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## **Some Important facts of life Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji**

- \* **Date of Birth :**  
Year 1377 AD (Bikrami Samvat-Magh Sudi 15,  
1433)
- \* **Birth Place :**  
Seer Goverdhanpur, Banaras (U.P.)
- \* **Name of Mother & Father :**  
Father, Respected Sh. Santokh Dass Ji Mother,  
Respected Smt. Kalsi Devi Ji
- \* **Name of the Grandmother and Grandfather :**  
Grandfather, Respected Sh. Kalu Ram Ji  
Grandmother, Respected Smt. Lakhpati Ji,
- \* **Name of wife & son :**  
Wife Respected Smt. Lona Ji  
Son Respected Sh. Vijay Dass Ji
- \* **Brahamlin :**  
Harh Di Sangrand 1584 Bikrami Samvat (1528) at  
Banaras



## Principles of Ravidassia Religion

- (1) Our Guru : Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
- (2) Our Religion : Ravidassia
- (3) Our Religious Book : Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
- (4) Our Religious Symbol : 
- (5) Our Salutation : Jai Gurdev
- (6) Our Ultimate Place of Pilgrimage : Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir Seer Goverdhanpur, Varanasi (U.P.)
- (7) Our Objectives : To propagate the Bani and teachings of Satguru Ravidass Ji. Besides, the teachings and the thoughts of Maharashi Bhagwan Valmik Ji, Satguru Namdev Ji, Satguru Kabir Ji, Satguru Trilochan Ji, Satguru Sain Ji and Satguru Sadna Ji would Also be propagated.  
: To respect all religions, love the mankind and lead virtuous life.

## Preface

***Prem panth ki palki Ravidass baethiyo aaye!!***

***Sache saami milan koon aanand kahiyo na jaye!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass says that “I have boarded the palanquin of devotion to God and I cannot describe the supreme pleasure and eternal ecstasy of union with Almighty God.”

Most revered Jagatguru Ravidass, during his incarnation in this world, preached all human beings about absolute unity, universal brotherhood & love for humanity and conveyed his sacred sermon to keep company of learned saints and practice devout meditation of God. While Jagatguru Ravidass liberated people, suffering from oppression for centuries, of all bondage on the one hand; he simultaneously enlightened the foes of humanity with his pious and truthful sermon:

***“Satsangati mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira”!***

O God! Kindly bless us also like honey bees to live ever happily together in pious company of Thy holy men.

Jagatguru Ravidass conveyed his sacred sermon about universal brotherhood and also envisaged one common universal abode “*Begumpura*” for all human beings of the world as explained in his *Amritbani*. Such a great revolutionary, Jagatguru Ravidass had his incarnation at Seer Govardhanpur in Varanasi during the month of Magh, 1433 *Vikram Samvat* (1377A.D.) at the blessed house of respected father Santokh Dass and esteemed mother Kalsi Devi. In order to establish an egalitarian society with equal rights for all, Jagatguru Ravidass pierced his shoulder on the occasion of *Makar Sankranti* and showed four types of *Janeu* (the cotton thread) symbolising the four Yugas or cosmic periods and abandoned the one made of thread that adorned his body in staunch protest against the social disharmony bedeviling the society.

On the auspicious & historic occasion of *Vaisakhi*, (First day of *Vaisakh*- the second month of *Vikram Samvat* Calendar), Jagatguru Ravidass achieved the unique feat of floating of stone on the water of river *Ganga*. He created myriad forms of himself in the *darbar* of King Sangram Singh and Queen Jhali and launched the unique tradition of spiritual congregations and community feeding for one and all. He spent major part of his

life travelling far and wide preaching all human beings to tread the path of truth and devout meditation of God. A large number of kings, emperors and people from all sections of the society bowed before him with allegiance and became his devout disciples. He worked for the emancipation of human society throughout his life and left this perishable world for his heavenly abode on the first day of the month of *Harh* 1584 *Vikram Samvat* or 1528 A.D. in Varanasi.

Guru Kabir reckoned Jagatguru Ravidass as the ultimate epitome of *Bhakti* and recited the following hymn;

***Saadhan mein Ravidass Sant hae, supach rishi so maaniya!  
Hindu Turk dui deen bane hae, kashu nahin pahichaniya!***

Guru Kabir said that Jagatguru Ravidass is the greatest amongst sages in the entire world and reckons him as a highly respected saint. Contemporary Hindus and Muslims bowed with reverence before Jagatguru Ravidass and venerated him like God.

*Sant* Pipa explains the unique services of Jagatguru Ravidass towards human society as follows in his hymns:

***Je Kali Raedas Kabir na hote,  
lok ved aru Kaliyug mili kar bhagti rasatal dete!***

*Sant* Pipa explained that “But for the timely incarnation of Jagatguru Ravidass and Guru Kabir; contemporary upper caste society, Vedas and distorted philosophical thinking under the influence of Kaliyuga would have buried '*Bhakti*' or devout meditation of God under deep sea.”

***Ravidass charar ustati karei, Hari keerat nimakh ik gayi!!  
Patit jati uttam bhya, chari varan paye pagi aayi!!***

Guru Ram Dass explains that Jagatguru Ravidass practiced such devout meditation of Oankar God and eulogised glory of divinity with dedicated devotion that he himself became one with God and indistinguishable from God. Despite his birth in a so called low caste; people from all the four classes of society bowed at his lotus feet with reverence because of his devout *Bhakti* and dignified spiritual knowledge.

Guru Arjan Dev eulogises him as follows;

***Ooch te ooch Namdeo samdarsi Ravidass thakur bani  
aayie!! i.e.***

Greatest of all learned sages, who treated everyone equal.



has been Guru Namdev and Jagatguru Ravidass was incarnation of God himself in this world. Jagatguru Ravidass states in his *Amritbani* that:

***Meri jaat kutbandhla dhor dhovanta nitahi Banarasi  
aas pasa!!***

***Ab bipar pardhan tihi karei dandout tere  
Naam sarnaei Ravidass dasa!!***

People of my caste living around Banaras are engaged in carting away and skinning of dead animals, tanning of leather and making leather goods. Jagatguru Ravidass says that O God! As I have taken shelter under Thy sacred feet, now even the head of the Brahmins, bows before Thy devotee with reverence. This entire glory is because of Thy worship and kind blessings.

After listening to the sacred, revolutionary and redeeming spiritual sermons of Jagatguru Ravidass; King Babar, King Nagar Mall (Hardev Singh), *Rana Vir Baghel Singh*, King Sikandar Lodi, King Chandra Pratap, King Bijli Khan, Rana Ratan Singh, King Kumbha, Maharana Sangram Singh (*Rana Sanga*), Queen Jhali, King Bain Singh, King Vijaypal Singh, great saint Meera Bai, and sages Karma Bai, Bhanmati, Sant Sadhna, Sant Parmanand, as well as sage Gorakh Nath along-with people from all sections of society became his devotees.

Messiah of humanity, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar formulated the Constitution of India based on the human rights enshrined in sacred hymn "*Begumpura sahar ko nao*" recited by Jagatguru Ravidass.

Jagatguru Ravidass says that:

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou rahayi sada nirbaer!***

***Sukhdai samta gahyi sabhnah mangahi khaer!! i.e.***

Jagatguru Ravidass articulates that "A pious sage never has any enmity with anyone. He always longs for comforts and equality for everyone and he prays to God for welfare of one and all."

Such a great benevolent and devout saint *Brahmgyani* Guru Sarwan Dass practiced dedicated meditation of God day and night on the sacred soil of village Ballan and he enabled myriad number of people of this world to pursue devout *Bhakti* of God. He always preached his devotees to become highly educated, serve one's parents, respect the elderly, love the

younger ones, keep company of learned saints and practice devout meditation of God. He got a *Dera* (Holy Place) constructed on the sacred soil of village Ballan and christened same as “*Dera Ravidassian Da*” on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1964 to push forwards clear identity of the community. Once, devotees pleaded at the lotus feet of Guru Sarwan Dass, “*Maharaj!* When shall we become free of the shackles of centuries old slavery?” He said, “When compilation of *Amritbani* of Jagatguru Ravidass will get completed.” *Sant* Sarwan Dass located the sacred birth place of Jagatguru Ravidass through his divine enlightenment and *Sant* Hari Dass laid the foundation stone of the temple to be built at that place in *Seer Govardhanpur*, Varanasi on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1965 - the auspicious occasion of *Sankranti* of *Harh*, (First day of the month of *Harh*). Construction work for the temple was carried out under the able guidance of *Sant* Garib Dass.

A great place of pilgrimage was thus dedicated to the society and Guru Sarwan Dass declared that people from all over the world will always congregate at this holy place of pilgrimage to pay their obeisance. *Sant* Ramanand decorated the temple with gold '*Kalshas*' and launched the programme to frame the temple in gold. Enemies of humanity perpetrated a dastardly attack on Jagatguru Ravidass Temple, Vienna on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2009. *Sant* Ramanand suffered grievous injuries and attained martyrdom for the sake of *Ravidassia* community and left for his heavenly abode in the early hours of May 25, 2009 to become immortal. There were spontaneous and forceful but peaceful protests all over the world by *Ravidassia* community to express their pain and dismay against this barbaric act of violence.

There-after, announcement of new religion “*Ravidassia Dharma*” was made on the sacred occasion of 633<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Jagatguru Ravidass from his *Janam-Asthan Temple, Seer Govardhanpur*, Varanasi with the blessings of Jagatguru Ravidass, Guru Sarwan Dass and the entire congregation of learned saints in the presence of thousands of devotees. More than 200 million people of *Ravidassia* community were delighted to get this novel identity. That night, Jagatguru Ravidass could be seen as if blessing people of the world from the largest visible full moon of the century.

The sacred *Amritbani Granth* has been installed at lacs of

*Ravidassia Temples* all over the world. Detailed commentary and explanations of sacred *Amritbani Granth* have been published in many languages including Punjabi, Hindi, Marathi, English, Nepali, Italian, and Dutch languages for the benefit of devotees. Compact booklets titled '*Sukhsagar*' containing selected hymns from *Amritbani*, have been distributed in lacs the world over.

Present English translated version of the Holy Scripture "**God on Earth Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj**" My special thanks to Sh. Sadhu Ram Heer, Kanshi Ram Kaler, Sh. Parwan, Rajni Viridi (M.Sc. Math), Yogita Viridi (MA Ed.), Ms. Alka Viridi (MA Ed.), for their important inputs to bring the Holy Scripture to its present form.

I feel extremely delighted to present English edition of the Holy Scripture "**God on Earth Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj**" to devotees all over the world with the blessings of Jagatguru Ravidass and Guru Sarwan Dass.

Devotee of Lotus Feet of *Guruji*,  
**Sant Surinder Dass Bawa**

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## 'Ravidassia Dharma Prachar Asthan, Kahanpur'

### A Brief History

*Ravidassia Dharma Prachar Asthan Kahanpur* is located along Jalandhar - Pathankot National Highway in Jalandhar District of Punjab State in India. A precious jewel of *Ravidassia Dharma*, *108 Sant Surinder Dass Bawa* who established this complex, heads this organization. The foundation stone of this complex was laid by revered saint *108 Sant Krishna Devi*, Spiritual Head of *Dera 108 Sant Hari Dass*, Boparai Kalan on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 in the august presence of a large congregation of saints and devotees. The plot of land for construction of this complex was very generously donated by the family members of Shakuntala Devi wife of Late Mohan Lal of village Kahanpur. As there was great enthusiasm amongst the local communities and devotees; the ardent followers of Jagatguru Ravidass completed the entire construction work within a few months even though that would have normally taken years.

Learned sages, saints and scholars, members of social and religious organizations, followers of Jagatguru Ravidass and devotees in extremely large numbers travel from faraway places to visit this complex now a days. This complex, located in a small hitherto unknown village, radiates its brilliance in all directions and is now extremely well known all over the world.

Devotees from European countries presented a sedan safari car on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 to Sant Surinder Dass *Bawa* in appreciation of growing spiritual and awareness campaigns amongst the devotees for facilitating further strengthening of these praiseworthy efforts. An academy dedicated to spiritual music known as *JagatJagatguru Ravidass Music Academy* has been established in part of the two storey building of this complex. Expert and experienced musicians impart training to nearly 50 boys and girls to be proficient in various disciplines of spiritual music with special emphasis on Harmonium and *Tabla* musical instruments. The entire expenditure is borne by *Sant Surinder Dass Bawa* with the cooperation of the devotees. The suffering poor patients are also served at this *Ravidassia Dharma Prachar Asthan* through free *Ayurvedic* medical services and medicines. Unemployed youth are guided and

helped to join various courses to receive employment oriented education and acquire professional skills. Financial assistance is also provided by this organization to poor youth for pursuing such studies and training courses.

*Baba Pipal Dass*, accompanied by young son *Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass*, visited village Kahanpur first of all. When digging of soil for laying foundation to build a *Kutiya* was in progress there, a double headed snake emerged from the site. *Babaji* then told the local devotees “How can we uproot someone to build a house for us?” They moved to the next village after saying that and making a promise to visit the village again sometimes in future and build a complex for stay.

Sh. Gurdas Ram and Bibi Gurbachan Kaur, respected parents of *Sant Surinder Dass Bawa*, were profound disciples of *Guru Sarwan Dass*. *Guru* stayed at their house for several nights on many occasions. *Gurbachan Kaur* fell seriously ill during 1972 and the doctors expressed their inability to save her life. However, *Guru Sarwan Dass* visited *Gurbachan Kaur* in the Civil Hospital, Jalandhar along with many devotees and gave her a new lease of life. He also blessed her with a boon then and there itself “Do not cry for the loss of this son. You will be blessed with two more sons in due course of time.” *Gurbachan Kaur* at once declared to dedicate the elder boy for serving at the lotus feet of *Guru Sarwan Dass*. The young boy inherited the spirit of selfless service and devotion from his worthy parents. His revered parents were profound devotees of *Guru Sarwan Dass*. His respected father in this human life, *Gurdas Ram* had full blessings of *Guru Sarwan Dass* and one of the proofs of *Guruji's* benevolence is described here as follows:

*Guru Sarwan Dass* abandoned his perishable human body on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1972 to be amalgamated with God. Before leaving this transient world, *Guruji* told devotees that he has to come back soon as some tasks of utmost importance for the society are still left. All preparations for cremation had been completed. Devotees from all parts of the country and abroad had assembled to have a last glimpse and pay their respects to their beloved and revered *Guruji*. Preparations had been made to light the pyre as pure ghee, sandalwood, incense, copra and other relevant items had been put in place. Final prayer had just

been rendered to proceed with lighting of the fire. Just at that moment, devotees assembled for the cremation rites witnessed a burst of stream of blood from *Guruji's* mortal human body comprising of five elements and a few drops of the blood smeared the body of Gurdas Ram. It is extremely important to analyze this strange phenomenon to appreciate why did those drops of blood fall only on the body of Gurdas Ram? Later exactly after the lapse of 9 months since Guru Sarwan Dass abandoned his perishable human body; the birth of *Shri 108 Sant Surinder Dass Bawa* on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1973 certainly poses a spiritual question. It merits mention that *Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass* himself sent '*Bhagwa*' or sacred cloth/robe worn by saints to Saint Surinder Dass *Bawa's* parents to be worn by the new born baby (*Shri 108 Sant Surinder Dass Bawa*) well before his birth. This in itself declared the child to be born would be a saint. *Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass* blessed *Bawa* (Sant Surinder Dass) with the same sacred maroon coloured saintly robes at the young age of just 5 years as per the wishes of Sant Sarwan Dass and brought him from village Suchipind to Dera Sachkhand Ballan. *Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass* made arrangements for his education and studies.

With the blessings of Jagatguru Ravidass and Guru Sarwan Dass and the entire community of learned saints, *Shri 108 Sant Surinder Dass Bawa* made an epoch making pronouncement on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 establishing *Ravidassia Dharma* (Religion) (as envisioned by Sant Sarwan Dass on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1964) and also dedicated *Ravidassia's* Holy Book – *Amritbaani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj* that gave a distinct separate identity to *Ravidassia* community at the congregation.

A large library has been set up at *Ravidassia Dharma Parchar Asthan*, Kahanpur to commemorate the sacred memory of Guru Sarwan Dass. This library maintains thousands of books including texts on Dalit History and literature published by scholars specializing in issues related to Dalit communities. This library has large stock of literature related to great *Guru's*, eminent freedom fighters, brave warriors and distinguished scholars and writers. In addition to all such efforts, books are being distributed free of cost to

budding writers through Dr. Ambedkar Library and other libraries. This organization preaches and promotes sacred mission of Jagatguru Ravidass and Guru Sarwan Dass on continuous basis.

*Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa* held spiritual discourses several times from the year 2010 onwards in several European countries including Austria, Greece, Italy, Germany, Holland, Spain, France, Norway, Portugal and United Kingdom as well as in America, Canada and UAE. Further he addressed religious congregations and preached about *Ravidassia Dharma* (Religion) and *Amritbani* in various countries as follows :

1. 2014- Italy and Austria.
2. 2015- Greece, Portugal and Austria.
3. 2016- America, Canada, Greece, Italy, Austria and United Kingdom.
4. 2017- Austria, United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, America, Canada and UAE.
5. 2018–United Kingdom, France, Austria, Italy, Greece, Norway, America, Canada and United Arab Emirates.
6. 2019 - Austria, Greece, Italy, France, UK, America & Canada.

*Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa* was also honoured by many organizations with Gold Medals from time to time at various places in the world as follows:

1. *Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha*, Bergamo, Italy during 2010.
2. *Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha*, Karopi, Athens, Greece during 2011.
3. *Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha*, Vienna Austria, *Shri Jagatguru Ravidass Sabha*, Rome, Italy, and *Shri Jagatguru Ravidass Sabha*, Valencia, Spain during 2012.
4. *Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha*, Rome, during 2013.
5. Village Madhar, District Jalandhar, Punjab, India during 2014.
6. *Shri Guru Ravidass Sukhsagar Durbar*, Mandy, Greece on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.
7. Village Alawalpur, District, Jalandhar, Punjab, India on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.
8. South Hall, London, UK on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

9. *Shri Guru Ravidass Bhavan*, Bari, Italy on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017.
10. *Shri Guru Ravidass Durbar*, Carpi, Greece on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
11. Toronto, Canada on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 and
12. *Ravidassia* Community of Village Suchipind, Jalandhar, Punjab, India on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2017
13. Tripton, United Kingdom during 2018
14. 2 November 2019 Chicago USA.

*Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa* was honoured with *Shri Guru Ravidass National Award* by the Indian Dalit Literature Academy, at New Delhi during 2006. Keeping in view the growing numbers of devotees and the need for publicity and communications; the devotees from U.S.A., Canada, U.K. and many other European countries made arrangements for purchase of an adjoining plot of land at Kahanpur and presented same to this organization to meet genuine requirements of the devotees. Presently this preaching centre has emerged as a leading light house. *Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa* has made permanent arrangements for his stay at this place where he practices devout meditation of God, listens to *Amritbani* and conducts spiritual discourses. Simultaneously, he preaches the devotees to follow on his footsteps in respect of meditation and spiritual pursuits. Devotees are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the teachings of *Ravidassia Dharma* (Religion) at this place.

*Amritbani Bhavan* constructed at this place has been adorned with '*Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji*' that is recited every morning and evening regularly. Religious and spiritual discourses are also held regularly and special *pandal* is set up for same on specific occasions like weekend Sundays and *Sangrand* or the first day of each new month as per *Vikram Samvat* calendar. Noble wishes of devotees get fulfilled here. People have immense faith and respect for this sacred place. Lots of devotees throng this complex in the morning and evening daily to have a vision of this sacred place. Apart from motivating people for worship and meditation of God and study of scriptures, this *darbar* makes earnest efforts to address the social evils like drug addiction, dowry, wasteful expenditure on social ceremonies, abortion and unfounded criticism etc. that



torment the society. Doctors, who are medical specialists and expert in treating various diseases, check patients by holding camps and prescribe suitable medicines.

This sacred place is easily accessible to all sections of society. Everyone, rich or poor gets equal treatment and this place has been built to respect everyone. There is no caste based discrimination here and no one is superior or inferior. This centre preaches and spreads the message of welfare of all human beings, *Begumpura* Concept enunciated by Jagatguru Ravidass and clarion call of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar for education, unity and determined struggle against discrimination. A holy statue of Jagatguru Ravidass was installed at the *Amritbani* Bhavan of this sacred place by dignitaries including *Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa*, *Sant* Satyapal - Chandigarh, *Sant* Krishna Devi - Boparai Kalan, *Sant* Harvinder Dass - Adampur and a large congregation of learned sages and revered saints on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. Sadhu Ram Heer, retired Chief Engineer, Northern Zone Door Darshan, was honoured with a Gold Medal for his dedicated services to the *Ravidassia* Community. This complex has facilities for community kitchen, meals for all and night stay of devotees. The sacred vision of Guru Sarwan Dass seems to be getting fulfilled here at this holy preaching centre as *Guruji* used to think of eulogy for grandeur of Jagatguru Ravidass in every house hold. *Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa* has been making earnest efforts in this direction through dedicated hard work day and night with utmost devotion. May revered *Guruji's* benevolent blessings be always with him so that he continues to render devoted and fruitful services to the community.

**Kanshi Ram Kaler,**  
Jandu Singha (Jalandhar)

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On 10th July 2019, the great writer Sh. Kanshi Ram Kaler's wife Smt. Kiran Bala was honoured with Gold Medal by *Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa* Ji in the presence of Saints & devotees. On 14th January 2020, *Sant* Satyapal Dass Ji from Barbala (Haryana) who is preached the *Ravidassia* Dharam (Religion) in all over India, was honoured with Gold Medal by *Sant* Surinder Dass *Bawa* Ji in the presence of Saints and devotees.

# Holy Memories of Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji



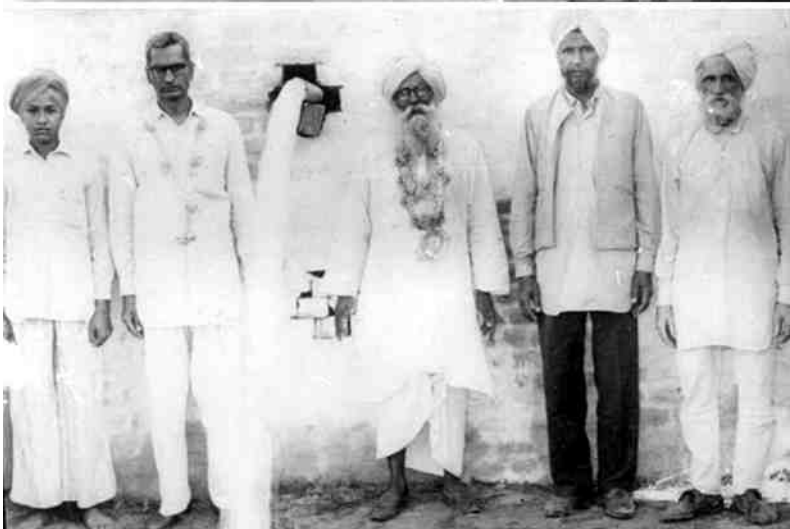


















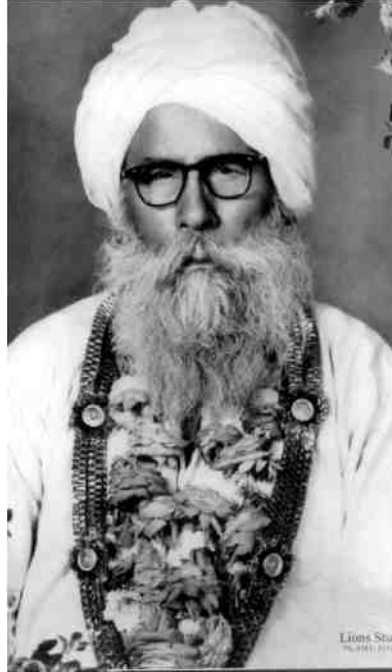




*Kalyug Kali Badli, Bars Rahi Angiar,  
Sant Na Hote Jagat Mai, Jal Marta Sansar ||*







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Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj**

**Tariya Nagar Mall Jis**

*Aaye Kashi vich, tariya Nagar Mall jis!!  
Ikk dum maya wali fasi kihne torhi aa!!  
Fir fir sare jagg ekta failayi kis,  
dubbe jande Bharat di jind kin morhi aa!!  
Ouch neech raou rank bhai hae na bhed koyi,  
jat- pat Hind vichon aaye kin torhi aa!!  
Dasso Satguru Ravidass ton bina chuhan juggan chon,  
fati hoyie shrishti milaye kin jorhi aa!!*

**Venerated Guru Sarwan Dass Ji**

*Dhann guru Sarwan Das Ji, pind Ballan Sachkhand bana ditta!  
Jagat guru Ravidass da, sare jagg vich mission faela ditta!!*

*Gill Patti Baba Pipal Dass Ji, mata Shobhavanti ghar jaye ne!  
Dharti Ballan di tap karke, bhag sutti hoyi kaum de jagaye ne!!  
Nashiyen da karke tiyag ji, parho vidiya ih path parha ditta!  
Jagat guru Ravidass da, sare jagg vich mission faela ditta!!*

*Dere nu likha ke Ravidassia, sann 64 vich shan vadhayi ji!  
Dib-drishti nal khoj karke, Kashi vich ninh rakhwayi ji!!  
World level te kathe hon da, sangtan nu rasta dikha ditta!  
Jagat guru Ravidass da, sare jagg vich mission faela ditta!!*

*Kaum di tarakki bhala sabh da, har vele ardas karde!  
Sabh sangtan diyan jholiyan , Hari Namm nal bharde!!  
Guru Ji di Amritbani ne, samaj bandhna ton mukat kara ditta!  
Jagat guru Ravidass da, sare jagg vich mission faela ditta!!*

*Sant Hari Dass Ji Garib Dass Ji mission wadhayi ae!  
Ramanand dittiyan shahadian, amar shahid kahaiya ae!!  
Bawe fir sant samaj ne, nawan Dharam Ravidassia saja ditta!  
Jagat Guru Ravidass da, sare jagg vich mission faela ditta!!*





## Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji

*Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne Hari Hari da Naam japaiya ae!  
Sariyan sangtan nu Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji de charni lagaiya ae!!*

*Pita Pipal Dass Ji, mata Shobhavanti Ji de ghar'ch agman hoiya!  
Nagar Gill Patti Bathinda vikhe satgur da chanan hoiya!!  
Satguru Ji ne sangtan nu sach da rah dikhaiya ae!  
Sariyan sangtan nu Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji de charni lagaiya ae!!*

*Ballan di pawan dharti te satgur ne tap kita!  
Iss nagar di shobha nu sansar vich pragat kita!!  
Tahiyon tan ajj rahibran da nam jagg ch rushnaiya ae!  
Sariyan sangtan nu Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji de charni lagaiya ae!!*

*Dib-drishti rahin Shri Guru Ravidass Mandir di khoj karwayi!  
Sant Hari Dass Ji pason Harh di Sangrand nu ninh rakhwayi!  
Sant Garib Dass Ji ton ih kamm sampooran karwayi ae!  
Sariyan sangtan nu Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji de charni lagaiya ae!!*

*Iss Tirath asthan ton Ravidassia Dharam da aelan hoyia ae!  
Ravidassia kaum nu sare Sansar vich rutba prapat hoiya ae!  
Tahiyon Amritbani nu sare jagg ne mann vich vasaiya ae!  
Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne Hari Hari da Naam japaiya ae!  
Sariyan sangtan nu Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji de charni lagaiya ae!!*

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## God on Earth Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji revived the sacred mission of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji during the twentieth century. This humble writer got the wonderful opportunity with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj to dedicate his entire life at the lotus feet of Satguru Hari Dass Ji since the young age of just 5 years to render dedicated services to Dera Sachkhand Ballan and its followers. Many disciples of Satguru Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Satguru Hari Dass Ji Maharaj often meet me regularly. I feel really proud when I listen to the amazing devotional stories related to the lifetimes of such revered, accomplished and perfect saints from their blessed devotees and I am fully satisfied to have the honour of serving at the lotus feet of such distinguished Satguru Sahibs. Satguru Hari Dass Ji invariably addressed Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as “*Rabb*” Ji i.e. God with utmost reverence. Whenever Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj assigned any specific task that was respected as an order of God by Satguru Hari Dass Ji who always executed the instructions very diligently without any reservation.

Satguru Hari Dass Ji pursued devout meditation of God while serving at the lotus feet of Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and attained inner self enlightenment with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji and he clearly realized that whatever the Supreme God does all over the universe from Sachkhand; similar tasks are being performed regularly by Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj from the planet Earth. Satguru Hari Dass Ji's worthy successors and subsequent spiritual heads of Dera Sachkhand Ballan also likewise respect Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as divine incarnation of God and Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Dedicated disciples amongst the congregation of infinite numbers of devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj also describe Maharaj Ji as incarnation of Almighty God while narrating their unique personal experiences pertaining to the lifetimes of their revered Satguru Ji. This writer has made earnest efforts to edit and publish some of such unique true stories narrated by devout disciples of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Such

published historical details related to the life time of Satguru Maharaj Ji will serve as beacon light in future times and I am sure that learned readers and devotees will take full advantage through careful study of same.

This collection of devotional stories will surely benefit innumerable numbers of learned readers and devotees while simultaneously carrying forwards the important tasks related to promotion of philosophy and teachings of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, Ravidassia Dharam, 'Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj' and the sacred mission of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. The present publication is a small collection of selected stories. A larger collection of such devotional stories will be presented for the perusal of learned readers and devotees in future. All difficulties experienced by a devotee, who is devoted to the lotus feet of Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, get resolved automatically and his noble desires get fulfilled. Satguru Maharaj Ji helps his devotees to realize God and escorts their noble souls to Sachkhand - the realm of God. Even these days, disciples of Maharaj Ji and infinite numbers of devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan pursue devout meditation of God treading on the spiritual path shown by the revered satguru and they are fully prepared to attain eternal salvation and secure shelter at the lotus feet of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji and Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj in Sachkhand.

This humble writer is sure that learned readers and devotees will take full advantage and benefit immensely from study of these devotional stories and carry forwards the sacred mission of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji and Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. We shall certainly be successful in expanding the sphere of influence and following of Ravidassia Dharam in accordance with the teachings of Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Ultimately we shall be able to realize Guru Ji's dreams like Begumpura, "*Aesa chahun raj mae*" i.e. the kingdom of equality of all and deprivation of none and "*Pradhinta paap hae*" i.e. slavery is a great curse and grave sin. We shall be successful in guiding all humanity on the righteous path of spiritual renaissance and devout meditation of God to realize the cherished noble dream of Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

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## **Brahmgiani Shri 108 Sant Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj**

*Ravidass bhanae jo janae so jaan! Sant anantahi antar nahi!!*

Jagatguru Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj has aptly said that there is no difference whatsoever between God and saints. Saints represent eternal incarnation of God in this world who unite the misguided ignorant people of this world with God. Saints also ameliorate and improve lives of human beings. Brahamlin Shri 108 Sant Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj was one such extremely revered saint. The sacred birth place of Baba Pipal Dass Ji is Village Gill Patti in Bathinda district of Punjab. Baba Ji's grandfather shifted from village Kuttiwala to village Joganand for some years and latter settled down permanently at village Gill Patti, district Bathinda. Baba Ji's original name was Harnam Dass and Baba Ji's parents were highly religious minded. Baba Ji used to sit in isolation and pursue devout meditation of God. All residents of the village loved him dearly. He was highly obedient to his parents and he handled farming operations very diligently under the guidance of his parents. He studied Gurmukhi language and scriptures and became a great scholar. Baba Ji mostly used to study such scriptures and religious granths that promote ascetic thinking. Baba Ji was very fond of planting trees. A Ber (*Zyziphus mauritiana*) tree planted by Baba Ji is still growing very well at Gill Patti. He got married with Bibi Shobhavanti Ji who was an extremely pious and virtuous lady. He received blessings of sacred Naam from Shri 108 Sant Mohan Dass Ji.

God blessed Shri Harnam Dass Ji with two sons over a period of time. The elder son was Shri Sewa Dass and the younger son was named Sarwan Dass Ji. While Sarwan Dass Ji was just five years old, his mother Shobhavanti Ji left for her heavenly abode to be one with God. Shri Harnam Dass Ji then entrusted all responsibilities related to farming to his elder son Shri Sewa Dass Ji and left his house for ever along with his younger son. Baba Ji and young Sarwan Dass travelled to several places motivating people of this world to connect with Naam and meditation of God. Baba Ji also sanctified villages such as Kahanpur, Sarmastpur, Raipur and Ballan with his lotus feet. Local residents of these villages welcomed them with

utmost regards. During Baba Ji's first visit to village Kahanpur, he decided to make a cottage for stay there. However when Baba Ji started to dig the soil for construction of a hut, a burrow of a double headed snake was found at that location. Baba Ji did not wish to destroy the abode of a snake to build a hut for his stay. Therefore Baba Ji abandoned the idea to build a hut there and moved away from that village. Baba Ji promised to the villagers to visit them sometimes again and walked away towards village Ballan along with young Sarwan.

The living area of village Ballan was quite open with neat and clean environment those days. There were lot of Dek (*Melia azadirachta*) trees in the village and they liked the place very much. Baba Ji preached the local residents for some days to connect with Naam and practise meditation of God and then moved to village Singriwala and stayed with Shri Lalu Ram Ji for some time. However young Sarwan Dass Ji requested his respected father to take him back to the village with Dek trees because he was not comfortable with the new environment in Singriwala. Baba Ji then returned to village Ballan along with his illustrious son and the villagers welcomed them whole heartedly with great enthusiasm. All of the residents were extremely delighted and they displayed far greater respect, love and affection for the distinguished visitors compared to their earlier visit. Therefore Baba Ji decided to stay permanently in that village on regular basis. Local people made arrangements for their stay in a small house where Baba Ji and young Sarwan pursued devout meditation of God day and night and also preached devotees to practise regular meditation of God.

There was a Pipal (*Ficus religiosa*) tree near that house and that old tree had unfortunately dried up completely. Local residents of village Ballan one day told Baba Ji that they used to sit under the dense shade of Pipal tree during hot summer months and they prayed, "Baba Ji! Kindly revive this sacred tree and restore it to become lush green again." Baba Ji very kindly recited prayer and poured water around the dry Pipal tree with his 'Chippi' – a boat shaped pot. Within a few days of that new buds started to sprout slowly and the tree became lush green over a short period of time. The local residents were

amazed and delighted and they started to call Sant Harnam Dass Ji as Baba Pipal Dass Ji with great reverence after this miraculous development. Mark Juergens Meyer has written in his famous book 'Religious Rebels' in Punjab on page number 84 "Baba Pipal Dass Ji established this Dera at a time when he was on a pilgrimage in search of the truth. When he noticed the dry Pipal tree, he applied water around the same and it resprouted to be lush green again. Baba Ji was convinced that this was the right place to stay and continue the search for truth. The villagers donated a small piece of land and a small Dera was built for Baba Ji's stay. That Dera very soon emerged as a spiritual centre for the people hailing from central Punjab and untouchable communities." This became the focal point for the followers of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj over a period of time.

Baba Ji used to go to secluded places on the western outskirts of village Ballan and perform devout meditation of God along with young Sarwan Dass in the calm and quiet environment of dense forest. Dera Sachkhand Ballan is located at the same place these days. Baba Ji opened a vernacular school at the small Dera to teach Punjabi language and sacred Gurbani to the children. Baba Ji preached people to pursue meditation of God and listen to Satsang and teachings of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj and other revered saints. Devotees used to visit Baba Ji with great reverence and prasad. Baba Ji always motivated people to ensure good education for their children and to shun social evils, ritualistic worship, intoxicants and narcotic drugs. Baba Ji also extolled people to respect and serve their parents and live together with great love and fraternity. When the great social reformer Babu Mangu Ram Magowalia Ji was collecting historical literature related to spiritual sages such as Maharishi Bhagwan Valmik Ji, Satguru Ravidass Ji, Satguru Namdev Ji, Satguru Kabir Ji and their teachings; he also met Baba Pipal Dass Ji to seek similar information from Baba Ji.

*Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo nirmal jake baen!*

*Jih kari daras aau paras son man upjahi sukh chaen!!*

i.e.

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that, “A saint who speaks in pious soothing words is noble. One realizes true and lasting pleasure just by having a glimpse and bowing with devotion at the lotus feet of such a sage.”

Whatever Baba Ji ever said that proved to be an eternal truth. Once Baba Ji visited Shri Shiami Ram Ji's house at Haripur and conducted a spiritual discourse there. Baba Ji preached devotees to practise regular meditation of God. Shiami Ram Ji used to store wheat grains in a mud bin at his home. Baba Ji very kindly conveyed his blessings and said, “This bin will always remain full of food-grains.” They continued to use the food-grains for 13 months and then decided to replenish the stock for one more year. However when they opened the bin from the top, it was still full of grains. Likewise Baba Ji visited village Arjanwal one day. One woman placed her head with reverence at Baba Ji's lotus feet and prayed, “Baba Ji! I have no offspring and therefore my mother-in-law is threatening to expel me from the house.” Baba Pipal Dass Ji very kindly placed his hand with blessings on her head and said, “You will give birth to five dear sons over a period of time.” She was blessed with five sons including Giyani Joginder Sigh Ji over a period of time with the benevolent blessings of Baba Pipal Dass Ji.

Motivating innumerable devotees this way to pursue devout meditation of God, Baba Pipal Dass Ji left this perishable world to be one with God on the first day of Navratras during the year 1928. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji became the worthy successor of Baba Ji and spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

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### **Brahamlin Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj**

A great messiah of humanity and Brahmigiani saint, who promoted spiritual philosophy of Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj and other distinguished saints, Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had his incarnation on 15th February, 1895 at the home of blessed parents Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Shrimati Shobhavanti Ji in village Gill Patti, district Bathinda. There was a sign of legendry Padam on the under surface of Maharaj Ji's

right foot. Maharaj Ji's respected parents pursued devout meditation of God. As advised by his respected father Baba Pipal Dass Ji; Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj secured the blessings of sacred Naam from Sant Harnam Dass Ji. Maharaj Ji's revered Satguru Sant Harnam Dass Ji often used to say, "Sant Sarwan Dass is indeed a great and accomplished saint who has gone far ahead of me in spiritual knowledge and enlightenment because of his devout meditation of God. He will be a highly venerated great saint in future."

Even a desolate forest gets transformed into a sought after heaven where ever revered saints set their pious feet and decide to stay. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji used to pursue devout meditation of God at a tranquil secluded place on the western outskirts of village Ballan. Maharaj Ji also practised Angkati yoga at this very place and many individuals had witnessed that unique frightening scenario of severed limbs during yoga and later return to normal human form by Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji used to stay for the night at the Kutiya inside village Ballan where Maharaj Ji conducted spiritual discourses everyday in the evening. Maharaj Ji used to pursue devout meditation of God since his childhood. A local farmer Shri Hazara Singh was so deeply impressed with the benevolent and compassionate humanitarian approach and exceptional spiritual attainments of Maharaj Ji that he donated one Kanal land to Maharaj Ji to establish a small Kutiya or cottage for meditation. Maharaj Ji received primary education from his illustrious father. Maharaj Ji studied Sanskrit and received higher education under the able guidance of Sant Karta Nand Ji, village Kishangarh to become a great scholar of Sanskrit, Hindi and Punjabi. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was also an accomplished poet and a poem composed by Maharaj Ji is reproduced below for the information of the learned devotees.

*Aaye Kashi vich, tariya Nagarmall jis!!*

*Ikko dum maya wali fasi kihne torhi aa!!*

*Fir fir sare jagg ekta failayi kis, dubbe jande Bharat di  
jind kihne morhi aa!!*

*Ouch neech raou rank bhai hae na bhet koyi, jati pati  
Hind vichon aaye kin torhi aa!!*



*Dasso Guru Ravidass ton bina, fati hoyie shrishti milaye  
kihne jorhi aa!!* *i.e.*

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji had his incarnation in Kashi and emancipated king Nagarmall. He shattered the noose of Maya with devout worship of God and meditation of Naam. He travelled far and wide preaching universal brotherhood & equality of human beings, unity in diversity like honey bees and he salvaged the sinking ship of human values in the society all over India. He shattered the myth of inherent caste based superiority or inferiority, discrimination based on financial status, highlighted equality of all human beings and made earnest efforts to eradicate such evil discrimination and injustice forever. None else except Shri Guru Ravidass Ji made such sterling efforts to unite the disintegrated and highly divided human society during the four Yugas of cosmic time.

