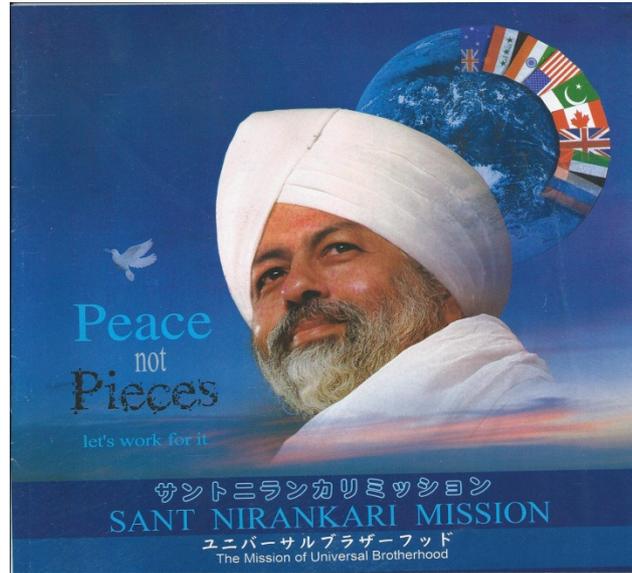


**Peace not Pieces**  
**Let's work for it**  
**SANT NIRANKARI MISSION**  
**The Mission of Universal Brotherhood**



Sant Nirankari Mission, popularly known as the Universal Brotherhood, is an all-embracing spiritual movement, dedicated to peace, love and human fraternity. Through spiritual awakening, the Mission seeks to overcome the barriers that have increasingly separated human beings from each other. The central premise of the Mission is that such an awakening is possible, in the company of a 'Guru', or spiritual Guide, who is personally living in a state of enlightenment.

Having high regard for all religions and spiritual movements, the Mission is founded on the belief that 'True Religion Unites, Never Divides'. These are the words of Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji, the fountain-head of spiritual knowledge and leader of the Mission today. Baba Ji does not seek to remove individuality, or create uniformity. Rather, he promotes and celebrates unity in diversity.

The Mission, which has its International headquarters in New Delhi, continues to bring together people of all cultures, different social groups and denominations.

**A Brief History of the Mission**

The Mission made its beginnings in 1929 in Peshawar (Now in Pakistan), when Baba Buta Singh Ji raised the voice of Truth, inspiring a small network of individuals whilst on his travels. Accompanied by his most devoted disciple, Baba Avtar Singh Ji, he worked virtuously and laboriously day and night not only to share his message amongst mankind, but to improve their quality of life. In 1943 the responsibility for carrying the Mission forward was passed on to Baba Avtar Singh Ji. His teachings, which had such an awe-inspiring impact upon devotees, were compiled during his life-time in the form of a religious writing, namely the Sampuran Avtar Bani. The writings were in prose, which crystallized the very essence of righteous living on earth in a simple, yet very moving language.



In 1962, Baba Avtar Singh Ji took the remarkable decision to proclaim Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji as the manifest Spiritual Master and revved himself to the life of discipleship. Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji, who had already endeared himself as a devoted missionary, carried the teachings abroad for the first time, establishing followings in almost every continent of the world. He prioritized a social welfare agenda, and set-up the 'Sewadal', the Mission's Voluntary Corps, to perform all manner of community support duties, relief work and charitable activities. Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji's contribution to the noble cause was beyond measure.

Baba Hardev Singh Ji is the current Spiritual Head of the Mission which has a global presence with over 2000 Centers (Satsang Bhawans) and a following which run into many millions. The Centers are used to propagate Peaceful Co-existence, Universality, Inter-religious Harmony and Equality through Charitable initiatives, Social and Community work and Volunteering.



Baba Ji spends most of his time on tour, meeting people from all walks of life. He is equally in touch with people at the grass roots, as he is with those from higher echelons of society. No individual is made to feel

unattended by His Holiness. He serves as a medium between the down trodden and the high profile leaders such as administrators, politicians and academics to promulgate humane living.

Baba Ji presides over Meetings, which are large gatherings, to impart his messages of love and brotherhood. The attendees also participate actively in the form of Speeches, Poetry, Hymns, and Songs which are conducive to a convivial and liberating atmosphere. Such gatherings are held in various different locations throughout the Globe, creating a unique unity in diversity. People from local counties, states, countries and continents assemble to celebrate, in their millions, a righteous way of life - A life, as prescribed by His Holiness, which is above the divisions of class, race and religion.



An audience with Baba Ji creates a calm, composed and collected atmosphere, where people sit in sacred silence awaiting his instructive words of wisdom, in a language that is beyond mere words. Ironically, people understand exactly what is being said without having the benefit of the spoken language. Why? Because it is the language of love that Baba Ji speaks.

