peace. Not only does this benefit me, but also those who associate with me, because then I am able to pass this Holy message on to them.

I feel that this message is very important in today's time as there is so much hatred, so much violence and so much racism.

Why! I say why is then there so many differences, in us even though God has given us all the same features, two eyes, two ears, a mouth, a nose, two arms, two legs. But still we look upon each other as aliens. Inside our bodies, we have the same organs that have the same functions, we have the same colour blood, then why do we still have these difrences.

I feel that as a young member of today's generation, that it is important that we are taught the right way about life today because we are going to be tommorrows leaders, tommorrows parents and tommorrows future.

ONE DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

An all-day Sunday School has been set up for young mission members under the banner of Sachkhand Nanak Dham.

At a Gravesend general meeting on 8th August, young people from Birmingham and Kent got together to launch the part-time school. Chairman of the meeting, U.K. General Secretary Das Manmohan Singh said how pleased he was to give his support and encouragement to a plan of this kind, and he urged local families to take part.

Organised by the Gravesend social committee, the school's first 10 week term will begin on Sunday September 8th at Brandon Hall, Gravesend. If the school is well attended, further terms will continue throughout 1988.

The timetable for a variety of activities, which will begin at 11 a.m. includes classes in punjabi, needlework, and bhanga dancing. A football team is planned as well and volunteers came forward to promise weekly training sessions with a strong team in mind.

Local parents willing to support this scheme for their children have formed a rota to provide

a midday meal and transport for the young footballers.

Visits to local hospitals are also scheduled as part of the day's activities to provide an opportunity for children to give some service for others.

The young kirtan singers from Birmingham made it clear to the general meeting that young people who take the trouble to train together can achieve high standards in whatever they undertake. They gave an excellent performance with a number of songs.

Members of the audience were invited to express their views. Senior member of the visiting party, Chacha Jee told the listeners of remarks Mahraz Darshan Das had made some years ago in India about children.

He said, "Mahraz Jee told me: 'whatever I am teaching you now, you must pass on to the children in the future. My dear son, things will change so much day by day in the future, and very shortly the changes will begin.'"

Chacha Jee said: "I am seeing those changes happening now. A big step forward has been taken today in launching this school.



Young members on duty.

I urge others to take these courageous steps and all sangat to support those who do."

Young kirtan singer and tabla player Das Amarjit Singh said, "today's and tomorrow's children should always remember to look up to the adults for guidance and improve upon that even further. Differences which arise should be confronted and cleared and mistakes should be forgiven."

And local parent Das Serinda Kaur said, "On behalf of everyone, we are asking for the strength for our children, that even if they have to face death then they will do so with firm resolve."



Young singers from Birmingham.

THE LOVE OF ONE'S
NATION IS ANOTHER
FORM OF LOVE OF THE LORD
NATION IS THE ROOT
BHAKTI IS THE BRANCH
SHAKTI IS THE FRUIT
Mahraz Darshan Das

Classical Recital in Edmonton

1st August 1987



YOUTH SPEAKS OUT

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on an individual level and concentrate on the differences between themselves and others.

"This creates negative thinking, which separates individuals from each other instead of drawing them together.

"For individuals to build together in a positive way, they need to stand up for the rights of others. Those people", Mahraz Jee said, "attain honour, which shines out like the sun and the moon."

"In this day and age it is each man's duty to find a Perfect Spiritual Master, accept his guidance and take His Naam." Naam is the name of the spiritual power given by the Perfect Spiritual Master, when initiating his followers. His followers recite this Naam in daily meditation. It is only by taking and reciting the Naam of a Perfect Spiritual Master that we can achieve salvation and break the cycle of life and death.

Top left: Gurdev Singh playing the sarod.

Top right: Fazal Qureshi on the tabla, Gunwant Kaur accompanying with the tanpura and Dharamvir Singh playing the sitar.

Below middle: The trophy present at the programme.