The Kutiya inside village Ballan was designated 'Dera Ravidassian Da' after completion of its reconstruction on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1964 and that further strengthened the identity of society and it was said that Ravidassia community will have its own religion and granth someday.

Maharaj Ji first got a small masonry platform built in this desolate place. Thereafter a small room with a veranda on front side was constructed where Maharaj Ji used to pursue devout meditation of God. Sant Baba Pipal Dass Ji left for his heavenly abode to be one with God on Thursday the first Navratra the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Assu or Ashvin, Vikram Samvat 1985 (1928 A.D.). Thereafter as desired by Baba Ji, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji assumed the responsibilities to motivate devotees to pursue devout meditation of God and to ferry them across Bhavsagar to the realm of God. Maharaj Ji also continued to teach Punjabi language to young children in the school with in the Kutiya and guide people for study of scriptural granths and educate them for improving their social standing. Maharaj Ji used to get Mahal Poorhas and Khir or rice pudding prepared in the community kitchen on many Sundays to serve to visiting saints, devotees and students. Many children received good education and rose to become very senior officers with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji.

*Maat pita sut shatar hae, puttar parhavahi nahi!!  
Sobh na pavat sabha mahi, jiou bag hansan mahi!!* i.e.

Those parents who do not provide good education to their children are the real enemies of their own children. An illiterate person does not get any respect in a congregation and he is easily recognized just as a heron is easily identified in a flock of swans.

Maharaj Ji often used to visit many revered saints who pursued devout meditation of God. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji visited Dera Beas along with Giyani Bishna Ram to meet Baba Sawan Singh Ji during 1940. Baba Sawan Singh Ji was seated on a cot on the first floor of his residence and some devotees were also present there at that time. When he saw Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Baba Ji got up from the cot and greeted the distinguished visitor with folded hands and great affection. Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji also greeted Baba Sawan Singh Ji very affectionately with folded hands. Baba Ji requested Sant Sarwan Dass Ji to sit comfortably on his right hand side on the same cot and both revered saints exchanged views on issues related to meditation of God and spiritual ascent. Maharaj Ji had great love and affection for the community of learned saints. Maharaj Ji was also an exceptionally great ayurvedic physician and all patients received treatment and medicines free of cost at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya.

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji visited Delhi during 1948 at the request of many devotees posted at Delhi such as Shri Fakir Singh, Shri Swaran Singh and Shri Niranjan Singh Hothi from village Ballan, Shri Pooran Chand from BIASPIND, Shri Bhagat Ram Mall and Shri Nama Ram from Dihana. Maharaj Ji conducted spiritual discourses at the residences of various devotees at Delhi for nearly two months. Maharaj Ji also went to meet the messiah of humanity Baba Sahib Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at his residence. Giyani Bishna Ram Ji and his colleagues also accompanied Maharaj Ji. Baba Sahib welcomed Maharaj Ji with utmost respect and he was highly impressed by the unique personality and progressive views of Maharaj Ji. In 1932, during the developments related to Poona Pact, fasts were observed from both the sides. Babu Mangoo

Ram Mugowalia undertook fast unto death on behalf of Baba Sahib Bhim Rao Ambedkar. When finally this fast was broken, it was Swami Sarwan Dass Ji who offered a glass of juice to Babu Mangoo Ram Ji.

Baba Sahib Ambedkar Ji visited Butan Mandi in Jalandhar during 1951. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then sent a written communication to Dr. Ambedkar that was read out for the benefit of everyone present in the congregation to greet and listen to Dr. Ambedkar. Maharaj Ji had written in that communication, "My brave lion hearted son! You must remain steadfast in your commitment to serve the community. You will have a glorious success and the entire society shall be always extremely proud of you and your sterling contributions."

Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji actively promoted the philosophy and teachings of Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji laid foundation stones of temples dedicated to Guru Ji at several places. One of the most significant contributions of Maharaj Ji was the identification of the exact site of Guru Ji's birthplace and construction of a seven story elegant Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Sir Govardhanpur, Varanasi through the dedicated efforts of Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji. This sacred temple is the revered place of pilgrimage for Ravidassia community and all humanity. Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj also made very significant contributions for construction of rooms at important public places such as Bhagwan Ravidass Ashram, Nirmala Chhawni, Haridwar, Shri Guru Ravidass School, Jalandhar, Art and Craft Training College, Jalandhar, Shri Guru Ravidass Technical College Phagwara and Primary School, Raipur-Rasulpur.

People all over the world are very well aware of the innumerable amazing spiritual feats of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for welfare of humanity. Maharaj Ji fulfilled the aspirations and noble desires of infinite number of people with his benevolent blessings including most desirable treasure of offspring for childless couples. Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji cured many patients suffering from incurable diseases just with his benevolent blessings and soothing words even though doctors had expressed their inability to treat them. Whenever Maharaj

Ji blessed any disciple with sacred Naam; Maharaj Ji used to explain about the stages of the five sacred words of Naam and their signs and location etc. Many devotees prayed to Maharaj Ji from time to time for kind blessings when they experienced difficulties to concentrate on meditation and achieve self enlightenment. Satguru Maharaj Ji then used to convey his blessings to such a devotee and open his tenth aperture leading to self enlightenment and realization of God.

As per indications given to many individuals in advance; Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left for Sachkhand to be one with God on 11th June, 1972. All preparations for cremation had been completed.

Devotees from all parts of the country and abroad had assembled to have a last glimpse and pay their respects to their beloved and reversed Guru Ji. Preparations had been made to light the byre as pure ghee, Sandal Wood, Incense, Copra and other relevant items had been put in place. Final prayer had just been rendered to process with lighting of the fire. Just at that moment. Devotees assembled for the cremation rites witnessed a burst of stream of blood from Guru Ji's human body compromising of five elements and Sant Hari Dass Ji became the illustrious successor and spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Ji and thereafter Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Ji maintained the healthy traditions and followed on the footsteps of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji to motivate and guide the devotees to pursue devout meditation of God. With the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj this sacred place Dera Sachkhand Ballan is now very well known all over the world.

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### **Brahamlin Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj**

*Ravidass soyi Sadhu bhalo jou rahyi sada nirvaer!  
Sukhdayi samta rahyi sabhna mangahi khaer!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that those saints are excellent who are always impartial with no enmity for anyone. They provide succour to everyone without any discrimination and seek welfare of everyone. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says in Amritbani that the saints motivate people of this world

to pursue devout meditation of God and help them to ferry across the unfathomable Bhavsagar.

Brahamlin Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj, the third spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan, was truly such an accomplished saint who was epitome of peace and devout meditation of God and a great social reformer. Sant Hari Dass Ji had his birth at the blessed home of respected parents Shri Hukam Chand Ji and Shrimati Tabi Ji during 1885 on the sacred soil of village Garha, district Jalandhar Punjab. Revered saint's original name was Shri Punnu Ram Ji and his elder sister's name was Shrimati Punna Devi Ji. Their respected parents were highly religious minded and pious. While Shri Punnu Ram Ji was still very young, his respected parents left for their heavenly abode and he had to shoulder all household responsibilities at tender age. He mastered the arts of making beautiful shoes and white washing and painting of buildings. He was very fond of listening to and singing Gurbani hymns and keeping company of revered saints since childhood. He solemnized the marriage of his elder sister Shrimati Punna Devi in village Maherhu and then he was free of his worldly responsibilities. Shri Punnu Ram Ji then got busy in search of a perfect Guru Ji to make his scarce human life truly fruitful.

*Param paras guru bhetyae poorab likhat lilat!*

Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj has rightly said that a human being is able to meet a truly perfect Guru when his past noble deeds make that possible. When Shri Punnu Ram Ji listened to the unique glory of Baba Pipal Dass Ji from some of the devotees of revered Baba Ji ; he had a passionate longing to have a vision of Baba Ji soonest possible. Therefore he reached village Ballan to meet Baba Pipal Dass Ji. He met Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj there and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter he enquired about Sant Baba Pipal Dass Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji served him meals and then said, "Baba Pipal Dass Ji has gone to Shri Shiami Ram Ji's house in village Haripur. You are most welcome to go there and meet Baba Ji." Shri Punnu Ram Ji paid his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and took leave of Maharaj Ji to proceed to Haripur. When he reached Haripur, Baba Pipal Dass Ji was conducting a spiritual

discourse at Shri Shiama Ram Ji's home. He was ecstatic with joy after having a vision of revered Baba Ji and he was extremely delighted as his life's goal had been achieved. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Baba Pipal Dass Ji and sat down to listen to the spiritual discourse. On completion of the Satsang, Punnu Ram Ji prayed to Baba Pipal Dass Ji to kindly bless him with sacred Naam. Highly impressed with his devotion and humility, Baba Ji said, "I shall visit your village Garha day after tomorrow and bless you." He conveyed his gratitude to Baba Ji and took leave to return to his village.

Baba Pipal Dass Ji reached village Garha on the third day and blessed Shri Punnu Ram Ji with sacred Naam keeping in view his utmost devotion and assigned him the name Hari Dass. Hari Dass Ji surrendered himself completely including his physical body, mind and wealth at the lotus feet of his revered Satguru Baba Pipal Dass Ji. Thereafter Sant Hari Dass Ji devoted most of his time to pursue devout meditation of God. He used to visit Baba Ji's Kutiya at Ballan very frequently and stay there for many days to render voluntary services at Baba Ji's durbar with dedicated devotion. He held Sant Sarwan Dass Ji in very high esteem and had immense devotion and affectionate love for Maharaj Ji.

Baba Pipal Dass Ji abandoned his perishable human body comprising of five elements to be one with God on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month of Assu or Ashvin, Vikrami Samvat 1985. Such separation from his revered Satguru was unbearable for Hari Dass Ji and therefore he used to remain extremely sad. Before leaving for his heavenly abode; Baba Pipal Dass Ji had told Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, "I have blessed Hari Dass with the sacred Naam and you should offer him saffron robes at an appropriate time and bring him here for permanent stay at this Dera. He will be a great accomplished saint who will motivate people to pursue devout meditation of God and emancipate them." Sometimes thereafter Hari Dass Ji organised a congregation of revered saints at his village Garha as desired by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Revered saints in very large numbers including a Muslim fakir Syed Ghulam Gilani participated in the congregation. Satsang or Spiritual

discourses by venerated saints followed the Bhog ceremony of Gurbani recital. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj preached people to pursue devout meditation of God and make their precious and scarce human lives truly fruitful.

Thereafter fakir Syed Ghulam Gilani Ji delivered his sermon and conveyed sincere gratitude to Sant Hari Dass Ji for organising the congregation and enabling the devotees to have a vision of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He said, "Divine brilliant illumination of God is radiating from the face of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj." Thereafter as desired by Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj offered sacred saffron robes to Sant Hari Dass Ji who then shifted permanently to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and devoted his entire life to dedicated service of Sant Sarwan Das Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and humility. Sant Hari Dass Ji studied Gurbani and religious scriptures under the guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj to become a distinguished scholar. Sant Hari Dass Ji was extremely fond of study of religious granths and he used to read from various scriptures during the evening discourses at the Kutiya inside village Ballan and Maharaj Ji gave a scholarly commentary for the benefit of the devotees present in the congregation every day. He was also very fond of planting trees, ornamental plants and seasonal flowers in the premises of Kutiya. Many such trees including mangoes planted by Sant Hari Dass Ji are present at Dera Sachkhand, Ballan even these days. Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had opened a vernacular school in the Kutiya where Sant Hari Dass Ji used to teach Punjabi language and Gurbani to children.

Sant Hari Dass Ji also used to emphasize that the parents who do not ensure good education for their children are in fact enemies of their own children. Sant Hari Dass Ji always preached people to pursue devout meditation of God, listen to Satsang and Gurbani, inculcate the spirit of brotherhood, equality and unity, shun vices, illusions and do not believe in hearsay and wizards. He obeyed each and every instruction of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj with utmost humility and dedicated devotion happily without any reservation. As desired by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, the foundation stone of Shri

Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple, Seer Govardhanpur Varanasi was laid by Sant Hari Dass Ji and he also supervised the construction work related to this elegant temple on 14 June, 1965 built for the benefit of all humanity.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left for his heavenly abode to be one with God on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1972 and Sant Hari Dass Ji became the worthy successor as the third spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Sant Hari Dass Ji had such dedicated devotion and infinite love for Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj that he said with great humility publicly on that occasion “Had Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji lived physically with us for another ten years period then I would have also become a saint.” Sant Hari das Ji always urged upon all people to keep company of revered saints, worship God and shun vices. Maharaj Hari Dass Ji used to recite special poems written by the famous poet Girdhar Kavirai.

*Sangat kariye sadh ki bandiyon kare Khuda, loha  
kanchan hot hae dekho paras la!!*

*Dekho paras la sumat kar mana hasa, sabh ban chandan  
hot hae jahan bansan ka vasa!!*

*Kahi Girdhar kavirai nadi sanse ki tariye, wade bhag jab  
hoye santa di sangat kariye!!*

We should always keep company of learned saints who have the capabilities to transform a human being to be like God just as a mere contact with the 'Paras' the philosopher's stone turns any metal into gold. Try it yourself and do not ignore it like a joke. You can find sandalwood trees in a forest where bamboos also grow. Poet Girdhar says that we must cross over the river like realm of illusions and we should treat ourselves to be extremely fortunate when we keep company of learned saints.

Sant Hari Dass Ji treated this world like an inn and often used to recite the following stanza to highlight the point that everyone has to leave this world one day:

*“Doli chak laou kaharo meri, rondiyen nu ron dio! Doli  
chak laou kaharo meri, rondiyen nu ron dio!!” Or*

Let four people carry the bride in palanquin on their four shoulders while others may keep weeping and crying. In



spiritual terms, the bride soul is taken in a palanquin to unite with her husband God.

*Jind meriye tera koyi nahin, aeven koorh haveliyan  
malliyan ni!*

*Chhad javna des ih mapiyan da, pher aaye na dekhengi  
galliyan ni!*

*Charkhe tand na pawna miloo taenu, jadon kant ne  
chithiyan ghalliyan ni!*

*Toon bhi ronvadi javengi ais shahiron, jiven agliyan  
rondiyan challiyan ni!! i.e.*

O my soul! There is no one of your own here. You are making futile claims over these unreal worldly possessions. You will have to leave this parental abode and you will never revisit these lanes. You will not get even one second extra time when God sends you orders for return and death will knock you down. You will have to leave this world crying just as others departed in the past.

Sant Hari Dass Ji was a true Brahmigiani (omniscient) and every word he spoke even casually proved to be eternal truth always. Judge Shri Gurnam Chand Suman had three daughters over a period of time and the family begot a son thereafter with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan along with all members of his family during 1973. While his young son Bobby was playing along the canal bank together with his three sisters, he accidentally slipped into the flowing canal and drowned when he tried to touch the water with his hand. The child's mother fainted on hearing the tragic news that his son drowned in the canal. Many devotees and saints went in search of the boy and finally retrieved his dead body and placed same in front of the sacred idol of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj in the temple. Shri Gurnam Chand and his wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur desperately prayed to Sant Hari Dass Ji to be kind to save the child. Sant Hari Dass Ji recited a passionate prayer to God with great humility and then advised the family to rush the child to Civil Hospital Jalandhar where Dr. Shingara Singh examined the child and said that the boy was safe and all right. When he heard the complete details about the accident from Judge Suman; the doctor said, "It is indeed because of the

benevolent blessings of Sant Hari Dass Ji that this child has miraculously survived even after remaining drowned under water for more than an hour.” Doctor Shingara Singh then asked, “Bobby! What had happened to you?” Bobby said, “Sant Maharaj Ji was pushing me with his long walking stick towards the canal bank.” This is how Sant Hari Dass Ji gave a new lease of life to the young boy Bobby.

While motivating infinite number of devotees to pursue devout meditation of God and ensuring their emancipation; Sant Hari Dass Ji amalgamated with God at 11 a.m. on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1982. Just a few minutes before abandoning his perishable human body; Sant Hari Dass Ji had said, “Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, Baba Shri Chand Ji, Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Sant Sarwan Dass Ji have just materialized.” Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Ji became the worthy successor and next spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

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### **Brahamlin Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Ji Maharaj**

Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Ji was the fourth spiritual head of Dera Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and he dedicated his entire life to the service of society and social reforms, motivating misguided people of this world to pursue devout meditation of God and to address their misplaced beliefs and dilemmas. Such a great noble and pious soul had his incarnation during the year 1925 at the house of respected parents Shri Nanak Chand Ji and Shrimati Har Kaur Ji in village Jalbheyana, district Jalandhar on the sacred soil of Punjab. Shri Garib Dass was the youngest amongst the five brothers. His parents were highly religious minded and very pious. His dear father left for his heavenly abode when young Garib Dass was just 6 months old. Thus he was brought up only by his mother with great affection. His respected mother always motivated him to keep company of revered saints and listen to Satsang. He has been extremely soft spoken and very friendly and courteous with all of his colleagues since his childhood.

Whenever any devotee from his village visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan, Garib Dass Ji also used to accompany him. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj used to love him dearly because of innocent love and devotion of young boy Garib Dass who

endeared himself to everyone. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj asked him to sit nearby during one of his visits to Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Maharaj Ji then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Maharaj Ji! My name is Garibu." That vernacular word Garibu means a very poor person. Maharaj Swami Sarwan Dass Ji then very kindly blessed him and said, "Dear child! You are not Garibu or poor but you are the messiah of the poor and impoverished people. As you have utmost devotion and love for revered saints in your heart since childhood, you will be a great accomplished saint one day. Just as you come here to have my vision, people from all over the world will then visit you to have your vision." All of the residents of his village who were present there on that occasion were extremely delighted to witness this amazing feat and listen to such kind words of Maharaj Ji.

Shri Garib Dass Ji started to stay at the Dera to render dedicated services in accordance with the directions given by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and Sant Hari Dass Ji. Sant Chetan Dass Ji also stayed at the Dera those days. Garib Dass Ji provided ayurvedic medicines to treat needy patients as guided by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Anyone who was given medicine by him used to get cured with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He was also expert in astrology. He had extremely amiable, affectionate serene and serious thinking nature. He remained engrossed in devout meditation of God every moment. Sant Garib Dass Ji made several trips to Varanasi to supervise construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple in accordance with the instructions of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He led a group of large numbers of devotees to visit Varanasi and completed the laying of lintels and roof slab of the ground floor of the temple complex during 1965.

Sant Garib Dass Ji laid the foundation stone of the printing press complex in Mohalla Sunder Nagar, Jalandhar for the publication of Weekly Begumpura newspaper during 1991 in the interest of civil society. Devotees and revered saints from all over Punjab were present there in very large numbers on that auspicious occasion. When Sant Garib Dass Ji addressed the august congregation from the stage, everyone

was highly impressed and amazed. Sant Garib Dass Ji stated on that occasion, “Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had assigned him two most important responsibilities. The first is to render dedicated service to human society and the second one is to pursue devout meditation of God. I don't need to speak for long time on these two crucial issues.” Sant Garib Dass Ji motivated infinite numbers of devotees abroad to pursue devout meditation of God and adhere to the teachings of Gurbani and Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Sant Garib Dass Ji visited England six times and United States of America twice on such humanitarian missions.

Sant Garib Dass Ji got an elegant welcome gate built on the main link road leading to village Ballan from Pathankot Road to commemorate the pious memory of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He got Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple decorated with gold. Sant Garib Dass Ji used to lead the devotees who travelled in large numbers to Varanasi by special Begumpura Express train every year to celebrate the auspicious occasion of birth anniversary of Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Revered saints and devotees from all over the world, including countries such as England, USA and Canada, were sent formal invitations to participate in a unique religious congregation at Varanasi on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1994. Extremely large numbers of venerated saints and devotees including 300 delegates from abroad participated in that congregation. Sant Garib Dass Ji reached Varanasi along with large number of devotees on 15<sup>th</sup> June and returned back on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1994 after the conclusion of the huge spiritual congregation to commemorate the sacred memory of Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Sant Garib Dass Ji made a very significant public pronouncement while addressing the congregation and said, “I shall not visit Varanasi again as I have fulfilled the onerous responsibilities entrusted to me by my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji with Maharaj Ji's benevolent blessings.” Sant Garib Dass Ji had also told the devotees during his visit abroad from October 9, 1993 to November 26, 1993 that he would not visit England again.

Most of the people were wondering why Sant Garib Dass

Ji wanted to hold the congregation at Varanasi in such intense heat of June, 1994 during the peak summer season. However he knew very well in advance that he has to abandon his perishable human body to join Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj very soon in Sachkhand - the realm of God.

While Sant Surinder Dass Bawa and Shri Bhag Mall Ji were escorting Sant Garib Dass Ji to the washroom just three days prior to the event of his amalgamation with God, he had told them, "I shall leave this perishable world very soon." Likewise when Sant Ramanand Ji and Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji were sitting beside him a few days earlier in the evening; Sant Garib Dass Ji had told them that he had fulfilled all the responsibilities entrusted to him by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj with Maharaj Ji's blessings. Thereafter Sant Garib Dass Ji completed his distinguished life's journey and left this perishable world for his eternal abode in Sachkhand at 14.55 hrs. on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1994. All of the devotees the world over were terribly shocked to hear about this extremely painful event and unbearable loss. Lacs of devotees, revered saints and sages from all over India and abroad assembled quickly to have a last glimpse and pay their homage to their revered Satguru. Sant Garib Dass Ji's perishable body comprising of five elements was consigned to flames on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1994.

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### **Immortal Martyr Shri 108 Sant Rama Nand Ji**

Some exceptionally great men take birth in this charming and enigmatic world occasionally and they leave the foot prints of their benevolent and brave deeds for all people to remember with reverence till eternity. However such distinguished revered saints become a beacon light for the entire humanity. Limitations of international borders and discriminations based on colour, caste, creed, religion and social groups are meaningless for such sages. Revered saints are like the giant *Ficus bengalensis* tree that provides cool shade and shelter to everyone while venerated saints protect the humanity from the extreme heat of sins like the cool breeze from the west ameliorates the whole environment.

Sant Rama Nand Ji was born on February 2, 1952 at the

house of respected parents Shri Mehinga Ram Ji and Shrimati Jeet Kaur Ji at village Ramdasspur, district Jalandhar in Punjab. His enchanting looks used to charm one and all in the streets of the village and he had a saintly nature from his childhood. Rama Nand Ji completed his graduate degree studies from Doaba College, Jalandhar. He used to remain very quiet and secluded while pursuing his studies. He was very fond of sacred company of revered saints and that had to bear fruit one day and the saffron dye was extremely deep and fast beyond limits with final approval. Most of the members of his family opposed him and decided to prevent Rama Nand Ji from keeping company of learned sages and revered saints. Topics related to Satsang and venerated saints were commonly discussed at home. Shri Rama Nand Ji used to remain busy with meditation of God all the time even while attending to household responsibilities assigned to him. Finally his parents offered their son Rama Nand to serve at the lotus feet of Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Ji, Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Sant Hari Dass Ji initiated him as a disciple and blessed Rama Nand Ji with sacred Naam. Sant Rama Nand Ji used to stay at the Kutiya inside village Ballan from 1973 onwards and he remained busy there with meditation of God to commemorate the sacred memory of Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj. Sant Rama Nand Ji used to stay at the Dera and render various services to the devotees and visitors and also sing Gurbani Kirtan and narrate from spiritual granths everyday for the benefit of devotees during the life times of Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji.

It is worth stating here that Sant Rama Nand Ji was blessed with sacred Naam and self enlightenment by Sant Hari Dass Ji. However he was offered saffron robes formally by Sant Garib Dass Ji. Sant Rama Nand Ji had the fortunate opportunity to travel abroad to many countries with Sant Garib Dass Ji to promote the philosophy and teachings of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj all over the world. He successfully motivated infinite numbers of devotees within India and abroad with the teachings of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj under the dynamic leadership of Satguru Garib Dass Ji spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He endeared himself to the vast numbers of devotees abroad who held him in very high esteem and loved

him dearly. Devotees present in any congregation used to get mesmerized after listening to Gurbani Kirtan in melodious voice of Sant Rama Nand Ji.

Sant Rama Nand Ji was a very talented administrator who managed the affairs of the Dera very efficiently. He extolled the philosophy and teachings of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj in the congregations of revered saints at the international level. Simultaneously he took very active part in promoting all of the social projects launched by Dera Sachkhand Ballan for the welfare of humanity. Sant Rama Nand Ji rendered praise worth exemplary services as the editor of Begumpura Shaher weekly newspaper for which he was publicly honoured by the Indian Dalit Literature Academy. He is also credited with the unique first historical precedence of delivering a scholarly and passionate speech about the life and philosophy of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj in the Parliament House of United Kingdom. He was an accomplished and respected scholar of Gurbani who used to explain extremely difficult concepts of Gurbani to devotees in very simple language with apt examples. Whenever Sant Rama Nand Ji sang Gurbani Kirtan in his extremely melodious voice; everyone present in the congregation used to be amazed and absolutely mesmerized.

Sant Rama Nand Ji made sterling efforts to create serious interest in Gurbani Kirtan amongst youngsters of the new generation. Simultaneously he was able to spot talented poets, missionary singers, scholars and writers with his expert discerning eye and such brilliant artists were honoured publicly with gold medals. Door Darshan, Jalandhar also used to telecast special programmes titled 'Amritbani Shri Guru Ravidass Ji' and 'Begumpura Shaher Ko Naou' in the mesmerizing melodious voice of Sant Rama Nand Ji. Sant Rama Nand Ji was an extremely brave and determined warrior who left no stone unturned to accomplish all missionary goals successfully and he never felt tired or annoyed while pursuing these noble tasks relentlessly. Sant Rama Nand Ji often used to emphasize, "Whatever time one can devote for the service of satguru and society' that is indeed fruitful and good. Who knows whether one will get any such fortunate opportunity later or not?"

A great scholar, talented Gurbani singer, accomplished ayurvedic expert Vaid, pivot of Jagatguru Ravidass Mission and precious gem of community of saints; Sant Rama Nand Ji pursued devout meditation of God all the time. He suffered serious bullet injuries in a dastardly attack by misguided cowards and enemies of humanity at a temple in Vienna, Austria on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009 while he was on a mission to promote philosophy and teachings of Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Even after being hit by bullets, Sant Rama Nand Ji continued to chant name of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj as if to tell everyone that he was yet very keen to do a lot more to preach Guru Ji's philosophy and teachings. However the destiny decided otherwise and Sant Rama Nand Ji amalgamated with God and attained martyrdom for the sake of humanity in the early morning hours of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Sant Rama Nand Ji dedicated his entire life till his martyrdom and departure for Sachkhand the realm of God to preach teachings of Gurbani and Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. He urged all members of the Ravidassia community to get united at the national and international level as preached by Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj in his Amritbani, "*Satsangat mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira*" i.e. O God! Kindly bless us to live happily together like honey bees in the company of your blessed devotees.

Ravidassia Dharam has attained a separate identity and received recognition the world over after the martyrdom of Sant Rama Nand Ji and Amritbani Granth has been adopted in lacs of sacred temples in different countries of the world. Following on his footprints, Sant Surinder Dass Bawa is rendering dedicated services to humanity in order to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of Sant Rama Nand Ji to promote religious feelings amongst Ravidassia society for the development and awakening of down trodden impoverished communities and freeing them from the chains of slavery and inferiority complex so as to create a well educated, learned and responsible society. Caravan is making rapid progress towards its noble destination and this meaningful important journey will continue to move forwards.

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# God on Earth

## Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji

### 1. Return of Happiness of Life

Once, Baba Pipal Dass Ji was going somewhere in village Ballan, when Shri Mall Singh Ji met Baba Ji on the way and he paid his regards to Baba Ji. Then, Baba Ji asked him, “Is everyone fine in your family?” Mall Singh Ji replied, “Maharaj Ji! We are in deep trouble. My brother's wife died and my brother S. Natha Singh son of S. Sunder Singh's waist is injured. Please be kind and help us.” Baba Ji replied, “Don't worry. Your brother Natha Singh will get married and children will make merry at his home in due course of time.” Baba Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Natha Singh recovered fully within a few months and later he got married. His son Ajit Singh said, “We are seven brothers and we have one sister at present with the kind blessings of Baba Ji.”

*(S. Ajit Singh son of S. Natha Singh, Village Ballan,  
21.10.2001)*

### 2. Blessing Shri Batan Singh with Children

Shri Batan Singh and Bibi Kesari Devi lived in village Muradpur. Later they shifted to Alawalpur. They have no child. They were devotees of Baba Pipal Dass Ji. Whenever Baba Pipal Dass Ji visited their home, he used to tell them, “Prepare Chapatis with salted flour.” Baba Ji used to relish salted chapatis. One day Baba Ji went to their home at Muradpur. Batan Singh and Bibi Kesari Devi prayed to Baba Ji and said, “Maharaj Ji! We have no child. Kindly bless us.” Baba Ji said, “Dissolve five 'Patasas' (special type of sugar crystals) in water and use that sweet water for kneading the flour and then prepare chapatis.” Chapatis were prepared accordingly and served to Baba Ji. Baba Ji relished eating those special chapatis. After eating the food, Baba Ji said, “Batan Singh! Don't worry about anything. God will surely bless you?” After this they were blessed with four children including Shri Sarwan Dass in due course of time.

*(Shri Sarwan Dass son of Shri Batan Singh, Village  
Alawalpur)*

### **3. Blessings for Pukka (Concrete) Houses**

Once, Baba Pipal Dass Ji went to village Biaspind. At that time almost all houses in the village were made with mud plaster and unbaked bricks. Baba Ji conveyed his blessings and said, “*Kaku lalo lal ho jane.*” That remark meant that all houses will be pukka (concrete) houses built with baked bricks and cement mortar in due course of time. That is exactly what happened. Baba Ji's words proved to be eternal truth. The entire village developed and progressed in very short time. All of the houses in the village are beautiful pukka houses these days.

*(Shri Raj Mall son of Shri Atma Ram, Village Biaspind,  
20.06.2003)*

### **4. Omniscient Baba Pipal Dass Ji**

One day Baba Pipal Dass Ji was on his way to village Rahimpur to meet Baba Badri Nath Ji. After reaching close to village Dugari, Baba Pipal Dass Ji said, “Hari Ram! That lady, who is coming towards us, has no cover on her head.” Shri Hari Ram replied, “Baba Ji! Her head is covered with dupatta.” Baba Ji said, “Hey! You don't understand. Naked head means that she is a widow as her husband is already dead.” When the lady came close to them, Shri Hari Ram politely enquired about her husband. She replied sadly, “Brother! My husband unfortunately died a few months back.” Baba Ji was omniscient. It was an unpleasant truth that the lady was a widow having lost her husband a few months earlier.

*(Shri Tarsem Lal son of Shri Hari Ram Ball, Village  
Maqsudan, Jalandhar, 13.7.2003)*

### **5. Flood of Milk**

Baba Pipal Dass Ji used to seek voluntary offerings of food items from a limited number of households in the village and then have meals. One day Baba Ji and young Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, who was about eight years of age then, went to the house of Shri Bishan Singh 'Nambardar' or local revenue official of village Sanghwal to seek offerings of food items. Shri Bishan Singh's wife gave some chapatis and buttermilk to Baba Ji and pleaded, “Maharaj Ji! We are short of milch animals. Therefore I could offer only small quantity of butter milk.” Baba Ji said, “Don't worry! It is all right.” While both of them

were returning from village Sanghwal, they approached near a well with Persian wheel when Baba Ji told young Sarwan, "Let us eat the chapatis here." Baba Ji placed the Kamandulu with buttermilk at the spot where water lifted from a well in galvanized iron pots run by the Persian wheel drops. Baba Ji together with young Sarwan started operating the Persian wheel. The Kamandulu with small quantity of buttermilk was full in no time and buttermilk diluted with large volumes of water started flowing in the irrigation channel.

They stopped operating the Persian wheel and meanwhile some local villagers also reached the spot. Baba Ji looked at the Kamandulu and then remarked, "Sarwan! The buttermilk has increased many folds in volume. The family which gave us this buttermilk will have abundant volumes of milk from their milch cattle." Later Baba Ji had food along with young Sarwan and some chapatis were given to the villagers to eat. Baba Ji's words proved to be eternal truth and the house of Bishan Singh always had plenty of milk beyond their imagination.

*(Shri Ram Kishan son of Shri Keru Ram, Village Sanghwal, Jalandhar)*

### **6. Prediction of Marriage**

Shri Atma Ram father of Shri Raj Mall from village Biaspind had profound devotion and reverence for Baba Pipal Dass Ji. One day, Baba Pipal Dass Ji went to Shri Atma Ram's house. A large number of devotees paid their respects at the lotus feet of Baba Ji. When a neighbour's 12 -13 year old son named Chhajju Ram bowed to Baba Pipal Dass Ji then Atma Ram Ji said, "Baba Ji! This boy will get engaged shortly and he will be getting married after a few months. Kindly bless him with your benevolence." Baba Pipal Dass Ji said, "The girl chosen for his scheduled engagement will die before her marriage. This boy will get married with another girl." Baba Ji's prediction proved to be absolutely true as that girl died before her marriage. Baba Ji's words proved to be eternal truth. Later on that boy married another girl in due course of time.

*(Shri Raj Mall Ji village Biaspind, March, 2003)*

## **7. When Sant Sarwan Dass Ji fulfilled Desire of Bibi Channan Kaur**

Shri Shingara Singh and his wife Bibi Channan Kaur, from village Raipur Rasulpur, had devout respect and love for Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji once promised Bibi Channan Kaur, “When I have to abandon this human body comprising of five elements and leave for the realm of God - Sachkhand Begumpura; I will definitely come to meet you before that. Channan Kaur! This is my solemn promise to my daughter.” Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was in a hospital at Ludhiana while Maharaj Ji was preparing to leave this perishable world for Begumpura on that fateful day of June 11, 1972. Maharaj Ji was sick for the people of this world. However in reality, Maharaj Ji was busy in devout meditation of God and meticulously fulfilling his words, the boons and blessings granted to the devotees and promises made by Maharaj Ji during his life time. As Maharaj Ji had also promised to Bibi Channan Kaur to meet her before abandoning his perishable body, Maharaj Ji materialized at her residence at Raipur Rasulpur to meet her just 20 minutes before departure for realm of God at night time. Maharaj Ji said, “Channan Kaur! I have come here just to meet you as promised. I have very little time and I shall abandon my perishable human body very soon.” With these last words, Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj dematerialized. Very soon thereafter, Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji abandoned his perishable human body comprising of five elements at Ludhiana and became amalgamated with God.

*(Naseeb Kaur D/o Shri Shingara Singh & Bibi Channan Kaur, 2002).*

## **8. Blessing Shri Swaran Dass with a Son**

Shri Swaran Dass, hailing from village Lalliyan Khurd, is currently resident in U.K. He had six daughters but he had no son. He had listened about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji from Shri Gurbachan Dass Ji. Then he came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji at Dera Sachkhand Ballan with the fond hope of getting Maharaj Ji's blessings to beget a son. He and his wife paid their profound regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj after reaching the ashram. Omniscient

Maharaj Ji of his own accord said, “Your wish will definitely get fulfilled. A son will be born in your house after one year. You should name him Saligram.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be exactly true as they begot a son after one year and the child was named Saligram.

*(Shri Gurbachan Dass, Village Lalliyan Khurd, Date 2.2.2001)*

### **9. Blessing with Land**

S. Sunder Singh, from village Chamiara in district Kapurthala, was profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once, Maharaj Ji went to visit his home and Maharaj Ji had to leave for village Khojewali thereafter. When Maharaj Ji reached Chamiara then S. Sunder Singh Ji prayed, “Maharaj Ji! I have taken 15 acres land on lease in village Safipur with your blessings. Kindly bless that land with your lotus feet.” Maharaj Ji readily agreed and went to Safipur to visit that land along with other devotees. After reaching there, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji asked, “Sunder Singh! “Who is the owner of this land?” Sunder Singh said, “Maharaj Ji! This land belongs to S. Darshan Singh.” Then Maharaj Ji said, “Sunder Singh! This is your land. It belongs to you. Now you are the owner of this land.” Immensely delighted, Sunder Singh said, “Yes please! That is very kind of you.” Finally, S. Sunder Singh bought that 15 acres land from S. Darshan Singh in the year 1959. This is the unique way Maharaj Ji blessed S. Sunder Singh.

*(S. Sohan Singh, Nephew of S. Sunder Singh)*

### **10. Protection during War**

S. Sunder Singh's nephew S. Sohan Singh had very high regards for Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Soldier Sohan Singh sought blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj before proceeding to fight in the 1962 war between India and China. His family members received first telegram at their home that mentioned that Sohan Singh had been injured while fighting the war. After some more days another telegram was delivered at their home. Unfortunately this telegram mentioned that Sohan Singh has made the supreme sacrifice as a martyr in the war. With tears flowing uncontrolled from their eyes, Sohan Singh's mother

Jawali Ji, his wife Channan Kaur, other family members and his uncle Sunder Singh came to meet Maharaj Ji holding both the telegrams in their hands. Weeping bitterly, they showed both the telegrams to Maharaj Ji and said, "Maharaj Ji! Sohan Singh has attained martyrdom in the war." Maharaj Ji advised all of them to stop crying. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj then tore apart both of the telegrams and said, "Sohan Singh is absolutely fine. He will return home fit and fine within one week."

That's exactly what happened. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth. After the end of the war, Sohan Singh Ji was brought from China border to Delhi by aeroplane and thereafter he reached Jalandhar by train. He met his family members at home and then reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan along with his family members. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and all of them conveyed their profound gratitude to Maharaj Ji. They said, "Maharaj Ji! It is because of your gracious blessings that Sohan Singh is present amongst us today. All members of this family will be indebted to you for lifelong for your kind benevolence." Maharaj Ji said, "It is all because of grace of God. All of us should be grateful to God. Let us all say glory to God."

*(S. Sohan Singh Ji, July 2002)*

### **11. Protection of Baby in Womb**

Shri Pritam Dass Patwari and his wife Bibi Balwant Kaur, from village Chamiara near Bhogpur, were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once, Bibi Balwant Kaur had been pregnant for seven months. It was winter time and one day Bibi Balwant Kaur slipped while climbing up the stairs to reach first floor and she fell down. When Doctor arrived and examined her, he said, "Everything is fine and she is safe. She has suffered only mild injury to her wrist." Bibi Balwant Kaur asked her husband to visit Kutiya and pay sincere gratitude and profound regards to Maharaj Ji. When Shri Pritam Dass Ji reached Kutiya, Maharaj Ji had gone out for a walk along with Sant Chetan Dass Ji. Then Pritam Dass Ji also went out and followed them to meet Maharaj Ji. When he paid his respects to Maharaj Ji, Maharaj Ji told him, "Go to Dera. We shall also reach there after some time." Then Maharaj Ji told Sant Chetan

Dass that Pritam Dass looked to be very sad. Sant Chetan Dass Ji replied, “Maharaj Ji! Now that he has come here to meet you, his sadness will vanish.”

Maharaj Ji returned to the Kutia after some time and said, “Pritam Dass! Your child is absolutely safe. Don't worry and relax. You will get a male child.” Pritam Dass replied with folded hands, “Maharaj Ji! You are omniscient.” Thereafter, Maharaj Ji gave him Prasad for Bibi Balwant Kaur and asked him to return home. When he reached his home, Balwant Kaur said, “Maharaj Ji came here just one hour ago and advised me not to worry. Maharaj Ji also said that I would give birth to a son. Maharaj Ji also told me that Prasad has been sent for me through Pritam Dass. When she said so, Maharaj Ji returned back quickly.”

Shri Pritam Dass was extremely surprised to hear this account and he said, “It is amazing. Maharaj Ji was sitting inside the Kutia one hour earlier and I was also there at that time.” Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was thus always by the side of his devotees to protect them at all times. Bibi Balwant Kaur gave birth to a handsome son after two months as per blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

*(Shri Pritam Dass Patwari, 2002)*

## **12. Dalit Awakening Conference at Dera Sachkhand Ballan Glory to Shri Guru Ravidass Ji**

There are two very important aspects – political and religious for the development of any society. An incredible movement known as Adi-Dharam movement was launched under the dynamic leadership of Babu Mangu Ram Ji during the year 1925 for the empowerment and development of scheduled castes and backward castes. This missionary work was continued under the leadership of Punjab Adi- Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation with head office at Jalandhar City. Babu Mangu Ram Ji was appointed as President of this Federation. The responsibility to spearhead this movement on the country level throughout India was delegated to Shri M.C. Raja resident of Madras. However when Simon Commission came to India during 1928, Shri M.C. Raja was replaced and Baba Sahib Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was entrusted that

responsibility to lead the movement at country level. Adi-Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation was fully recognized by the Government of India during 1930.

