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## UPHOLD NATIONAL FREEDOM

Forty years ago India re-awoke as an independent self governing nation on the fifteenth of August 1987.

An anniversary celebration of India's independence organised by Sachkhand Nanak Dham marked the fortieth anniversary of that historic event with tributes in song, dance and drama to India's rich history and culture.

At Merrick Road Community Centre, Southall on Sunday 23rd August, 1987, young people spoke proudly of their mother country, her achievements and the example she can offer other countries.

"God in His wisdom knew exactly what He had in store for India", said Das Manmohan Singh U.K. General Secretary of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, referring to the 15th August, for it was on that day that India became independent and Mahraz Jee was given His Divine instructions.

Das Manmohan continued, "Independence calls young people to come forward with their strong voices, broad shoulders and fresh spirits to uphold this freedom."

"We should not forget the sacrifices made by our forefathers to gain our Independence," stated Das Tarlochan Singh, Secretary of the Birmingham Dera Management Committee.

A delegate from Kenya, Das Harjit Kaur, congratulated the audience and said, "We are enslaved today by our needs and the views of certain keepers of faith and political leaders. So much so that we have not only abandoned our nation, but have forsaken the values of humanitarianism itself."

Das Harjit Kaur went on to remind the audience of the importance of Mahraz Jee's teachings and the need for a way for the world.

Youth member, Das Nirmala from Gravesend urged young people to strive in the service of others and to use Mahraz Jee's teachings as a firm base.



Hashmitta Patti.

"We are the foundations of Mahraz Jee," she said.

"We should remember God in what we do. We should preserve God's thinking and teaching for as human beings we are the highest form in His creation."

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## DOUBTS

### Message of the month

The message of Sangrand on 17th August resolved around man's doubts about himself and God.

"If you wish to overcome your doubts, then you must seek the shelter of a Perfect Spiritual Master", He directed.

"Man's doubts are a result of his personal misdeeds and wicked ways and not as a result of God. They can only be destroyed through association with one who is above doubts.

"Your fight or battle is with God, but not the world. If you become the children of God and fight with Him, then all your doubts and misgivings will diminish and your devotion will increase."

"On the other hand, if we retain our doubts and still carry on

worshipping then we certainly shall not meet with God."

"All your prayers, charitable services and acts of devotion were passed down to us through happiness and joy of our ancestors."

"But today we perform these rituals in the name of God because of our personal needs and sins."

"Love is the only way of meeting with God and not through doubts, suspicions or falseness."

Mahraz Jee concluded, "To overcome the humidity of our minds, we should seek the cool shade of a Perfect Spiritual Master."

Das Sangeeta Sethi said, "We should try to give the culture of India to others. The culture of our country is so old and the examples of unity, sacrifice and love found there can teach others".



Sangeeta Sethi

Das Manjinder Mattu said, "Mahraz Darshan Das Jee's patriotic teachings have inspired us, His followers, to love India and think of her as 'home', even though we live thousands of miles away. Mahraz Jee teaches us to think of India and our fellow mission members there, who are bound to us by mutual love and respect for Him."

Writer for Sachkhand Nanak Dham, Das Guriqbal Singh emphasised Mahraz Jee's personal message. "We are the people of that country whose pride is its holy rivers and dignity its lofty mountains, whose glory is martyrs like Subhash Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh."

"The symbols of peace of our nation are Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Lal Bahadur Shastri."

"We should adopt the path trodden by these great souls and should sacrifice everything for the nation. The aim of today's youth should be service and worship of our nation, and their strength lies in unity - through which our country, our Master and God can be served."

The martyrs mentioned, took up arms in the struggle for Independence. And the two men mentioned as the symbols of peace were the first Prime Minister of India.

Das Joga Singh another writer of Sachkhand Nanak Dham, pointed

out Mahraz Jee's saying that if you have a nation, then and only then do you have a definite path to tread. If you have no nation, you have nothing and no-one will honour you.