QUOTE

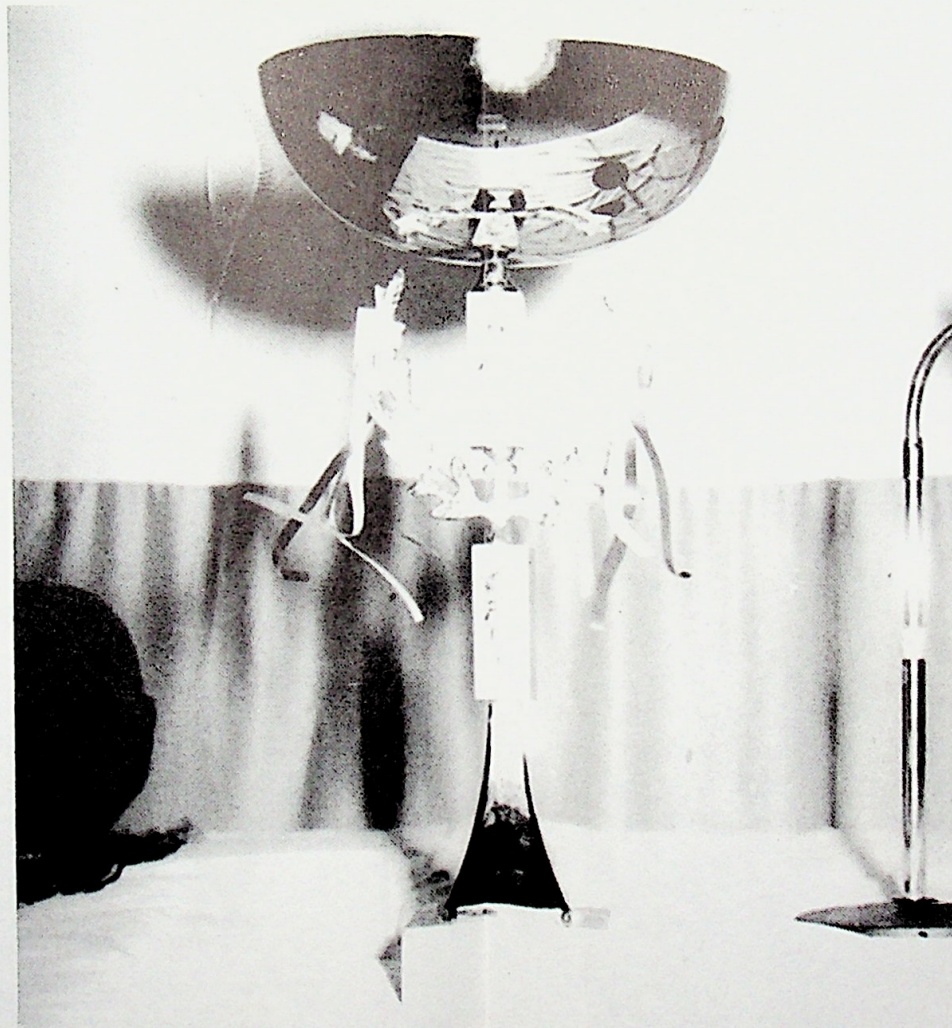
Das Neel Kamal

Our youth is a strength, which we are not yet utilising properly. Today's need dictates that our youth tread the path of Humanity. For only Religion and Humanitarianism together can assist in National and World Peace.

Das Manmohan Singh

The poor and disabled should be made to feel that they are human, that society needs them and their talents.

They have to be made to feel a part of us and not a burden.



Judging the Speech Competition were: Das Patrick Hubert, Das Devi Chand, Das Jenny Mackenzie and Das John Kensit.

YUVA DAS DHARAM KENYA

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LOK BHALAI - JUN 87

Yuva Das Dharam of Sachkhand Nanak Dham International (Nairobi) on Sunday 14 June 1987 donated ration stationary and clothing items to Ngong Hills Childrens' Home, which is managed by Mary Muthai.

Yuva Das Dharam members and children from the home are seen carrying some of the donated items to the classrooms.

The Yuva Das Dharam activities in Kenya are co-ordinated by Das Davinder Singh and headed by Das Deepak Bhadwaj as Chairperson. The young members have planned a number of activities for this year and are actively involved in all Dera activities and keenly attend the Punjabi classes on Saturdays.