Three separate Commissions visited India on three different occasions till 1935. The first one was Sir John Royal Commission) during 1928, the second was The Franchise Committee (Lord Lothian Committee during 1932 and the third was The Delimitation Committee (Lord Laurie Hammid Committee) during 1935. Finally three Round Table Conferences were held in England. There were serious differences between Raja Munje Pact (M.C. Raja and Dr. Munje) and Minority Pact (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his Associates) that could not be reconciled. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his Associates were demanding separate political rights for the backward castes while M.C. Raja was against it. Ultimately political rights were granted to backward castes in accordance with Poona Pact vide India Act 1935. The agreement between Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi is called Poona Pact. Grant of political rights to backward castes has been possible only because of untiring efforts of Baba Sahib Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Mangu Ram Ji. In reality, Baba Sahib Dr. B.R. Ambedkar fought for securing the political rights for backwards castes in England like a lion with complete whole hearted support of Adi- Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation and Babu Mangu Ram Ji was the founder of Adi-Dharam movement. Finally, Dr. Ambedkar was successful in securing the political rights for scheduled castes and backward castes.

It was very clearly understood by Lord Lothian Committee (Franchise Committee) 1932 That the backwards communities all over Punjab belong to Adi-Dharam in accordance with the views of their revered Gurus (Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji, Maharishi Valmik Ji Maharaj, Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji and Satguru Namdev Ji) and their religious granth is Adi-Granth that comprises of Gurbani hymns of those revered saints. Keeping that in mind and in accordance with the instructions of Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji; Babu Mangu Ram, Shri Hazara Ram General Secretary and Master Lal Chand Ji Valmiki from Ferozepur visited Varanasi during



the year 1934 to study historical facts related to Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and his birth place. During those days people belonging to scheduled castes community lived on the western side of villages and cities. Such localities were known as Chamar Majra or 'Chamarhli'. It was found after due research that Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji lived in 'Chamar Majra' locality of Kashi. It is quite likely that the same locality was later named Seer Govardhanpur as the shepherds and Thakurs also stay there these days. That is comparable to renaming the Kalu Ghat as Hari Chand Ghat and Maharishi Valmik Ashram as Ram –Tirath. Likewise the original Chamar Majra might have been renamed Seer Govardhanpur.

That is not the end but the search for Maharishi Valmik Ashram, presently known as Ram Tirath was also spearheaded through untiring efforts, despite many hurdles, by Babu Mangu Ram Ji, Shri Hazara Ram Ji and Pundit Bakhshi Ram Ji Valmiki from Wadala Kalan district Jalandhar. Based on such intensive research birthday celebrations related to incarnation of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji were performed on the full moon day during the month of Magh every year. A massive Nagar Kirtan or spiritual procession was organized in Jalandhar City on the auspicious occasion of Jayanti or incarnation day of Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji during 1938. Shri Ravidass Deep Granth was decorated on the back of a caparisoned elephant and taken around the city in procession with spiritual discourses at several places en-route. Keeping these celebrations in mind, then Government of Punjab headed by Sir Sikandar Hyatt Khan declared a public holiday on that day. In addition successful efforts were made to get Maharishi Valmik Ji's birthday also declared as a public holiday by government. An idol of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji brought from Kashi formed the basis of photographs of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji to be published in calendars. Sant Harnam Dass Ji from village Jandali district Jalandhar was given the rights and responsibility to publish authentic calendars with portrait of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji. He took great pains and worked very hard work to publish the calendars with Shri Guru Ravidass Ji's portrait. No such calendar with portrait of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji or Guru Ji's

photograph ever existed before that. It is quite clear therefore that extremely useful work was done by Adi-Dharam movement in respect of research related to the history of aforesaid venerated Gurus. With the accomplishment of these tasks, decks were cleared for the political work by this organization.

There were many branch offices of this organization Adi-Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation in India during that period and some of those branches were located at Akalianwala district Ferozepur, Chuharhpur, Dehradun, Bridge no. 4 Kolkata, Dasuya and Mahilpur in district Hoshiarpur, Chamba in district of Himachal Pradesh, Samundri Dichkot district Lyallpur, Mcleod Ganj Road in district Bahawalpur, Montgomery in district Montgomery, Tappa Kheda in district Ferozepur, Raikot district Ludhiana and Varanasi in U.P. The Federation also had offices in foreign countries like Singapore, New Zealand and Fiji. Some of these organizations may still be functional in those countries. However the religious aspect of the Federation was incomplete in the absence of leadership of a truly perfect saint. In order to bridge this gap, well known accomplished saint Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji initiated the project to establish an elegant temple at the birthplace of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji at Seer Govardhanpur, Kashi Varanasi in U.P. as a venerated place of pilgrimage for the society during the year 1965. Simultaneously compilation of Adi Gurbani Granth (Adi Prakash) was also taken up by various scholars and learned saints for publication on completion of the onerous task Even though there are infinite numbers of saints, philanthropists and sages in our country, yet no one had ever undertaken the important task of construction of a suitable temple in honour of incarnation of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji at Guru Ji's birth place before 1965. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, village Ballan in Jalandhar district took the initiative to build an elegant Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Kashi, Varanasi in U.P. The foundation stone of this temple was laid by venerated saint Sant Hari Dass Ji, Dera Sachkhand Ballan and a sum of more than 1.5 lakh rupees has already been spent on the construction of the temple. The

construction work is being carried out under the supervision of a Management Committee with the overall guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. The head office of the Management Committee is at Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, village and post office Ballan, tehsil and district Jalandhar in Punjab state with a branch office at Seer Govardhanpur post office Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi in U.P.

A meeting was held on 2.10.70 to discuss ways and means to expedite completion of the construction work related to temple at Varanasi and other temples in sacred memories of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, Maharishi Valmik Ji, Satguru Kabir Ji and Satguru Namdev Ji Maharaj. The following major decisions were taken in that meeting:

1. A Trust should be registered so that there is no delay or interruption in works related to construction of any temple in sacred memory of aforesaid Satguru Sahibs, gurudwaras, libraries or educational institutions.
2. A Trust should be set up to speed up work related to construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, U.P. The Chairman of this trust shall be distinguished saint Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, village Ballan, district Jalandhar.
3. A large public conference should be organized to pass suitable resolutions to ratify and implement these proposals.

Thereafter a very large public meeting was held on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1970 at Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji village and post office Ballan, tehsil and district Jalandhar that was presided over by Shri Mangu Ram Ji, President Adi-Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation. More than ten thousand dignitaries participated in this public meeting and the following important decisions were taken unanimously:

1. Although there are different political parties in many countries of the world yet each country generally has only once society such as Americans in America or Canadians in Canada and Russians in Russia. But in India, there are many political parties and social / religious affiliations such as Hindus, Sikhs,

Christians and Muslims. However no political party or social organization really worked hard to address the social, political and economic backwardness of scheduled castes and tribes. For the development of backward communities of Indian society, Babu Mangu Ram Ji started a well known movement named Adi-Dharam Movement in 1925. The organization was set up to spearhead the missionary work and was named Adi-Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation with head office in Jalandhar. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar provided able leadership to this federation at all India level. This organization worked hard for the political and social development and empowerment of backwards castes. This organization was recognized by the then Government of India as a responsible organization of backwards castes in 1930. It was because of the untiring efforts of this organization that the scheduled castes and backwards communities were given full political rights under the provisions of the Poona Pact and India Act during 1935. It is amply clear therefore that Babu Mangu Ram Ji the founder of Adi-Dharam Movement played a sterling role to secure such social and political rights for the backwards castes. If anyone else claims to be the founder of this movement to take undue advantage, that is absolutely preposterous and outright cheating of innocent people of these deprived communities. Therefore this Conference unanimously appeals to all sections of the society to remain alert and not to get misguided by bogus leaders and support Babu Mangu Ram Ji wholeheartedly to safeguard their economic development and political rights. It was further decided unanimously that Babu Mangu Ram will continue to be the President of this movement till he selects and nominates a suitable successor personally. All future work related to the social and political development of people of backwards castes shall continue to be spearheaded by Babu Mangu Ram Ji as President of Adi-Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation, Jalandhar. Babu Mangu Ram Ji is present in this Conference and he is unanimously elected as the President of this Federation. He has been fully authorized to select office bearers and volunteers to support him in his missionary work. He is requested to take all appropriate actions forthwith and start the missionary work in right earnest soonest possible.

2. Most revered saint Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji village and post office Ballan is extremely benevolent and truly great accomplished saint who is all the time concerned with the welfare and safety of impoverished and underprivileged people. Not only people of lower backwards castes but even people from higher castes are also disciples and dedicated devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji constructed a room in Guru Ravidass High School Jalandhar and also built two rooms in Haridwar for the benefit of the society. Maharaj Ji also provided financial support for construction of infrastructure facilities for marriage functions and schools in many villages where such projects were in progress from time to time. In spite of that where there any marriage hall and school have to construct then Maharaj Ji always helped there. Above all Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji made all arrangements to establish a pilgrimage centre and constructed a large elegant world famous temple known as Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Guru Ji's birth place at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, U. P. The foundation stone of this temple was laid by Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji during 1965 as desired by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. There are many learned sages, revered saints and philanthropists in Punjab and other parts of India but no one had taken the initiative to build a temple dedicated to the sacred memory of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji at Satguru Ji's birth place. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji only took the initiative to construct the temple to commemorate the sacred memory of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji. Therefore this Conference unanimously conveys sincere gratitude and grateful thanks to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and further requests Maharaj Ji to be kind and benevolent to continue the excellent work so that the balance construction work related to the temple can be completed soonest possible with Maharaj Ji's blessings.

3. Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple is being built at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, U.P. under the supervision of a Management Committee with the overall guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Complete accounts of funds contributed by devotees for the construction of the temple and money spent on construction work are available with the Committee. In addition Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji makes

major contributions with personal funds and supply of food grains for the community meals of the workers at the construction site all the time. Everyone is entitled to have a look at the accounts of the funds donated by devotees and the expenditure incurred for the construction of the temple and the Committee has no reservations for such scrutiny. If someone wishes to pressurise Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and forcibly asks for the accounts or he maligns and threatens Maharaj Ji intentionally to gain control over the funds that is preposterous and great foolishness. Therefore this Conference strongly recommends that legal action should be taken against such erring individual falsely maligning Maharaj Ji's reputation and honour.

4. The construction work related to Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Kanshi, Varanasi (U.P) being executed by Shri Gurdiyall Singh Ji will certainly get completed with the blessings and guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. A Management Committee is supervising the construction work under the directions of Maharaj Ji and many devotees and philanthropists are making financial contributions and providing voluntary services for the construction of the temple. Therefore if any one wishes to make any financial contribution or supply materials / food grains, he can do so personally at Varanasi or make donations to the Management Committee and obtain proper receipt. The Managing Committee appeals to the people not to make any contributions to any self styled and bogus founder of Adi-Dharam Movement to prevent cheating and misuse of their hard earned money. No one else except the Management Committee has so far spent any money on the construction of temple. This Management Committee has already spent nearly Rs. 1, 50,000/ (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand) so far on the construction of temple.

5. The entire property of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, U.P; belongs to the temple on behalf of the entire community and all sections of the society. The property of the temple will never be owned by any one individual person, sage, revered saint or any other

organization. The construction work and management of the temple will be continued under the supervision of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple Trust under the guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as Chairman of the Trust. Accordingly therefore this Conference unanimously appoints Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as the Chairman of the Trust and gives Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji the full rights and freedom to appoint the other Trustees and executives of the Management Committee. The Executive of the Trust is also hereby fully authorized to take action including legal proceedings against anyone who tries to interrupt the construction work related to the temple in any manner.

6. Devotees and revered saints visit the ashram or Kutuya of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in village and post office Ballan, tehsil and district, Jalandhar in very large numbers every day to have a glimpse of Maharaj Ji and to pay their regards. Such visitors, hailing from all castes and various sections of the society travel to the Kutuya through various modes of travel including tongas, buses, motorcycles, tempos, bicycles and cars. Extremely large spiritual congregations are held here twice a year and devotees in large numbers assemble here on the occasion of each Sankranti, Sundays and also every day to benefit from the Satsang and spiritual discourses. However the visiting devotees face immense difficulties to reach Maharaj Ji's ashram in Ballan as there is no convenient bridge on the nearby canal and all village roads leading to the Kutuya are badly damaged. Therefore this Conference humbly urges upon Government of Punjab to allocate funds meant for public welfare and to build a bridge over the canal on the link road from village Ballan to Kutuya and repair all village link roads leading to the ashram so that the devotees can travel to the ashram comfortably.

7. The only link road available for transport of construction materials to build Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, is in very bad condition. This road is also often inundated by sewerage water discharged from Banaras Hindu University complex and that causes great hindrance in transport of building materials to the temple site

leading to undue delay in completion of the temple. Some influential upper caste persons often harass and pressurize the volunteers working for construction of the temple as they want to ensure that the temple construction does not get completed. Therefore this Conference appeals to Government of India and Government of Uttar Pradesh to allocate special funds to construct a proper link road up to the temple and divert the sewerage water originating from BHU Campus through a proper drain. Government should also acquire land and prepare a new link road up to the temple so that construction of the temple gets speeded up and the pilgrims can travel without any hurdles. The Management Committee of the temple is willing to contribute its share of the total construction costs of road as per norms fixed by the government. This Conference further requests the government to stop arrogant upper caste individuals from interference in the work related to construction of the temple and take appropriate legal action against the erring culprits.

8. This Conference appeals to the 'Adi-Vasi' people or original residents of Punjab, Himachal, Haryana and all other states of India that they should help liberally for the construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, U.P. It has been further resolved unanimously by this Conference that the proceedings and the resolutions passed in this Conference should be got published in the form of suitable pamphlets. Thereafter copies of the pamphlets should be forwarded to Government of India and State Governments of Punjab and Uttar Pradesh for necessary action. Balance copies should be distributed amongst the general public and also sent to potential supporters and philanthropists. Names of the donors will be engraved in marble stones for public display after completion of the temple.

### **The Views expressed by Important Leaders during the Conference**

The Conference was held on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1970 at Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji Ballan from 12.00 onwards. The Conference began with the invocation of God



and recital of Gurbani hymns of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj “*Aesi lal tujh bin kaun karae*” and “*Bahut janam bichhure the Madhou ih janam tumhare lekhe*”. First of all, Shri Hazara Ram (Retired B.D.O.) welcomed the delegates and conveyed sincere thanks for their participation in the Conference. Shri Charan Dass Nidharhk recited his poem thereafter. A very large number of leaders from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir and U.P participated in this Conference. Shri Hazara Ram highlighted the serious lacuna lasting over centuries that our community did not have religious place of pilgrimage and revered shrine where we could pay homage. The praiseworthy initiative to construct a temple in honour of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj at Seer Govardhanpur U.P has been possible only because of the vision and untiring efforts of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, village Ballan.

Some arrogant misguided people have been boasting aloud only to assert their leadership but none of such self seeking individuals was ever visible there those days. He declared in the Conference that entire work related to the construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, U. P; as a religious place of pilgrimage, was carried out with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, Dera Sachkhand, Ballan from 1965 onwards. Maharaj Ji has spent lacs of rupees gladly donated by infinite numbers of devotees from their hard earned meagre income. He also highlighted the conditions prevailing in our country prior to partition and independence and explained the fact that our brothers and sisters from Scheduled Castes and Backwards Communities were denied even the basic right to vote in elections those days.

Adi-Dharam (Scheduled Castes) Federation under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Mangu Ram spearheaded the movement to secure human rights for these communities. Because of illness, Shri Hazara Singh could not speak for adequate time but he did emphasize that we cannot safeguard our rights sans sound wisdom and expert knowledge about religious and political issues. Shri Tota Tam, Dr. Ram Lal Jassi and Shri Anant Ram Badhan also expressed their views.

Manager of 'Ravidass Patrika' Shri Bhagu Ram (Retired Captain) said "It is my lifelong experience that if we don't recognize the dignity of our human life and we do not inculcate the strong feelings and love for the community; people from other advanced communities will continue to treat us as their bought out slaves. The current crisis being faced by us is indeed a real challenge for us. Therefore all of us must stand fully united to face the challenge and secure emancipation from the life of slavery." Shri Manak Chand from Amritsar said "I hereby take a vow that I shall not sleep peacefully until we are in a position to overcome the serious problems currently troubling us. We have full blessings of revered saints, learned sages and Guru Sahibs with us now and I am absolutely confident that our difficulties will be resolved."

Names of some of the prominent persons who participated in the Conference are listed below:

Shri Sadhu Ram from village Larhoa, Rangi Ram village Dhanipind, Mallu Ram from Biaspind, Mela Ram from Butan Mandi, Dhanna Ram Sarpanch village Tajpur, Jai Ram Sarpanch from village Khambra, Shri Teju Ram, Aasa Ram from Kartarpur, Durga Dass, Sham Ji Dass, Hans Raj Banchi from Butan Mandi, Diwan Chand from Sadana, Goni Ram and Pala Ram from Biaspind, Arjan Singh, Sital Dass from village Butan, Atma Ram from Ram Nagar, Arjan Dass, Milkhi Ram from village Sadana, Bhola Ram village Aema Qazi, Bhagat Ram, Dharam Chand Sarpanch from Rampur, Khushi Ram from Lalliyen Kalan, Dalip Singh from Butan Mandi, Banna Ram from Nangal Kararh Khan, Dass Ram M.C. Kartarpur, Karam Chand Bath, Ishar Dass and Banta Ram Navi Abadi Mahitpur Road, Khushi Ram Bajaj Ladhra, Karam Chand Lalliyen Khurd, Gulzari Lal from Tajpur, Pritam Dass from Basesarpur, Darshan Singh, Gurdip Singh, Sohan Singh and Mehar Chand from village Sanghwal, Raju Ram, Belli Ram, Prakash Dev and Tarlok Singh from village Dhepur, Pehlo Ram and Karan Chand from Khambra, Juala Ram from Ramnagar, Naseeb Chand from Randhawa, Shankar Dass from Phagwara, Ratan Chand from Rehpa, Variyam Chand and Shama Ram from Vidhipur, Naseeb Chand and Dharam Chand from

Hasanpur, Sadhu Ram from Ram Nagar, Jagiri Ram from Bath, Bant Ram Dhainowali, Karma Ram, Rakha Ram and Bachna Ram from Chakkowal, Diwan Singh, Gurdas Ram and Hazara Ram from Pathial, Sadhu Ram, Shankar Dass, Somi Ram, Bishna Ram and Daulat Ram from Alawalpur, Shiv Ram, Raja Ram, Piara Singh and Bhag Ram from Raipur, Niranjn Dass and Joginder Pal from Sanghwal, Mahinder Paul and Rakha Ram from village Biaspind, Daulat Ram, Ram Ji and Amar Chand from Daulatpur, Amar Chand from Larhoi, Sadhu Singh and Khushi Ram from Naugajja, Beli Ram, Swaran Singh, Fakir Singh and Dev Raj from Ballan, Pakhar Ram, Sant Ram, Gurbachan Ram and Amar Chand from village Mannan, Kirpa Ram, Khushi Ram and Ram Kishan from village Rasulpur, Balwant Rai from Khambra, Sarwan Lal from Bolina, Sant Ram Munim from Butan Mandi, Dari Ram, Karam Chand, Preetu Ram and Lashman Dass from Kolkata, Bishan Dass and Puran Chand from Delhi, Gurdas Ram from Suchipind, Munshi Ram Chaman from Basti Sheikh and Dev Raj from village Bhathe.

*(Writer: - Shri Chhajju Ram Ji, General Secretary)*

### **13. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's visit to Delhi and meeting with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**

Giani Bishna Ram Viridi, Shri Fakir Singh and Shri Niranjn Singh Hothi from village Ballan, Shri Puran Chand from village Biaspind, Shri Bhagat Singh Mall and Shri Nama Ram from village Dihana were all having central government jobs in Delhi. They used to meet Dr. Ambedkar almost every week. All of them maintained close contacts with Dr. Ambedkar. Giani Bishna Ram maintained close contacts with Dr. Ambedkar from 1942 to 1956. He often used to tell Dr. Ambedkar about the unique glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and Maharaj Ji's great compassion and concern about the development of impoverished people of scheduled castes and Dalit communities. Giani Bishna Ram Ji further explained salient aspects of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's life and work as follows:

“While Maharaj Ji invariably remains engrossed in devout meditation, Maharaj Ji also conducts spiritual

congregations regularly to preach teachings of Gurbani and motivate people to lead pious lives and practise meditation of God regularly. Maharaj Ji urges everyone to provide best possible education to children and live in complete harmony with mutual love and affection. Maharaj Ji has been extremely kind and benevolent to entire human society. Extraordinary spiritual powers and eternal truth of every word spoken by Maharaj Ji have influenced lives of all people very positively. Maharaj Ji has opened a school for poor children to pursue studies at the Dera. He personally teaches them Gurbani and Punjabi language daily. Every Sunday, Maharaj Ji gets community meals comprising of 'Mahal Poorhas'- special vegetarian pancakes made from wheat flour and jaggery by deep frying in ghee and 'Khir' or sweet rice cooked with milk exclusively for students, children and devotees on certain Sundays." Giani Bishna Ram Ji, Shri Fakir Singh Ji and Shri Swaran Singh Ji all told Dr. Ambedkar that they hailed from very poor families and that their parents couldn't make arrangements for their education. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji took pains to ensure that they receive good education and Maharaj Ji spent all the money on our studies. Maharaj Ji always preached them to work hard and live by honest means. Baba Ambedkar Ji was greatly impressed to learn about such sterling qualities of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Dr. Ambedkar expressed his keen desire to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and asked all of them to make arrangements so that he can have a personal vision of Maharaj Ji.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited Delhi for about 50 days during April-May, 1949 at the request of Giani Bishna Ram and all other devotees from Delhi. Maharaj Ji visited residences of all devotees during that period and blessed them. Maharaj Ji conducted spiritual discourses or Satsang at the residences of Giani Bishna Ram, Shri Niranjan Singh Hothi and others during this period. Prior to Maharaj Ji's visit to Delhi, Giani Bishna Ram Viridi and Shri Fakir Singh often used to brief Maharaj Ji about their discussions with Baba Sahib Ambedkar Ji whenever they used to visit Ballan on leave. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji one day expressed his desire to meet Dr.

Ambedkar. Accordingly Giani Bishna Ram Viridi and his companions accompanied Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj to meet Dr. Ambedkar at his home on Janpath Road, Eastern Court, New Delhi. Dr. Ambedkar and some of his colleagues were seated in chairs and holding some important discussions at home. Baba Sahib Ambedkar Ji got up from the chair and greeted Sant Sarwan Dass Ji on arrival very respectfully with folded hands. Baba Ji offered a comfortable chair and requested Maharaj Ji to be seated. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and Dr. Baba Sahib Ambedkar had extremely cordial discussions for nearly one hour when Maharaj Ji formally invited Dr. Ambedkar to visit Punjab. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj always remained deeply concerned with the plight of impoverished backwards communities.

In 1932, during the developments related to Poona Pact, fasts were observed from both the sides. Babu Mangoo Ram Mugowalia undertook fast unto death on behalf of Baba Sahib Bhim Rao Ambedkar. When finally this fast was broken, it was Swami Sarwan Dass ji who offered a glass of juice to Babu Mangoo Ram Ji.

Baba Sahib Ambedkar Ji visited Butan Mandi in Jalandhar during 1951. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then sent a written communication to Dr. Ambedkar that was read out for the benefit of everyone present in the congregation to greet and listen to Dr. Ambedkar. Maharaj Ji had written in that communication, "My brave lion hearted son! You must remain steadfast in your commitment to serve the community. You will have a glorious success and the entire society shall be always extremely proud of you and your sterling contributions."

#### **14. Omniscient Satguru**

Shri Chain Ram Suman Ji, village Golewal tehsil Garhshankar Hoshiarpur and Shri Swaran Singh Ji village Ballan were both devout followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Both of them were Auditors working with the Defence Accounts Department at Sura Nussi, Jalandhar. It was during the month of May, 1970 when Swaran Singh was returning home from his place of work in the evening time when Shri Chain Ram Suman said, "Swaran Singh! I am also keen to

go to Dera Sachkhand Ballan today. Let us go together.” Both of them reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan riding on one bicycle discussing about their revered Satguru Ji and glory of saints on their way. When both bowed at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Maharaj Ji said, “How nice that you were talking about Gurbani and self enlightenment today on your way to the Kutiya.” Maharaj Ji said that in such a manner as if he was with both of the devotees and listening to them throughout their journey.

*(Shri Chain Ram Suman, 13.6.2003.)*

### **15. Satguru knows about Inner Thoughts of Devotees**

Shri Chain Ram Suman from village Golewal Garhshankar Hoshiarpur worked with Defence Accounts Department at Sura Nussi during 1969. He lived in Guru Ravidass Nagar near Maqsudan, Jalandhar those days. One day, he contemplated in his mind to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and pay his devout regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He arranged to buy 100 grams 'Patasas' (special sugar crystals) for offering as Prasad and left for Maharaj Ji's Kutiya walking on foot. While he was on his way to Kutiya, he thought that the 'Patasas' being taken by him as offering would not be appropriate and to the liking of Maharaj Ji's taste. Some delicious fruits or high quality sweets made from milk and milk concentrates would be more appropriate for Maharaj Ji. He thought how Maharaj Ji can relish 'Patasas' or sugar crystals he was carrying with him.

While contemplating on such issues and focussing his mind at the lotus feet of his revered Satguru Ji, he reached the Dera. Incidentally, Maharaj Ji was resting in a chair at that time in front of the room used for distribution of medicines these days. There was a small table in front of the chair. There was no other devotee with Maharaj Ji at that moment. Shri Chain Ram Suman respectfully placed the Prasad brought by him on the table and paid his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter he sat down on the carpet in front of Maharaj Ji. Very soon thereafter, Maharaj Ji picked up the packet of 'Prasad' and looked at the 'Patasas' or the sugar crystals in it. Maharaj Ji took out one large sized 'Patasa' and relished eating same with

delight while Shri Suman witnessed that event with utmost curiosity and delight. Chain Ram Suman Ji was totally convinced after witnessing this event that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was indeed omniscient and knew about the inner thoughts of all of his devotees.”

*(Shri Chain Ram Suman, 14.6.2002.)*

### **16. Protecting Shri Gurmit Singh**

Shri Gurmit Singh son of Shri Khushi Ram from village Rasulpur often used to stay at Dera Sachkhand Ballan and pursue his studies with the blessings of Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. It was the year 1971 and Gurmit Singh was studying at Doaba College Jalandhar those days. One day as he returned to Kutuya after close of college hours, Maharaj Ji said, “It is good that the student has returned after studies. Bhog ceremony of simple 'Path' or recital of Shri Guru Granth Sahib is scheduled for tomorrow at village Maqsudan. Recital is far behind schedule at present. Therefore, you should go to Maqsudan for recitation and then get back to Kutuya.” Gurmit Singh reached Maqsudan at 3.30 p.m. and after completion of recital he started his return journey to Kutuya at 9.30 p.m.

Family members of that house did not want him to travel so late. They told Gurmit Singh, “It is getting dark. You should get back to Kutuya tomorrow morning.” But Gurmit Singh said, “It is my Guru Ji's order. Hence I must go back to Kutuya now.” While Gurmit Singh was returning to Kutuya, he was surrounded by three robbers. One of them said, “Hand over your watch and other belongings failing which we shall kill you.” Then Gurmit Singh remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Just then one person reached that place in his jeep. All robbers ran away when they saw the jeep. After this Gurmit Singh reached at Dera in village Ballan. Shri Mehinga Ram was also sitting in front of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj at that time. Then Maharaj Ji described the whole incident voluntarily and said, “Gurmit! Danger is over now.”

*(Gurmit Singh 2001)*

### **17. Saint's Words Prove True**

Shri Khushi Ram and his family members from village Rasulpur were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. His

son used to stay at Dera Sachkhand Ballan while he was pursuing his studies in college. It was during 1972 that Gurmit Singh's had to appear for political science paper in his final examination next morning. Simple 'Path' of Shri Guru Granth Sahib was organized at Shri Meet Ram's house in village Raipur. Maharaj Ji told Gurmit to go to Raipur for recitation of Gurbani for 4 hours and then get back. Gurmit Singh recited Gurbani for four hours at Shri Meet Ram's house. When Gurmit Singh came back to Dera, Maharaj Ji said, "Gurmit! Pursue your studies now for two hours. Your examination paper will have questions from the portions that you will read now." When Gurmit Singh saw his examination paper next morning, he was amazed to see that the entire paper related to what he studied last night. Shri Gurmit Singh secured 66% marks.

*(Gurmit Singh, 2001)*

### **18. Fulfilment of Shri Om Prakash's Wish**

Shri Om Prakash son of Shri Guria Ram from village Lambrha near Bulloval was a devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. He worked with the Indian Army during 1968–69. He was deployed on duty at Pinetop near Tinsukia in Assam those days. He bought a carpet for Maharaj Ji from Army Canteen with the fond hope that Maharaj Ji should make use of that carpet to sit on same. Om Prakash reached the Dera with that carpet. Even before he could say anything about the carpet, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said, "You have brought a carpet for me with immense love and devotion. Spread that just now at my seat for me to sit." Om Prakash spread that carpet with great delight and Maharaj Ji sat down on that lovely carpet. When Om Prakash witnessed this miracle, he was absolutely convinced that his Satguru Ji is indeed perfect and accomplished who had rightly read out the thoughts of his inner mind.

*(Om Prakash, 13.9.2001)*

### **19. Blessing Shri Kunnan Singh and Bibi Jeet Kaur with Sons**

S. Shiv Singh son of Shri Prem Singh was resident of village Ballan. Kunnan Singh and his wife Bibi Jeet Kaur lived in village Barna, Phagwara. They had six daughters in due course of time. S. Shiv Singh took both of them along with him



and reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He requested to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, "Maharaj Ji! These people have six daughters. Please be kind and bless them with a son." Then Maharaj Ji gave one banana to Bibi Jeet Kaur as Prasad. After one year a son was born in their home. When they reached at Dera to meet Maharaj Ji and convey their gratitude and profound regards along with their infant son, Maharaj Ji graciously said, "You will beget one more son to have a pair of sons in your home." Approximately one year later their second son was born in their home. Both sons are named Manjit and Binder Singh respectively.

*(S. Shiv Singh son of Prem Singh, Village Ballan, 19.9.2001)*

### **20. Blessing Shri Atma Ram**

Shri Atma Ram Ji son of Shri Nathu Ram Ji from village Biaspind was devout follower of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. He fell ill as he was close to completion of his life's journey. During the month of Maghar (November- December) during 1960, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji arrived at Shri Atma Ram Ji's house to look him up on a Sunday. While lying on his bed, Shri Atma Ram Ji paid his profound regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and he said, "Maharaj Ji! When will you come to escort me away from this world?" Maharaj Ji said, "I will come here on Tuesday i.e. day after tomorrow at 10 a.m. to take you along. You should not have any worries." Bibi Nami wife of Shri Atma Ram and their son Shri Raj Mall Ji were also present there at that time. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj stayed at their house for a short while and then returned to Kutuya at Ballan.

As that fateful day of Tuesday arrived and the time was about five minutes short of 10 a.m; Bibi Nami and her son Shri Raj Mall asked Shri Atma Ram Ji, "Where is Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj?" Aged Shri Atma Ram Ji said, "My revered Guru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji has already arrived here to emancipate me and Maharaj Ji is standing very close to me. I am now ready to leave this world and accompany Maharaj Ji to the realm of God." Having just said these words, Shri Atma Ram Ji abandoned his perishable human body within just three minutes and his blessed noble soul found a permanent abode at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was in fact physically present at Kutuya west of village Ballan at that time.

*(Shri Raj Mall Ji son of Shri Atma Ram Ji 8.11.2001)*

## 21. Fulfilment of Shri Charanjit's Desire

Shri Charanjit Singh son of Shri Sant Ram was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He got blessings of Naam from Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He was a mason by profession and he was working for building a house in village Khanke, Jalandhar during the year 1971. It was the day of Sankranti- the first day of a month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar. He told the land owner early in the morning “It is the sacred day of Sankranti today. Please grant me leave today as I must go and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji at Ballan.” The land owner and the other masons and labourers insisted that he must work that day. Charanjit requested them several times to permit him to go with the promise that he would be back at work the next day. But nobody agreed to allow him to avail leave and one of them said, “Charanjit! One should obey the elders and even if elders tell him to jump into a well, then he should jump into the well.” Charanjit Singh was feeling hurt and extremely sad because he had deep love and devotion in his heart for Maharaj Ji.

Masons and labours started their work after going up the scaffolding. Unfortunately the scaffolding collapsed within a few minutes and all of them fell down. Fortunately, no one was injured. Then Charanjit said, “Even if you wish to remove me from work, I shall not work today. I will definitely go to Dera and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.” When he reached at Dera and bowed down respectfully to Maharaj Ji, then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji smiled and said, “Don't jump into the well even if elders advise you to do so.” Maharaj Ji then voluntarily narrated what all had happened at the work site and Maharaj Ji said, “Charanjit! Even if you may have lot of important work pending, you must visit the Dera on every day of Sankranti.”

*(Shri Charanjit Singh son of Shri Sant Ram, Village Kaluwal, January 2001.)*

## 22. Fulfilment of Shri Kabal Singh's Wish

S. Kabal Singh from Phagwara had keen desire to get blessings of Naam. He went to a saint and requested him for granting him sacred Naam. The saint said, “Come here any

other time.” S. Kabal Singh had heard that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is a truly perfect and accomplished saint. He then enquired from some people and reached at Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He bowed and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, “You went to seek blessings of Naam from that particular saint.” Then S. Kabal Singh quickly realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is a truly perfect saint who knows everything about his heart's thoughts. He held the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji in his hands respectfully and requested Sant Sarwan Dass Ji to bless him with sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji said, “You should first recite “Mool Mantra” - for 1.5 lakh times. He did same as advised by Maharaj Ji. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji blessed him with sacred Naam.

*(S. Kabal Singh Ji, Phagwara, 22.4.2004)*

### **23. You only know your Unique Ways**

One day S. Kabal Singh came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. On that night S. Kabal Singh stayed at the ashram or Kutiya. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as usual left the ashram inside the village very early in the morning and reached Kutiya around 3.30 a.m. Maharaj Ji sat down in a chair and went into perfect Samadhi in devout meditation of God. When Kabal Singh got up and paid his respects at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, “Kabal Singh! Just look how all of the 18 supernatural powers and 9 treasures are standing here in full attention and praying, “Kindly tell us whether we can render any service for this durbar.” Maharaj Ji further said, “I have told them several times that I don't need any of their services.” Then Kabal Singh said, “Maharaj Ji! You only know your unique ways. Your unique traditions are beyond my comprehension.”

*(S. Kabal Singh, Phagwara 22.4.2002)*

### **24. Blessing Seth Daulat Ram with Sons**

Seth Daulat Ram Ji was resident of village Nangal Kararh Khan, Jalandhar. He and his wife Bibi Rao were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They had a leather goods shop at Butan Mandi. They also had lots of property in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. Sometimes during 1955, Seth Ji and his wife went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj at Dera Ballan. Bibi Rao then prayed, “Maharaj Ji! We have lot

of land and property but we have two daughters. Please bless us with a son.” Maharaj Ji said, “Bibi Rao! You are not destined to have a son. Daulat Ram will have to solemnize his second marriage and then her second wife will have four sons in due course of time.” Maharaj Ji further said, “There will be lot of mutual love and affection between his both wives. All sons will also love Bibi Rao profusely. However you will lose your land and property.”

Seth Daulat Ram had his second marriage with Bibi Ram Piari in accordance with Maharaj Ji's suggestion. Bibi Ram Piari gave birth to four sons over a period of time and they were named Surinder Kumar, Sughriv Kumar, Paras Ram and Ashwani Kumar respectively.

When I (Surinder Dass Bawa) went to Nangal Kararh Khan for participation in 'Sohila' and 'Antim Ardas' or final prayer ceremony of Bibi Rao after her demise, then Sughriv Kumar told me there “Although Bibi Ram Piari had given birth to me and my brothers, yet all of us were more affectionate with Bibi Rao since our childhood. Even though our properties in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh had to be sold yet we are extremely fortunate to be blessed with everything by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.”

*(Sughriv Kumar son of Shri Daulat Ram, Village Nangal Kararh Khan, Jalandhar)*

### **25. Blessings for Baby Manjit**

Shri Amar Chand Hakim Ji and Bibi Ram Piari, village Raipur Rasulpur, had profound respect and sincere reverence for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their daughter Manjit was about five years old. Her legs were not functioning well and she could not walk. Thus she had to keep sitting most of the time. Her parents, along with their daughter Manjit, came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during 1963. They paid their profound respect at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet and prayed, “Maharaj Ji! Kindly bless this girl as she can't walk. We don't know whether anybody will take care of her when we are no longer alive.” Their prayer had some unique submission for mercy. Benevolent and kind forever, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj asked “What is the name of this girl?” Then Shri Amar Chand Ji said, “Her name is Manjit, but we fondly call her

Siso.” Then Maharaj Ji very kindly said, “Call her Mehar Kaur instead of Siso now onwards. You can rest assured. God's blessings are already with her. She will be able to walk properly over a short period of time.” With the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji, the legs of that girl started to become normal since that fateful day. She was able to walk perfectly well within the next few months.

While narrating this story of kind benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on her today, Bibi Mehar Kaur could not control her tears and she started crying. She said, “Maharaj Ji had been extremely kind to me.” She further said, “My parents told me that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had said that this girl will be highly educated and she will also teach the children in due course of time. I am working as a teacher these days. This is all because of kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. But for Maharaj Ji's blessings I would have lived a miserable life in oblivion.”

*(Bibi Manjit Kaur (Mehar Kaur) daughter of Shri Amar Chand and Bibi Ram Piari Raipur- Rasulpur, 24.1.2002)*

### **26. Miracle by Maharaj Ji**

A husband and wife couple reached Alawalpur approximately 50 years ago during summer season at evening time. They asked local residents about Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's Kutिया. The residents of Alawalpur told them, “It is already getting dark. You should stay here for this night and then go to Maharaj Ji's Kutिया next morning.” But the couple didn't want to stay there despite their request. When they reached near the railway line crossing, they saw a lion ahead of them and they quickly went back to Alawalpur. They stayed for the night at Alawalpur and reached Maharaj Ji's Kutिया in the morning. When they bowed to pay their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji then Maharaj Ji said, “When people of Alawalpur requested you to stay there at night, you should have listened to them and stayed there. Had you stayed there, you would not have been scared of the lion.” After this incident it was absolutely clear that the sighting of the lion was an amazing miracle of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Jeet Ram son of Shri Sant Ram Alawalpur, 19.5.2003)*

## **27. Information about Departure of Baba Jawahar Dass Ji**

Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji often used to visit Shri Sant Ram Ji's home. Sometimes Maharaj Ji would stay at his house and conduct 'Satsang' or spiritual congregation there during the night. Once, Maharaj Ji was conducting a spiritual discourse at the roof top of Shri Sant Ram Ji's house during night time. Suddenly there was a very loud thunder in the sky. Maharaj Ji kept absolutely quiet for some time and looked to be very serious soon after listening to that loud noise. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj said a little later, "Dear devotees! A perfect saint Sant Baba Jawahar Dass Ji from village Susan has just abandoned his perishable human body comprising of five elements to get amalgamated with God."

Shri Mehinga Ram, Shri Bhulla Ram, Bhajan Chand, Shri Hazara Ram, Shri Amar Nath, Shri Dass Ram, Giani Jeet Ram and Shri Jeet Ram, who was about 15 years old at that time, and many other devotees were present there in the congregation.

*(Shri Jeet Ram son of Shri Sant Ram Alawalpur 19.5.03)*

## **28. Knowing about Thoughts of Shri Tarlok Singh's Mind**

S. Tarlok Singh Gill son of Major Lal Singh lived in village Jaffal Jhingarh. In July 1971, he returned from England to India. He wandered here and there from morning with empty stomach along with his brother-in-law Shri Harbans Singh. Finally they thought that they should go and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at Ballan. When they reached the Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting on the "Tharha" or the cemented raised platform. When both of them bowed to pay their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Maharaj Ji said, "Go to the community dining hall and have tea and eat two 'Mahal Poorhas' each. You have been roaming around with empty stomach since early morning." Shri Tarlok Singh and his brother-in-law were extremely surprised to listen to these words of Maharaj Ji. They were also very delighted to quickly understand that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was truly a perfect Brahmngiani and omniscient accomplished saint.