### **Gender Equality**

The Mission promotes gender equality, which is clearly illustrated by the presence of his mother and spouse sitting at his side whenever he presides over his Meetings. Equality between all people of all backgrounds is practiced. Women are particularly empowered through initiatives of the Mission. They are encouraged to be actively involved in public speaking and advocacy to improve their ability and standing in society. Such a platform is provided by the Mission through the partaking of traditional meetings, in hymns and public addresses. As a result of such initiatives, many CD's, cassettes and Digital recordings have been to their credit.



### **Youth Empowerment**

This commences at a tender age whereby the young are taught the eternal values of respect, honour, dignity and tolerance, which naturally flow towards a solid foundation of decent citizenship. The Mission

runs innumerable youth projects, which not only cater for their physical but mental needs also.

Young children have partaken in fund raising activities for numerous charities. Teenagers have been actively involved in lending a helping hand at various soup kitchens, and also with various charitable organizations such as Help The Aged and the Salvation Army to name a few. Such projects inspire children to express themselves, hold their own and be positively active in society. The Mission's philosophy is enacted through sports and theatrical activities, to make learning as enjoyable as possible.



In line with the United Nations Millennium Development goals, the mission has already started to provide education provisions for those who would otherwise have no access to any learning whatsoever. Primary, Secondary and Tertiary schools and colleges have already been inaugurated, producing commendable results.



There are numerous other projects in the pipeline to further the cause of bringing education to the masses in particularly by those who are excluded and needy. The latest of such initiatives is the one teacher schools established in the remote and mountainous regions of India who are completely cut off from mainstream life.

In later years of youth the Mission guides the youth by involving them in empowerment courses which direct them through their respective careers, being held across the Globe. Recently these events have been held in India which have been widely reported. Over hundreds of students attended to seek Counsel, in which Baba Ji gave his Blessings.

### **Promotions of Arts, Culture and Dance**

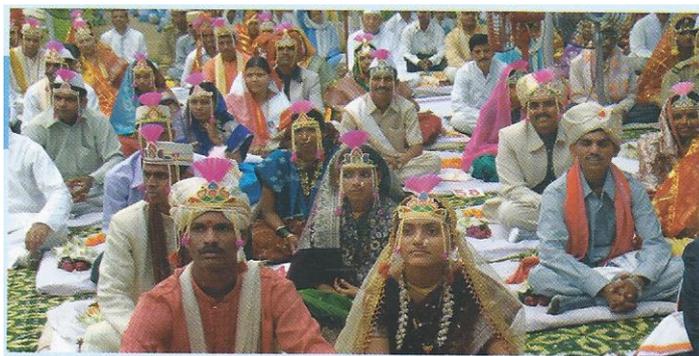
The importance of the Arts and Culture is also recognized and encouraged by the mission, for no religious meeting or congregation is complete without the involvement of musical accompaniment. Musical instruments old and new are taught and utilized to enhance and keep alive the ancient traditions.

### 芸術，文化，舞踊の促進



### Simple Marriages

For social cohesion and equality, marriages have also been made simple and dowry-free, both in India and abroad. The impact of such reforms has lessened many a burden on the less fortunate in particular. So much so that integration of diverse communities has not only been made possible but is seen to be practiced. The die-hard differences which hitherto existed have been gracefully erased by His Holiness Baba Ji.



### Conferences and Seminars

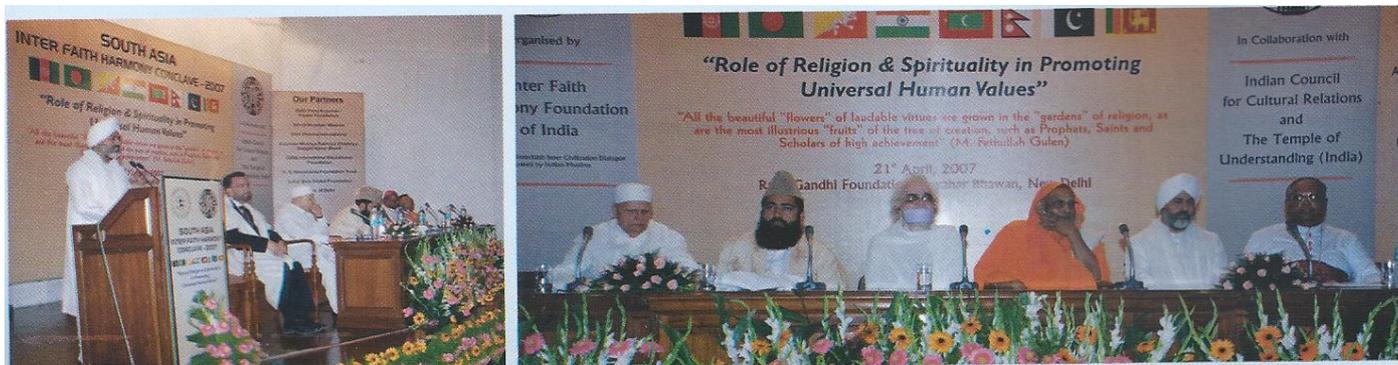
His Holiness Baba Ji has been at the forefront of promoting conferences which promote mutual understanding between different faiths to bring about peace in the World. This has included Seminars on peaceful co-existence and universalism, Prosperity with Humanity and International Fraternity.