A Party worth praise

Twelve good cooks got together to present a dinner party with a difference.

The dishes were all vegetarian and the combined presentation was put together by young ladies from the Kent Youth Division of Sachkhand Nanak Dham.

Parents of all the participants attended the dinner party in Edwin Street, Gravesend on 26th July where the organisers Das Pam Kueller and Das Rajinder Kaur congratulated the girls on their achievements.

The girls had just completed a 12 week cooking course covering Indian and English recipes and were presented with a booklet of their recipes by representatives of Sachkhand Nanak Dham.

Once...

Mahraz Darshan Das and his friend, Ajit, were visiting Ram Tirath, a temple in Amritsar. All the time they were there. Mahraz Jee was handing out money in his usual carefree manner to the many beggars at this holy site.

Hours later when they had given all the money away, they wondered what to do next. Mahraz Jee telephoned a friend to make arrangements to pick up some money.

Then as Mahraz Jee and Ajit were making their way to a bus stop, a middle aged man walked over to them and greeted them. He said that he had 2,500 rupees (about £120) which belonged to Mahraz Jee and therefore he handed it to Him.

Both Mahraz Jee and Ajit were surprised, but intrigued as they boarded the bus because they could not recall who this man was.

This man sat on the seat behind them, as Mahraz Jee and Ajit exchanged questioning

eyes. Curiosity getting the better of them, they decided to question the man about the unexpected gift of money.

Turning round, Mahraz Jee asked the man who he was and what was his reason for making the gift.

He replied that he was from Karputhala a town in the Punjab. He had recognised Mahraz Jee from His walk. Apparently the man's daughter has been cured by Mahraz Jee at a Satsang years earlier and he had promised that the day his daughter got married he would present Mahraz Jee with 2,500 rupees.

Ever since the wedding the man had kept the 2,500 rupees in his pocket to present to Mahraz Jee when he next met Him. As he had no forwarding address, he had promised himself that, if God willed, he would one day meet Mahraz Jee again and present the gift to Him.

Mahraz Jee then confirmed to the man "I am He". He blessed the man and they went on their way.

INDEPENDENCE & TODAY

Mahatma Gandhi more than any other personality is regarded as the founding father of the Indian Independence.

The 40th Anniversary will be celebrated on the 15th August at a national level in India and on a smaller scale by patriotic organisations around the world.

India has emerged through times of great trials and tribulations but nonetheless like the never ending rivers of this great land, men of great character, faith and conviction have voiced and laid their lives for the salvation of others.

Mahraz Darshan Das, inspired by His fathers patriotic teaching, has through His mission of Sachkhand Nanak Dham organised many functions worthy of tribute and stand out as land marks, in its short history.

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FEBRUARY 15-16

Organisation of a blood donors camp at Sachkhand Nanak Dham. Dera Mahraz Darshan Das Jee, Loni Road, Distt Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The inauguration ceremony was performed by the Indian Minister of Agriculture, Shri Buta Singh. Also present from Ghaziabad were the members of Parliament, Shri K.K. Sharma, Leader of Delhi Provincial Youth Congress (I), Shri Brahmatt Yadav, and many other local leaders and dignitaries. The followers of Sachkhand Nanak Dham donated 507 units of blood at this camp.

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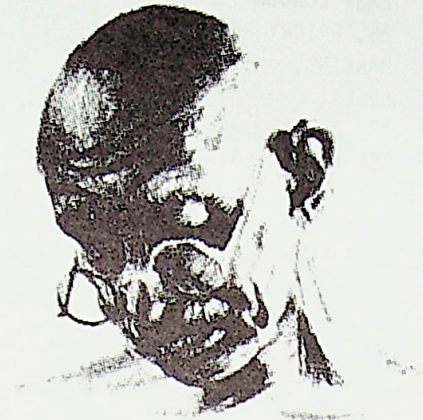
Yuva Das Dharam youth body of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, under the guidance of the late Das Avtar Singh Malhi, took part in a Relay Hunger Strike.