*(S. Tarlok Singh & Major Lal Singh, Village Jaffal Jhingarh, Jalandhar, 16.6. 2003)*

## 29. Addressing Dilemmas of Shri Sohan Lal and Shri Pritam Dass

Both Shri Sohan Lal from village Khichipur and Shri Pritam Dass Patwari from village Chamari were devout followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Both of them had government jobs. This event pertains to the year 1963. Shri Sohan Lal narrated an incident as follows. Both of us were on our way to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya after completing our duties for the day to have a vision of Maharaj Ji. Both of us decided that we will make an offering of two rupees each to Maharaj Ji while paying our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. However when they reached the Kutiya, both of them made an offering of five rupees each to Maharaj Ji and paid their regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji immediately returned three rupees each to both of them and said, "You had decided to make offering of two rupees each while you were on your way. Hence, I am returning three rupees to each one of you."

Both of us then prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We have made a serious mistake. Kindly forgive us." Then Maharaj Ji told Sant Garib Dass Ji, "Garib Dass! Have these six rupees and buy something with this money."

*(Shri Sohan Lal, Secretary, son of Shri Basant Ram, Village Khichipur, Jalandhar 6.6.2003)*

## 30. Prior Knowledge about my Arrival

Shri Ram Kishan Raju Ji son of Shri Bhagat Ram Raju, hailing from village Chakkowal Shekhan, Hoshiarpur had profound regards and reverence for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He currently stays at Baroda. In January 1960, Shri Ram Kishan was on his way to Ballan to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at the Dera. Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji was ready to leave Kutiya around 6.45 p.m. for Dera in village Ballan to take rest at night. Suddenly, Maharaj Ji stopped at the main entry gate of Kutiya. Shri Sant Ram from village Kishangarh and Shri Jagat Ram, chief cook at the ashram hailing from village Ballan, were also with Maharaj Ji at that time. Shri Sant Ram asked, "Maharaj Ji! Why have you stopped at this gate? Who are you waiting for?" Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said, "Ram Kishan, hailing from village Chakkowal Shekhan, is coming to meet me. I am waiting for him."

After about 15 minutes when it was 7 p.m; Shri Ram Kishan Ji reached Kutiya and bowed to pay his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Ram Kishan! It is good that you have come. I was just waiting for you. Park your cycle at cycle stand and then have your dinner quickly. We shall go to the Dera in Ballan together thereafter." Shri Sant Ram told complete details of this incident to Shri Ram Kishan after reaching the Dera. Shri Ram Kishan retired from Oil and Natural Gas Commission (O.N.G.C.).

*(Shri Ram Kishan Raju son of Shri Bhagat Ram Raju, Village Chakkowal Shekhan, Hoshiarpur, Currently at Baroda)*

### **31. Blessing Shri Ram Kishan with a Job**

Shri Ram Kishan son of Shri Bhagat Ram Raju from village Chakkowal Shekhan was blessed with grant of sacred Naam and accepted as a disciple by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj during 1958. He stayed at Maharaj Ji's ashram from end of December 1960 to 'Maghi' the first day of the month of Magh as per Vikram Samvat i.e. January 1961. One day while he was operating the hand pump to draw water for Maharaj Ji to bathe, he prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Someone has assured me to help me secure a permanent job if I am willing to pay the bribe. I am currently working as a typist clerk in the office of Session Judge, Hoshiarpur." Maharaj Ji said, "Don't indulge in such a wrong practice. God will anyway bless you with a permanent job." Maharaj repeated the same words for 7 times. Shri Ram Kishan had already passed matriculation examination. Very soon he appeared for an interview in Oil and Natural Gas Commission (O.N.G.C) and he was selected for permanent job. He jointed duty with O.N.G.C. on 27th July as a Junior Accounts Assistant and he retired from O.N.G.C. during 1998. He completed his B.A. after joining the service with O.N.G.C.

*(Shri Ram Kishan son of Shri Bhagat Ram Raju, Village Chakkowal Shekhan, Hoshiarpur; Currently at Baroda, 18.6.2003)*

### **32. When a Child Learnt to Speak at 7 Years Age**

Shri Sarwan Singh son of Shri Mehru Ram, hailing from village Mithapur, Jalandhar was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day Shri Sarwan Singh and



his wife Bibi Shinno along with their young son Pappu reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan. They requested Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, “Maharaj Ji! Our son Pappu will have his seventh birthday within a few days. However he can not speak till now. Kindly convey your blessings so that he can start to speak normally.” Maharaj Ji said, “You should arrange a spiritual congregation at your home on the occasion of his seventh birthday. I will also come to your home on that day.” They made arrangements for religious congregation accordingly on Pappu's seventh birthday. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj also very kindly visited their house on that occasion. On completion of the Satsang or the spiritual discourse, benevolent Maharaj Ji said, “Bring your child here close to me.” They brought the child as directed and Maharaj Ji very kindly gave him a new name Surjit. Thereafter Maharaj Ji fondly gave him mild slap at his cheek and said, “Surjit! You must talk normally.” Then Maharaj Ji told his parents, “This child will learn to speak slowly from today onwards.” With Maharaj Ji's kind blessings the boy started to speak and he became proficient to speak normally within a short span of time. He manages his own shop these days in village Mithapur.

*(Shri Sarwan Singh son of Shri Mehru Ram Mithapur,  
Jalandhar 18.6.2003)*

### **33. Wild Tigers also Respected Maharaj Ji**

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had very close friendly relation with Sant Ratan Dass Ji from village Jaijon. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often stayed for several days with Sant Ratan Dass Ji at Jaijon in Hoshiarpur district. Sant Ratan Dass narrated this incident to Sant Jagat Ram Ji near village Sherpur in Hoshiarpur district. Sant Ratan Dass said, “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was a perfect Brahmngiani and accomplished saint. He frequently stayed with me at Jaijon for several days. When he used to sit down for meditation in the forest, then wild animals also used to sit close to Maharaj Ji. There was a tiger in that forest and the tiger often was found sitting near Maharaj Ji in the forest.”

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting in a state of perfect Samadhi for meditation in the forest and a tiger

was sitting close to Maharaj Ji. Some devotees of Sant Rattan Dass Ji passed that way through the forest. They were scared to witness that scenario. When they reached the ashram, they told Sant Ratan Singh Ji, “Maharaj Ji! We saw a tiger sitting close to a saint who was in perfect Samadhi in the forest on our way. We were terribly scared to witness that scene.” Then Sant Ratan Dass Ji said, “The tiger will not harm the saint in any way. That saint is himself all powerful like a lion the king of forest. He often visits this forest to emancipate some of the wild animals. Therefore you should not be scared. One should try and secure the blessings of such a great accomplished saint. He is none else but venerated Sant Sarwan Dass Ji from village Ballan.”

*(Bibi Bhajno Ji, Dera Sachkhand Ballan, 19.6.2003)*

### **34. Blessing Shri Diwan Chand Ji with Land**

Shri Kartar Chand, from village Kangniwal, was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His father Shri Diwan Chand built pukka residential house in his village during 1959. He then organized Satsang or a spiritual congregation at his new house as advised by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Maharaj Ji also visited their house on the occasion of the congregation. Maharaj Ji then asked, “Diwan Chand! It is very nice that you have built a nice pukka house. Have you bought some agricultural land also somewhere?” Then Diwan Chand said, “Maharaj Ji! We do not have any agricultural land at present. However with your kind blessings, we shall also buy some land.” Maharaj Ji very kindly said, “Don't worry! You will be the owner of agricultural land as well very soon.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Shri Diwan Chand purchased 12 acres agricultural land in Santokhpura, Jalandhar City. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj then inaugurated a tube-well for irrigation of that land during 1964-65.

*(Shri Kartar Chand son of Shri Diwan Chand, Village Kangniwal, Presently Santokhpura Jalandhar, 19.6.2003)*

### **35. Salvation of Shri Seru Ram**

Shri Seru Ram son of Shri Churha Ram from village Biaspind was a very profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. It was the evening during the month of Harh or June-

July in 1970. Maharaj Ji asked a devotee to prepare 'Karhah Prasad' and then five hymns were recited and the devotees present on the occasion repeated recitation of each verse. Thereafter Maharaj Ji recited the prayer for the salvation of Shri Seru Ram Ji. Shri Pale Ram said immediately after the prayer was over "Maharaj Ji! Seru Ram Ji is alive and absolutely fine." Maharaj Ji said, "I have to escort Seru Ram Nambardar tomorrow early morning on his final journey." Next day, Maharaj Ji reached Seru Ram's house at 5 a.m. Shri Seru Ram suffered from serious breathing problems during the previous night. When Maharaj Ji arrived at Seru Ram's home, then Seru Ram had a good vision of Maharaj Ji and soon breathed his last and left for his heavenly abode. His son Shri Prakash Ram Patwari was also present by his side at that time.

*(Shri Prakash Ram Patwari son of Shri Seru Ram village  
Biaspind, 20.6.2003)*

### **36. Eternal Salvation of Shri Jagat Ram**

Shri Jagat Ram Ji, from village Ballan was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Dera and prepare the Langar or community meals for the devotees. It was around 1966- 67 when his life's journey was close to its end that Maharaj Ji woke him up early in the morning and asked him to have bath and then put on new dress. Shri Jagat Ram Ji followed Maharaj Ji's advice and put on a new dress after having bath. Then Maharaj Ji said, "Jagat Ram! Just sit down in lotus pose and get busy in meditation of God. Your life time is nearing completion." As advised by Maharaj Ji, Shri Jagat Ram Ji sat down calmly for meditation and he abandoned his perishable human body while sitting in same position in Samadhi a little later to be one with God.

### **37. Blessing Shri Hargopal Singh and Bibi Mahinder Kaur with Children**

It was the hot summer season during 1968. Shri Hargopal son of Shri Jai Singh and his wife Bibi Mahinder Kaur, from village Siajpur near Tanda, visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya after hearing about unique grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They currently stay at Hoshiarpur. Maharaj Ji had gone to Mukerian on that day. Maharaj Ji came back to Kutiya in the

evening and sat down on 'Tharha' - the raised cemented platform. Shri Hargopal Singh and Bibi Mahinder Kaur bowed to Maharaj Ji and paid their profound regards. Then Maharaj Ji asked, "Where do you hail from?" Then both husband & wife mentioned their village and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We have no child and we live in simple mud plastered house. We are very poor without any job." Then Maharaj Ji took them aside and said, "Don't worry! You are destined to have five children. However the first child will be lost through abortion at 3 months pregnancy and the second will be dead at the time of delivery. The other three children would be absolutely fine. You will have beautiful residential house and you will also get a job as well in due course of time."

Bibi Mahinder Kaur said while narrating this story, "Every word spoken by Maharaj Ji came absolutely true. We have three children living with us with the blessings of Maharaj Ji - a son Bikram Singh and two daughters named Neetu and Manjit. My husband also got a good job and we have extremely good house. We have no shortage of anything with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji.

*(Bibi Mahinder Kaur wife of Shri Hargopal Singh Lane No. -  
4 Mohalla Roop Nagar, Hoshiarpur 20.6.2003)*

### **38. Protection of Shri Kirpal Singh**

Bibi Mahinder Kaur narrated another story about her husband's younger brother Sarpanch Kirpal Singh who often suffered from seizures. He was also mentally upset. We took him to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji gave him Ayurvedic medicine and said, "It will take quite some time for him to get well."

Somehow, he fell down into a well in the evening around 6 p.m. during the year 1974. When his family members rescued him from the well around 12 midnight, he was holding a tuft of grass firmly in his hands inside the well. The lower half portion of his body was under the water and upper half part was above the water level. He then explained about the incident and told all family members, "Just when I fell down into the well, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji became manifest there immediately and said, "Don't worry! Just catch hold of this tuft of grass

firmly in your hands.” That is how Maharaj Ji very kindly saved his life this way. Thereafter Shri Kirpal Singh recovered from illness as well and attained normal health with Maharaj Ji's blessings. He is the Sarpanch of village at present by Maharaj Ji's grace.

*(Bibi Mahinder Kaur wife of Sarpanch Hargopal Singh,  
Village Siajpur, Tanda, Hoshiarpur)*

### **39. Prediction by Maharaj Ji**

Shri Dalip Singh, an experienced mason from village Abadpura, was very close to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He was associated with Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji from village Noorpur and other masons for the construction works related to Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Varanasi and Maharaj Ji's Dera inside village Ballan. He together with other experienced masons also built the main temple at Dera Sachkhand Ballan dedicated to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. It was May- June 1971 when Shri Dalip Singh along with his brother Arjan Singh and son Karnail Singh visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji took them around the ashram and stopped at a particular place. Maharaj Ji then said, “Dalip Singh! You will have to construct something here after 1 year.” However Shri Dalip Singh could not understand the real significance of that prediction by Maharaj Ji at that time. Later when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji abandoned his perishable human body to be one with God on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1972: the same spot hinted by Maharaj Ji was chosen for final rites and consigning the mortal remains to flames on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1972 in accordance with well known traditions.

Later after sometime, Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji decided to build a suitable memorial at that sacred place to commemorate the pious memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Accordingly it was planned to build the present “Angitha Sahib” on that sacred spot in accordance with the instructions of Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj and Sant Garib Dass Ji. When they asked Shri Dalip Singh to build the 'Angitha Sahib'; then he immediately recalled what Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had told him a year back, “Dalip Singh! You will have to build something at this spot after one year.”

*(Shri Karnail Singh, Mason, son of Shri Dalip Singh, Village  
Abadpura, Jalandhar, 29.6.2003*

#### **40. When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji met Sant Baba Bhagat Gir Ji**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Nangal once to meet Sant Baba Bhagat Ram Gir Ji at his Dera in Nangal. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had visited that Dera many times earlier also. This time Maharaj Ji came alone without any other devotee. Normally saints visited this place during the season for ripening of mangoes. Both of these saints were epitome of Bhakti and unusual powers. Faces of both revered saints had a bright radiance of divine brilliance on account of devout meditation of God. Both venerated personalities had rare calm and peaceful minds.

When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached Baba Bhagat Ram Gir Ji's Dera then both distinguished saints greeted each other very cordially. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then sat down comfortably as requested by Baba Ji. Thereafter I, Vatna Ram Gir, served cold water to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj after checking up about the preference. Later I enquired whether I could serve food for the learned visitor but Maharaj Ji said, "Thanks! But I do not require anything at present." After this, Baba Bhagat Gir Ji advised me to arrange to spread bedding suitably on the wooden cot at the backside of the building for Maharaj Ji to rest for some time. Accordingly I made all the arrangements and prepared the bed with absolutely clean linen for Maharaj Ji with the help of Shri Ram Saran and some other devotees. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj then sat down comfortably on the bed.

After that, I went to Baba Ji and asked, "Guru Ji! Normally, you never offered such comfortable cot and bed to any saint. Then how is that a special cot and bedding have been got readied today?" Baba Ji replied, "My dear child! You are not yet in a position to judge the status of a saint. This perfect saint deserves exceptionally high respect and befitting courtesies. Now just go and check with the venerated saint whether he would like to have some milk or cold 'Shardai' a - sherbet specially prepared by grinding almonds and seeds of cucurbits

etc.” I went to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and made enquiry exactly as advised by Guru Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj said ‘Dear child! You may bring whatever is easily available.’ There were enough cows and buffaloes in the Dera those days and five of those were yielding milk. I boiled some milk and added sugar and served to Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had milk with great delight. Later around mid day, I served Shardai to Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was very happy. Later I enquired whether Maharaj Ji would like to have some mangoes. Maharaj Ji said, “Dear child! If mangoes are available in the ashram then I will have a few sometimes later. However mangoes should not be purchased specially for me.” Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Ji lay down on the bed to rest for a while.

I went away and told Baba Ji what Sant Sarwan Dass Ji had said to arrange some mangoes if available in the Dera but not to buy from the market. Plenty of mangoes were available at that time at low prices in the market but there was no stock in the Dera. While I was just discussing this issue with Baba Ji, I could see a devotee coming towards the Dera with a basket full of mangoes on his head. He placed the basket full of mangoes in front of Baba Ji and sat down after paying his regards to Baba Ji. I served him snacks and tea and then sat down. Baba Ji said “Vatna Ram! Now that we have mangoes, wash these with cold water thoroughly and serve to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji.” I said, “Guru Ji! All right, I shall do that.” We operated the Persian wheel to draw cold water and washed the mangoes properly. When Sant Sarwan Dass Ji sat down after some rest, I asked whether I could serve mangoes and Maharaj Ji replied in affirmative.

I placed the mangoes in cold water in a bucket and kept same before Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji had a glance and asked “I hope that you did not buy these mangoes.” I said, “No! We did not buy. A devotee brought a basket full of mangoes for the Dera just a little while ago.” Maharaj Ji just laughed after listening to me. I then enquired about the reason for that and Maharaj Ji said “Dear child! Just relax. How will you benefit to know the reason?” When I insisted to know, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said, “Baba Bhagat Ram Gir Ji's feats are unique and he commands immense powers. Baba Ji only knows that fully.”

Having said that, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj started to savour some mangoes and I returned to Baba Ji and sat down.

One of the devotees from the congregation then prayed, “Baba Ji! Kindly narrate some motivational educative stories so that we can adopt and transform our lives for the better.” Baba Ji said, “My son! There are many useful motivational stories. I am neither highly educated nor I had the opportunity to study scriptures. However I can tell you something as follows:

- The common married man should earn his livelihood honestly to meet his family needs also donate some part from his earnings as charity.
- Everyone should always speak the truth. One should never resort to slander and back-biting. Do not keep company of undesirable men and women.
- There are five powerful evils in human beings that make anyone to dance like a monkey. These five thieves are the lust for false desire, anger, greed, attachment and false pride. If any person makes judicious use of these on appropriate occasions then his life can become comfortable in this world.

At this point of time Vatna Ram asked, “Guru Ji! What is this pernicious cycle of birth and death?” His revered Guru Ji then explained as follows:

- Birth and death are under the absolute control of God. Normally such cycle is because of one's unfulfilled desires and his noble or evil deeds.
- Whatever desire or longing one harbours in his mind at the time of death, his soul takes rebirth accordingly as a particular species of living beings. That is why learned saints tell people aloud very emphatically to chant Naam and focus on meditation of God when the life's journey is close to the end. But no one listens.

Baba Ji further said, “My dear son! I did not have the opportunity to study Gurbani but I have certainly listened to Gurbani very carefully. Satguru Namdev Ji and Satguru Trilochan Ji explain as follows in their pious Gurbani hymns”:



- Anyone who cherishes riches and wealth at the time of his death is reborn as a serpent.
- Anyone who remembers his wife at the time of his demise will be reborn as a prostitute.
- One who takes interest in his sons just before death will be reborn as a pig.
- If one remembers only his house and buildings at the time of his death, he will have next life as a ghost.
- Satguru Trilochan Ji finally concludes that anyone who focuses his mind at the lotus feet of God through devout meditation at the time of his last moments, he surely attains freedom from the cycle of birth and death. He achieves eternal salvation.
- Thus the real cause of the endless cycle of birth and death is one's wish list and unfulfilled desires.

All of us listened to Baba Ji quietly and very carefully. Then Baba Ji said, “There are extremely rare blessed individuals who remember only God at the time of end of their life's journey.”

Vatna Ram again asked at this point of time, “Guru Ji! What is slander?” Guru Ji then explained as follows:

- When someone exaggerates and distorts facts and tells lies to wrongly malign another person about something that was never said or done by the latter; then the first person is guilty of slandering the other man. Each and every holy book and all scriptures warn us again and again never to indulge in such slander. However the foolish persons do not believe and abide by the teachings of Gurbani and they are habitual slanderers. Slander of anyone is undesirable and wrong. Slander of any saint must be especially avoided.
- My dear child! Human beings should always pursue noble deeds without longing for any rewards for same. God will certainly recognize your noble deeds and give you everything with His blessings.
- Leading the pious life of a true saint is indeed very

difficult. Very rare individual only ventures to tread that arduous path. One has to face immense difficulties on his way to become a true saint. However if anyone achieves his ultimate goal facing all hurdles bravely, he certainly gets rewarded with amrita nectar.

Baba Ji hardly conducted any spiritual discourse. However whenever Baba Ji used to be in positive happy mood to speak on rare occasions; Baba Ji would convey truly unique spiritual messages in very subtle way and simple language. Even then it was extremely difficult to fathom the real depth and meaning of what Baba Ji communicated.

Meanwhile a large number of devotees from the local village and far flung areas had joined the congregation at the Dera. Sun was getting ready to set in the west after saluting the east. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji also then came close to Baba Bhagat Gir Ji in the congregation and sat down comfortably. Thereafter the spiritual discussions and exchange of views continued as follows:

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:** - “Swami Ji! You have performed devout meditation and penance. You keep sitting in perfect state of Samadhi for all the 24 hours.”

**Sant Bhagat Gir Ji:** - “Maharaj Ji! It is all because of regular practice. One can keep focussed on meditation over long periods through practice.

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:** - Baba Ji! One can clean his body and clothes by making use of soap. But what should one do to remove dirt of the mind?”

**Baba Ji:** - “Sant Ji! We can remove the external dirt from our body and clothes with the use of soap. But soap can't cleanse the mind because soap cannot be applied to mind and dirt smearing the mind is microscopic in nature that we can't even see with our eyes. We can wash invisible dirt with the invisible soap. That invisible soap is Naam-Simran or meditation of God which can remove invisible dirt of mind if practised with dedicated devotion.”

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:** - Swami Ji! Kindly tell us whether penance is absolutely necessary for a disciple. Can no one become a saint without penance?”

**Baba Ji:** - “Sant Ji! Just as we need food, water and garments for our body; penance and meditation are also necessary to keep one's mind under control.”

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:** - “One's mind becomes firm and strong through meditation and penance that enables one to control the powerful distractions of mind and vanquish desires and longing for worldly pleasures. That leads the disciple to realization of God and he is able to bear with praise and disrespect equally well. He is then able to exercise complete control over the five evil human vices. He develops the faculty of enduring a vast variety of known and unknown discomforts faced by human body. He is then beyond the influence of three basic qualities of human nature and attains the stable position of eternal tranquillity. He is then absolutely free from the pernicious cycle of birth and death.”

**Vatna Ram:** - “Guru Ji! Please tell us about the unique qualities of saints and how do we identify true saints?”

**Baba Ji:** - “My dear child! Sant Sarwan Dass Ji will answer your question as he is a great scholar and he has studied a large number of scriptures and spiritual granths.”

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:** - “My child! The unique traits of saints are as follows:

1. Devout meditation of God and visualization of same almighty God in every individual.
2. Saints treat extreme hardships and comforts alike and they have no enmity with anyone.
3. Saints are beyond the five evils like speech, touch, beauty, taste and aroma and they preach everyone to be beware of these. They are always very kind to all living beings.
4. Devout meditation of God is the real diet of saints. They are not influenced by Maya just as a lotus flower is not affected by water.
5. Saints preach friends and foes alike for their benefit and have devout love for meditation of God.
6. Saints do not listen to any slander with their ears and they are never proud of their virtues. They have no ego and they treat themselves like ordinary dust of everyone's feet.

True saints have all of these qualities. Saints with these six virtues described above are indeed truly perfect saints and they are really virtuous saints.”

**Vatna Ram:** - “Maharaj Ji! Have you practised any difficult penance? If so how long was the duration?”

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:**—“Dear child! I have not undertaken such hard penance as Swami Ji has done. He worships God all the twenty four hours every moment for all the twelve months of a year. He continues to pursue devout meditation even these days even though he has already realized everything. Baba Ji is endowed with infinite powers and devout meditation and I cannot match him. There is now no differentiation between Baba Ji and God. Both are same as the two have amalgamated into one.”

Satsang or spiritual discourses continued in this way and we listened with complete attention without realizing that the sun had set long time back. Satsang concluded with pious words of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and it was time for Aarti or devotional ceremonial worship. Everyone joined in recitation of hymns for Aarti and thereafter community meals were served to all.

After having the meals, all the devotees again sat down around Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to listen to glory of God. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj initiated the sermon and said, “Dear devotees! Good education for all shall be absolutely necessary and extremely important in future. All people should endeavour to provide best possible education for all of their children. We can secure our rights and justice only if our children are highly educated. We have already suffered immensely for ages because of lack of education. Now everyone must be educated and learned. Those people, who don't provide good education to their children, are the biggest enemies of their children.”

*Maat pita sut shatar hae, puttar parhavahi nahi!!*

*Sobh na pavat sabha mahi, jiou bag hansan mahi!!* i.e.

Those parents who do not provide good education to their children are the real enemies of their own children. An illiterate person does not get any respect in a congregation and he is

easily recognized just as a heron is easily identified in a flock of swans.

*Vidiya bandh prades mae, vidiya dev visekh!!*

*Pooj nirpokar aphi, vidiya binu pasu dekh!!* i.e.

Education is one's best friend in foreign countries. Man is absolutely like an animal without proper education.

*Tab lag vidiya parhiye, jab lag ghat mae praan!!*

*Dhani purakh pahunche nahi, jahan pahunche vidwan!!* i.e.

Everyone should study and learn as long as he is alive. A learned educated person can achieve what a rich person cannot realize.

*Uttam kul kis kamm hae, vidiya gun te hin!!*

*Neech jati vidwan nu, poojan dev praveen!!* i.e.

What is the use of a higher caste of a person who lacks sterling qualities and who is not well educated? People respect an educated scholar like a god even if he hails from a so called lower caste.

Dear devotees! I Vatna Ram Gir followed the path shown by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and studied recitation of Gurbani for 6 years under the guidance of Sant Mela Ram Ji at Odhra. That has benefitted me immensely in my life. I also got wonderful opportunities to receive further education also from several great personalities. It was possible only with the grace of my revered Guru Ji.

Thereafter Shri Vatna Ram asked Baba Ji “Guru Ji! Please explain who is an Udasin and what are the special qualities of an Udasi or Ascetic?”

**Baba Ji:** - My dear son! Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji will answer your question.”

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:-**“Dear child! Udasin is a person who keeps himself aloof from worldly pleasures and has no bias for or against anyone. He does not favour anyone or discriminate against someone based on considerations like community, relationship or friendship while providing truthful evidence or taking a judicial decision in a panchayat or court. Likewise he is not influenced by joy, sorrow, greed, affection or fright under all situations.”

After a while Shri Vatna Ram Ji again asked, “Maharaj Ji! Who is '*Rurh Sanyasi*'?”

**Sant Sarwan Dass Ji:**—“Dear child! Baba Ji will provide suitable answer to your question.”

**Baba Ji:**—“I shall answer your question very briefly. One who exercises complete control over five powerful evils and human weaknesses, five sense organs, five work organs, his own mind and wisdom ; is called a '*Rurh Sanyasi*' commonly known as Braham Giani.”

In this way both of the learned saints discussed several matters pertaining to extremely complicated and high level spiritual issues of inner realm that no one else in the congregation could understand. Such spiritual discussions continued until very late at night when Baba Ji said “It is quite late at night now. All of you may now go to your respective beds and have rest.”

This is how we listened to a very large number of important spiritual issues and then went away to our respective beds to rest. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had breakfast next morning and then left for village Garh after taking leave of Baba Ji. Maharaj Ji later reached his ashram in Ballan via Rajpur and Haryana.

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#### **41. When Maharaj Ji mentioned Complete Details before we reached the Dera**

It was the year 1968 when omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told the devotees sitting nearby Maharaj Ji in the Kutiya, “Three persons are coming to our Dera on two bicycles. One of them is a short statured man with a large gun on his shoulder.” Shri Karnail Singh narrated the details as follows. I was on my way to Dera on one bicycle and my father Shri Dalip Singh was seated on the pillion seat of my bicycle. He has short stature and he was carrying a big gun. My uncle Shri Arjan Singh was also with us on another bicycle. We paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji on reaching the Dera. Maharaj Ji said, “Look here! The short stature person with big gun has just arrived.” Then other devotees sitting in front of Maharaj Ji explained to me that omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj

had already told them about the impending arrival of all three of you.

*(Shri Karnail Singh son of Shri Dalip Singh, Abadpura, Jalandhar, 20.6.2003)*

#### **42. Exchange of Views about Spiritual Ascent**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often used to visit other saints who practised devout meditation of God. Once Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji accompanied by Giani Bishna Ram went to meet Baba Sawan Singh Ji at Dera Beas during the year 1940. Baba Sawan Singh Ji was resting on a cot on the first floor of his residence and some devotees were also present there. When Baba Ji saw Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then he stood up and both revered saints greeted each other with folded hands. Baba Sawan Singh Ji then requested Sant Sarwan Dass Ji to be seated on his cot on his right side as a mark of respect for the distinguished visitor. Then they exchanged views about spiritual issues for nearly one hour. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had immense love and reverence for all revered saints in the community of saints.

#### **43. Blessings for Securing a Job**

Shri Chaman Lal from Chandigarh had devout respect for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When he was to appear for an interview for a job, he prayed to Maharaj Ji one day in advance of his interview, "Maharaj Ji! I have to appear for an interview for a job tomorrow. Please bless me suitably." Then Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji said, "You will be selected by them and you will get this job." He appeared for the interview on the next day with confidence. Chaman Lal was selected in the interview and he got a job after declaration of results. He has now retired from the government job. (Shri Chaman Lal, Chandigarh) a director of 'Press & Information Buearu of India' North Zone.

#### **44. Narrating Story of Previous Life of Shri Khushi Ram**

Shri Khushi Ram son of Shri Ishar Dass and Bimla Devi from village Dhade were profound and affectionate devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They once prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and said, "Maharaj Ji! We do not have any child. Kindly bless us." After a pause for some time Maharaj Ji said, "Khushi Ram! You were killed the fawns of a doe during your previous

life. Therefore you are not destined to have any child. But don't worry! Your sister's children will take extremely good care of you so well that you will not feel the lack of your own children.” Khushi Ram's wife Bibi Bimla Devi said that the children and grand children of Shri Khushi Ram's sister Bibi Jawali and her husband Dhanna Ram from village Heerapur, district Hoshiarpur love us so much that we have not felt the lack of our own children. Maharaj Ji's words thus proved to be absolutely true.

*(Bibi Bimla Devi wife of Late Shri Khushi Ram, Village Dhade, Jalandhar 22.6.2003)*

#### **45. Revival of Shri Kishan Singh Mastana's Daughter - Bibi Gejo**

Shri Kishan Singh Mastana son of Shri Chandu Ram and Bibi Bachni from village Nahlan near Basti Danashmanda, Jalandhar were very ardent devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their daughter Bibi Gejo was married with Shri Mahinder Pal of village Kotli Than Singh, Jalandhar. Bibi Gejo once visited her native village Nahlan to meet her parents during harvest season of wheat in the year 1963-64. She was accompanied by her son named Amrik.

It was around 4 p.m. when Bibi Gejo stopped to breathe. Everyone thought that Bibi Gejo had died. Messages were conveyed to all relatives about her tragic loss. Carpets were spread on the ground as the local residents gathered at the house to convey condolences. After about three hours around 7 p.m. Bibi Gejo miraculously started to breathe again. She got up and sat down as if she had woken up after sleep. Everyone was extremely happy and surprised. People then asked her, “Bibi Gejo! What had happened to you?” Bibi Gejo said, “When I died and my soul left my perishable body, I found Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj standing on my way. Maharaj Ji then said to me, “Bibi! You have to go back. You have yet to see a lot in your life.” Bibi Gejo then asked his father to take her to Dera Sachkhand, Ballan to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

Her father Shri Kishan Singh Mastana and her husband Mahinder Pal said, “Gejo! All of us will go to Dera Sachkhand, Ballan in the morning.” When they reached the Dera, Sant



Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was resting on the 'Tharha' or the cemented raised platform. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Thereafter they explained about the entire incident of the previous day at their residence and miraculous revival of Bibi Gejo. Maharaj Ji then told Shri Mahinder Pal, "Just go inside my room and bring some part of the medicine, kept inside a tin placed there, on a piece of paper." Mahinder Pal went inside and returned quickly without any medicine and he said, "Maharaj Ji! The tin can is locked." Then Maharaj Ji again said, "Go inside and fetch some medicine from the tin can." When Mahinder Pal went inside the room again he was extremely surprised to see the tin can without any lock. He was amazed to witness this unusual feat. He took out the medicine and gave it to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then gave the same medicine to Bibi Gejo to take regularly as advised.

Shri Harbhajan Singh son of Shri Kishan Singh Mastana narrated this true story to explain how Maharaj Ji miraculously saved his sister and gave her a new lease of life with benevolent blessings. He further said "My sister has three sons and one daughter at present and all of them are happily married. My sister Bibi Gejo visits Dera Sachkhand Ballan regularly. However her husband Shri Mahinder Pal left for his heavenly abode a few years back.

*(Shri Harbhajan Singh son of Shri Kishan Singh Mastana, Vill. Nahlan near Basti Danashmanda, Jalandhar, May 2003)*

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#### **46. Blessing Shri Swaran Dass with Sons**

Shri Swaran Dass, son of Shri Marha Ram and Bibi Pritam Kaur lived in village Kaboolpur, Jalandhar. They had only daughters but they had no living son in the family. Unfortunately their three sons had died when each of them attained the age of about eight to ten years. They heard about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and a well wisher suggested that they should meet Maharaj Ji to seek help.

Shri Swaran Dass and Bibi Pritam Kaur went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during 1958 on 2<sup>nd</sup> of Phagun month (February) at Dera Sachkhand Ballan. At that time, Maharaj Ji was resting on the raised platform or Tharha. Sant Hari Dass

Maharaj Ji and Sant Chetan Dass Ji were also sitting there by the side of Maharaj Ji.

When Sant Sarwan Dass Ji saw the husband & wife couple approaching, Maharaj Ji said, “Chetan Dass! That person and his wife, who are walking this way, lost their three sons – all around the ages of eight to ten years. They are in deep sorrow. They didn't get blessings for another son from anywhere.” Swaran Dass and Bibi Pritam Kaur listened to all that Maharaj Ji had just said. They paid their profound respect at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then prayed, “Maharaj Ji! You are Omniscient and aware of our distress very well. Please be very kind and bless us.” Then Maharaj Ji very kindly said, “Don't worry! You will have a son after one year and thereafter you will be blessed with another son in due course of time.”

Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Exactly after one year on 2<sup>nd</sup> of Phagun month (February) 1959; a son was born in their home. He was named Niranjana Dass. After some years, another son was born in their home with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. (Shri Niranjana Dass son of Shri Swaran Dass, Village Kaboolpur, Jalandhar)

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#### **47. A Boon for Shri Channan Singh**

Shri Channan Singh, a contractor from village Khadiala near Bullowal, Hoshiarpur was very close to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji went to Shri Channan Singh's house during 1964 for Satsang or a spiritual congregation. Most of the houses in that village were made of un-baked bricks with mud plaster those days. At the conclusion of congregation, Shri Channan Singh prayed, “Maharaj Ji! All rooms in my house are made of un-baked bricks with mud plaster. Kindly be merciful and bless us.” Maharaj Ji said, “Don't worry! You will have double story pukka house soon.” Maharaj Ji's words came absolutely true. That family now owns pukka double story houses as per blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. (Shri Gurmukh Singh son of Shri Channan Singh, Village Khadiala near Bullowal, Hoshiarpur, 23.6.2003)

#### **48. Blessing Shri Inder Dass and Bibi Giyan with Sons**

Shri Garib Dass, from village Khadiala Hoshiarpur, was a

profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day, Maharaj Ji went to Shri Garib Dass Ji's house in Khadiala to participate in a programme. Shri Garib Dass introduced his relatives Shri Inder Dass and Bibi Giyan, residents of village Fattowal and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! My relatives have only daughters and no son. Please be kind and bless them." Then Maharaj Ji told them, "Everyone should just stand up. Don't worry! You will beget two sons in due course of time." Maharaj Ji's words came true and they had two sons in their home over a period of time.

#### **49. Blessing Shri Kartar Chand with a Son**

Shri Sohan Singh son of Shri Garib Dass, from village Khadiala in Hoshiarpur district, was very devoted to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His brother-in-law Shri Kartar Chand, from village Masiti, had only daughters but no son. One day, Shri Garib Dass took his brother-in-law and his wife to Dera Sachkhand, Ballan. Maharaj Ji was seated on the 'Tharha' or raised platform at that time. All of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Shri Garib Dass prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Kindly bless Kartar Singh as he has only daughters but no son." Maharaj Ji very kindly said, "Don't worry! You will beget a son in the house in due course of time." Maharaj Ji's words came true and a son was born in their house in due course and he was named Niranjan.

*(Shri Sohan Singh son of Shri Garib Dass, Village Khadiala, Hoshiarpur)*

#### **50. Blessing Shri Darshan Singh with Sons**

One day, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Shri Darshan Singh son of Diyal Singh contractor's home in village Khambla. Shri Garib Dass, from village Khadiala requested Maharaj Ji to be kind to Darshan Singh as he had 7 daughters and no son. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji very kindly told Darshan Singh that his family would be blessed with two sons in due course of time. Maharaj Ji's words certainly came true. Two sons were born in their home in due course over a period of time with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Sohan Singh son of Shri Garib Dass, Village Khadiala, Hoshiarpur 23.6.2003)*

### **51. Repentance by a Magician**

Once a magician was showing his magic tricks with playing cards at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya during the year 1967-68. He continued with his magic tricks for nearly one hour. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Shri Sohan Singh were present there along with some other people. Maharaj Ji said, "The magicians often exercise control over the eyes of onlookers." After this observation by Maharaj Ji; the magician couldn't show any further magical trick. He felt extremely sorry and repented sincerely. He prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and begged Maharaj Ji for pardon. Thereafter Maharaj Ji enabled him to perform as in the past.

*(Shri Sohan Singh son of Shri Garib Dass, Village Khadiala, Hoshiarpur 23.6.2003)*

### **52. Blessing S. Aasa Singh Saini with Grandsons**

Once, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to the house of Shri Garib Dass at village Khadiala. In that village, S. Aasa Singh Saini's two sons S. Rajil Singh and S. Jaswant Singh were residents of that village. Both of them had no offspring. They requested Shri Garib Dass Ji to convey their plight and pray to Maharaj Ji for blessings. Then Shri Garib Dass apprised Maharaj Ji about their request and said, "Maharaj Ji! Both of these brothers Rajil Singh and Jaswant Singh have no children. Kindly convey your kind blessings to them. Then Maharaj Ji said to both of them, "Don't worry! Both of you will have one son each in due course of time." Maharaj Ji's words came true as both of the brothers had one son each at their homes after a few years. S. Rajil Singh's son was named Mangal Singh and S. Jaswant Singh's son was given the name of Daya Singh. Both brothers then visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya along with their young sons and Shri Garib Dass and paid their homage at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Garib Dass son of Shri Chandu Ram Khadiala, Hoshiarpur, 26.6.2003)*

### **53. Blessing Shri Garib Dass with Farmland**

Once, Shri Garib Dass son of Shri Chandu Ram from village Khadiala went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at Dera. When he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji

then Maharaj Ji said, "See! A land-lord has just arrived." He replied, "Maharaj Ji! I am not a landlord. I just take land on lease for cultivation." Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! You will have your own land as well." Shri Garib Dass described that he bought 11 acres farm land with the Maharaj Ji's grace a few years later. Garib Dass Ji later said, "I have now bought 5 acres additional land and thus I own 16 acres land with Maharaj Ji's blessings. Maharaj Ji's words thus came true. I became a landlord with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Garib Dass son of Shri Chandu Ram, Village Khadiala, Hoshiarpur 26.6.2003)*

#### **54. Blessing Amrik Singh with Sons**

S. Amrik Singh son of S. Harbans Singh from village Ballan said that he got married in 1972. When both of us husband & wife visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan after our marriage; Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji gave two apples with blessings to my wife and said, "Dear daughter! Take these two apples and you alone should eat both apples." With the grace of Maharaj Ji we have two sons named Dharminder and Jatinder.

*(S. Amrik Singh son of S. Harbans Singh village Ballan, Jalandhar 26.6.2003)*

#### **55. Blessing S. Piara Singh with Land**

S. Piara Singh and Bibi Beant Kaur, from village Lambrha in Hoshiarpur district, were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji visited village Lambrha. Maharaj Ji also visited S. Piara Singh's land. S. Piara Singh said, "Maharaj Ji! We have just these two fields." Maharaj Ji said, "How much land do you want?" Bibi Beant Kaur said, "Maharaj Ji! You are omnipotent." Then Maharaj Ji went to see their land along with Piara Singh and Bibi Beant Kaur. Maharaj Ji stopped at a spot in their land and then perambulated many fields of adjoining land and returned to the original spot. Maharaj Ji then told my parents, "All of the land perambulated by me will soon belong to you." Shri Amrik Singh told that Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth and all that land is now owned by our family.