He further emphasised that even if you sacrifice a single drop of blood for your nation, then you are privileged.

A play presented by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, an Institute of Indian culture based in London, honoured all those, who have laid down their lives for their country.

The play, "Jalti Hai Raakh," or Burning Ashes, told the story of a young Indian soldier on duty protecting the boundaries of his country, who sacrificed his life in battle. His elderly father was left penniless and was forced to live from day to day. He wanted to pay homage to his dead son so he stole some flowers, but he was caught stealing them.

An Indian leader who was also buying flowers that day, listened to his story and discovered that the old man was entitled to a large accumulated pension because of his son's service. But sadly just as he heard this, the old man fell dead. The leader then paid homage to this old gentleman and his martyr son.

He said "Even today burns the ashes of these martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of their nation. If ever you have a moment or two to spare, then honour the memory of the martyrs."

The celebration also included patriotic songs by Shanti Sengal, which extolled India and her culture. A radio and television artist from India, Mr. G. S. Randhawa sang three popular songs.

The Birmingham Yuva Das Dharam, the youth branch of Sachkhand Nanak Dham sang Mahraz Jee's new patriotic song of India, 'Mere Desh', My Country.

Mahraz Jee's message to the world on that day, written on a poster especially designed to celebrate the anniversary of Independence,

was Prosperity through Peace, Love, Unity and Sacrifice.

There were two performances of Bhangra, the folk dance from the state of Punjab, which is also very popular throughout India. One was given by Kent Yuva Das Dharam and included a stunning performance by young boys attempting difficult acrobatic dances. A polished and very professional performance of more acrobatic dances was also given by the teenaged members of Yuva Das Dharam, Birmingham.

A well-known teacher in Classical Indian Dance, who runs her own school, Hashmitta Patti, performed the Oddissi dance, one of the six most popular classical dances. The Oddissi dance portrays the reincarnation of God in ten different forms come to expel the dark forces. The movements of the hands, head, eyes, neck and feet each symbolise certain acts.

More storytelling in the form



Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan  
Play - 'Jalti Hai Raakh'.

of dance was performed in Kathak Dances, very popular dances originating in ancient times and performed in the Mughal Court. These difficult and highly skilled dances were performed by two sisters, Camalita and Christina Bhuddu, who were performing for the first time in front of such a large audience.

There was no formal message by Mahraz Jee that day, but there was a message of unity for people who want to do something in their

lives for other people and sacrifice their pleasures for the one Man, who is their inspiration, Mahraz Darshan Das Jee. This was shown by the devotion of the congregation, who sat through a long programme with love, and concentration.

Perhaps the feelings of the congregation were best expressed in the words spoken by Das Tek Singh, President of Das Dharam Regional Committee Medway.



Das Tek SINGH

He said, "a moment of liberated lifestyle is worth more than a hundred years of slavery."

Sangeeta Sethi's concluding words were a fitting conclusion for all, "We are all one and we should not ask what our country has given us, but what we can give to our country."

"Mahraz Jee says also that we should take account of what we give to God, not what God can give to us."

## THE POWER WITHIN

Within each of us there lies the answer to all our needs.

This was the theme of Mahraz Darshan Das Jee's teaching in Liverpool recently. He told the small congregation at the Kirkby Sports Centre on Sunday, 6th September that it is only with complete faith that we can find these answers.

He said, "God has filled you with such power, His Power and the power of love, that you can with faith overcome all calamities with in your life.

"Even if you wanted to see God in a stone, you could do so.

"But it is essential to have complete faith."

Mahraz Jee pointed out that if you are without faith, then even if God Himself came to you, you would refuse to recognise Him.

He said, "If you are firm and stand fast with your faith, then the world itself will bow down to you."

Mahraz Jee said that you do not need to search for the truth here and there, but only to recognise your true self. Guidance towards this end can only come from one, who has already achieved this. Teaching and guidance of this kind can only come from a Perfect Spiritual Master.