This was a positive response to the then escalating slaughter of innocent people and to urge the Government to take the necessary steps to curb the killings.

July-August.

Both in Delhi and its surrounding

area meetings and functions were organised to promote National Unity and Solidarity in India. These functions were attended and honoured by local leaders and dignitaries.



The face that led the masses

29th July - 30 August.

Sachkhand Nanak Dham volunteers provided Help and Assistance with Langer and General services at the Golden temple at Amritsar, Punjab.

6th October.

At Gravesend (Kent), U.K., Sachkhand Nanak Dham displayed its total opposition to the burning of the Indian National Flag by the Khalistan separationists. There were nine casualties among its followers.

11th November.

At the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, U.K., EKTA (Unity) Conference to promote patriotism was organised. Both Hindus and Sikhs participated. There were 9000 Indians at the Conference.

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16th February

Conference on Indian National Unity and Solidarity held at Ludhiana (Punjab), India.

7th May

Celebrated the third Anniversary of the Yuva Das Dharam the Youth Wing of Sachkhand Nanak Dham at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. This was attended by:

- Shir S. B. Chauhan, the Indian Home Minister.

- Shri Ansari, State Industries Minister, Uttar Pradesh State.



Bhagat Singh - died for the liberation of his country.

- Shri Anand Sharma, Organiser Youth Congress

Also present were numerous Members of the Indian Parliament Indian Government and other well known leaders.

12th May.

At Gravesend (Kent), U.K., a world conference for the "Promotion of Peace on Earth", was organised.

In addition to Indian speakers, there were also representatives and members of international organisations involved in promoting and seeking peace on this earth.

Shri R. C. Arora, a Senior Diplomat at the Indian High Commission in London, was also present.

This was the first time when a conference aimed at promoting Universal Peace was organised by an Indian organisation abroad, wherein members of every religion were accorded the opportunity to express their views on Universal Peace.

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7th December 1986.

To commorate Mahraz Darshan Das Jee's birthday Yuva Das Dharam donated fruit and food to 1600 patients at Lok Nayak Jai Parkash Narayan Hospital, Delhi.

1987**3rd January**

Anti-drugs rally organised by Yuva Das Dharam at the Shah Auditorium, Delhi, which was attended by various M.P.'s, and other officials.

1st February

"Das Dharam will not condon the split of India and will sacrifice itself for the unity and honour of its country," said Maharani Pali Darshan Das, on the 8th Anniversary of Das Dharam in Delhi. 'The white uniforms given to us by Mahraz Jee signifies the acceptance of sacrifice and His mission taught us to lay down our lives for others but not to take anothers life. It teaches love and not hatred,' concluded Maharani Jee.

21st March

At a function in Gurukulkangri, Narela, (Haryana), Yuva Das Dharam organised a function which was attended by speaker of Parliament, Mr Balram Jakhar of Lok Sabha who stated that Sachkhand Nanak Dham, Das Dharam are a symbol of Peace and Untiy in our country today.

Although Mahraz Darshan Das is an ardent patriate of India, purely for the simple reason that He was born in India. None-the-less, He stresses that no matter, which country you are a citizen of, you must take pride, honour and have allegiance to that country.

But the one country or nation that we are all a part of is Sachkhand - the abode of our Lord God.

UPDATE

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Transport to the Dera is organised by the various Sewa Committees on Sangrand.

Please contact the appropriate Sewa Committee for the times of the coaches and their pick up points.

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SATSANG****EVERY MONDAY**

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EAST HAM

EVERY TUESDAY

Free Mason Hall
Balmoral Road
(Near Railway Station)
Gillingham
KENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Dormers Well
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EVERY THURSDAY

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Sachkhand Nanak Dham celebrates
the 40th Anniversary of India's
Independence Day on Sunday 23rd
August 1987, at;

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY CENTRE
MERRICK ROAD
SOUTHALL, MIDDLESEX.

The programme begins at 3.30p.m.
and comprises of speech, patriotic
songs, poetry, folk dance and lots
more. For futher details contact
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