*(S. Amrik Singh son of S. Piara Singh, Village Lambrha, Hoshiarpur 26.6.2003)*

### **56. The First Bore Well will Function**

S. Piara Singh and Bibi Beant Kaur from village Lambrha Hoshiarpur made arrangements for a new bore to install a tube-well at their farm. Suddenly that bore well was damaged. Then they arranged to drill another bore well at a different place but that was also not successful as there was no water there. S. Piara Singh then prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, “Maharaj Ji! We arranged a bore well at a new place. But we did not get water even there. Kindly bless us and resolve our problem.” Maharaj Ji said, “The bore well at the first spot will function all right and you will get enough water there.” We again arranged to prepare the bore at original place and the tube-well functioned successfully. Now that bore-well has been functional for the last 40 years. A large number of tube wells around our village do not yield adequate water but our tube-well has been working properly ever since the day Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings.

*(S. Amrik Singh son of S. Piara Singh, Village Lambrha, Hoshiarpur)*

### **57. Blessing Shri Ujagar Ram with Land**

Shri Ujagar Ram son of Late Shri Maya Ram originally hailed from village Mufode. He currently stays at Guru Ravidass Pura, Phillore where he has a leather business. It was around 1970 when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited village Nagar to meet Shri 108 Sant Mela Ram Ji. While returning to Dera Sachkhand Ballan; Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited Shri Ujagar Ram's home at Phillore. At that time he had a large house on one Kanal land. He had also leased some land across the road for his leather business. After visiting his house, Maharaj Ji also went to the land used for tanning leather. Then Maharaj Ji asked, “Ujagar Singh! Who owns this land?” He said, “Maharaj Ji! I have taken this land is on lease.” Maharaj Ji said, “This land now belongs to you.” Maharaj Ji's words came true. I bought that land almost within one month with Maharaj Ji's blessings.

*(Shri Ujagar Ram son of Shri Maya Ram, Guru Ravidass Pura, Phillore 26.6.2003)*

### **58. Blessing Shri Bhagat Ram with Land**

Late Shri Bhagat Ram, son of Shri Labhu Ram from

village Dolike in Jalandhar district, was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His family members currently stay at 731, J.P. Nagar, Jalandhar. He used to visit Lahore to work there before the partition of India. He took possession of five acres land near Jalandhar City after India's secured independence during 1947 with creation of Pakistan. But some other people claimed ownership of that land and they filed a case in the court against him.

By 1962, Shri Bhagat Ram and his family members were very poor. Then he explained his plight to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Maharaj Ji said, "Bhagat Ram! You will surely win the court case." Shri Bhagat Ram then contemplated in his mind that he would build a room at Dera if he could win the court case pertaining to land. The legal battle continued from the local court right up to Supreme Court. In 1986, Supreme Court pronounced the judgement in favour of Shri Bhagat Ram. Maharaj Ji's words proved absolutely true. Later they sold that five acre land and bought farmland in Alawalpur. Shri Bhagat Ram Ji built a room at Dera Sachkhand Ballan during 1991.

*(Shri Des Raj son of Late Shri Bhagat Ram, Village Dolike, 26.06.2003)*

### **59. Fulfilment of the Desire of Shri Bhag Mall**

Shri Bhag Mall hailed from village Sherpur Shekhe in Jalandhar district. He rendered extremely dedicated services as 'Bhandari' or main cook at the durbar of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj for many years. He explained that while he was on his way to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Maharaj Ji during 1971; he contemplated in his mind that it would be extremely nice if he could meet Maharaj Ji just near the main gate of Kutiya. When he reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was standing just outside the main gate. Shri Bhag Mall paid his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He was fully convinced that Maharaj Ji was really omniscient who knew about the thoughts of his mind and fulfilled his cherished desire.

*(Shri Bhag Mall 'Bhandari' Dera Sachkhand, Ballan 27. 06. 2003)*

### **60. Blessing Shri Karam Chand with a Son**

Late Shri Karam Chand and Bibi Tej Kaur from village Thakkarwal in Hoshiarpur were very profound devotees of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. They made arrangements for Satsang or a spiritual congregation at their home during 1968. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited their home. Maharaj Ji spent the night in a room on the first floor of the house. Next day Shri Karam Chand and Bibi Tej Kaur prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We have five daughters but no son. Kindly convey your blessings so that we beget a son." Then Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! A son will take birth in your house in due course of time. Remember to practise meditation of God regularly." Maharaj Ji's words came true. A son was born in their house in due course of time. Maharaj Ji gave him the name as Ram Kishan who is working in police force now.

*(Bibi Tej Kaur wife of f Late Shri Karam Chand, Village Thakkarwal, Hoshiarpur, 26. 06. 2003)*

### **61. Blessing Shri Gurmit Singh with Promotion**

Shri Gurmit Singh son of Shri Daulat Ram hails from village Litran, P.O. Saencha, Hoshiarpur. He is currently resident of a colony near electricity sub-station at Tanda. He had profound regards and reverence for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When Maharaj Ji visited his brother-in-law Shri Karam Chand's village Thakkar then Shri Gurmit Singh was also there. Gurmit paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said, "Maharaj Ji! I am a Havildar in army. Kindly be benevolent and kind to me and convey your blessings." Maharaj Ji said, "You will be promoted very soon." Maharaj Ji's words proved absolutely true and I was promoted soon. Finally, I retired from the army as a Captain.

*(Shri Gurmit Singh son of Shri Daulat Ram, Tanda 27. 06. 2003)*

### **62. Protection of Shri Gurmit Singh during War**

Shri Gurmit Singh son of Shri Daulat Ram hails from village Litran, P.O. Saencha, Hoshiarpur. He was the follower of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he worked in military. He was fighting along with his companions in the 1971 Indo-Pak war on the border near Sialkot. There was heavy bombing all



around them in that sector. At that time, he remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Kindly do protect me in this difficult situation." He and all of his colleagues were safe with the grace of Maharaj Ji. He visited the ashram at the end of the war and paid his sincere gratitude and profound regards to Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Gurmit Singh son of Shri Daulat Ram, Tanda; 27. 06. 2003)*

### **63. Fulfilment of S. Hari Singh's Wish**

S. Hari Singh constable son of late Shri Gajju was resident of village Kandola in Jalandhar district. He had resolved in his mind that he would become a disciple of a revered saint who would read the thoughts of his mind and bless him with Naam. It was during the year 1965 when he learnt about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from some devotee. He then started to visit the Kutiya regularly to pay his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Such visits continued for nearly six months. Thereafter one day he contemplated in his mind that if Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is indeed a Brahmngiani and perfect saint then Maharaj Ji must fulfil his desire and bless him with Naam the same day. He reached Kutiya with such thoughts in mind. At that time Maharaj Ji was seated on the 'Tharha' or raised platform. Some devotees were also present sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. Hari Singh paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and there after he sat down behind the other devotees. After a few minutes he was called by Maharaj Ji and then Maharaj Ji took him inside the room and very kindly blessed him with sacred Naam. Shri Hari Singh explained that this is how omniscient Maharaj Ji knew about his mind's resolve and fulfilled his cherished wish.

*(S. Hari Singh son of Late Shri Gajju, Village Kandola, Jalandhar; 26. 02. 2003)*

### **64. Transformation of Shri Aiya Singh Praiya as a Poet**

Shri Aiya Singh Praiya son of Late Shri Bhan Singh lived in village Garhi, near Nangal Farid in Hoshiarpur district. A saint Sant Gir Ji also lived in their house. Sant Gir Ji often visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Aiya Singh Praiya also accompanied him on

many such visits to Ballan. Once, Shri Aiya Singh wrote his first poem and recited that poem in the presence of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked him to recite that poem once again. After listening to his poem for the second time, Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to him and said, "You will be a famous and great poet now onwards." After that he started to write new poems regularly. With Maharaj Ji's grace he became an accomplished and famous poet in due course of time. He narrated this true story on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2003 from the stage on the occasion of anniversary of Brahamlin Sant Narayan Dass Ji at village Jattan Da Kadijala, Hoshiarpur. He also highlighted on that occasion "Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was a truly perfect saint and Brahmigiani. Whomsoever Sant Sarwan Dass Ji blessed with his kind benevolence, that person surely crossed over the Bhavsagar safely. Whatever I have achieved so far has all been because of blessings of Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I have no words to describe grandeur of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Aiya Singh Praiya son of Late Shri Bhan Sing, Village Garhi, Hoshiarpur; 28.06.2003)*

### **65. Advance Information about the Death of Son**

Shri Piare Lal, son of Shri Sant Ram, and Bibi Swarni are residents of village Badhiana, Jalandhar and they are devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. A son was born in Shri Piare Lal and Bibi Swarni's house during 1960-61. Shri Piare Lal visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan with Prasad of laddus on the day of child's birth. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! O my true lord, kindly advise a suitable name for our newly born son." However omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji knew about the bitter reality and Maharaj Ji said, "The baby boy is destined to die on the fourth day around 1 p.m. However all other members of your family will live normal lives." That is exactly what happened and the child died at 1.p.m. on the fourth day. However as per words of Maharaj Ji, Shri Piare Lal and Bibi Swarni have three grown up sons and two daughters at present.

*(Shri Piare Lal son of Late Shri Sant Ram, Village Badhiana, Jalandhar)*

### **66. Blessing S. Bikkar Singh with Children**

S. Bikkar Singh son of S. Bishan Singh and Bibi Prakash Kaur from village Raipur Rasulpur had very profound regards for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji since their childhood. He was married with Bibi Prakash Kaur. She gave birth to a daughter and later on two sons over a period of time. However, unfortunately both of their sons died at young age. Then both husband and wife met Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We had two sons but unfortunately both the boys died soon after birth. Kindly be merciful and bless us." Benevolent Maharaj Ji said, "Now onwards your children will not die like that. Just practise meditation of God regularly." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth. S. Bikkar Singh and his wife have six sons with Maharaj Ji's blessings. Shri Bikkar Singh said, "Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed incarnation of God as Maharaj Ji blessed infinite number of persons likewise.

*(S. Bikkar Singh son of Late S. Bishan Singh, Village Raipur Rasulpur; 30. 06. 2003)*

### **67. Blessing S. Karam Singh and Bibi Mahinder Kaur with Children**

S. Bikkar Singh said that his sister-in-law Smt. Mahinder Kaur and her husband S. Karam Singh lived in village Lakanke in Kapurthala district. They got married many years ago. But they had no offspring. S. Bikkar Singh took both of them along to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! They have no child in their house. Kindly bless them with children." Maharaj Ji said to Karam Singh and Bibi Mahinder Kaur, "Don't worry! You will beget children in due course of time." That's what exactly happened as they were blessed with children and Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true.

*(S. Bikkar Singh son of Late S. Bishan Singh, Village Raipur Rasulpur; 30.06. 2003)*

### **68 When Soldier Joginder Singh returned Home**

S. Bikkar Singh's cousin sister Bibi Charan Kaur and her husband Gurbachan Singh lived in Gondpur near Nijhran, Jalandhar. Their son Joginder Singh worked in military and

used to operate a tank. There was no information about him for nearly one month after the end of 1965 Indo-Pak war. His parents were extremely worried. They thought that their son might have attained martyrdom in the war. They took S. Bikkar Singh along with them and visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Weeping bitterly in front of Maharaj Ji, they mentioned that their son Joginder Singh was untraceable even after one month of end of the war. Omniscient Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! The boy will return home after some days. However you must make arrangements for Satsang at your house when he returns home." Maharaj Ji's words came true and they received confirmation about safety of their son after some days. Joginder Singh returned home safely later. Then Gurbachan Singh visited Maharaj Ji's ashram along with Shri Bikkar Singh and Joginder Singh and they paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter they made arrangements for Satsang at their house in accordance with Maharaj Ji's advice. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji also graced the occasion of Satsang at village Gondpur along with S Bikkar Singh.

*(S. Bikkar Singh son of Late S. Bishan Singh, Village Raipur Rasulpur; 30.06. 2003)*

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### **69. Blessing S. Darshan Singh with Children**

S. Darshan Singh, son of S. Mela Singh, and Bibi Pritam Kaur lived in village Sanghwal. Their four children had died after 7 days or 7 months of birth of each child. One day S. Darshan Singh and his wife along with S. Sohan Singh, who is a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They explained their plight to Maharaj Ji how their four children died after attaining the age of 7 days or months. They prayed for mercy and sought Maharaj Ji's blessings. Then Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! A son will be born in your home and he will be fine." A son was born in Darshan Singh's house with Maharaj Ji's grace in due course of time. S. Darshan Singh conveyed the good news to Maharaj Ji and requested Maharaj Ji to advise suitable name for the child. But Maharaj Ji did not suggest any name for his son. Then S.

Darshan Singh got extremely worried on that account. Then he met S. Sohan Singh and said, "I just can't understand why Maharaj Ji declined to advise suitable name for my son. I am very worried about it. Hope it does not happen as in the past." Then S. Sohan Singh said, "Don't be tense. Maharaj Ji is very kind and competent."

Later on during the night, both S. Sohan Singh and S. Darshan Singh had similar dreams in which they saw a nightmare like 'Yamdoot' or messenger of death standing near a Neem tree in the courtyard of Darshan Singh's house. They also saw Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj with a long walking stick standing in front of him. They heard Maharaj Ji clearly warning the Yamdoot to get lost and that he could not take the boy away under any circumstances. Maharaj Ji also said that a suitable name will be given to the child after he attains 40 days age. Next morning S. Darshan Singh told the whole matter related to his dream to S. Sohan Singh. S. Sohan Singh said that he also had an exactly similar dream.

When the child was 40 days old, Maharaj Ji sent a message to S. Darshan Singh to make arrangements for holding a spiritual congregation at his residence. Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also graced the occasion of Satsang and blessed the child after assigning him a name.

*(S. Sohan Singh, Village Sanghwal, Jalandhar 1. 07. 2003)*

### **70. Blessing Shri Gulwant Singh with Promotion**

Shri Gulwant Singh son of Shri Uttam Ram resident of 351, Shiv Nagar, Jalandhar was very devoted to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He had been visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutiya since 1960. During the first week of June, 1972, he met Maharaj Ji and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! I joined P.W.D. Irrigation Wing as a Junior Draftsman. But I didn't get any promotion so far. Kindly be merciful and convey your blessings."

Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! You should practise meditation of God regularly. You will get promotion very soon." I was promoted as a Draftsman on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1972 with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. He brought papers of his promotion from the Head Office, Amritsar on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1972. So Maharaj Ji blessed me like this. It is worth mentioning here that Shri

Gulwant Singh prepared the map and lay out plan of the temple built in the sacred memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

*(Gulwant Singh son of Shri Uttam Ram, 351, Shiv Nagar Jalandhar; 1. 07. 2003)*

### **71. Respect for Saints**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was very close to Sant Prem Dass Ji of Dera Shri 108 Sant Sital Dass Ji, village Bohan. Shri Mallu Ram from village Biaspind was the disciple of Sant Prem Dass Ji. He did everything in accordance with the directions of Sant Prem Dass Ji. He always sought prior permission to undertake any important task and obeyed Sant Prem Dass Ji's instructions. Sometimes Sant Prem Dass Ji used to tell him, "Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji lives very near to you. Hence you can always seek advice from Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and take further action as advised by Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Swaran Chand son of Late Shri Fumman Ram & Nephew of Late Shri Mallu Ram, Village Biaspind.)*

### **72. Knowledge about Shri Fumman Ram's Wish**

Shri 108 Sant Prem Dass Ji from Dera 108 Sant Sital Dass Ji, Bohan and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had profound mutual respect and close friendship. Late Shri Fumman Ram son of Late Sultani Ram from village Biaspind had profound regards for both the revered saints. Fumman Ram was a disciple of Sant Prem Dass Ji who had blessed him with sacred Naam. Before independence Shri Fumman Ram had a leather factory at Gojra in Lyallpur district of present Pakistan and his business was prospering very well. Both of the revered saints wrote separate letters to Shri Fumman Ram a few months before the partition of India during 1947 and he received both letters at the same time. When he opened and read both the letters, then he was highly surprised because both the letters said same thing and write same thing "There will be very dangerous times ahead after a few months and you should leave your business and come to Jalandhar." The following poem was also written in both the letters:

*Seb sabti da sauda rakh andar,  
Poora bolna poora tolna, dehi jaan tu sach di hatrhi ae!!*

*Sant aakhde ved nu khabar nahi jithe manzil fakir di  
uparhdi ae!!*

*Prem piar di lahir andar, sadh sant sare bhull janvde ne!!*

Or

Always bear in mind to trade with honest and fair means. This human body is like a grocer's shop and one must always tell the right price and weigh full quantity of every item. Saints declare that even the Vedas cannot fathom the distinguished destination achieved by a true and accomplished fakir. Most people invariably forget about and ignore saints when they are steeped in love with worldly affairs.

Thus both of the revered saints forewarned Shri Fumman Ram Ji about forthcoming terrible times. The words of the both great saints proved to be eternal truth as terrible riots broke out with the partition of India and creation of Pakistan.

*(Shri Swaran Chand son of Late Shri Fumman Ram, Village  
Biaspind, 2.07.2003)*

### **73. Blessing Mason Hari Singh and Bibi Gurbachan Kaur with Children**

Mason Hari Singh Ji son of Late Shri Jhanda Ram Jassal and his wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur from village Nizamdinpur were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They built a new house and fixed the date for opening ceremony. Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji visited their house on that occasion. Maharaj Ji gave four walnuts to Bibi Gurbachan Kaur on that occasion and said, "Have these walnuts and eat. You will be blessed with four boys and four girls in due course of time." These words of Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true. The family had four sons and four daughters in their home over a period of time.

*(Bibi Gurbachan Kaur wife of Mason Hari Singh, Village  
Nizamdinpur, Jalandhar 02.07.2003)*

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### **74. Blessing Bibi Gurmit Kaur with Sons**

Shri Nasib Chand son of Late Shri Bariana Ram from village Ramdasspur was very devoted to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He was married with Bibi Gurmit Kaur from village Kala Bahian. Bibi Gurmit Kaur was born in village Nangal

Saprorh near Chaheru. However, she had been staying with her maternal Uncle Gangu and his wife Nandi at Kala Bahia since her childhood. When they got married at village Kala Bahian, then Shri Nasib Chand and Bibi Gurmit Kaur visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan before proceeding to Ramdasspur. When they paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji gave seven almonds to Bibi Gurmit Kaur and said, "Dear daughter! You should eat all of these seven almonds yourself alone." Thereafter they went to Ramdasspur along with other members of the marriage party. Next day when Bibi Gurmit Kaur took out those almonds, she consumed five of those and her sister-in-law, who was married in Kartarpur, took away two almonds and ate those.

After some days Shri Nasib Chand and Bibi Gurmit Kaur visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan again. They explained to Maharaj Ji that out of the seven almonds which were given to Gurmit Kaur, two almonds were eaten by her sister-in-law. Maharaj Ji said, "You will bear seven sons over a period of time. However two of them will not survive but balance 5 will lead normal lives. Your sister-in-law will bear two sons in due course." These words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true. Bibi Gurmit Kaur gave birth to seven sons over a period of time and two out of them died in young age while her other five sons are absolutely fine. Her sister-in-law, Bibi Binsi from Kartarpur also has two sons. Thus Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth.

*(Bibi Gurmit Kaur wife of Shri Nasib Chand, Village Ramdasspur, Jalandhar; 3. 07.2003)*

### **75. Curing Bibi Bakhshish Kaur wife of S. Gurmit Singh**

S. Gurmit Singh son of Late Arjan Singh lived in village Sanghwal Jalandhar. His wife Bibi Bakhshish Kaur was very seriously ill. They got her treated by many doctors. But she did not get better. Wherever someone told them, she was taken for treatment there. At last they told their entire sad story to Shri Sohan Singh who is a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Shri Sohan Singh said, "Gurmit Singh! Let us take her along to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji tomorrow morning.

Shri Sohan Singh Ji, S. Gurmit Singh and Bibi Bakhshish



Kaur went to Dera Sachkhand Ballan next morning. Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' or raised cemented platform at that time. Sohan Singh paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter both husband and wife prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said, "If there is yet another doctor, you can go there too and consult him." Both of them sat down after paying their regards to Maharaj Ji. Gurmit Singh thought that Maharaj Ji is truly a perfect Mahatma and he should not have any kind of argument. Sohan Singh then said, "Maharaj Ji! Bibi Bakhshish Kaur has been ill for the last many years and she did not get any relief from anywhere. We have sought shelter at your lotus feet. Kindly take pity on her and convey your blessings."

Maharaj Ji very kindly said, "Don't worry! Everything will be fine. Make a decoction with these herbs at home and then give it to her to drink." After returning home, Shri Gurmit Singh prepared the decoction as advised by Maharaj Ji and gave that to his wife to drink. Meanwhile he went to his farm to make arrangements of fodder for the cattle. When he came back to his home, he was absolutely amazed to see his wife. His wife was perfectly fine and she was preparing food. Bibi Bakhshish Kaur narrated that she is absolutely fine with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly put an end to her long time suffering and cured her this way in no time.

#### **76. Blessing S. Gurmit Singh with two Sons**

Thereafter, S. Gurmit Singh started visiting the Kutiya every Sunday along with S. Sohan Singh to provide their services in Langar or the community kitchen. Thereafter, Gurmit Singh used to accompany Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to the ashram inside the village and listen to spiritual discourses. Shri Beli Ram and Shri Ujagar Singh, both from village Ballan, sought permission of Maharaj Ji one day to commence the religious discourse. Then Maharaj Ji said, "You should wait till the arrival of Gurmit Singh." When Gurmit Singh reached the ashram after a few minutes, Maharaj Ji permitted to commence the discourse. On the next day early in the morning around 3 a.m. Gurmit Singh was helping Maharaj Ji to take bath when Maharaj Ji said, "Gurmit Singh! You have 4 daughters. Anyway,

don't worry! A son will be born in your house within one year.” The words of Maharaj Ji came true as Gurmit Singh's wife gave birth to a son after 11 months and 11 days. The boy was named Ravinder Singh.

After some years, while Gurmit Singh was again helping Maharaj Ji to have bath early in the morning; Maharaj Ji said, “Gurmit you will have second son soon and have a pair. Gurmit Singh said “Maharaj Ji! That is indeed very kind of you.” After one year one more son was born in their home. He was named Gorman Singh. Thus, Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth. S. Gurmit Singh had two sons over a period of time.

*(S. Gurmit Singh, Village Sanghwal, Jalandhar.)*

### **77. Blessing Shri Ujagar Singh**

Shri Ujagar Singh son of Late Shri Sunder Dass Ji was very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He lived in Nijatam Nagar near Basti Nau, Jalandhar along with his family members. During 1970, he wanted to buy 15 acres land in village Sarnana, near Kotli Than Singh, Jalandhar and he paid an advance of Rs. 70000/-. He already had 22 Kanal land in Nijatam Nagar. He thought that he would generate enough money when he would sell his 22 Kanal land in Nijatam Nagar. Then he will use that money to pay balance cost of 15 acres land. But his land in Nijatam Nagar could not be sold well in time and the deadline for payment of balance cost price of 15 acres land expired. The landlord kept a condition in front of him, “As long as you do not pay the balance full amount, you should keep paying me a penalty @ Rs. 700 per year. Indo-Pak war started during 1971. After the end of the war, Shri Ujagar Singh prayed, “Maharaj Ji! I am a very poor person. I concluded a bargain to buy 15 acres land during 1970 and paid an advance with the fond hope that I would pay the balance amount after selling my 22 Kanal plot of land and get 15 acres land registered. However, I have not been able to sell my 22 Kanal plot of land and pay the balance money to the land owner timely. Because of that default, I have been paying a penalty @ Rs.700/ per year to the landlord. Kindly convey your benevolent blessings and resolve this problem. I will not go away from here without securing your blessings for resolution of this problem.”

Shri Ujagar Singh continued to stay at Maharaj Ji's ashram till Maharaj Ji very kindly said on the third morning, "Ujagar Singh! You can return home now as your problem has been resolved." Ujagar Singh paid his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and returned home with Maharaj Ji's blessings. When he reached home then his sons told him that four plots out of 22 Kanal land had been sold. With this money we would be able to pay the balance cost of 15 acres land and get that registered. Thus the words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true. Ujagar Singh paid the balance money to the owner and got 15 acres land registered. Later on he was able to sell balance area out of his 22 Kanal plot of land and he purchased more land with that money adjoining the 15 acre plot.

*(Shri Ram Saran son of Shri Ujagar Singh Basti Nau,  
Nijatam Nagar, Jalandhar; 5.07.2003)*

### **78. Blessing S. Lal Singh with Sons**

S. Lal Singh, son of S. Lashman Singh, and his wife Bibi Niranjan Kaur were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day they prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, "Maharaj Ji! We have only one daughter. Kindly bless us with a son." Then Maharaj Ji said "You will have a son in your home in due course of time." A son was born in their home with Maharaj Ji's grace in due course of time and he was named Jasvir Singh. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj abandoned his perishable human body on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1972 to be one with God. Sant Hari Dass Ji was the worthy successor as Spiritual Head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

One day Shri Lal Singh visited the Dera and he held lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Ji with utmost devotion and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had very kindly blessed us with our son Jasvir. We request you to kindly be merciful and bless us with one more son." When he repeated same request three times then Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji went into perfect Samadhi for a little while. Thereafter Sant Hari Dass Ji very kindly said, "Dear brother! Your wish will be fulfilled with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj." Maharaj Hari Dass Ji's prophetic words proved to be absolutely true. Another son was born in their home with

Maharaj Ji's grace in due course of time. Shri Lal Singh Ji said, "Maharaj Ji has very kindly fulfilled my every wish and I do not find shortage of anything whatsoever."

*(S. Lal Singh son of S. Lashman Singh, Village Naugajja, Jalandhar 5.07.2003)*

### **79. Addressing Doubts of Foreign Minister S. Swaran Singh**

Late master Gurbanta Singh Ji Minister for Agriculture, Punjab Government hailed from village Dhaliwal. He was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He often visited Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. One day he visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan along with Foreign Minister of India S. Swaran Singh. At that time Maharaj Ji was sitting on "Tharha" or raised platform. S. Swaran Singh and S. Gurbanta Singh along with their companions paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Giani Bishna Ram Ji from village Ballan was also sitting near Maharaj Ji at that time. S. Swaran Singh said, "I have just returned after visits to many foreign countries. Maharaj Ji! You should also visit some foreign countries." Maharaj Ji asked, "Which countries have you visited?"

Then S. Swaran Singh named a few countries he had visited recently. Maharaj Ji at once mentioned to him complete details about customs, behaviour of people and dressing sense of people of each country named by the Minister. After a little pause, Maharaj Ji asked him, "Have you visited a specific historical place in a particular country?" Then the Minister was absolutely silent and bewildered after listening to such a specific question from Maharaj Ji about a foreign country. He asked, "Maharaj Ji! Have you visited all of these countries sometimes?" Maharaj Ji replied, "Minister Ji! These visits are helpful only for people like you. However saints who perform devout meditation of God are able to visualize everything about them just because of their unique spiritual experiences." S. Swaran Singh was very highly impressed with Maharaj Ji's words related to worldly affairs and spiritual domain. Shri Swaran Singh used to visit Maharaj Ji's ashram regularly along with Shri Gurbanta Singh to have a vision of Maharaj Ji.

*(Giani Bishna Ram Ji, Village Ballan, Jalandhar 5.07.2003)*

## **80. Blessing S. Pakhar Singh and Bibi Bakhshish Kaur with Son**

S. Pakhar Singh, son of late Jawala Singh, and his wife Bibi Bakhshish Kaur lived in village Naugajja. They had two daughters and the other two daughters died soon after their births. Both husband and wife had very profound regards and reverence for Maharaj Ji. One day, both of them requested Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, “Maharaj Ji! We have two daughters and two other daughters died soon after their births. Please be kind and bless us with a son.”

Maharaj Ji replied, “Don't worry! Practice meditation of God regularly. You will beget a son in due course of time.” After one year, a son was born in their home with Maharaj Ji's blessings and he was named Sukhdev Singh. Thus the words of Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth.

*(Bibi Bakhshish Kaur wife of S. Pakhar Singh, village Naugajja, Jalandhar 6.07.2003)*

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## **81. Fulfilment of Devotee's Desire**

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' or raised platform. Some followers were also sitting on mats in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, “Mehinga Ram! We will serve tea with laddus to all devotees.” Shri Mehinga Ram replied, “Maharaj Ji! We don't have laddus.” Then Maharaj Ji replied, “Mehinga! Go on bicycle and bring some laddus.” Then Mehinga Ram went on bicycle to Kishangarh to get laddus. When he reached Kishangarh he met Bibi Kishan Kaur who had just arrived at that place by bus from Tanda. She had boxes of laddus which were meant for Maharaj Ji. Shri Mehinga Ram told her the whole incident that Maharaj Ji sent him to bring laddus for the Dera. Then both of them reached Dera by bicycle and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, “Mehinga Ram! You were saying that there are no laddus in the Kutiya.” Then he replied, “Maharaj Ji! You alone know about your unique ways.”

A little while later Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi Ji from village Rasulpur, S. Gurdiyal Singh Ji from Noorpur and Shri Somnath Ji from Ramdasspur reached there with boxes of

laddus for Maharaj Ji. Then tea was served with laddus to all devotees as directed by Maharaj Ji.

*(Bibi Kishan Kaur wife of Shri Bhag Mall, Tanda)*

### **82. Blessings for Shri Garib Dass**

Ayurvedic doctor & physician Shri Pritam Dass was resident of village Alawalpur those days. Later he shifted to village Reru. He used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and he rendered extremely useful services to treat the sick and provide free Ayurvedic medicines to the patients. Shri Pritam Dass' son Garib Dass, who studied in 7th class at that time, made a garland of fruits of 'Dek' or Persian Lilac (*Melia azadirach*) tree. He visited Dera with that garland and garlanded Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then asked him, 'What fruits did you use to make this garland?' Then the little boy Garib Dass replied, "Maharaj Ji! This garland is made of 'Dakanus' or fruits of 'Dek' (*Melia azadirach*)." Then Maharaj Ji blessed him and said, "You will become an engineer one day." The words of Maharaj Ji came true. Shri Garib Dass completed his matriculation examination successfully and then obtained Diploma in Engineering Survey. Later he got a government job as a Surveyor in the Soil and Water Conservation Engineering Department. Shri Garib Dass narrated that he still works in the same department and that he has no dearth of anything with Maharaj Ji's blessings.

*(Shri Garib Dass son of Late Shri Pritam Dass, Village Reru; 8.07.2003)*

### **83. Fulfilment of Wish of Shri Kirpa Ram Ji**

Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi Ji lived in village Rasulpur Brahmana. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji had resolved in his mind that he would become disciple of a revered mahatma who would first appear in his dream. He would accept that sage as his Guru Ji and seek blessings of Naam only from him. One night he saw a mahatma in his dream. But he didn't know him. He didn't know the name of that mahatma or the place of his stay. Later one day, he was going to Jalandhar when he met Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj near the present day canal west of village Ballan. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji greeted to Maharaj Ji and paid

his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji took him along to the Kutiya. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji was overwhelmed with joy when he realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was the same mahatma he had seen in his dream. He was ecstatic with joy as he just met the truly perfect saint who fulfilled his resolve.

Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi started to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya regularly at very short intervals. Maharaj Ji very kindly blessed both of them with grant of sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji often used to visit Shri Kirpa Ram's home early in the morning around 4 a.m. Bibi Bhani Ji, respected mother of Bibi Karmi Ji, stayed at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya for many years and rendered devoted services in the community kitchen under the guidance of Maharaj Ji till she left for her heavenly abode. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi Ji also used to spend lot of their time at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and render useful services in the community kitchen or 'Langar'.

*(Shri Kirpa Ram Ji, Village Rasulpur Brahmana)*

#### **84. When Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Kirpa Ram to have Vision of Ganga Ji**

Once, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji firmed up program to visit Haridwar along with some devotees on the auspicious occasion of Kumbh festival. When Maharaj Ji got ready to leave for Haridwar on the scheduled day, then Shri Kirpa Ram Ji requested with profound devotion "Maharaj Ji! Kindly take me also along with you to Haridwar. I shall also be able to have a bath in holy Ganga Ji." Maharaj Ji said "Kirpa Ram! Ganga is here only in this Kutiya." Simultaneously, Maharaj Ji said, "You should stay here only and render various services till we return from Haridwar." Thereafter Maharaj Ji left for Haridwar along with some devotees. Shri Kirpa Ram felt sad and contemplated in his mind that Maharaj Ji had taken many devotees along to Haridwar and told him, "Ganga is here only in the Kutiya."

There was a hand pump close to Maharaj Ji's 'Tharha' or the cemented platform those days. While Shri Kirpa Ram Ji was resting during the night, he visualized in his dream and saw an extremely beautiful lady with divine aura radiating brilliance

all around near that hand pump. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji politely asked that lady “Who are you? And why are you here at this time?” Then she replied, “I am Ganga. When people of this world have bath in Ganga, they leave behind huge load of sins. Therefore, I visit this sacred place for my own purification by rendering various services to the revered saints of this ashram. Soon thereafter, Shri Kirpa Ram Ji woke up and opened his eyes. He was totally convinced that Ganga Ji was indeed in the Kutiya as very kindly mentioned by Maharaj Ji.

After some days Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj returned from Haridwar to the Kutiya along with other devotees. Then Shri Kirpa Ram Ji prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and paid his profound regards. Then Maharaj Ji said, “Kirpa Ram! Did you see Ganga?” Then the aged Shri Kirpa Ram Ji said, “Yes Maharaj Ji! You are exceptionally great and your grandeur is beyond description.” Then Shri Kirpa Ram resolved in his mind that he would get an electric motor and pump set installed on the hand pump where he had the vision of Ganga Ji.

This humble writer listened to this true story personally from Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi Ji.

### **85. When Maharaj Ji saved Shri Kirpa Ram's Life**

Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi Ji, from village Rasulpur Brahmana, were very dedicated disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day Shri Kirpa Ram Ji was ploughing his field with his oxen in his village. Suddenly a snake bit him on his leg. He stopped ploughing at once and started running to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya quickly. When he reached near the canal bridge near Ballan, he felt so uneasy with intense body heat that he jumped into the canal. Omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji arrived at the canal bridge immediately with his long walking stick. Then Maharaj Ji said, “Oye Kirpa Ram! What are you doing here in the canal? You have troubled me a lot. Now get out from the canal immediately.” Kirpa Ram came out from the canal and paid his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then he told Maharaj Ji about the snake bite and showed the specific point of snake bite on his leg with his hand. Then Maharaj Ji moved his



long walking stick around the wound on his leg. Maharaj Ji said, "Go to the Kutuya now and have tea. There is nothing wrong with you now." Shri Kirpa Ram Ji said, "Yes Maharaj Ji! I shall follow your advice." The intense pain and restlessness disappeared at once with Maharaj Ji's blessings and Shri Kirpa Ram went to the Kutuya. He had tea in the Kutuya and then rendered voluntary service for some time. Later he sought leave of Maharaj Ji and returned to his village absolutely fine and resumed ploughing his field.

*(Shri Jogi Ram Ji, Headmaster, Village Dhepur, Kathar; 09. 07. 2003)*

### **86. Maharaj Ji's Benevolence for Bibi Rakhi**

It was extremely hot summer season. Headmaster Jogi Ram Ji and his father Shri Mehar Dass, from village Dhepur were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Mehar Dass Ji's brother-in-law Shri Thakur Dass was married to Bibi Rakhi and they had two sons and two daughters. It was the year 1960 when Bibi Rakhi suffered from a very troublesome boil on her back. She consulted several doctors and Ayurvedic medical practitioners but she could not be cured. Most of the doctors expressed their inability to cure her. One day, Bibi Gangi grandmother of Shri Mehar Dass, Bibi Rakhi and her husband Shri Thakur Dass and Shri Mehar Dass visited Kutuya to meet with Maharaj Ji. That time young child Jogi Ram was also with them. All of them reached the Kutuya and paid their profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter they sat down quietly in front of Maharaj Ji and no one talked about any issue.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had told Shri Mehar Dass sometimes earlier not to raise any household problem. Omniscient Maharaj Ji then asked, "Mehar Dass! Who is this sick woman?" Shri Mehar Dass Ji said, "Maharaj Ji! She is Bibi Rakhi wife of my brother-in-law from village Bijwarha, district Hoshiarpur. Kindly be merciful to her." Maharaj Ji then asked "How many daughters does this ill woman have?" Shri Mehar Dass said "Maharaj Ji! She has two daughters." Maharaj Ji said, "Arrangements should be made for marriage of her elder daughter." They had not yet found a suitable groom for their

elder girl. Mehar Dass Ji asked “Maharaj Ji! When should we solemnize her marriage?” Maharaj Ji said, “Leave the coming Sunday and fix up her marriage thereafter for next Sunday.” The groom's marriage party should arrive at night and then marriage should be solemnized at 4 a.m. early next morning.

All of them then paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and returned to their respective homes. Shri Thakur Dass and Bibi Rakhi were able to firm up their choice of a suitable groom from Amritsar for their daughter just two days thereafter. They fixed up the date for the marriage ceremony for the second Sunday from that day as advised by Maharaj Ji. Accordingly it was decided that the marriage party should arrive on Saturday evening so as to complete the marriage ceremonies early morning on Sunday. The words of Maharaj Ji proved to be eternal truth. Their elder daughter Darsho was married on the fixed Sunday as scheduled. The marriage party arrived from Amritsar on Saturday evening and the marriage ceremony was performed at 4 a.m. on Sunday with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. Bibi Rakhi started recovering and getting well soon after her daughter's wedding. The troublesome boil on her back got miraculously cured within three months.

Later Bibi Rakhi gave birth to a son in due course of time and he was named Mansa Ram. He currently works as a Patwari or village level land revenue official. Bibi Rakhi Ji was also blessed with another daughter in due course of time and the young girl was named Sita. This is how Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj vanquished all serious troubles of Bibi Rakhi and also blessed her with two more children. Shri Thakur Dass and Bibi Rakhi Ji were real uncle and aunty of Judge Sahib Shri Hukam Chand.

### **87. Addressing Doubts of Shri Sunder Ram**

Headmaster Jogi Ram Ji's grandfather Shri Sunder Ram Ji Sarpanch was very devout disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day Shri Sunder Ram came to the Dera and requested Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, “Maharaj Ji! We wish to perform engagement ceremony of my younger son Bhag Ram. Maharaj Ji told him three times not to proceed with the

proposed engagement. However, Shri Sunder Ram explained, "Maharaj Ji! If we do not solemnize this engagement then my sister from village Dhamian will get annoyed with us as this proposal for engagement has been made by her." Maharaj Ji then said, "All right! You can go ahead with the engagement ceremony of Bhag Ram if you are so keen but I shall not join the event." Shri Sunder Ram then pleaded time and again for Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion. Finally Maharaj Ji said, "Okay! I shall come there but I shall not meet any guests."

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj visited Shri Sunder Ram Ji's residence on the day fixed for the engagement of Bhag Ram and then returned to Kutiya. Bhag Ram's engagement ceremony was later performed the same day. However three days thereafter, they received a message that Bhag Ram's fiancée had suddenly died. Shri Sunder Ram and his grandson Shri Jogi Ram came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji on the next day. As they paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, Maharaj Ji said tersely, "Hey Sarpanch! Have you returned after performing the engagement ceremony?" Then Shri Sunder Ram said, "Maharaj Ji! When you already knew about the sad end of that engagement, you could have told us so before the ceremony." Maharaj Ji then said, "I had told you thrice not to proceed further with the proposed engagement but you continued to insist and went ahead to solemnize the engagement."

### **88. Blessing Shri Simran Dass with Sons**

Shri Dhanna Ram Ji's son Shri Simran Dass Ji and his wife Bibi Prakash Kaur were very devoted followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They had three daughters. They also had two sons but both of them died soon after the birth of each child. It was during the year 1969 that wife of Shri Lashkar Ram, from village Ramdasspur; Bibi Gurmit Kaur visited Maharaj Ji's ashram along with her brother Shri Simran Dass and his wife Bibi Prakash Kaur. She said, "Maharaj Ji! My brother has three daughters and his two sons died soon after birth. They have no male child. Kindly be merciful and bless them." Then Maharaj Ji very kindly asked Shri Simran Dass to come close and Maharaj Ji patted him on his back twice. Maharaj Ji also said, "Don't worry! Two sons will be born in your home in due course of time."