### South Asia Inter Faith Harmony Conclave

In April of 2007 His Holiness Baba Ji took part in the South Asia Inter Faith Harmony Conclave which was inaugurated by Prime Minister of India, Shri Manmohan Singh. There were a number of distinguished leaders of World faiths present on this occasion to discuss the role of spirituality in promoting Universal Human Values.

In this conference Baba Ji commented on how, "There was only one religion and that was the religion of humanity." He suggested that, the message of every Spiritual Master, Guru and Prophet was universal and meant for everyone and this should to be preached by all. As True Religion unites and never divides, every religion should endeavor to unite man with man, removing the distances, dismantling the walls that divide humanity. He commented on how this was the expectation of world religions today



If Religion is found to be erecting walls to divide mankind, then it would be considered as a great paradox and a serious self-contradiction. Baba ji advised that we should be peace makers and not peace breakers. Moreover, let us remember that we cannot shake hands with a closed fist. We will have to open it before we extend our hand to welcome a person. This is what is needed today and this task will have to be taken up by everybody who has a say in society.

His Holiness Baba Ji also inaugurated the 8th World Conference on Corporate Governance held in London on the 20th September 2007 in which many distinguished leaders tackled issues of Global Governance in this fast changing economic environment.

### **Blood Donation**

Since His Holiness Baba Ji took over the leadership of the Mission he has encouraged young and old to participate in Blood Donation. Having seen the effects of social disorder and crime, it was his desire that, blood should not be spilled on the streets but should run through the veins of human beings. Furthermore, realizing the need expressed at the World Health Organization that there were massive shortages throughout the world in the national blood banks, Baba Ji instructed that we should all, "Give Blood as we are one Global Family." Such thought has now led the Mission to be the leading donor of blood, both in the quality and quantity, per annum in India, now regularly followed throughout the world. This unique contribution has received recognition from the Central and State Govts. besides the Red Cross with the remarks that it is this kind of Mission which can make all the difference to the society at large. Spirit of blood donations is in the blood of Nirankari devotees.



## **Further Health Initiatives**

The Mission holds regular free health clinics within its centers and administers free dispensaries too. These, span further into health camps where youngsters are trained to provide knowledge and information to others concerning immediate dietary needs, nutrition and alternative therapies such as Homeopathy and Yoga. Regular Eye camps are held where free services are offered by professional volunteer doctors of the Mission upon the instructions of Baba Ji.



## **Relief Work**

Relief Work has been carried out regularly by the Volunteers of the Mission in particular where natural disasters have affected a region of the world. The Mission provides aid both financial and personnel at these times. When Gujarat was hit by an earthquake, the Mission not only contributed to the Prime Minister's Disaster Fund, but volunteers took time off from their employment in order to provide aid refuge and support to those who had been displaced by the quake. At this His Holiness pioneered the 'Rebuild and Re-house' project which relocated an entire town.

At the time of the Tsunami in South Asia, centers in Malaysia, Thailand and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands provided much needed food, shelter and first aid. More importantly volunteers assisted local authorities in the collection and disposal of those killed, thus helping to stem the outbreak of disease and infection.

## **The Environment**

Baba Ji teaches that although there is pollution around in the environment we must have minds which are free of pollution. There are numerous directives based upon responsible living which involve matters such as poverty, debt, climate change etc..... The Mission has recently participated in a world conferences relating to environmental management and climate change. Tree planting initiatives are commonly given which looks of course towards the preservation of the world in which we all live. Baba Ji has a keen interest in this subject and has developed a vast area of New Delhi, India which was previously marshy and snake infested, and transformed it into a stunning place of natural beauty, which is now in fact a well known tourist attraction. The area is known as the Santokh Sarover and is home to beautiful plantations, walkways, and a spiritual bathing area. Recently, a high tech museum named Journey Divine has been developed within the grounds.



### **To conclude**

Baba Hardev Singh Ji is a living Spiritual Guide who is working tirelessly in an effort to establish peace, harmony and co-existence. As can be seen there are numerous initiatives through which he is achieving this to strengthen the message to let us love one another as we are one global family.