The holy messengers of God in the past have been through trials and tribulations, not for personal gain, but instead they sacrificed for the benefit of others all that they had loved and what they had attained in their own search for God.

Whatever a man has achieved in his lifetime, however, he has achieved for his own motives. It is fear of punishment for his sins, which motivates a man's actions.

If a man truly respects God within his heart, the pain of punishment is no longer a burden. Instead of suffering a heavy burden, one can carry a garland of roses.

Those, who accept the will of a Perfect Spiritual Master, achieve bliss both in this world and in the hereafter, but those who do not accept His Will, fail to enjoy and recognise His truth, His deeds and His true praise.

In conclusion Mahraz Jee said, "Recognise that you have been made by the hand of God. Therefore avoid distractions and stop looking for entertainment for your mind. Thereby you will lessen the control of your mind over every aspect of your life and release the true power of your soul."

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## FOUNDATION DAY



The celebration of the fifth anniversary of the foundation of Birmingham Dera was held on Sunday 30th August 1987.

Das Manmohan Singh, General Secretary of Sachkhand Nanak Dham for the U.K. said in his opening speech that Mahraz Jee had lit a torch of love, peace, unity and sacrifice at the Birmingham Dera in 1982, which has now illuminated other towns in the U.K. and abroad.

Mahraz Jee's message on the day was that, if you wish to do something for others, you should be prepared to sacrifice your mind, body and soul and thereby you can help support each other on a humanitarian basis.

He continued that you may then also cross the spiritual gulf separating you and God, created by your personal bad deeds.

"On a social level", He concluded, "whatever message is given to you by Sachkhand Nanak Dham we urge you to take it forth into the world."

# THE DAY OF ENLIGHTENMENT

It was as a young man of only seventeen years that Darshan Lal first spoke with authority about man's true relationship with God.

His first congregation was struck by the young man's wisdom, maturity and inspiring frankness.

That day was 15th August 1971, celebrated every year since then as Jyoti Diwas, His Day of Enlightenment.

On that day He first put into practice the instructions, which He openly claimed, came directly from God.

He was ordered, He said, to serve God's creation and show mankind the True Path.

As a result He gave up His job as an apprentice in a bank, changed His name to Darshan Das and began to preach.

God ordered Him, He said, to become His Das or servant. Since then Darshan Das has attracted thousands of followers from all walks of life and they have accorded Him the title of Mahraz Jee.

His teachings urge all men to recognise that we are all one and therefore have a responsibility to each other.

On Jyoti Diwas this year at the Birmingham Dera Mahraz Jee said, "This is my message to you - try to adopt these ways in

your life with the aim of achieving brotherhood and unity."

"Be ready to contribute with your mind, body and soul to do something worthwhile with your life."

"Heed what I say from time to time so that you may do good for others, strive for unity and love everybody, as this is a unique opportunity for such service."

"I am not giving any orders, but whatever good you have learned from Sachkhand Nanak Dham, take that away with you."

"The happiness, you have obtained from coming here and meeting the congregation, can also be recreated in your homes, if you truly love God."

"If you see anything bad, leave that here."

"The good habits you take with you, use them in your family and amongst relatives to achieve the true aim of human beings, which is humanity."

Seventeen years ago on this day I was asked to undertake this task. I was ordered to be God's servant and to serve those people, who love God.

"I ask from God that He should give you all that He has given me."

# UPDATE

## SANGRAND

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 1987

## HAZUR MAHRAZ JEE'S SATSANG

### EVERY MONDAY

Trinity Hall  
East Avenue  
EAST HAM

### EVERY TUESDAY

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

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

Dormers Well  
High School  
Dromers Well Lane  
SOUTHALL

### EVERY THURSDAY

Brettenham  
Junior School  
Ascot Road  
EDMONTON

### EVERY SATURDAY

11 Church Hill Road  
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