The words of Maharaj Ji proved to be eternal truth. The family was blessed with the birth of a son during 1970 who was assigned the name Jaspal. Later they had another son during 1977 and he was named Rajesh Kumar. Thus Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj blessed them with two lovely sons.

*(Shri Simran Dass son of Shri Dhanna Ram Ji, Village Kangniwal, 09.07.2003)*

### **89. Blessing Shri Gurbachan Singh Virdi with Children**

Shri Gurbachan Singh Virdi, son of Shri Bhagat Ram, and his wife Bibi Ramesh Kaur from village Raipur Rasulpur were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They had three sons and one daughter over a period of time but all of them died as infants. It was the year 1948 when Shri Gurbachan Singh and his wife Bibi Ramesh Kaur visited the Dera and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We had three sons and one daughter over a period of time. However all of them died soon after the birth of each child. Kindly be merciful and bless us." Maharaj Ji said, "Don't Worry! A daughter will be born in your home in due course of time." These kind words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true. After one year a daughter was born in their house with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. She was named Mehar Kaur by Maharaj Ji. They were blessed with another daughter after a few more years and Maharaj Ji named her as Kehar Kaur.

Later after a few years, Shri Gurbachan Singh requested Maharaj Ji, "Maharaj Ji! I have two daughters with your kind blessings and I am extremely happy. Now it is your sweet will whether you wish to be kind and benevolent to us again. If so, kindly bless us with a son." Then Maharaj Ji replied, "Don't worry! A son will be born this time in your house." Maharaj Ji's words came true. A son was born in their home in due course of time and he was named Baldev Singh by Maharaj Ji. Thus, Maharaj Ji blessed Bibi Ramesh Kaur and Gurbachan Singh with three children.

*(Bibi Mehar Kaur wife of Shri Jagjit Singh Village Sattowali and d/o Shri Gurbachan Singh Virdi)*

### **90. Blessing Shri Sohan Singh with Children**

Shri Sohan Lal, son of Shri Brij Lal, and his wife Bibi Bachni village Raipur were very devoted to Sant Sarwan Dass

Maharaj Ji. They had 5 daughters. Shri Sohan Lal used to make arrangements to hold spiritual congregations at his residence every year. Maharaj Ji also often graced such occasions. One day during 1945, Shri Sohan Lal came to meet Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was standing near the main gate at that moment. Shri Sohan Lal paid his profound regards to Maharaj Ji and requested, “Maharaj Ji! I have five daughters. Kindly bless us with a son. Maharaj Ji said, “Do practise meditation of God regularly. You will beget two sons in due course of time.” These words of Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true. They had a son in due course of time and Maharaj Ji named him Om Prakash. After some more years, they were blessed with a second son who was named Saligram. Thus Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Sohan Singh with two sons.

*(Shri Sohan Lal son of Shri Brij Lal, Village Raipur, Jalandhar, 10. 07. 2003)*

### **91. Fulfilment of Babu Mehar Chand's Desire**

Babu Mehar Chand, son of Shri Karna Ram, and his wife Bibi Bhagwanti residents of Preet Nagar were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Babu Mehar Chand rendered voluntary services every Sunday at Maharaj Ji's ashram to take care of shoes of visiting devotees. He had six sons and three daughters. One day he prayed to Maharaj Ji with great humility and said, “Maharaj Ji! Three of our daughters have attained marriageable age. However, we are not able to find suitable grooms for them. Kindly be kind and benevolent so that we find suitable matches for them.” Then Maharaj Ji replied, “Do practise meditation of God regularly. Your three daughters will soon get married with boys having government jobs.” While Maharaj Ji said these kind words, Maharaj Ji also pointed towards three villages, Sura Nussi, Jandusingha and Ramdasspur. These words of blessings spoken by Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true. All the three daughters of Babu Mehar Chand got married in due course of time to three boys hailing from aforesaid villages and all of them were holding government jobs. The names of the three sisters who thus got married with Maharaj Ji's blessings are Shakuntla, Kaushalya and Nirmala.

*(Bibi Kaushalya wife of Shri Joginder Pal, Village  
Ramdasspur, 11.07.2003)*

### **92. Blessing Shri Karam Chand**

Shri Maghi Ram Ji lived in village Biaspind. He was blessed with sacred Naam by Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj. He had two sons named Ajit Ram and Karam Chand. Both of them managed their leather business at Nirot Mahira, Pathankot. Shri Karam Chand lived in Pathankot. Once, Karam Chand was implicated in a false case of murder at the behest of the local residents of hills. The police imprisoned him after securing a judicial remand and filed a case against him in the court to prosecute him. Then his brother Shri Ajit Ram met Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! My brother Karam Chand has been implicated in a false case of murder. Please be merciful and help him." Maharaj Ji very kindly said, "Don't worry! Karam Chand will be acquitted honourably in this case and he will also become the Village Sarpanch in due course of time." Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true. Karam Chand was acquitted by the court in the false murder case against him and he became the Sarpanch of village Nirot Mahira.

*(Shri Roop Lal son of Shri Ajit Ram, village Biaspind,  
11.07.2003)*

### **93. Fulfilment the Desire of Shri Sadhu Ram**

Nambardar Shri Sadhu Ram, son of Shri Inder Dass, and his wife Bibi Amro from village Ladhewali, Jalandhar were devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day during the time of hot summer, Shri Sadhu Ram Ji was rendering voluntary service by operating the hand held fan for some cool breeze for Maharaj Ji. A little later he contemplated in his mind that it would be nice if someone else could replace him and operate the hand held fan. Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew about the inner thoughts of his mind at once and Maharaj Ji said, "Sadhu Ram! Don't bother. You should now stop operating the fan." Then Sadhu Ram felt sadly ashamed and he sat down as advised by Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Sadhu Ram son of Shri Inder Dass, Village Ladhewali,  
Jalandhar, 12.07.2003)*

#### **94. Blessing Shri Tarsem Lal with a Job**

Shri Hari Ram and Bibi Jawali lived in village Ballan before they migrated to Maqsudan, Jalandhar. They had been visiting Maharaj Ji's ashram since the times of Baba Pipal Dass Ji. They often visited Kutiya to meet with Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji even after the departure of Baba Pipal Dass Ji for his heavenly abode. One day, he came to Kutiya riding on the pillion seat of bicycle of his son Shri Tarsem Lal sometimes around the year 1955. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji met them near the canal bridge. They conveyed their profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said, "Go to the Kutiya. I shall also reach there shortly." Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj returned to Kutiya after sometime and sat down on the raised cemented platform. Shri Hari Ram and his son Tarsem Lal also sat down in front of Maharaj Ji along with many other devotees.

Maharaj Ji then glanced at them and said, "Hari Ram! Your son sitting here will become a Police Inspector in due course of time." Shri Hari Ram said, "Maharaj Ji! It is your benevolence and sweet will. You can make him whatever you wish." These words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true. Shri Tarsem Lal joined police force in 1963 and retired as Police Inspector during 1996.

*(Shri Tarsem Lal son of Shri Hari Ram, Village Maqsudan,  
13. 07. 2003)*

#### **95. Satguru Protects his Disciples Personally**

This story pertains to the year 1971 when there was a dangerous war between India and Pakistan. People all over the countries were greatly worried. The soldiers fighting at the war front were not able to maintain contacts with their family members. Therefore the family members and close relatives of soldiers were also greatly worried. Television and mobile phones were rare then and people used to listen to the news related to the war on radio. Shri Ram Lal son of Shri Bhagat Ram hailing from Barnala who was employed with the Indian Army and he was deployed at the war front on border with Pakistan. His family members were not getting any information about him. His family members were greatly worried. As they

were devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, they visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya one day and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We are not getting any information about Ram Lal who is fighting at the war front." Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! No one can hurt him in any way. Now you should relax and return home." Later perfect Brahmngiani and omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj materialized at the war front and revealed his vision to Ram Lal at his post and told him, "Don't worry! Keep fighting bravely for protection of your country. The enemy cannot harm you in any way."

The war ended within a few days thereafter as Pakistan suffered humiliating defeat and cease fire was announced. Shri Ram Lal then visited his house at Barnala on a short leave. He then related this unique personal experience at the war front to his son Kulwinder Singh and other family members. Then all members of the family chanted Dhann Gurdev or glory to venerated Guru Ji. All of them visited Kutiya next morning to convey their sincere gratitude and thanks giving prayers to Maharaj Ji. Thus revered Satguru protects his devotees all the time everywhere and what is required is to have full faith and confidence in one's venerated Guru Ji.

#### **96. Blessing Shri Khushi Ram and Bibi Bachni**

Shri Khushi Ram, son of Shri Meeha Ram, and his wife Bibi Bachni lived in village Sarmastpur. They had utmost devotion and love for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They visited the Kutiya and rendered voluntary services for the ashram every Sunday regularly. It was during 1945 that they begot a son but unfortunately he died soon after birth. Shri Khushi Ram and Bibi Bachni went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We were blessed with a son but unfortunately he died soon after birth." Then Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! Do practise devout meditation of God regularly. You will have four sons and also daughters in due course of time." These kind words of Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true as they were blessed with four sons and also daughters in due course of time with the grace of Maharaj Ji.

*(Bibi Bachni wife of Shri Khushi Ram, Village Sarmastpur,  
Jalandhar 13. 07. 2003)*



### **97. Prediction about Freedom of India**

Poet Mehru Ram and his family members from village Sanghwal were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Baba Pipal Dass Ji often used to visit Sanghwal and adjoining villages to seek food in alms. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also used to accompany Baba Ji on certain days to motivate people to get up early in the morning and practise meditation of God. Poet Mehru Ram often visited Kutiya regularly to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once, Shri Mehru Ram visited Kutiya during 1945. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji took him to the village temple for night stay. Maharaj Ji conducted spiritual discourse in the evening. Shri Mehru Ram also got up early in the morning and had his bath around 4 a.m. Maharaj Ji then asked everyone present there to sit down for meditation. When the sun was about to rise from the horizon, Maharaj Ji gave a mirror to Shri Mehru Ram and said, "Look into this mirror and see whether the full sun is visible or not." When Shri Mehru Ram looked into the mirror he saw that only about half of the sun had risen above the horizon and it was in a slanting position. He told Maharaj Ji exactly what he saw. Then Maharaj Ji said, "Now British rule over India will not last long." Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true as British rule ended during 1947 and India became independent.

*(Shri Ram Kishan son of Poet Mehru Ram, Village Sanghwal, Jalandhar 16.07. 2003)*

### **98. Addressing Doubts of Bibi Harjit Kaur**

Shri Rakha Singh from village Adamwal, district Hoshiarpur was very close to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji also used to visit Adamwal sometimes. It was during 1969 that Bibi Harjit Kaur daughter of Shri Rakha Singh studied in Government Training College Ladowali to secure B.Ed. degree. She never missed her class periods in her college. On the day of Sankranti Bibi Harjit Kaur went to Dera to listen to the name and hymn for the new month before proceeding to college. Maharaj Ji said, "You should go only at the end of the spiritual congregation." Then she said, "Yes Maharaj Ji." She sat down along with other devotees and thought in her mind that

she would get late for the college and that her professor might punish her. When Bibi Harjit Kaur ultimately reached her college then she came to know that there was no class for some reason that day. She then came to the conclusion that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed omniscient. Maharaj Ji already knew that there would be no class for her that day. Otherwise Maharaj Ji always used to tell her, "Dear daughter! Have tea and go to your college quickly so that your studies do not suffer a setback."

*(Bibi Harjit Kaur daughter of Shri Rakha Singh Mahe, Village Adamwal, Hoshiarpur.)*

### **99. Blessing Bhai Ami Singh's son Shri Prakash Singh with a Job**

Shri Jiwan Ram and Bibi Puro from village Pathial, Hoshiarpur were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He often came to meet Maharaj Ji regularly. That is why his son Bhai Ami Singh and his wife Bibi Channan Kaur and other members of their family also had devout respect and reverence for Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often used to visit villages Fattowal and Lambrha during the mango ripening season. Maharaj Ji then also used to visit village Pathial. One day, Bhai Ami Singh's son Shri Prakash Singh visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya along with his mother Bibi Channan Kaur during the year 1971. He was working as a mechanic with Eichher Tractor Company at Faridabad those days. When they sought permission from Maharaj Ji to return home, Maharaj Ji said, "I have to visit village Kandola tomorrow. You should accompany me. I shall drop you at Adampur on my return journey." Next day when Maharaj Ji was on his way to village Kandola along with both of them in a Jeep, Maharaj Ji asked, "Prakash Singh! How is your job?" He replied, "Maharaj Ji! I am working in Eichher Tractor Company on adhoc basis at Faridabad and I have already appeared for an interview to have a permanent job. But I have not yet received any final communication from the employers." Maharaj Ji said, "You will get a permanent job very soon."

When Maharaj Ji returned from Kandola, Shri Prakash Singh got down from the jeep at Adampur. When he reached

Faridabad then his landlord told him that he had got an offer for a permanent job and he handed over the relevant letter to Prakash Singh. Thus the words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji proved to be an eternal truth.

*(Bhai Ami Singh son of Shri Jiwan Ram Village Pathial, Hoshiarpur, 16. 07. 2003)*

### **100. Blessing Shri Suraen Dass Ji's Family**

Shri Punnu Ram and Bibi Banti from village Raipur Rasulpur were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All of the family members were devotees of Maharaj Ji. During 1958, when Jalandhar-Pathankot Road was under renovation, Shri Punnu Ram's son Shri Suraen Dass and his two younger brothers Shri Shardha Ram and Shri Sohan Lal were placing small pieces of broken stones for the road construction. At that time Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji passed that way. Then all of them paid their profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and asked, "Maharaj Ji! When shall we be free of such heavy head loads of stones?" Then Maharaj Ji said, "You can leave this work right now?" They at once told the contractor that they would not work for him anymore. Then they again asked Maharaj Ji, "Kindly advise us what should we do alternately?" Maharaj Ji said, "You should sell Soda water." Then all the three brothers said, "All Right Maharaj Ji! We shall follow your advice." Maharaj Ji further said, "You should also visit Kutiya regularly every Sunday and offer some Soda water bottles to the visiting saints and devotees in the ashram." They followed Maharaj Ji's advice in letter and spirit and acted accordingly.

Later it so happened that with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, Shri Suraen Dass' younger brother Shri Ram Chand Viridi migrated to England during 1961. Thereafter, one more of his brothers Shri Mit Ram also migrated to England after a few years. Shri Suraen Dass' son Shri Kundan Lal said that with Maharaj Ji's grace none of their family members was ever required to work as labourers on daily wage basis thereafter.

*(Shri Kundan Lal son of Shri Suraen Dass, Village Raipur Rasulpur, 19.07.2003)*

### **101. Blessing Shri Harji Mall with Promotion**

Shri Pala Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Gabi Ji from village Biaspind and all of their family members were devout followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. They often came to the Kutिया to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and sometimes they stayed in the ashram for many days.

Shri Pala Ram Ji's son Shri Harji Mall worked in an insurance company. During 1965, Shri Harji Mall said to his wife Bibi Resham Kaur Ji, "I shall leave my job because the salary is very low and there is little chance of promotion in this company. After some days Shri Harji Mall and Bibi Resham Kaur Ji come to the Kutिया to meet Maharaj Ji. Bibi Resham Kaur Ji said, "Maharaj Ji! My husband wants to leave his present job because of low salary and poor chances of promotion." Maharaj Ji said, "Harji Mall! Don't worry and do not leave your job. You will be promoted very soon. Just focus on regular meditation of God." Maharaj Ji's words come to be absolutely true as Shri Harji Mall got promoted just one month later.

*(Bibi Resham Kaur, Village Biaspind, 20.07.2003)*

### **102. Blessing S. Gurbachan Singh and Bibi Surjit Kaur with Sons**

S. Veer Singh Ji lived in village Ballan. All of his family members had profound regards and reverence for Maharaj Ji. His farm land is very close to Maharaj Ji's Kutिया. One day S. Veer Singh Ji's son S. Gurbachan Singh and his wife Bibi Surjit Kaur came to meet Maharaj Ji. They currently stay at Fatehabad in Haryana. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and then prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We have four daughters and have no son. Kindly bless us with a son." Bibi Surjit Kaur was pregnant at that time. Maharaj Ji said, "Don't worry! Practise meditation of God regularly. You will have a baby girl this time. Thereafter, you will beget three sons over a period of time." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. After some months, Bibi Surjit Kaur gave birth to a baby girl. Later they had three sons over a period of time and they were named Tarsem Singh, Gurnam Singh and Ravinder Singh respectively.

*(Bibi Surjit Kaur wife of S. Gurbachan Singh, Village Ballan,  
20.7.2003)*

### **103. Protection of Havildar Karam Singh**

Havildar Karam Singh son of Shri Jawala Singh lived in Abadpura, Jalandhar. He worked with the Indian Army. S. Karam Singh, his wife and his family members had profound love and devotion for Maharaj Ji. During the period of the Second World War (1939-45), when India was under the control of British Government, the British rulers involved Indians in the Second World War contrary to their wishes. They deployed nearly 11000 Indian soldiers in the war against Japan. Shri Karam Singh Ji was also in the army at that time. Americans had dropped two atom bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. That cause immense damage to life and property and the war came to an end. Bibi Amar Kaur Ji came to meet Maharaj Ji and said, "Maharaj Ji! There is no information about my husband." Maharaj Ji said, "Most of the Indian soldiers deployed in war have attained martyrdom. However, S. Karam Singh and his 50 companions are safe at this moment. They will reach the military establishment at Sialkot Cantt and then return to their respective homes.

Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. After one month, S. Karam Singh Ji returned to his home. That time he was sick and he used to suffer from seizures. After some days both husband and wife came to meet Maharaj Ji. S. Karam Singh Ji explained, "Maharaj Ji! Out of the 11000 soldiers deployed to fight the Japanese, only about 50 soldiers have returned alive." He further said, "Maharaj Ji! I reached Singapore from Japan along with my companions and then 50 of us reached Madras and finally Sialkot with your kind blessings. Maharaj Ji gave him suitable Ayurvedic medicines and he got cured after taking those medicines. After that he went to Sialkot along with his wife and resumed his duties with the army. He remained at Sialkot until India attained freedom with the partition of India and creation of Pakistan. After the partition he came to India and settled down at Gadaipur.

### **104. Salvation of S. Karam Singh**

Later after about 10 years, S. Karam Singh became very sick. He prayed to Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion, "Maharaj

Ji! Either cure me completely of this disease or grant me eternal salvation.” Maharaj Ji told both Shri Karam Singh Ji and his wife, “Practice meditation of God regularly. Either Karam Singh will get cured by Sunday or he will attain salvation. On Sunday morning S. Karam Singh Ji breathed his last and left for his heavenly abode.

### **105. Government Jobs for Four Sons**

When Shri Karam Singh left for his heavenly abode, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj visited village Gadaipur a few days later. Then Bibi Amar Kaur Ji prayed, “Maharaj Ji! I have two daughters and four sons. My eldest son Tarsem is just 14 years old and his younger brother Amrik is three years old. My next son Madan is one and half years old and the youngest son is only 22 days old.

Maharaj Ji said, “Amar Kaur! This is all God's will. However, don't worry about anything. Your four sons will become government officers in due course of time.” Today Bibi Amar Kaur Ji told that Maharaj Ji had always encouraged her. After my husband's death, I reared milch animals and sold their milk to earn enough money to impart good education to my sons. With the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, all of my sons became government officers. My eldest son retired as an army officer. However unfortunately he is no more now. My second son Amrik who secured post graduate M.A. is a manager in Bank of Baroda. My third son Madan Lal is working in the department of irrigation and canals. The youngest son Sughriv Kumar also completed his M.A. and he too is a government officer. This has been possible only because of the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

*(Bibi Amar Kaur w/o Shri Karam Singh, Village Gadaipur, Jalandhar, 21.07. 2003)*

### **106. Blessing Shri Karam Singh**

Havildar Shri Karam Singh son of S. Mehinga Singh Badhan is resident of village Pandori Nijhran near Adampur. He was employed with the Indian army. When he had to return to resume his duty after a few holidays at home, he always made it a point to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji before proceeding to resume duty. At one time he was posted in Leh-

Ladakh and he had to resume his duty there after a few holidays at home. As usual he came to meet Maharaj Ji before proceeding on return journey to resume his duties. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and then said, "Maharaj Ji! I have my posting in a remote area of Leh-Ladakh. My leave is over and I have to go now to resume my duty in Leh-Ladakh. Kindly convey me your blessings." Maharaj Ji said, "Do not worry! If you are posted in a remote far flung area, you will get transferred nearer home in near future." After that S. Karam Singh went to resume his duty in Leh-Ladakh. But when he reached his head quarters, he was extremely surprised to learn that he has been transferred to Punjab and his transfer orders have already been issued. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and he came to Punjab on transfer within a few days.

*(Balwinder Singh Badhan son of Shri Karam Singh Badhan,  
Village Pandori Nijhran, Jalandhar)*

### **107. When the Cauldron was full of Rice Pudding Again**

Shri Faggan Ram and all of his family members from village Sarmastpur was very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to render various services in the Langar or community kitchen of Maharaj Ji's ashram. Shri Sada Ram Ji was about 12 years old at that time. Maharaj Ji got Khir or sweet rice pudding cooked that day for the visiting devotees. Everyone sat down in lines on the mats and Khir was served to all devotees at lunch time. Sometimes after that more devotees came to the Kutiya. All the newly arrived devotees paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then sat down. At that time Shri Kirpa Ram from village Rasulpur, Shri Sant Ram from village Kishangarh, Shri Faggan Ram and Sada Ram from village Sarmastpur and the chief cook Shri Jagat Ram were present in the community kitchen. Shri Faggan Ram and Shri Jagat Ram sent Shri Sada Ram to inform Maharaj Ji that all the cooked Khir had been served. He told Maharaj Ji accordingly. Then Maharaj Ji said, "Let us go and I shall see myself."

When Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj reached the community kitchen along with aforesaid devotees, the cauldron was full of Khir. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji then said, "You said that

there was no more Khir but there is plenty of Khir in this vessel. All of the volunteers present there were extremely surprised to see this miraculous development. Maharaj Ji smiled and told them to serve Khir to everyone lavishly.

### **108. Addressing Dilemma of Shri Sada Ram and Bibi Harbans Kaur**

Once, Shri Sada Ram and his wife Bibi Harbans Kaur from village Sarmastpur decided to visit Kutिया and meet Maharaj Ji. Sada Ram asked his wife, "Please place two rupees in the pocket of my shirt as we have to make some offering to revered saints." Then Bibi Harbans Kaur put two rupees in his pocket and she said, "We can pay our regards to Maharaj Ji even with an offering of one rupee." When they reached Kutिया Shri Sada Ram Ji placed two rupees in front of Maharaj Ji as offering and both of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said immediately, "Bibi! Even one rupee is enough as an offering." With these words, Maharaj Ji returned one rupee to Bibi Harbans Kaur. Both of them were extremely amazed because of this unique feat as Maharaj Ji knew exactly what she had told her husband at their house before leaving for Kutिया.

### **109. Saints Tread the Path of Purity**

One day Shri Sada Ram and Bibi Harbans Kaur were on their way to the Kutिया to pay their regards to Maharaj Ji. Bibi Harbans Kaur was carrying a small pot full of milk for the ashram. When they reached near the Kutिया; they met some ladies of village Ballan who were also devotees of Maharaj Ji. Bibi Harbans Kaur kept the milk pot on the ground and she started greeting those ladies of village Ballan embracing each one of them turn by turn. Later they reached the Kutिया and Harbans Kaur placed the pot of milk before Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and paid her regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji at once told her, "Bibi! First take this milk pot and clean its exterior properly with water. One should never place a pot containing milk on the ground at any time on the way."

Maharaj Ji also advised them that when someone goes to meet a revered saint, he must straight go to the ashram of that saint without stopping on route to meet any other person. Bibi



Harbans Kaur and Shri Sada Ram Ji apologized and requested Maharaj Ji to pardon them for their mistake. Both of them were amazed to learn about the vast spiritual powers of Maharaj Ji.

### **110. Blessing with Children**

Whenever Shri Sada Ram came home on leave from the army duty, he used to visit the ashram and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once during the cold winter season, both Shri Sada Ram and his wife were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. Another lady visited the ashram at that time. She paid her regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! I have no children. Kindly be merciful and convey your blessings." Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji looked around for Sant Chetan Dass Ji and said, "Chetan Dass! This woman is seeking something." All of the devotees sitting in front of Maharaj Ji were watching with interest. There were many mango trees in the ashram those days but it was not the season for mango fruits. Surprisingly, one tree had an unseasonal mango fruit. Sant Chetan Dass Ji held his shawl under that tree and the mango fruit fell down into the lap. Sant Chetan Dass Ji then gave that mango fruit to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji and requested, "Maharaj Ji! Kindly place this mango in the lap of this woman with your blessings." Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji placed that mango in the lap of that woman. Many people were also watching this event besides Shri Sada Ram and his wife Bibi Harbans Kaur.

About one year later Shri Sada Ram along with his wife came to meet Maharaj Ji one day. At that time, the same woman, who was given a mango fruit by Maharaj Ji about a year back was also present there. She had come with her young son in her lap to convey her gratitude and pay her profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. This is how Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj blessed that fortunate woman with a son.

*(Shri Sada Ram and his wife Bibi Harbans Kaur, Village Sarmastpur. 22.07.2003)*

### **111. Miraculous Cure for a Woman's Suffering**

It was during the year 1965 that Shri Karam Chand son of Shri Biru Ram from village Duhre came to the ashram one day to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. It was hot summer season. Maharaj Ji was seated on the raised platform and the devotees

were listening to Satsang or a spiritual discourse. At that time a woman reached there with her one year child. She was crying while she paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji hit her four or five times with his shoe and then said, "Just go and sit down under that mango tree." Nearly fifteen minutes thereafter, Maharaj Ji called that woman and said, "Go to the community kitchen and have some tea and then come back here." When she came back after drinking tea, Maharaj Ji said, "Bibi! What is your problem? Just tell me." Bibi Ji said, "Maharaj Ji! I have been very restless and worried for too long a period. I had been under treatment for long but it was all in vain. However since you conveyed me your kind blessings with five hits with the shoe, I am absolutely fine, calm and composed." Shri Karam Chand and all other devotees present there on that occasion were absolutely amazed to witness this unique incident and rare miraculous cure for that woman.

*(Shri Karam Chand son of Shri Biru Ram, Village Duhre, Jalandhar, 22.7.2003).*

### **112. Amru! Get up and Sit Down**

It was Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1976. It was still cold winter season. Before going to sleep, Amar Nath closed the shop and pulled the shutter down from inside. He fell asleep very soon. It was about 11 o'clock that night when Amar Nath heard some noise. What is this, he wondered? Then he realized that some thieves were breaking the locks of the adjoining shops and stealing the goods. Whenever a vehicle passed that way with bright lights, the thieves would hide inside. After the passage of the vehicle, they would begin to steal valuable goods again. They looted merchandise from many nearby shops that night. Amar Nath was sweating profusely even during the winter night as he was terribly scared. Thieves were in large numbers. Amar Nath feared that if the thieves break open his shop then they may even kill him before looting his shop. He thought that the money and the materials inside his shop were worthless compared to his own life. He was not sure whether the thieves would spare his life after looting his shop or not. He was terribly scared and absolutely confused because of such negative thoughts.

To navigate across the storm of these thoughts and fear, Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj then materialized before him in divine form to emancipate him from such fear and apprehensions. There was bright light all around inside his shop. By that time the thieves had completed looting of adjoining shops and they were positioning crow bars beneath the shutter of his shop to lift the shutter and break open the door to enter inside his shop. Meanwhile his revered Satguru was present there with divine brilliance to protect him. The thieves tried very hard but they did not succeed in lifting the shutter. Finally they felt frustrated and extremely tired and they went away. Thus revered satguru Ji protected his disciple and vanquished his fear and apprehensions.

As mentioned earlier this miraculous event occurred on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1976. Many years before that event, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had advised Shri Amar Nath on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1970 to start the new business to sell vegetables. Inspired by these two extremely important events, Shri Amar Nath was completely soaked with devout devotion and profound love for his revered Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and he composed the following poem:

*Shabbi janvari unni-sau sattar sann jano yad inhan nu kita!*

*Jihrahe vachan zabano bole Rabb diyan inhan sharikan!*

*Uh ta mitne nahi uh pathar te likan!! Uh ta mitne nahi uh pathar te likan!!*

*Chauda March unni-sau shiattar jano Aetwar din aa giya!*

*Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Aetwar fir tur ke langh giya, time saun da aa giya!!*

*Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Nau paenti da time ho giya, jor nind ne pa liya!*

*Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Iss jogi di ki nishani, na kann mundran na gal gani!*

*Ih ta Rabb ne roop vata liya!!*

*Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Jadon time giara hoiya ih Ballan vichon aa giya!  
Ikk mastana jogi ih aa ke gall samjha giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Hun Satgur tera aa giya, rakha bhi tera aa giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Jad Amru ne surat sambhali, diva batti la liya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Aase pase jinde tut gaye choran ne ghera pa liya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Dil Amru da dola kha giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi ja ih Ballan vichon aa giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Jogi apna Naam japa giya, Amru nu Satnam japa giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah choran ton shuda giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Aggon hal satguru jane, Amru da dil ghabra giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Uho gall likhi hae ithe jihrhigall likha giya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Us din di ih gall jis din Karme nu nal sula liya!  
Amru uth ke bahi jah jogi ikk jaga giya!*

*Ho jaange sbabb nal mele vishrhiyan sangtan de!  
Ang sang ho ke sahayta uho karde aa, kite gayo nahi  
hazar nazar aa!*

*Unnati March unni-sau shiattar nu Gurmel mere kol  
aaiya si!*

*Uhnu ih Bhajan sunaya si!  
Gurmel ih gall kahinda si mae hor vi vadha karna si!  
Gurmel nu chup karaiya si Gurmel gharan nu aaiya si!  
Magron ih lekh likhaiya si!*

*Gurmel iho gall kahinda aa, jihrha na santan da laenda  
aa!*

*Bute nu ih gall kahi dayin Gurmel ih gall kahinda aa!  
Jihrha vich Kutiya de rahinda aa!  
Ikk buta la giayo aa Kutiya vich jisnu Hawaigir kahi ke  
aavaz marde hunde si!  
Ih gall bhi changi lagdi aa, king jorhi andron vajjdi aa!*

*Jai santa di!*

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Brief explanation about the meaning of this poem is as follows:

It was January 26, 1970 when I remembered my revered Satguru Ji. Whatever words my venerated Guru Ji and close companion of God said that day have proved to be an eternal truth that cannot be erased like a permanent line etched on a stone. Maharaj Ji's words always meant an eternal truth.

It was Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1976 when my revered Satguru yogi awakened me and said, "Amru! Get up and sit down for meditation." I enjoyed walking around here and there throughout the day of Sunday till it was time for me to sleep. I was fast asleep by 9.35 p.m. I was alerted and advised, "Amru! Get up and sit down for meditation."

How does one recognize this yogi? He had neither ear rings nor a rosary around his neck. In fact God had himself materialized in the form of a yogi who told me, "Amru! Get up and sit down for meditation."

It was 11 p.m. when my revered Satguru arrived from village Ballan and that unique carefree yogi counselled me, "Amru! Get up and sit down for meditation." Now your loving Satguru and saviour is here in front of you. Therefore just get up and sit down for meditation.

When Amru regained composure, he immediately lighted the lamp. Meanwhile the thieves had broken open adjoining shops and looted valuable merchandise. Thereafter they had surrounded my shop and they were trying to break open the shutter and I was terribly scared. At that very moment my revered Satguru from Ballan materialized as my saviour.

My venerated Satguru yogi vanquished all of my fear and negative thoughts and enabled me to sit down and practise meditation of God as he directed me and said, "Amru! Get up and sit down for meditation." Satguru Ji also saved me from any harm by the thieves who ran away after making futile efforts to break open my shop.

Only my Satguru knows more about the future as I was absolutely confused and worried. I have written here everything truthfully as prompted by my revered Satguru Ji. This incident happened on the day when Shri Karma also slept along with me and Maharaj Ji said, "Amru! Get up and sit down for meditation."

With the grace of God, I shall be able to meet most of the devotees who are away from me. My revered Satguru has not gone anywhere. He is always by the side of his disciples and helps them to overcome all of their difficulties.

It was on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1976 when Shri Gurmel came to see me and I recited this poem before him. Gurmel suggested that this should have been expanded further. I somehow made him at peace and he returned home.

Later one day Gurmel asked me to add the following:

Gurmel has very profound regards for saints. He earnestly requests to convey to the sacred tree, which stays inside the Kutiya, that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had planted a sapling in Kutiya that has now grown into a majestic tree and Maharaj Ji fondly used to call him Hawaigir.

I like this too very much. Celestial music can be heard from within all the time.

Glory to the revered saints!

### **113. Restoration of Eyesight of Shri Jaimal Singh**

Shri Jaimal Singh Ji was resident of village Raouwali. He was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

He was very particular to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on all important days like Sangrand or first day of any month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar, 'Purnima' or full moon day and 'Amavas' or no moon day and sing Gurbani Kirtan "Aasa Di Vaar" playing Iktara with one hand and 'Khartalan'- modified cymbals in a pair of wooden frames, with the other hand. As he grew old somehow he lost his eyesight. When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Raouwali to look him up at his house, Jaimal Singh said, "Maharaj Ji! I have lost my eyesight. That is why I have not been able to visit Kutiya for the last many days." Most of the village roads and pathways were not metalled those days. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said, "Jaimal Singh! Make arrangements to engage some boy to escort you to Kutiya and pay him some money for this service." He followed Maharaj Ji's advice and made arrangements to seek help of a local boy.

He continued to visit Kutiya with his help and sing Gurbani hymns in Kutiya for some months. Later during his visit to Kutiya one day he prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, "Maharaj Ji! Kindly restore my eyesight or grant me eternal salvation." Sant Sarwan Dass Ji asked a lady, who was sitting nearby, "Bibi! Just place your hands on the eyes of Jaimal Singh." However she was very shy and reluctant. When Maharaj Ji asked her for the third time, she placed her hands on Jaimal Singh's eyes briefly to caress the eyes. Shri Jaimal Singh's eyesight was partly restored immediately thereafter and he could see around. Then Maharaj Ji was magnanimous in giving credit to that lady as Maharaj Ji said, "Jaimal Singh! This lady performs devout meditation of God regularly. That is why your eyesight got restored partly when she caressed your eyes with her hands." However she submitted very humbly, "Maharaj Ji! Everything has happened because of your benevolent blessings. I have been only a medium but everything has been actually done by you." Shri Jaimal Singh's eyesight started improving slowly from that day with the grace of Maharaj Ji and he resumed his regular visits to Kutiya to sing Gurbani very early in the morning and have a vision of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Sohan Singh, Village Sanghwal, 23.07.2003)*

#### **114. Prediction related to Wrestler Swaran Dass**

Shri Bhagat Ram and Bibi Nami from village Raipur-Rasulpur were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji used to visit their house occasionally. Once day Maharaj Ji visited their house. Their son Swaran Dass was about two years old at that time. When Bibi Nami paid her regards and placed her child's forehead at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with reverence, then Maharaj Ji said, "When this child grows up, he will render devout services in our Kutiya." These words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true. Shri Swaran Dass grew up as a good wrestler and he used to stay at Kutiya during the night and he rendered very dedicated services to the ashram that demanded very hard manual work on all holidays.

*(Bibi Channan Kaur wife of Late Shri Swaran Dass Wrestler)*

#### **115. Prediction about 1965 War**

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had great love for community of saints. Maharaj Ji often used to visit revered saints. A Sant Sammelan or congregation of saints was organized at Dera 108 Sant Mela Ram Ji in village Nagar near Phillaur during the year 1965. Very large numbers of saints participated in that congregation and addressed the congregation to convey their views on spiritual issues. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also conveyed a powerful message urging all human beings to practise devout meditation of God regularly and live together happily with affectionate love and affinity. While addressing the congregation, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also said, "There will be a terrible time ahead after a few days." Everyone present in the congregation was clueless about these significant words of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as complete peace prevailed everywhere in the country at that time.

However those words of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj proved to be prophetic and an eternal truth when Pakistan suddenly launched a massive attack on India after a few days that lead to the fierce 1965 war between the two countries.

*(Sant Darshan Dass Ji Maharaj narrated this story to Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji)*



### **116. Blessing Shri Dhanna Singh Ji with Land**

Shri Dhanna Singh and his wife Bibi Bant Kaur lived in village Tanda Ram Sahaye, tehsil Dasuya district Hoshiarpur. They started visiting Ballan to pay their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj from 1949 onwards. It was during the year 1950 that they visited Maharaj Ji's ashram one day and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Twelve acres agricultural land is up for sale in our village. Three of us including Shri Banta Ram, Hira Singh and me want to buy this land. Kindly convey your blessings." Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji said, "Dhanna Singh! Don't worry! All three of you will buy that land jointly. Meanwhile, practise meditation of God regularly" Then Dhanna Singh pleaded, "Maharaj Ji! I am extremely poor. How will I buy that land?" Maharaj Ji very kindly said, "All three of you will get that land after 6 years."

These words of Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true six years later when Shri Dhanna Singh, Banta Ram and Hira Singh jointly purchased that twelve acres land. Shri Dhanna Singh Ji used to render very useful services in the Langar or the community kitchen at the Dera and he used to stay in the ashram for many days. Later they promoted a new separate township on the land they purchased. They also constructed the Shri Guru Ravidass Temple in that locality.

*(Shri Tarsem Lal son of Shri Dhanna Singh, 27.09.2003)*

### **117. Blessing Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and Bibi Dani Devi with Children**

Shri Sadhu Ram son of Shri Sunder Dass lived in village Chhati Chak Dogra, district Lyallpur (Pakistan). After the formation of Pakistan in 1947, the whole family migrated from Pakistan to India and settled down at Ladowali, Jalandhar. Sadhu Ram and his wife Dani Devi had a son who unfortunately died when he was seven years old. Because of this terrible loss, they used to be very sad. Later one day they heard about unique glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from his relative Shri Ishar Dass Ji of village Raipur. Shri Ishar Dass Ji told them that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is a complete Brahmngiani. All noble wishes of anyone who seeks shelter at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji get fulfilled.

Later one day, Sadhu Ram Ji and his wife came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji at his Kutiya or cottage. At that time Maharaj Ji was sitting on the raised cemented platform. Some devotees were also present there in front of Maharaj Ji. Both of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down with other devotees. A little later, Maharaj Ji sent all of them to have tea in the community kitchen. Both the husband and wife returned after having tea and they sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then asked Shri Sadhu Ram, "What is the specific purpose of your visit today?" Sadhu Ram Ji then prayed with folded hands, "Maharaj Ji! We had only one son who died at the age of seven years. Now we have no child. Please be kind and bless us." Maharaj Ji remained silent for some time and then said, "You will have three sons and two daughters in your house over a period of time. Don't worry. Practice meditation of God regularly. This human life is very rare and extremely precious and one does not get born as a human being time and again." Both husband and wife returned home happily after securing blessings of Maharaj Ji. They started visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at short intervals regularly from then onwards. The words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true as the blessed couple had three sons and two daughters over a period of time.

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### **118. Maharaj Ji's Benevolence for Shri Sadhu Ram Ji**

After the formation of Pakistan in 1947, Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and his family migrated from village Chhati Chak Dogra, district Lyallpur, Pakistan to India and they settled down in Ladowali, Jalandhar. They constructed a new house for their stay on a piece of land that belonged to Muslim families who had migrated to Pakistan at the time of partition of the country. However that land actually belonged to Wakf Board and the Wakf Board filed a court case against Shri Sadhu Ram claiming that the land belonged to the Wakf Board. Shri Sadhu Ram Ji used to visit Maharaj Ji's darbar every Sunday regularly. It was during 1952 that Shri Sadhu Ram met Maharaj Ji one day and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We built a house on land vacated by Muslim families who migrated to Pakistan. I have been living

in that house since 1947. However Wakf Board claims the ownership of that land and a court case has been filed by the Board against me.” Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' or raised platform in Kutiya at that time. Maharaj Ji remained quiet for a while and then said, “Sadhu Ram! You have won the case. You will get the confirmation tomorrow.” The words of Maharaj Ji proved to be exactly true as Shri Sadhu Ram received a letter from his lawyer the next day conveying him the good news that he had won the case and that the government had allotted that piece of land to Shri Sadhu Ram.

### **119. Clearing the Dilemma of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji**

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya every Sunday and render voluntary serves in the Langar or community kitchen. It was during the year 1961 that the family suffered from extreme poverty and they had no money in his home. He contemplated in his mind that he would not go to the Dera that day because if the bicycle tyre tube somehow gets punctured on the way; he would have no money to pay for repair. Simultaneously he was also deeply concerned that he would miss the opportunity to have a vision of Maharaj Ji and he would fail to render any services that day if he did not visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. His wife Bibi Dani Devi Ji asked him, “Will you not go to the cottage of Maharaj Ji today to have a vision of Maharaj Ji?” Then Sadhu Ram Ji explained his dilemma and conflicting thoughts tormenting his mind and he said, “I have no money with me today.” His wife said “You must visit the Kutiya today as Maharaj Ji knows everything.” Shri Sadhu Ram Ji then left his house on a bicycle to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When he went two kilometres away from his home, he found a currency note of five rupees lying on the road. He got down from his bicycle and picked up that currency note of five rupees. He then resumed his journey and bought mangoes for two rupees for Maharaj Ji when he reached railway crossing.

Finally Shri Sadhu Ram Ji reached the ashram. Maharaj Ji was sitting in a chair at that time. He placed those mangoes and two rupees on a table in front of Maharaj Ji and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then said, “Sadhu Ram! Keep these two rupees with you. Sometimes one may not

have any money even to get punctured bicycle tube repaired.” He was totally bemused to hear these words from Maharaj Ji as same echoed his inner thought and dilemma. He placed his head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost reverence and said, “Maharaj Ji! You are truly omniscient and everything is very well known to you. People of this world like me are always forgetful and they commit serious mistakes but you are very benevolent all the time to forgive them.”

### **120. Maharaj Ji's Vision and Emancipation of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji at his Final Moments**

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji fell ill as he approached final days of his life. He was admitted to a hospital in Jalandhar City on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1988. He called his son Shri Resham Lal to the hospital in the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> March 1988 and told him, “I shall leave this world forever at 1.p.m. tomorrow.” Many people including Shri Resham Lal, Shri Dharam Pal foreman from village Jamsher, Shri Kewal Krishan engineer from Gandhi Camp Jalandhar, Shri Mangat Ram, Shri Ajay Kumar and Bibi Gurmito from village Khurla Kingra were present there by the side of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji on 30<sup>th</sup> March. When it was exactly 1.p.m. Shri Sadhu Ram told all of them, “I am leaving now. Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and Sant Hari Dass Ji have already arrived here to escort me.” Shri Sadhu Ram Ji then abandoned his perishable human body comprising of five elements within a few moments thereafter and left for his heavenly abode.

*(Shri Resham Lal son of Shri Sadhu Ram, Ladowali,  
Jalandhar,*

### **121. When Maharaj Ji blessed S. Lashman Singh and Bibi Karam Kaur**

S. Lashman Singh and Bibi Karam Kaur were residents of village Gakhalan Jalandhar. After few years of their marriage Shri Lashman Singh migrated to England. When he became entitled for his permanent stay in England, he filed requisite documents seeking government approval for Bibi Karam Kaur and children to join him in England. However there was abnormal delay in getting visas for travel of his wife and children to England. For this reason, Lashman Singh in

England and Bibi Karam Kaur in India were terribly upset. Later one day Bibi Karam Kaur heard about the unique glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as some well wishers told her that Maharaj Ji is such an accomplished divine saint that noble wishes of everyone who seeks shelter at his door surely get fulfilled. Thereafter, Bibi Karam Kaur reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya one day to have a vision of Maharaj Ji. That time Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting on the cemented platform. When Bibi Karam Kaur saw Maharaj Ji, she was ecstatic with joy. She immediately concluded in her mind that she had just found a truly perfect guru and that all of her problems will get solved. Bibi Karam Kaur paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji asked her to go to the Langar or community kitchen and have tea first.

Bibi Karam Kaur had tea and came back to Maharaj Ji. Then she prayed, "Maharaj Ji! My husband went to England many years back and he is entitled to stay there on permanent basis. He submitted application with requisite documents to seek visas for me and my children to migrate to England. However we have not been granted visas so far despite his best efforts. Kindly be merciful and help us with your blessings." Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji then said, "Bibi! Do not worry. You will go to England within the next few months and you will not have dearth of anything there. Let me have the postal address of your husband next time. I shall personally write a letter to him.

Bibi Karam Kaur met Maharaj Ji again after some days and gave postal address of her husband. The Maharaj Ji personally wrote a letter to S. Lashman Singh and ordered him to pursue the matter vigorously to secure visa and travel documents for Bibi Karam Kaur to travel to England. Maharaj Ji also mentioned in that letter all arrangements will be in place very soon for Bibi Karam Kaur to join you in England with the grace of God. These words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true as all arrangements were in place for Bibi Karam Kaur to travel to England within a few months. Bibi Karam Kaur sought Maharaj Ji's blessings before leaving for England and reached England safely to join her husband. Whenever Bibi Karam Kaur came from England to visit India

she used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya for most of the days. This is how Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed S. Lashman Singh and Bibi Karam Kaur and resolved their problems.

Later Bibi Karam Kaur Ji wrote the following poem eulogizing grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

*Teri hasti ton javan balihari, nahir kandhe rahin walia!  
Dhann mata pita jin aesa putt jaya! Janam bande da  
poora mull paya!*

*Shadd gaiye duniya te roshni jahri!!1!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Ih hasti nahi mili narmayi naal! Ih hasti mili sach di  
kamayi naal!*

*Pahlian vishiyen de sir latt mari!!2!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Iss hasti laiye man nag nathiya! Aer gaer kolon ih janda  
nahi nathiya!*

*Tahiyon nam rakahaya balkari!!3!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Iss hasti ne mitti janiya sarir nu! Hath chon nahi shadiya  
kaman ate tir nu!!*

*Tahiyon nam rakahayia brahmchari!!4!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Ih hasti vike vich na bazaran de! Ronde gaiye ethe kayi  
malik hazaran de!*

*Ih ta mang di hae prem pujari!!5!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Iss hasti nu uho farh sakda! Andro andar jihra varh  
sakda!*

*Uhdi bhardi hae phulan nal khari!!6!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Iss hasti de phul uhi torhda! Duniya de vishiyen ton man  
jihra morhda!*

*Jihnu charh jave Naam di khumari!!7!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Iss hasti da mahik jihnu charhda! Khul janda uhde andar  
da parhda!*

*Uhnu bhul jandi duniya sari!!8!!*

*Nahir kandhe rahin waliala, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Vadda data Satgur dani vi kaha liya!  
Dukhiyan dalgiran nu taen gale nal la liya!  
Maethon hove na sifat teri sari!!9!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin waliala, teri hasti ton javan balihari!  
Umar data ji meri dino din langhdi!  
Kharhi han duare tere Naam daan mangdi!  
Maenu mil jaye Naam di khumari!!10!!  
Nahir kandhe rahin waliala, teri hasti ton javan balihari!*

O my revered Guru Ji with hermitage along the canal bank; I am indeed intensely dedicated to you and greatly impressed with your wonderful powers. Those fortunate parents are indeed blessed who begot such an illustrious son and he devoted his entire life to profound meditation of God to realize full value of this scarce human life. He has brightened the entire world with his divine brilliance.

I am truly proud of the awesome divine powers of my revered Guru Ji who has his abode by the canal bank. No one gets such exalted stature and unique powers easily. My revered Guru Ji earned these remarkable noble qualities through truthful dedicated and devout meditation of God shunning all worldly pleasures and human weaknesses from the very beginning.

I sacrifice everything with devotion to my omnipotent revered Guru Ji who stays in a Kutiya along the canal bank. My revered Guru Ji exercised complete control over his mind to be known as all powerful. This arduous task cannot be accomplished by ordinary people.

My truly perfect Guru commands infinite awe-inspiring powers leading a simple life staying along the canal bank. He did not attach any importance to this physical human body that is perishable. Like a great warrior adorned with bow and arrows; he vanquished all evils and lived gracefully with complete celibacy and abstention far removed from worldly pleasures.

I am truly proud of the awesome divine powers of my revered Guru Ji who has his abode by the canal bank. This status cannot be acquired through any amount of money from the

market place. Infinite numbers of rich and mighty persons have left this world weeping and wailing. It demands truly dedicated devotion and complete surrender to God.

My truly perfect Guru commands infinite awe-inspiring powers leading a simple life staying along the canal bank. Only someone who can even read the inner thoughts of his devotee's mind can achieve such dignified stature and he is honoured with beautiful flowers by one and all.

I sacrifice everything with devotion to my omnipotent revered Guru Ji who stays in a Kutiya along the canal bank. Only the one who shuns pursuit of worldly pleasures completely and remains engrossed in devout meditation of God all the time can command such a unique stature.

O my revered Guru Ji with hermitage along the canal bank; I am indeed intensely dedicated to you and greatly impressed with your wonderful powers. Rare genius who attains self enlightenment through devout meditation of God discarding every other worldly attraction can enjoy the pleasant aroma of such grandeur.

My truly perfect Guru commands infinite awe-inspiring powers leading a simple life staying along the canal bank. O my revered Satguru Ji! You are also extremely well known as a truly great philanthropist who has embraced and emancipated innumerable numbers of deprived, oppressed and impoverished people. I have no proper words to describe your grandeur fully.

I am truly proud of the awesome divine powers of my revered Guru Ji who has his abode by the canal bank. O revered Guru Ji! I am wasting my precious life day by day and getting old. I am standing at your door with hope and confidence begging to be blessed with grant of sacred Naam. Kindly be benevolent and bless me with self enlightenment and ecstasy of Naam.

I sacrifice everything with devotion to my omnipotent revered Guru Ji who stays in a Kutiya along the canal bank.

### **122. Protecting S. Darshan Singh during 1971 War**

Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj used to visit and stay at village Lambrha near Bullowal for many days in summer



during the mango ripening season. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also often accompanied his illustrious father. S. Mehinga Singh and Bibi Dhanti, residents of this village, were profound devotees of Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji continued to visit Lambrha village even after Baba Ji abandoned his perishable human body during 1928. Shri Mehinga Singh's son Darshan Singh was serving in the Indian army. It was during the month of November, 1971 that Darshan Singh visited Kutiya to meet Maharaj Ji and requested, "Maharaj Ji! We wish to seek your kind blessings to organize Satsang or spiritual congregation at our house in accordance with your kind advice. Kindly convey your blessings." Maharaj Ji said, "Darshan Singh! You will have to move to very troublesome location. Therefore we must organize Satsang at an early date. Just organize Satsang at your house tomorrow morning. I shall arrange to send all the grocery items and ration from here." Darshan Singh requested, "Maharaj Ji Kindly give us just one more day to organize" Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind concurrence. Accordingly Satsang was organized on the third day at Shri Darshan Singh's house as desired by Maharaj Ji. On the day of Satsang, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached his village very early in the morning and conducted Satsang or the spiritual discourse.

A few days later, the 1971 war broke out between India and Pakistan. Shri Darshan Singh was ordered to resume duty at once through a telegram and then he was deployed to fight the war in Shambh-Jaurhian sector of India - Pakistan border. It was during the night of 11-12 December, 1971 that Shri Darshan Singh and along with six of his colleagues fell asleep in their bunker as they had not slept during the last few days and they were exhausted. Suddenly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized in their bunker and woke up Shri Darshan Singh and other soldiers with his own hands. Maharaj Ji then cautioned them, "Do not sleep, get up and be vigilant." All of them were amazed to have this unique experience. Maharaj Ji encouraged them to fight bravely and dematerialised in no time. (S. Darshan Singh son of Shri Mehinga Singh Ji, Village Lambrha, Hoshiarpur)

### **123. When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji met Sant Gurdit Ram Ji**

Shri Piara Singh and Bibi Beant Kaur together with all of their family members organized Satsang at their village Lambrha near Bullowal in accordance with the instructions of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Sant Varkha Dass Ji, Sant Ram Lal Ji, Sant Udham Dass Ji from Lambrha, Sant Kartar Singh Ji Vaid and Shri Piara Singh's son Shri Gurdev Singh were assigned the responsibility to recite Gurbani to complete the 'Akhand Path' or uninterrupted non-stop recital of Shri Guru Granth Sahib. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached village Khadiala by Bus and Gurdev Singh escorted Maharaj Ji from there to his house one day before the day fixed for Bhog or closing ceremony. Devotees gathered in very large numbers when Maharaj Ji reached Lambrha. Maharaj Ji conducted Satsang or spiritual discourse in the evening. Maharaj Ji called Shri Piara Singh after dinner that night and said, "I shall leave for village Saenpur very early in the morning tomorrow to meet Sant Gurdit Ram Ji." Maharaj Ji told Shri Piara Singh to keep some kernels of almonds in his Kamandulu. Maharaj Ji told Bibi Beant Kaur early next morning around 4 a.m. to pack fresh butter in a box. Maharaj Ji also asked her to fill a thermos with hot milk and kernels of almonds. Maharaj Ji also asked to take some glasses and plates along. Maharaj Ji then left Lambrha for Saenpur along with Shri Piara Singh and some other devotees who carried all of the aforesaid items with them. All of them walked behind Maharaj Ji and headed for the Kutiya of Sant Gurdit Ram Ji at Saenpur.

Meanwhile, Sant Gurdit Ram Ji left Saenpur for Lambrha to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Both revered saints thus met at the common border of revenue lands of villages Saenpur and Lambrha. Both saints greeted each other with great reverence. Sant Gurdit Ram Ji said, "Maharaj Ji! I was on my way to escort you to my Kutiya." Both the learned distinguished saints along with all devotees then reached the cottage of Sant Gurdit Ram Ji. On reaching the cottage, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji offered milk with almonds and butter to Sant Gurdit Ram Ji with the request to savour same. However Sant Gurdit Ram Ji politely requested Sant Sarwan Dass Ji to savour

those delicacies first. Thereafter those items were served to both revered saints and the devotees present on that occasion. Then both revered saints spent lot of time gainfully exchanging views on important spiritual issues and meditation that benefitted the devotees also immensely. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj also narrated a past incident during this Satsang. Maharaj Ji said, "Once I requested Sant Gurdit Ram Ji to visit Haridwar on the auspicious occasion of Kumbh as I was also scheduled to be there during Kumbh. Sant Gurdit Ram Ji then asked me about the exact day on which he should reach Haridwar as both of us had to travel separately to meet there. However, Sant Gurdit Ram Ji travelled walking on foot and reached Haridwar before I could reach there." All of the devotees present on the occasion benefitted immensely after listening to the scholarly spiritual discussions by both the revered saints. Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Ji took leave of Sant Gurdit Ram Ji and returned to Lambrah well before the Bhog ceremony. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj witnessed the Bhog ceremony on completion of the 'Akhand Path'. Thereafter Maharaj Ji enlightened the congregation of devotees with a spiritual discourse. Finally Maharaj Ji conveyed his benevolent blessings to all members of Shri Piara Singh's family and vast number of devotees assembled on the occasion. Thereafter Maharaj Ji left for his Kutiya or hermitage at Ballan.

*(Shri Gurdev Singh son of Shri Piara Singh, Village Lambrha, 06.08.2003)*

#### **124. Your Children will be well Educated and Employed**

Shri Balmukand and his wife Bibi Krishna Devi were residents of village Kauhjan near Sham Chaurasi. They started to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during 1963 and became devotees of the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. It was in 1969 that Shri Balmukand Patwari Ji's father completed his life's journey. Shri Balmukand Ji organized spiritual congregation at his residence with the prior permission of the Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. Sant Prem Dass Ji from Banda Nangal Badhan was assigned the responsibility as 'Pathi' to recite Shri Guru Granth sahib. Bhog ceremony was scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> August. Shri Kishan Singh Ji Mastana from Nahlan

performed Kirtan and sang Gurbani hymns. Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and Sant Niranjana Dass Ji reached Shri Balmukand's house very early in the morning for the Bhog ceremony. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj reached his house around twelve o'clock and conducted the spiritual discourse.

Thereafter, Maharaj Ji had meals. Shri Balmukand Ji, along with his four sons and a daughter paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and he sought Maharaj Ji's blessings for his children. Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji very kindly said, "All of your children will get well educated and they will have good jobs." The words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's came to be absolutely true as all of the five children of Balmukand Ji got well educated and joined government jobs. Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Balmukand's family members this way.

*(Shri Balmukand son of Shri Dass Ram, Village Kauhjan, presently Abadpura, Jalandhar, Punjab 23.12.2003)*

### **125. Vanquishing Doubts of Shri Naseeb Ram**

Master Naseeb Ram son of Shri Chandu Ram is resident of village Rajpura near Bhogpur. He visited many places and spent many years in search of a perfect guru. Finally it was during the year 1955-56 when he heard about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj from a follower of Maharaj Ji. A few days later he went to Maharaj Ji's Kutuya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He contemplated in his mind, "If Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is a truly accomplished Mahatma, then Maharaj Ji will surely know that he is already very tired looking for the perfect guru."

When he reached the Kutuya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the raised platform. Shri Naseeb Ram was ecstatic with joy as soon as he had a glimpse of Maharaj Ji. As he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, Maharaj Ji said, "You have been tired running around for a long time. It is good that finally you have reached here in good time." All of the doubts and dilemmas troubling Shri Naseeb Ram vanished when he heard these soothing words from Maharaj Ji. Naseeb Ram then prayed, "Maharaj Ji! I have finally reached your darbar after a tiresome and futile pursuit of many years. Now kindly have pity on me and bless me with grant of sacred

Naam.” Maharaj Ji very kindly accepted his request and blessed Shri Naseeb Ram Ji with sacred Naam and thus he became Maharaj Ji's disciple.

### **126. Your Noble Wish will be Fulfilled**

Shri Naseeb Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Rattan Kaur used to meet Maharaj Ji regularly and render voluntary services. They had a daughter. It was their cherished desire that they should also have a son in their house. But Naseeb Ram thought that his satguru was omniscient and surely knew about his cherished desire and that guru Ji will definitely fulfil same in due course of time. It was during 1969 that Maharaj Ji told Shri Naseeb Ram Ji to visit the Dera one day before 'Maghi' or the first day of the month of Magh as per Vikram Samvat Calendar. Accordingly he reached Kutuya one day prior to Maghi as advised by Maharaj Ji.

Maharaj Ji took Shri Naseeb Ram to the ashram in village Ballan for night halt. When Maharaj Ji was ready to leave the ashram for Kutuya early next morning, Shri Naseeb Ram contemplated in his mind that his wife, who was pregnant, should give birth to a son. While Naseeb Ram was having these thoughts in his mind, Maharaj Ji said, “Master! Your wish will be fulfilled. A son will be born in your house.” These kind words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true as a baby boy was born in Master Naseeb Ram's house during the month of July. Maharaj Ji then named the boy as Balraj Singh.

### **127. Heavy Rainfall is Imminent**

It was hot summer season. Master Naseeb Ram Ji and his wife came to see Maharaj Ji in the Dera. Maharaj Ji completed the Satsang or spiritual discourse and then advised everyone to sit down in lines to have lunch. Food was served to all devotees around 12 o'clock. All of the devotees had their meals and then sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji warned all of them about impending heavy rain and said, “Everyone should now go back home as there will be heavy rain very soon.” All of the devotees looked upwards to the sky that was quite clear as there were no clouds anywhere around at that moment. However all of the devotees obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and left for their respective homes. Within a few minutes after that dark

clouds suddenly appeared from nowhere and covered the entire skyline. Very heavy rain then lashed the entire area for almost two hours. Master Naseeb Ram Ji and his wife witnessed this unusual scenario with their own eyes.

### **128. There is Plentiful Food**

Master Naseeb Ram came to Kutuya one day to meet Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji told him to render voluntary service in the community kitchen. Master Ji got busy to serve the Langar or the community meals. Langar was distributed to all the devotees at 12 o' clock. After this, the devotees took permission from Maharaj Ji and returned to their homes. Master Ji and Shri Sadhu Ram from village Larhoi and some other devotees came and sat down near Maharaj Ji. After a short time, about 20 more devotees came to have a vision of Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down near Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then advised Master Naseeb Ram and some other disciples to serve meals to the new group of the devotees. Master Ji went into the Langar room and saw that there were only five chapatis in the basket. He then informed Maharaj Ji that there were only five chapatis in the basket. He asked Maharaj Ji to kindly permit him and his colleagues to prepare more chapatis.

Maharaj Ji said, "Just cover the basket containing chapatis with a cloth and bring same to me." He obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and brought the bread basket duly covered with a cloth. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji just glanced at that basket and said, "Now you can take this basket back to the community kitchen and serve meals to the devotees. However do not remove the cloth cover from the basket anytime. Just lift the cloth cover from one side and pull out chapatis with your hand from the basket. There is plenty of food in this basket." The devotees responsible for serving food took that basket inside the community kitchen and started serving meals to the new visitors. Whenever the volunteer lifted the cover cloth slightly to put his hand inside the bread basket, he could feel that the basket was full of chapatis. All of the devotees had meals to their entire satisfaction and the bread basket still looked to be full of chapatis. Master Naseeb Ram

and all other volunteers helping him were amazed to witness this unique feat of Maharaj Ji with their own eyes as the bread basket that contained just five chapatis was miraculously transformed into an inexhaustible store house of chapatis.

### **129. Protect Shri Gurdev Singh from Surgery**

Shri Gurdev Singh was serving in the Indian army. He was serving as an education master at 977 A.D. Regiment Workshop at Delhi. He suffered from very severe pain in one of his kidneys during the month of September, 1973. He returned home on leave for two months and resumed duty during November, 1973. He was admitted to military hospital at Delhi during the month of December. He was in the hospital for 20 days for complete check up. During that period his x-rays were taken and several tests were carried out. He was given suitable medicines for removal of his kidney stone but that did not prove successful to remove the stone. Then his I.V.P x-rays were taken as advised by his doctor. Finally at the end of the 24th day, Brigadier Sachdeva visited the hospital for inspection and he asked the concerned doctor, "How long will you keep postponing surgical operation to remove Gurdev Singh's kidney stone? Prepare his case and fix a date for his operation quickly."

Gurdev Singh's name was written in the roster for the surgical operation. Surgical Specialist Colonel Tirath Singh was assigned the responsibility to perform the operation to remove kidney stone of Gurdev Singh. In the evening before the day fixed for the operation, Shri Gurdev Singh recited the evening prayer remembering his revered Guru Ji and lay down on his bed with eyes fully closed. Suddenly he heard his revered Guru Ji Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's voice as Maharaj Ji said, "Baldev! Do not worry, I have arrived now." Shri Gurdev Singh thought in his mind that Maharaj Ji abandoned his perishable human body more than a year ago and how Maharaj Ji could materialize here at that moment. He narrated further story as follows. Maharaj Ji said for the second time, "Don't worry! Baldev Singh! I am already here by your side." (Maharaj Ji used to fondly call him by the name Baldev Singh instead of Gurdev Singh). Then I visualized Maharaj Ji standing near my bed

wearing saffron turban, white kurta and white dhoti and Maharaj Ji said, "I have arrived." When I opened my eyes to have a close look around, I could not find anyone. Then I kept wondering about that incident as my surgical operation was scheduled for the next day.

After some time, I had very acute pain and I could reach the bathroom with great difficulty. I passed urine laced with blood with great force. I felt that the kidney stone came out with the urine. At four o'clock in the morning a nursing assistant came to prepare me for surgery. He gave medicine for cleaning my stomach. After that he took me for an x-ray and an army Havildar took my x-ray. Thereafter he took me to the operation theatre. When the duty got ready to give me an injection in preparations for the operation, I requested him "Please do not give me any injection until the arrival of Colonel Tirath Singh." After that Operation Room Assistant arrived and documents pertaining to consent for surgery were signed by me. A little later, Colonel Tirath Singh arrived and he saw both x-rays taken yesterday and this morning. The latest x-ray did not show the presence of any stone in my kidney. He then took both x-rays to the surgical advisor Brigadier Sachdeva and said, "Sir! Gurdev's x-ray taken yesterday confirms presence of a kidney stone but the latest x-ray taken this morning shows no stone at all. Then, why should I carry out the surgery? He had a very large stone in his kidney yesterday but somehow that has miraculously disappeared during the night."

Thereafter, I was subjected to yet another x-ray which was the 14th x-ray since I fell sick. Radiology Specialist Dr. Chandar Prakash personally took the x-ray and examined all of those 14 x-rays very carefully on the screen. The previous 12 x-rays revealed the kidney stone, but the last two x-rays taken that morning did not show the presence of any kidney stone. Therefore a written report was given to me by the doctor that said, "Stone has moved out. You cannot be operated." Then I explained everything experienced by me yesterday night to Colonel Tirath Singh. Colonel said, "My dear boy! Whenever I came close to your bed to decide about your operation, somehow I was not keen to subject you to surgery."



A few days later I applied for leave and left Delhi to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at Ballan. When I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj, omniscient Maharaj Ji said, "I was concerned that you should not be subjected to surgery unnecessarily. I was very anxious about you." I humbly prayed, "Maharaj Ji! As you were greatly concerned about me, I escaped surgical operation because you had very kindly flushed out my kidney stone.

*(S. Gurdev Singh, 8.06.2003)*

### **130. When Satguru Ji blessed Master Rattan Chand Ji with Sacred Naam**

Master Ratan Chand was a resident of Bodlan village near Tanda. He had great reverence and devotion for Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. One day, he requested Maharaj Ji to bless him with the grant of sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji said, "You will be blessed with Naam in due course of time on a day of heavy rainfall." After that Master Rattan Chand Ji continued to visit the Dera for a year. Rattan Chand Ji came in the Dera one day in the morning during the hot summer season in 1970. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said to Rattan Chand, "Master Ji! You have to stay here in the ashram today." Around 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Maharaj Ji said, "Rattan Chand! Go and be seated in my room. You will be blessed with the sacred Naam today." Master Ji obeyed the instructions of Maharaj Ji and went inside Maharaj Ji's room.

However as it was very hot summer time, he was wondering in his mind about what Maharaj Ji had said earlier "You will be blessed with Naam in due course of time on a day of heavy rainfall." He thought that there was no possibility of rain as there were no clouds anywhere in the horizon that day and the sky was absolutely clear. Within a few minutes after Master Ratan Chand sat down inside the room, he was amazed to see dark clouds all around the horizon outside and it started to rain heavily. He did not know from where the clouds had converged in no time. Maharaj Ji then blessed him with grant of sacred Naam while there was very heavy rain outside. Master Ji was very surprised to see this unique development and it

continued to rain heavily for two hours. Maharaj Ji's words thus proved to be an eternal truth.

*(Master Ratan Chand son of Shri Nama Ram, Village, Bodlan, Tanda, 21.08. 2003.)*

### **131. Blessing S. Gurdip Singh and Bibi Harbans Kaur with a Son**

S. Gurdip Singh and his wife Bibi Harbans Kaur were residents of village Noorpur. They had three daughters in their house. However they had no son in the family. Someone told them that they should visit some well known saints to seek the blessings of revered saints and then their noble wish will definitely get fulfilled. But they did not like that idea as they thought in their minds that if they were destined to have a son then they would surely beget one.

Later one day, they heard about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Shri Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Mehar Kaur both very profound devotees of Maharaj Ji from same village Noorpur. Then later one day S. Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Mehar Kaur accompanied S. Gurdip Singh to meet Maharaj Ji and all of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. S. Gurdiyal Singh then prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Gurdip Singh has three daughters in his house. Please bless his family with the precious gift of a son." Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj very kindly said, "Yes! They will beget a son in due course of time." These kind words of Maharaj Ji proved to be an eternal truth as a son was born in the house of that family in due course of time.

### **132. Saving Shri Gurdiyal Singh**

Shri Gurdiyal Singh was resident of village Noorpur. He was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji. Shri Gurdiyal Singh was executing construction of a multi-storey building in Jalandhar City. One day while he was working for the construction of the third floor of the building, the scaffolding supporting him suddenly collapsed and he came down tumbling from the third floor. Shri Gurdiyal Singh remembered his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj at that critical moment. When he was about to hit the ground after falling from the third floor; he felt that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had rescued him by taking hold of him on both hands.

He was miraculously saved by Maharaj Ji's grace and he only suffered injury to his hip joint. Maharaj Ji appeared in S. Gurdiyal Singh's dream during the night and said, "You are absolutely fine. Don't have any worries." Shri Gurdiyal Singh was absolutely all right with the grace of Maharaj Ji within a few days without any medical intervention.

*(Bibi Mehar Kaur wife of Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji, Village Noorpur, Jalandhar)*

### **133. Addressing Doubts of Shri Ram Lal Ji**

Shri Pala Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Gabi Devi, hailing from village Biaspind, had great reverence and utmost devotion for Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. Shri Pala Ram Ji often used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and render volunteer services. One day, Shri Pala Ram Ji sent his son Ram Lal to meet Maharaj Ji. The area near the present petrol on highway near village Kishangarh had lot of Kikar (*Acacia nilotica*) trees those days. There was a pathway from Biaspind to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at village Ballan along the grove of those Kikar trees. Shri Ram Lal reached near that grove walking on foot from his home to meet Maharaj Ji. Shri Ram Lal happened to walk over the witchcraft that someone had left on the pathway and his feet came in contact with the witchcraft.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always used to preach his devotees to shun witchcraft, rituals superstition and hearsay and instead to focus on devout meditation of God. Shri Ram Lal Ji reached the Dera. Maharaj Ji was sitting in a chair at that time. Shri Ram Lal Ji paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj already knew about the dilemma and anxiety of Shri Ram Lal Ji because he had walked over witchcraft. Maharaj Ji addressed Ram Lal's dilemma immediately and said, "Ram Lal! You happened to trample witchcraft under your feet on your way. However your worry and anxiety are because of superstitions and delusion of mind. No one suffers any harm just because of contact with witchcraft. You should not worry but focus on meditation of God." While listening to Maharaj Ji, Shri Ram Lal wondered how Maharaj Ji came to know about his walk over witchcraft. He then knew that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed

omniscient who vanquished his anxiety and delusion of his mind.

*(Shri Ram Lal son of Shri Pala Ram Ji, Village Biaspind,  
23.08.2003)*

### **134. First Visit of Shri Gurdas Ram to Kutiya**

Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan from village Suchipind is one of the most dedicated disciples of Shri Guru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He has been a regular visitor to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to pay his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji since 1962 till now. He never missed to visit Kutiya on any Sunday, Sangrand or the first day of every month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar and other annual events. He has also constructed a beautiful temple in the fond memory of Maharaj Ji with his own hard earned resources. Shri Gurdas Ram Ji narrated the story about his first visit to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya as follows;

I have been very fond of pious company of saints from the very beginning. Mahatma Sant Kookar Dass Ji from village Dhade used to visit our village frequently. At that time our old house was located in the middle of the village. Sant Kookar Dass Ji used to camp there. I used to make arrangements to serve meals to him and he used to tell me many stories related to saints that I liked very well. Then he also used to narrate stories about the life and teachings of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. He also used to explain how Guru Ji launched a concerted campaign against the caste system and how many kings and rulers became Guru Ji's disciples. Sant Kookar Dass Ji also described how Meera Bai, Jhala Bai, Raja Nagar Mall, Raja Pipa and other people became Guru Ji's disciples. He also narrated stories related to miraculous feats of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji related to reverse flow of Ganga in the opposite direction, display of four different types of sacred thread 'Janew' worn during the four Yugas or cosmic periods and floating of stone slab on the surface of river Ganga and so on. He also explained how Guru Ji vanquished the false pride of Gorakh Nath and how Guru Ji came out of jail of king Sikandar Lodhi?

I was greatly moved by these fascinating narratives. I also wondered about the enigma why people of our community of

those times did not understand and appreciate Guru Ji's philosophy and teachings and become his followers. How I wish that Shri Guru Ravidass Ji should have had his incarnation during the present times and all of us should have been his dedicated disciples to carry his mission forwards.

My wife often used to be very sick. One day my relative Shri Mangat Ram, resident of Preet Nagar who worked on Tanda Road, Jalandhar told me, "Gurdas! Why are you wasting your money? Join me with your wife one day and we will visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. It is possible that she may get well with the treatment there." Shri Mangat Ram Ji also narrated many facts eulogizing glory of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj of Dera Sachkhand, Ballan. After listening to him, I felt as if I was very close to reach my destination. We then decided after mutual discussions that we shall visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on the day of 'Lohrhi' festival one day in advance of first day of the month of Magh (December-January). I had a very keen desire to meet the revered saints of Ballan. Meanwhile, Shri Lashman Dass, son of my father's maternal uncle hailing from village Sarmastpur, came to our house. After seeing the condition of my wife, he too advised me to go and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He told me, "You should request Shri Mangat Ram to accompany you and your wife to meet Maharaj Ji and then explain to Maharaj Ji suitably about your wife Bibi Bachni's illness."

So, as per the plan, I reached Sarmastpur on my bicycle. Shri Lashman Dass Ji explained to me the way to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. I then reached at the door steps of the Kutiya riding on my bicycle. At that time there were only two rooms in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and the premises had a barbed wire fence. So I parked my bicycle outside and proceeded towards Maharaj Ji's room. There were many mango and guava trees inside the premises of Kutiya during those days. Maharaj Ji was seated on the raised platform at that time. As if Maharaj Ji had been waiting for me, Maharaj Ji got up from the platform on seeing me and started walking towards the gate. I then felt that a divine personality wearing white kurta, white dhoti and light saffron coloured turban was in front of me. Maharaj Ji had a brilliant

glowing face supporting sun-glasses and a long walking stick in one hand. Maharaj Ji walked majestically and stopped after reaching close to me. When I met Maharaj Ji and I placed my head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, I felt as if I had met Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji. I was not able to withstand the brilliance radiating from Maharaj Ji's divine face. Then I went inside the Kutiya along with Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji again sat down on the raised platform and told me, "You should first go to the community kitchen and have food. Thereafter you can come back and sit down here. I shall listen to your problems at that time." At that time the size of the Kutiya premises was very small.

*Jaesa satgur suni da taesa hi mae dith! Or*

Whatever I had heard about the grandeur of my revered Satguru Ji; I have found him to be exactly like that.

I had heard a lot about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji from many of his disciples who used to visit my shop very often.

However I was overwhelmed and ecstatic with joy to personally have a glimpse of Maharaj Ji's magnificence. I was really delighted to see the grandeur of Maharaj Ji exactly as I had been hearing. I came back after having my meals and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then asked me to move closer and then inquired about the specific reason for my visit. I then told the whole story about my wife's illness to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "You should come on Sunday along with your wife. Suitable medicines will be given to her at that time. Then Maharaj Ji asked me, "What do you do?" I answered Maharaj Ji! "I have a cycle repair shop." Maharaj Ji then conveyed me his blessings and said, "Don't worry! All of your problems will be addressed and various tasks will be accomplished." I was very pleased to hear this. I felt that I really found Satguru

Ravidass Ji that day. I have been extremely lucky to find a perfect Satguru that I have been looking for since my childhood.

In the evening I sought permission from Maharaj Ji to return home. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then reached my village Suchipind riding my bicycle.

When I reached home, I told my wife, "Bachni! I have just returned from Ballan after meeting Sant Sarwan Dass Ji

Maharaj. I have been assured by Maharaj Ji that suitable medicines will be given to you and you will be fine after treatment.” She was very happy to hear about the glory of Maharaj Ji and the prospectus of getting well with Maharaj Ji’s medical treatment encouraged her immensely. Now I have been eagerly waiting for the coming Sunday with great expectations as I had found a perfect guru and I was very keen to meet him again with lot of enthusiasm. Finally it was Sunday and I took my wife and my daughter on a bicycle and reached the Dera. Time passed by comfortably thereafter. We started to visit Kutiya on every Sunday, Sangrand or first day of the month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar and important festivals like First Navratra and Vaisakhi and listen to Satsang or spiritual discourses conducted by Maharaj Ji. We made it a point to hear the name of each new month and Gurbani hymn related to same in the pious words of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was an extremely well known Ayurveda expert and most of the herbal medicines were prepared in the ashram and given free to the visiting patients under the expert guidance of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji gave us medicines for my wife and she started getting well slowly with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind, Jalandhar)*

### **135. When a Girl aged Four Years sought Four Brothers**

One day we were on our way to Maharaj Ji’s Kutiya. When we reached near the narrow canal bridge at trifurcation of canal we found that Maharaj Ji was standing near the canal bank. Therefore I parked my bicycle and all of us paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Our daughter Sita was also with us at that time. And she was only four years old then. She got hold of Maharaj Ji’s Kurta and began to pull it. She then said innocently, “I shall go home only after getting a brother today.” Maharaj Ji smiled and said, “Okay! You will get your brother. But when Sita persisted with her demand, Maharaj Ji opened his palm and said, “How many brothers do you want?” Then Sita grabbed four fingers of Maharaj Ji’s hand and said, “I want four brothers.” On hearing this Maharaj Ji very kindly said, “All right! You will get four brothers.” So I have four sons with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. This is with the grace of Maharaj Ji that

my wife plays happily with four sons and grand children today whereas doctors had been saying that she could not bear any child.

*(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind)*

### **136. Meeting other Devotees of the Dera**

During my visits to the Dera, I was able to meet Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Karmi Ji who are very profound and dedicated disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They have been visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutuya since their childhood days. They have also been very fortunate to have met even Maharaj Ji's illustrious father Baba Pipal Dass Ji. Apart from them, I also met Shri Sohan Singh from village Sanghwal, Shri Beli Ram Ji from Ballan, Shri Bikkar Singh from village Raipur and many other devotees.

*(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind)*

### **137. When Maharaj Ji sent me Home**

This incident pertains to the year 1963 when I told Sant Sarwan Dass Ji that my wife often remains sick and our children do not survive. Maharaj Ji gave some medicines for her and said, "She will be all right with these medicines." At that time Sant Garib Dass Ji used to prepare the medicines under Maharaj Ji's guidance. Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj used to conduct spiritual discourses in the ashram. I visited the Dera every Sunday. Once, Maharaj Ji asked me to return home quickly. Soon after having Prasad from Maharaj Ji, I headed for my house quickly. When I reached home, I was extremely surprised to see a large gathering of women in front of my house. I was very worried. That day happened to be Sangrand and first day of the month of Kattak (October-November). My first son Sukhdev was also born on that auspicious day. I did not take me long time to understand why Maharaj Ji sent me home so urgently that day. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was indeed omniscient and knew about the urgency.

My son had premature birth at seven months and therefore he was very weak. On the second day, I happily reached the Dera of Maharaj Ji with Prasad. I told Maharaj Ji that we had been blessed with a son but the child had premature birth at seven months of pregnancy. But Maharaj Ji just kept



quiet. Then I requested Maharaj Ji about the astrological aspects related to the child and to assign a suitable name for the child. However, Maharaj Ji remained silent even this time. I became worried whether my son would survive or not. Then Maharaj Ji said, "There is nothing to worry. This boy will grow up as a great man. He will be given a suitable name later." Then Maharaj Ji gave me cloth to make a dress for my son to wear. I arrived home with that garment. My son was very weak because of premature birth at seven months. So we used to keep him wrapped in a blanket to keep him warm.

I was keen to celebrate the birth of my first son and hold a formal function on the completion of sixth month after my son's birth and also organize a spiritual congregation on that occasion. I was also very keen to invite Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion, sanctify our house and bless all of us. Accordingly, I met Maharaj Ji and requested Maharaj Ji for kind consent for the function and to grace the occasion. Maharaj Ji said, "If you are keen and have such reverence, I shall definitely come." Maharaj Ji then assigned the responsibilities to organize spiritual discourses at our house to Shri Beli Ram Ji and Shri Ami Singh Ji. Maharaj Ji also said that thereafter Bibi Bachni would be able to resume normal visits to the Dera. Because my wife had an infant child, she had not been able to visit the Dera.

Accordingly, Shri Beli Ram Ji and Shri Ami Singh Ji conducted spiritual discourses at our house as advised by Maharaj Ji. My relatives and most of the residents of the village were extremely surprised and they wondered about the great power behind all such jubilations in my house. Initially, they were wondering about some wizard who may be helping us and they harboured innumerable doubts in their minds. All of them were very surprised and many of them did not even venture to come anywhere near my wife. Finally the eventful day of final session of the spiritual congregation arrived and I was ecstatic with joy as my revered Satguru Ji was scheduled to visit my house and bless us.

*(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Suchipind, Jalandhar)*

### **138. When Maharaj Ji visited my House**

A day before Satsang, I hired a large tempo and reached

the Dera one day before the scheduled date of spiritual congregation to escort Maharaj Ji to my residence. Maharaj Ji had been already waiting for me. I paid my regards to Maharaj Ji and requested Maharaj Ji to accompany me to my house. Maharaj Ji was in a very happy mood and Maharaj Ji called Sant Chetan Dass Ji and said, "Chetan Dass! Let us go to Suchipind. Gurdas has come here to escort us." Sant Chetan Dass Ji, Shri Sohan Singh & Shri Darshan Singh from Sanghwal, Bibi Karmi Ji and Gurbani singer Shri Jaimal Singh Ji also accompanied Maharaj Ji. We reached my village Suchipind around 8 o' clock in the morning. As soon as the Maharaj Ji got down from the tempo, local residents of Suchipind gathered in very large numbers to have a glimpse of Maharaj Ji. Such a unique divine personality like Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had never visited the village earlier. People extended a very warm welcome to Maharaj Ji at the outskirts of our village with great enthusiasm and Maharaj Ji was garlanded profusely. A group of devotees sang Gurbani hymns and walked ahead of Maharaj Ji's vehicle till Maharaj Ji reached in front of my house in that procession. Maharaj Ji was also very happy. Devotees and local residents kept coming to my house throughout the day. Maharaj Ji was seated comfortably on a special bed spread on a large cot at my house. Maharaj Ji then conducted a spiritual discourse for the benefit of all members of the congregation.

Bhai Jaimal Singh Ji from Raouwali recited Gurbani Kirtan in the evening. Thereafter meals were served to Maharaj Ji and all devotees. Maharaj Ji then continued to explain spiritual issues to the congregation till late night. My house was like Baikunth or the realm of God today for me as my revered Gurudev Ji had blessed my house with his rare visit and stay at my home. Maharaj Ji said, "Look dear brothers! I have not stayed overnight at anyone's house so far but the devout reverence of Bhai Gurdas has brought me here. His true love and dedicated devotion has compelled me to be tied up here." Maharaj Ji then recited a formal prayer to God around midnight and asked all the devotees to rest. My son Sukhdev and his mother somehow developed high fever during that night. So I told Maharaj Ji that Sukhdev and his mother had very high fever.

Maharaj Ji blessed both of them very kindly placing his pious hand on the head of each one of them and said, "Don't worry! Both of them will recover by the time it is morning." Maharaj Ji was very happy to see absolute cleanliness in my house and Maharaj Ji said to Bibi Karmi, "Karmo! Just see how spick and span this house is. How neat and clean this girl maintains her house." Maharaj Ji then told my wife, "Bibi Bachni! What did the villagers tell you? Did they say that they did not know which wizard you and your family members visit? Every one of them should have known very well today that all of you visit only my Kutiya." Maharaj Ji then had a hearty laugh and said that such unwarranted comments crossed limits of decency.

On the day of Satsang or spiritual congregation, Maharaj Ji left for the routine morning walk at 4 a.m. accompanied by Shri Sohan Singh, Shri Darshan Singh, Shri Beli Ram and me. We went towards canal passing by village Chohkan. When Maharaj Ji was returning home after the morning walk and reached the outskirts of our village; I cleaned Maharaj Ji's shoes with my muffler as the shoes were covered with dust. I smeared that dust at my forehead with great reverence. It was early morning day time when we entered the village. Devotees were paying their profound regards to Maharaj Ji wherever Maharaj Ji went. Shri Vatna Ram Ji, father of Shri Uday Ram stopped Maharaj Ji on the way and passionately prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Kindly do sanctify my house as well with your lotus feet." Maharaj Ji very kindly visited his house and offered a prayer. Thereafter Maharaj Ji and other devotees savoured Prasad and then proceeded further towards my house. On the way Shri Baru Ram, an elderly resident of the village, requested Maharaj Ji to visit his house too. He prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Some evil spirit has been bedevilling my house since long time back and dirty clothes, stones and bricks often keep falling in the premises." Then Maharaj Ji very kindly entered his house and came out quickly. Maharaj Ji assured Baru Ram, "Brother! Nothing of that sort will ever happen in your house now onwards." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth as that house never had same problems again.

Maharaj Ji finally came back to my house and had a bath.

Thereafter we served breakfast to Maharaj Ji. Meanwhile Bhai Jaimal Singh Ji had been singing Gurbani hymns since early morning in a melodious voice playing single stringed 'Tktara' with one hand and 'Khartalan' with the other hand. Due to shortage of space in my premises, the pandal with stage for the spiritual congregation was set up in an open plot adjacent to my house. Giyani Thakur Dass Ji from Bassi recited Gurbani hymns in melodious voice starting with following hymn of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj:

*Aesi lal tujh bin kaun karae!!*

*Garib Nivaj Gusaiya mera mathae chhatar dharae!!1!!Rahao!!*

O charming God! Who else except Thee can perform such miracles? O God the saviour of the poor! Thou have bestowed me with great honour today.

Thereafter Giyani Jaimal Singh Ji enthralled the congregation by singing the ballad related to one time thief Bhoomiya, who was reformed by Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Later, Shri Beli Ram Ji recited the following Gurbani hymn of Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji and Maharaj Ji explained the meaning and significance with a scholarly commentary.

*Gur sewa te bhagat kamayi!! Tab ih manas dehi payi!!*

*Is dehi kou simrahi dev!! So dehi bhaj Hari ki sev!!*

*Bhajhu Gobind bhool mat jaho!!Manas janam ka ehi laho!!1!!Rahao!!*

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj explained, "Brothers! We have been extremely fortunate to have this rare and precious human life. We got this human life because of devout meditation of God during past life. Therefore we must concentrate on devout worship of God regularly. Even the gods and goddesses long for this human life so that they can pursue dedicated meditation of God and attain salvation ending the pernicious cycle of rebirth and death. When a revered saint abandons his perishable human body and goes to the realm of God for permanent abode; the gods and goddesses curse themselves and cry as they can only grant some boons but not the eternal salvation. Only one's revered Guru Ji can ensure emancipation and eternal salvation of his disciple. Various gods

and goddesses rue that they only earned worthless cowries. They pray to God to grant them opportunity to be born as human beings so that they can perform devout meditation of God and get rid of the pernicious cycle of rebirth and death. However, even though we got this precious human life very fortunately yet we keep wasting this life in pursuit of worldly pleasures, vices, wine and ignoble activities.

Thereafter Maharaj Ji recited the stanza '*Sau sau rog darogiyān!* Maharaj Ji explained, "Brothers! Everyone in this world is tormented. Kings and emperors, gods and goddesses, human beings and even animals like camel, sheep and goat are in distress. That is because everyone is busy in pursuit of worldly pleasures, back biting and calumny. Everyone is in trouble. Only saints and pious people are happy and contented who pursue devout meditation of God. Everyone else in this world is in deep trouble. They come to this world in distress and they leave this world in pain and agony. Only those who practise regular meditation of God are happy and contented and the rest of the living beings in this world suffer immensely. Then Maharaj Ji recited the following hymn eulogizing glory of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji.

*Aaye Kashi vich, tariya Nagarmall jis!!*

*Ikko dum maya wali fasi kihne torhi aa!!* i.e.

Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji had his incarnation in Kashi and emancipated king Nagarmall. He shattered the noose of Maya with devout worship of God and meditation of Naam.

Maharaj Ji further said that all saints and great men come to this world only for the sake of all of us. Satguru Ravidass Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji raised their voice against the evil of racial discrimination. They took determined and principled stand against the tyranny of rulers and kings and secured basic human rights for the down trodden and under-privileged. We should follow their teachings and ideals and march forwards on the path shown by them. We should ensure to impart excellent education for our children so that our community, which has been lagging behind others for centuries, can make meaningful progress and achieve high living standards.

No one except Satguru Ravidass Ji really thought of us

during the four cosmic ages. On the contrary most of the people tormented and suppressed us further. There have been thousands of sages, rishies, saints, gods and goddesses in the past but no one took pity on us. We were deprived of basic human rights. We have now been awakened with the grace of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Our saviour and Guru is Shri Guru Ravidass Ji. Baba Sahib Bhim Rao Ambedkar gave a practical shape to the philosophy and teachings of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji and secured lost human rights for us. Therefore dear brothers! Let us join hands and work hard together to realize the dream of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji and become respected citizens of Begumpura with equal rights. Let everyone chant Satnam.

We are extremely lucky to have this rare human life. We shall not get it again and again. Therefore, we should practise devout meditation of God and make this precious human life truly fruitful. The sacred Naam is inside you. Meet a perfect guru and search for same within. Everyone is suffering in this world. Camels, horses, goats, lions and other living beings are in distress. Only those who have practised devout meditation of God's are happy. Therefore, we should take full advantage of this rare and precious human life through devout worship of God. Satguru Kabir Ji gives us a strong warning and says, "Dear brothers! Intensify search for God now onwards with immediate effect. If you keep postponing then the entire life will go waste. Therefore I urge all dear brothers to worship God with dedicated devotion from now onwards. As one grows old, one is not even in a position to speak properly and one utters something other than what he wanted to say. Therefore get busy with meditation of God straight away."

Thereafter Maharaj Ji gave a detailed commentary on following Gurbani of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj.

*Parhiaie guniae naam sabh suniae anbhao bhao na darsae!!*

*Loha kanchan hiran hoi kaise jou parsahi na parsae!!!*

Even if anyone may read about God in scriptures on his own, appreciate God's virtues and listen to all of His names, no one can be united with God without Guru's preaching and

blessings. Iron cannot become gold unless touched with divine *Paras* or philosopher's stone; likewise human being cannot get rid of vices until he secures blessings of *Paras* like perfect Guru. Dear brothers! Therefore all of you must search for a perfect Guru and look for Naam and search for God within you. You cannot get that in forests, places of pilgrimage or through worship of gods and goddesses who have nothing worthwhile. Real treasure of Naam is within you. All of the devotees were indeed blessed and extremely happy after listening to these pious words from Maharaj Ji. Thereafter Maharaj Ji recited the prayer and said, "O revered God! Kindly bless this child with your benevolent blessings so that he becomes highly educated and have a long distinguished life to serve his respected parents."

I requested Maharaj Ji to assign a suitable name for our son. Satguru Ji was very pleased. Maharaj Ji then took the child in his lap and conveyed his kind blessings to the young boy. Maharaj Ji very kindly named him Sukhdev and also handed over a flower to him. Blessing young Sukhdev, Maharaj Ji said, "Sukhdev will usher in all round comforts and happiness for all family members. He will be very obedient and religious minded person."

I was very keen to make this historic visit by my revered Satguru and the auspicious occasion truly significant and memorable. Hence I had invited a professional photographer. He captured beautiful photographs of Maharaj Ji with young Sukhdev and other distinguished members of the congregation. All of those rare photographs taken on that memorable occasion are still safe with me and I have displayed same in one of my rooms. I see those photographs of Maharaj Ji and recall that historic occasion whenever I feel like.

Community meals were served to all devotees at lunch time. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji allowed everyone to return to their respective homes. In the evening, Maharaj Ji also returned to the Dera in an extremely happy mood.

Time kept ticking. I used to visit Kutiya every Sunday and each Sangrand or the first day of the month along with my family members. As the time passed, my faith and belief in Maharaj Ji was so firm that I started seeking prior permission of

Maharaj Ji before taking up any new work. Maharaj Ji also blessed me with the gift of sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji did not bless anyone with Naam easily. Maharaj Ji invariably tested the aspirant for several years and then only accepted the deserving individual as a disciple and blessed him with grant of sacred Naam.

It was during the year 1965 that the search for the place of incarnation of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji was completed. Then as desired by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, Sant Hari Dass Ji laid the foundation stone for the construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi on Sangrand or the first day of the month of Harh (June) during 1965. As the work related to construction of the beautiful temple progressed, Maharaj Ji asked me also to visit Varanasi. Accordingly I went to Varanasi for the first time in 1967. The entire expenditure on the construction of the temple was being done by Maharaj Ji. All of the devotees were working with great enthusiasm under the guidance of Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji. Caste based discriminations were rampant during those days at Varanasi. However devotees from Punjab working at the temple site did not face serious discrimination as they did not look like poor untouchables. They looked handsome and well dressed. Local Rajput dairy farmers got along very well with devotees from Punjab and they permitted them to use drinking water and bathe at their wells. However they hated local residents of our community and discriminated against them.

It has been my wish since childhood that I will construct a religious monument at my house some day. When I met my revered Satguru my resolve was further strengthened and I decided to build a temple in honour of Maharaj Ji. Then one day I met Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and submitted, "Maharaj Ji! I want to build a temple in your memory at home." Maharaj Ji said, "What will you do with the temple?" I replied "Maharaj Ji! I wish to construct a memorial in your honour so that I can say that my revered Satguru Ji visited my house and I built this temple in memory of Maharaj Ji." Maharaj Ji listened to me and then just smiled and kept quiet.



Maharaj Ji visited my house for the second time during 1968 after the birth of my second son. There was inadequate space in my small house. Maharaj Ji said “Gurdas! Your house is too small with very little space.” I said, “Maharaj Ji! I shall buy more land with your kind blessings.” Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings and said, “I have to ensure accomplishment of many of your tasks as you have abiding faith and utmost reverence. All right! You have my blessings that you will surely accomplish any task you take up.”

### **139. Maharaj Ji knew about the Thoughts of Devotee's Heart**

Shri Kirpa Ram Ji, from Rasulpur Brahmana, was very profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He narrated an incident related to our revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to me one day as follows.

One day, I was returning from Jalandhar along with two relatives to my village. When we reached near Sarmastpur, I told my relatives, “Please proceed ahead and go to the village. I shall go to the Kutiya of Maharaj Ji to meet my revered Satguru and then I shall reach my home.” They said “We shall also accompany you and meet Maharaj Ji. We have also heard that the devotees are served jalebis in the ashram.” Thus they also accompanied me. While we were on our way to the Kutiya, I started thinking that jalebis were not prepared in the Kutiya every day. Jalebis were prepared and served to devotees only on certain special occasions. If these guests are not served jalebis in Kutiya today, that will be very humiliating. I prayed to Maharaj Ji to kindly preserve my honour. Meanwhile, we reached the Kutiya while I was contemplating about these thoughts.

Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji was sitting on his seat. All three of us paid our regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Everything was very well known to omniscient Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said to me, “Kirpa Ram! There are jalebis in the small almirah with wire mesh. Get the jalebis and serve to these guests.” I was extremely delighted to hear that. I brought the jalebis in a large bowl quickly and served to both of my colleagues. I was convinced in my mind that Maharaj Ji is indeed omniscient who

knows about the thoughts of his devotee's mind and Maharaj Ji has really preserved my honour. I then paid my profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with sincere gratitude and profound reverence. Maharaj Ji just smiled looking at me and said, "Kirpa Ram! Take them along to the community kitchen and all of you should have tea." This is how Maharaj Ji always used to read the thoughts in the devotees' minds.

*(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village, Suchipind)*

#### **140. When Maharaj Ji Disappeared**

It was Sunday and I was in the Dera in the evening. I accompanied Shri Kirpa Ram for a walk and we went out of the Dera towards village Mokhe along the canal tributary. On the way, we were discussing about the unique event related to Satguru Kabir Ji's final departure from this world. It is said that when Kabir Sahib left for his heavenly abode to be one with God, the mortal remains of his body could not be found for cremation. Instead devotees could find only some flowers and a bed sheet from the spot where Kabir Ji amalgamated with God. His Hindu devotees then cremated half portion of that bed-sheet and the Muslims buried the balance half of the bed-sheet. We were wondering how Satguru Kabir Ji could just dematerialize and the mortal remains of his perishable human body could not be found?

We returned back to the Dera after sometime with our minds still preoccupied with those thoughts. After washing our hands at the hand pump, we paid our regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji engrossed in profound meditation of God in perfect Samadhi sitting on a bed at that time. Some other devotees were also sitting there and we too joined them. The perfect Satguru is the one who ensures that no doubt, in the hearts of his devotees, should remain unaddressed. A few minutes later, Maharaj Ji lay down on his bed to rest under the cover of a thin sheet. After about ten minutes we noticed that Maharaj Ji was not physically there on the bed. We could see only the bed sheet that earlier covered Maharaj Ji. I and Kirpa Ram looked at each other greatly amazed. We went in search of Maharaj Ji in Maharaj Ji's room and then all around the Dera. However we could not find Maharaj Ji anywhere. So finally we

came and sat down next to the Maharaj Ji's bed. I then told Shri Kirpa Ram "Maharaj Ji has shown this unique phenomenon to both of us just as Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj and Satguru Kabir Ji Maharaj dematerialized. Maharaj Ji has left us alone and what can we do now?" With tears flowing down from his eyes, Shri Kirpa Ram said, "It looks that Maharaj Ji has really left us alone and gone."

While we were sadly engaged in such talks, we suddenly noticed some movement under the bed sheet cover that was getting raised upwards and Maharaj Ji materialized again. Very soon, Maharaj Ji got up and sat down on the bed. Even before we could ask Maharaj Ji where he had gone, Maharaj Ji told both of us to go and render services in the community kitchen. Maharaj Ji also told us not to discuss about that incident with anyone.

Thus both of us understood that omniscient Maharaj Ji knew everything we discussed and that Maharaj Ji had shown this miracle to remove any doubts from our minds. Thus we are really very proud of our revered Satguru Ji who addresses all doubts and dilemmas that may trouble his devotees' minds. I am sharing this unique experience related to that incident for the first time.

Once, a profound devotee with great reverence for Maharaj Ji went to work in the mountains. He returned a month later and visited Maharaj Ji's Kutिया. He narrated his experience to us and said, "I met a revered saint in the forest who was sitting near the fire. If someone gave anything to him as an offering, he threw that in the fire. He practises true renunciation. A lion also sat beside him. He was indeed more accomplished and perfect saint compared to our saints. He came inside the Kutिया to pay his regards to Maharaj Ji while having same thoughts in his mind. Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew all that and the doubts of that devotee's mind had to be dispelled. When he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, he saw two lions sitting on either side of Maharaj Ji. He was amazed to witness that miracle and he again held the lotus feet of Maharaj in both hands with utmost reverence and cried bitterly. He begged for pardon and said "Maharaj Ji! Kindly forgive me. There is no

one greater than you. You are indeed omniscient. I forgot and committed a serious blunder for which I pray for your pardon.” Maharaj Ji burst into laughter and said, “Hey ! You saw a lion sitting beside a saint in the forest.” Maharaj Ji clapped his hands smilingly once and said, “Well that was amazing.” My revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was thus truly omniscient who could read the thoughts harboured by a devotee in his mind well in advance.

#### **141. Highest Priority for Education and Cleanliness**

Time kept ticking that way. I used to visit Kutiya on every Sangrand and each Sunday with my wife and children. In the evening, when we asked for permission from Maharaj Ji to return home; Maharaj Ji often asked us to stay on for some more time. Later, Maharaj Ji used to go inside his room to bring some fruits or sweets from the almira. Maharaj Ji used to give those items to children as Prasad and then permit all of us to return home.

Maharaj Ji always advised his devotees and other visitors “Brothers! Ensure to impart excellent education to your children.” In particular Maharaj Ji emphasized the vital importance of the education of girls. Maharaj Ji used to highlight, “if our girls are educated then our next generations will also be well educated.” Maharaj Ji always used to pray to God that people from alleged lower castes should also become highly educated and they should be very high ranking officers in various departments of government. They should also enjoy higher standards of living.

Maharaj Ji used to visit the community kitchen very often while the food was being prepared for the congregation of devotees. Maharaj Ji always ensured that highest standards were maintained in respect of hygiene, cleanliness and preparation of meals. Maharaj Ji used to advise the volunteers responsible for cooking and serving the community meals to keep their mouths suitably covered with clean pieces of cloth.

Maharaj Ji often used to advise his devotees to wear simple but clean dress while visiting any saint. No one had the courage to look at the face of Maharaj Ji as it radiated divine brilliance that was difficult to withstand.

## 142. Enhancing My Wife's Life Span

*'Mera baid guru Govinda'* or My revered Guru Ji is not only my Govind or God but he is also the most accomplished Vaid or doctor for me who cures me of any disease.

It was the year 1972 when my wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur fell seriously ill while she was in the sixth month of pregnancy. So I went to Guru Maharaj Ji's Dera and explained to Maharaj Ji all details about my wife's pregnancy and serious illness. Maharaj Ji said, "You should consult a gynaecologist in the city for her treatment at once." I obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and took my wife to a lady doctor in Jalandhar. The doctor saw the condition of my wife and said "Her condition is extremely bad. At this time, her life and child's safety are at serious risk. Therefore you should take her to the civil hospital for treatment." I went to Maharaj Ji at once and told the whole story. Maharaj Ji sternly said, "Why did you come here? Get back at once and get your wife admitted to civil hospital." As advised by Maharaj Ji, I took my wife to civil hospital, Jalandhar. The doctor examined her and said, "Both the mother and baby are at very grave risk and chances of survival of either one of them are remote. However I shall try my level best." My wife remained in the hospital for nearly 15 days. She gave birth to a premature and dead baby. Finally the doctors told me to take her home and look after her as best as I could.

Let me now tell you what happened in the meantime. The wife of Maharaj Ji's devotee Shri Sohan Singh from village Sanghwal and some other ladies came to the hospital to inquire about my wife's health. They were very sad to see my wife in such serious condition. While they were returning to their respective homes, they thought of meeting Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj in the Kutiya and inform Maharaj Ji about the serious condition of my wife. They decided to visit the Dera. When they reached the Dera, they paid their regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji knew all details very well. Yet Maharaj Ji asked the women "Where did you come from this time?" Then those women responded to Maharaj Ji and said, "Maharaj Ji! We had gone to the hospital in Jalandhar to meet Bibi Bachni and know about her health." Maharaj Ji asked "How is that girl now? The ladies

said “Maharaj Ji! Her condition is very serious. She gave birth to a dead child. The doctor has told her that even she may not survive. The doctor has advised her husband to take her home tomorrow as they are helpless.” Maharaj Ji said, “What did that girl say?” The ladies replied, “Maharaj Ji! She asked whether her revered Guru Maharaj Ji would save her life or not?”

On hearing this Maharaj Ji looked anxious and he sat down on his bed for meditation in perfect Samadhi. Maharaj Ji remained engrossed in deep meditation for a very long period. When Maharaj Ji came out of Samadhi, Maharaj Ji had a hearty laugh and said “You may now go and reassure Bibi Bachni that additional life span has been secured from God for her.” Maharaj Ji further said, “Her children are too young at present. Just go and tell her that nothing wrong will happen to her.” All of those ladies were extremely surprised to hear these wonderful positive words from Maharaj Ji while they were thinking that Bibi Bachni was about to breathe her last when they met her last in the hospital. They were amazed when Maharaj Ji told them about a new lease of life for her. Maharaj Ji was greatly concerned and remained engrossed in devout meditation throughout the night praying to God for saving the endangered life of that girl as her children were also very young

### **143. Maharaj Ji's Visit to Civil Hospital, Jalandhar**

Maharaj Ji reached civil hospital Jalandhar the next day along with Bibi Karmi from village Rasulpur and some other devotees. Maharaj Ji reached the general ward. My wife's bed was on the second floor. So Maharaj Ji went to the second floor. Maharaj Ji distributed fruits to patients in the ward with his own hands and stopped after reaching my wife's bed. I was also there and both of us were amazed to see Maharaj Ji with us in the hospital. All patients in the hospital were very delighted to have a vision of Maharaj Ji. Doctors on duty escorted Maharaj Ji during the visit and finally Maharaj Ji stopped in front of my wife's bed. My wife wanted to get up and pay her regards to Maharaj Ji. However Maharaj Ji said “You are still very weak. Just relax and take it easy.” Maharaj Ji then removed one garland of flowers from his neck and put it around my wife's neck. Then Maharaj Ji removed another garland of flowers and

placed that around my neck. Thereafter Maharaj Ji said “Bibi Bachni! Now you should not worry at all. I am taking all your sufferings and sorrows away along with me. You should not cry and shed tears for your lost son. God will bless you with two more sons.” My wife answered politely “Maharaj Ji! Why should I worry now? You are God for us and you have taken the trouble to visit me in the hospital to save my life.” She requested Maharaj Ji that she would present the elder of the two sons in due course to serve at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji.

At that time I resolved in my mind to donate my future elder son to Maharaj Ji. All of the doctors, staff and patients in the hospital wondered about the identity of unique divine persona of Maharaj Ji that had such brilliant aura and glow. Despite advanced age, Maharaj Ji's divine face radiated very strong and powerful brilliance. Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to us and then returned to the Dera. In the evening, we also returned to our home in Suchipind with the permission of the doctor. With the grace of Maharaj Ji, my wife's health gradually started getting better. We thought that we would be able to go to see the Maharaj Ji with great enthusiasm after a few days. In accordance with Maharaj Ji's kind words, a boy was born in my house in due course of time. After a few years, another son was born who was named Surinder Dass. When Surinder Dass was about five years old, Sant Sammelan or congregation of saints was held in Suchipind. Surinder Dass was given saffron coloured dress at that time and he was taken to Dera.

*(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind)*

#### **144. Miracle Related to Last Rites**

It was 11<sup>th</sup> June 1972. I was drinking tea sitting near the hearth in my house. There was a sudden powerful blast in the fireplace. I placed the cup of tea there and told my wife “I am going to the Dera. Maharaj Ji has left us forever.” She said “How do you know that.” I said “Yes! Somehow I know about this reality.” When I reached the Dera hurriedly, the apprehension in my mind proved to be true. The devotees were in an extremely bad situation weeping and wailing helplessly. The holy body of Maharaj Ji was brought to the Dera in

palanquin bedecked with flowers that was led by a band playing devotional music. Maharaj Ji's body was covered with flowers and placed outside the room in the veranda. Thousands of devotees gathered from all over the country and abroad to have a last glimpse and pay their tearful respects to Maharaj Ji. The devotees kept streaming in to have a last glimpse of Maharaj Ji and to pay their profound homage. The sacred body of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was finally placed on the funeral pyre, that also had aromatic substances like sandalwood, ghee, copra and dried dates, and consigned to flames on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1972. A stream of blood suddenly emerged from the mortal human body of Maharaj Ji comprising of five elements and a few drops of blood fell on the dress worn by Shri Gurdas Ram Ji.

Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was formally enshrined as the worthy successor of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and the spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand, Ballan. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji and Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji had been supervising the temple construction work at Varanasi as directed by Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Now Sant Hari Dass Ji had to shoulder additional responsibility as the spiritual head of the Dera as well. Sant Hari Dass Ji started the construction of a huge temple in memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at the spot where Maharaj Ji's living room stood earlier in the Kutiya. With the whole hearted support of all devotees, a spacious and elegant temple was ready within one year. This temple was formally inaugurated and dedicated to the sacred memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj on the occasion of first anniversary of Maharaj Ji on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1973.

I had been contemplating in my mind since my childhood to build a suitable memorial in honour of Maharaj Ji at my house. This resolve got further strengthened when Maharaj Ji's devotees completed the construction of aforesaid memorial temple. I decided to build a temple at home at my own cost to commemorate the sacred memory of Maharaj Ji. Now I shall recall an event of the time of Maharaj Hari Dass Ji. Once, I requested Maharaj Hari Dass Ji that I want to build a temple at my home in memory of Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Gurdas! Just think over as this is a very difficult task."



My work was very good with the grace of Maharaj Ji. I used to save some money after meeting household expenses as my mind was always preoccupied with the thought to build a memorial for my revered Satguru Ji. It was during 1974-75 that I bought 13 Marlas land from a farmer just outside my village. I told Maharaj Hari Dass Ji about purchase of that land and Maharaj Ji was extremely happy to know that. By now Maharaj Ji was also convinced that this man would surely fulfil his resolve. So Maharaj Ji used to ask me every Sunday "What is the progress of your work now?" I would reply "Maharaj Ji! I am sure that you will definitely help me to accomplish my goal some day." Maharaj Ji would just smile after hearing this.

Once, I held a discussion with Shri Kirpa Ram from Rasulpur about my plans to build a memorial for Maharaj Ji. He also told me "Look Gurdas! Such tasks are undertaken by the kings or the revered saints and these are beyond our capabilities. It was Sunday. I and Kirpa Ram went out for a walk towards the canal in the evening. Kirpa Ram said "I do not think that you will accomplish the task of building a temple." I asked "Why not?" Kirpa Ram said "A sacred building for worship normally gets constructed only at a place where some revered saint performed devout meditation of God in the past." Then he gave me many examples about the places where the construction of Gurudwaras or temples could not be completed because of that lacuna. Then I said, "Look Kirpa Ram! You are right. But if the place is blessed by one's revered Guru Ji then why cannot he build a temple or Gurudwara there?" I said that the place has already been blessed by my revered satguru Ji. Thereafter both of us came inside the Dera.

Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj was sitting on the bed when we reached there and we paid our regards. Maharaj Ji was the devotees sitting there at that time "Gurdas from Suchipind wants to build a temple at his home in memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. However this task is very difficult." Maharaj Ji then pointed his index finger towards the newly built temple in the Kutiya and said "Gurdas says that he will build a temple like this. But this task is very difficult."

Shri Beli Ram, who was sitting nearby said "Maharaj Ji!

You and all of your devotees left no stone unturned to build this temple. Then how can Gurdas build a similar temple alone?" Maharaj Ji said, "Yes! You are right." I then stood up and raised both of my hands and said, "Maharaj Ji! May I make a submission with your kind permission?" Maharaj Hari Dass Ji said "Yes of course." Then I said "Maharaj Ji! I am a poor man and I support my family by repairing bicycles. We find it difficult even to meet normal household expenses. Who am I to construct a temple? Maharaj Ji! I have so much faith and confidence in my mind that if you are pleased and I have your blessings, then construction of such a temple is nothing. With your benevolent blessings, I can even make a golden temple in the memory of my revered Satguru Ji."

After listening to this Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji became very emotional and he said, "Yes Beli Ram! Tell me now. What do you have to say? Did you listen what this man just said?" Beli Ram was absolutely speechless and he just kept quiet. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji then said to me "Brother! You may go now. You have such immense faith and confidence in Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that Maharaj Ji will certainly ensure that all of your tasks are accomplished successfully.

#### **145. Construction of a Temple at Suchipind in Sacred Memory of Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj**

Time just kept ticking. I used to remember every moment that I have to make a memorial of Maharaj Ji at my own home and with my own funds. That is why I spoke to my cousin brother Shri Anant Ram Badhan. I said "I wish to build a memorial for Maharaj Ji at my house." He said, "Okay! That is good." This incident pertains to the year 1977. At that time there was Akali Dal Government in Punjab. My cousin said that he would persuade Bibi Satwant Kaur, a minister in the Government of Punjab, to visit Suchipind and lay the foundation stone of the proposed temple to commemorate Maharaj Ji's memory.

The date for laying the foundation stone of the temple was fixed in consultation with Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. Satsang or spiritual congregation was organized two days in advance. I was overwhelmed with joy because Maharaj Ji was going to

fulfil my childhood dream. On the day of Satsang, I hired a car in the morning and reached the Dera. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji and pleaded “Maharaj Ji! You are going to fulfil my cherished childhood dream about which you used to ask me every Sunday about the progress of my pet project? I would invariably say that I would complete that work one day with your kind blessings. So you are going to ensure today that my goal is achieved.” On hearing this, Maharaj Ji became emotional and with tears in his eyes, Maharaj Ji said “It is indeed amazing that you have such a strong faith.” Maharaj Ji further said that Ram Chandra's revered guru Vasishtha said “Ram! No one is your God but your own faith is your real God. So Gurdas! All of your tasks are getting accomplished only because of your immense faith. You have benevolent blessings of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji with you,”

I brought Maharaj Ji to my home in Suchipind with utmost devotion and great pleasure. Maharaj Ji laid the foundation stone of the temple. Thereafter Bibi Satwant Kaur also laid a brick ceremonially and she made an announcement to sanction grant of five thousand rupees for the construction of the temple. Apart from this grant, devotees and relatives assembled on the occasion also made contributions voluntarily for the construction of the temple. On the second day, mason Shri Karnail Singh son of Shri Dalip Singh, who built the beautiful temple in Maharaj Ji's memory in Dera Sachkhand Ballan, started construction of the temple in my premises in right earnest.

Maharaj Ji's blessings were with me as my work at my shop was also in excellent shape. I had been saving small amounts regularly for a long time for the construction of this temple. Therefore construction work related to the temple reached the lintel slab laying stage very fast. I then reached the office of Block Development Officer Jalandhar one day to get the grant for the temple announced by Bibi Satwant Kaur. The incumbent B.D.O. had come to Jalandhar on transfer just a few days ago. I met him in his office and he said “You will get cement, bricks and steel rods worth Rs.5000/ very soon at the temple construction site” However, many days passed but the

goods did not reach my village. One day I met B.D.O. Sahib again. He told me again that all of goods would be delivered very soon. So within a few days, a truck loaded with cement, steel rods, bricks and sand reached my home. Those materials were used to complete the lintel slab.

Later one day I was working at my shop in the afternoon. There was traffic jam on the road in front of my shop. I saw B.D.O. Sahib's jeep there. I went forward and told him "B.D.O. Sahib! You have come to my market today Please tell me what I should do for you. Let me arrange some tea for you in my shop." He curtly replied, "You repair the bicycles to earn meagre amount. What can you do for me?" Then he quickly went away.

After some days, I went to his house as I needed a permit to get cement. I requested him "Please verify my application so that I can get the cement." He was very upset that day and he told me "The government has tortured me very much. I was transferred to Jalandhar only one month back and now I have received another transfer order." He then told me "You should come to my office and I will verify your application." I said "B.D.O. Sahib! Your transfer order will get cancelled with the blessings of my revered Satguru Maharaj Ji." Thereafter, I came back to my shop.

I went to his office the next day and met him. He was very happy to meet me that day. He welcomed me affectionately and offered me a seat close to him and said "My transfer to Amritsar has been cancelled as you said and I have received the cancellation order. I shall now continue to work at Jalandhar. This is because of your kindness." I said "Sardar Sahib! I said that casually. However it has happened because of benevolence of my revered Satguru Maharaj Ji." B.D.O. Sahib was highly impressed and delighted. Thereafter he used to recommend supply of whatever quantity of cement was required by me for building the temple. Whenever he travelled by the railway road, he stopped at my shop to meet me and have a cup of tea with me. Neighbouring shop keepers used to wonder when such a senior officer visited my shop so frequently. One day some of them asked the B.D.O. "What do you have to do with this cycle repair shop here?" Then he replied "Gurdas is not an ordinary person.

He enjoys immense blessings of his Guru Maharaj Ji. Whatever he says, that surely happens. He is a great man and his revered Guru Ji's grandeur is beyond description.”

This is the result of my Guru Ji's blessings. I do not deserve any credit for this. Work related to construction of the temple continued with occasional stoppage due to shortage of funds as I was implementing such large project alone. Finally the construction of the main structure of the temple was completed in one year with the grace of Maharaj Ji. However, I had yet to give a final shape to this temple as last finishing jobs were still balance. My wife and I used to save some money after meeting essential home expenses. After ten years gap, we resumed the work to give a final shape to the temple during 1986-87 and the temple was finally ready within 3 months of resumption of work. Only work related to floor was balance and that too was completed after a few months. My wife Gurbachan Kaur provided me whole hearted support in this work and my children also worked as labourers to work with the mason. It is not easy to describe Maharaj Ji's unique feats.

#### **146. Early Morning Visit by Maharaj Ji**

Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and all members of his family were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He often used to become very emotional and weep while discussing about grandeur of Maharaj Ji. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Karmi Ji visited my house on the occasion of marriage of my daughter. They reached my house one day in advance of the marriage and stayed with us for the night. After taking dinner, we sat down together with all members of the family and discussed about amazing incidents related to Maharaj Ji. Bibi Karmi Ji said that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always used to leave the ashram very early for the morning walk. She then narrated the following incident. I was churning the curd to prepare butter one day very early in the morning. I got lot of butter and I contemplated in my mind that it would be extremely nice if my revered satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj visits my house and savours some fresh butter and butter milk. While I was still contemplating like that in my mind, Maharaj Ji

suddenly arrived very early in the morning and knocked at the door. We welcomed Maharaj Ji and paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Bibi Karmo! I have arrived as you have been remembering me. Now bring that butter and butter milk you have been contemplating to serve me. I have come here to savour the buttermilk and butter prepared by you with utmost devotion."

I was greatly surprised when Maharaj Ji arrived suddenly and I was overwhelmed with joy to have a view of my revered satguru Ji. I served buttermilk and butter to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji savoured that with great delight. Then Maharaj Ji said "Karmo! I am extremely happy today. You can demand anything today." I humbly replied "Maharaj Ji! We only seek your kind blessings and shelter at your lotus feet. We don't cherish anything else." Maharaj Ji conveyed his benevolent blessings and very kindly said "All right! You are granted the same."

Maharaj Ji used to call Bibi Karmi fondly as Karmo. Bibi Karmi Ji and Shri Kirpa Ram Ji devoted their entire life at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. All members of the family including their children and grand children are profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji's worthy successors at Dera Sachkhand Ballan. They were amongst those dedicated devotees who had complete faith and confidence in their revered Satguru Ji and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always materialized to reveal his vision whenever they remembered Maharaj Ji desperately with dedicated devotion.

#### **147. Taking the Urn of Sacred Ashes of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to Haridwar**

The holy urn containing sacred ashes of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was taken from Dera Sachkhand Ballan to Jalandhar Railway Station in a very large procession of cavalcade of cars and motor vehicles bedecked with flowers. The procession was led by music bands and very large numbers of devotees numbering several thousand participated in the procession that reached Jalandhar Railway Station at 6 p.m. My shop was located on Railway Road and I too reached the station to pay my respects to Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji

and meet the devotees. Infinite numbers of devotees were assembled there and most of them were keen to travel to Haridwar. I then decided that I must also go to Haridwar when so many devotees are going there. I was overwhelmed with ascetic thoughts and memories of Maharaj Ji. I asked Sant Garib Dass Ji about the next train for Haridwar. Sant Garib Dass Ji said “A train that leaves Jalandhar station at 9 p.m. has a special coach for Haridwar. That coach will be detached from the train at Laksar Station and attached to a Haridwar bound train.” Sant Garib Dass Ji gave me an extremely precious present – a turban that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to wear. I have preserved the same respectfully and I have a glance of that with reverence whenever I feel like.

I closed my shop a little early that evening and went home quickly to get ready to travel to Haridwar. Thereafter I boarded the coach of the train meant for Haridwar. This was the first time I was travelling to Haridwar. I was quite worried on two counts—first I should not be late and I must reach Haridwar well before immersion of the sacred ashes in the holy Ganga and second that I should not lose my way in Haridwar. I was very keen to be present personally at the time of immersion of sacred ashes of my revered satguru Ji. However I was fully confident in my mind that I must be able to have a final view of the holy urn before immersion of sacred ashes. I reached Haridwar very early in the morning. I enquired from local people and then reached Shri Guru Ravidass Ashram Nirmala Chhawni. I met Sant Dharmatma Nand Ji there but I was amazed to find that no one from Jalandhar had yet reached there. I mentioned to Sant Dharmatma Nand Ji “Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and a large number of devotees from Punjab had left for Haridwar by a train about 3-4 hours in advance of departure of my train from Jalandhar. Therefore, I am wondering why they have not yet reached here.” Thereafter both of us reached Haridwar railway station facing Nirmala Chhawni to enquire about the arrival of that train. Very soon thereafter the train arrived at Haridwar station with the holy urn and the revered saints Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and accompanying devotees got down from the train.

All devotees were marching forwards in a nice procession led by Sant Hari Dass Ji. Everyone was surprised to see me there. Sant Hari Dass Ji asked me “You were at Jalandhar station to see us off when we boarded the train. Then how is it that you reached here even before arrival of our train?” I said “Maharaj Ji! I reached here only because of your blessings. You know everything and I felt as if I had flown to Haridwar.” All devotees got fresh and had some tea and snacks at the ashram and then got ready to join the procession led by music band with the holy urn containing sacred ashes of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. The procession reached the Ghats of river Ganga and Sant Garib Dass Ji recited the formal prayer as desired by Sant Hari Dass Ji and all heartbroken devotees joined in prayer. Thereafter the holy urn and sacred ashes were immersed in the river Ganga with the accompaniment of slogans eulogizing glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All of the devotees and revered saints later boarded a train from Haridwar to Jalandhar.

#### **148. Word of a Saint means Eternal Truth**

This incident pertains to the time of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. I had a shop on railway road. There were approximately sixty shops in the locality including my shop. High Court had passed orders directing concerned authorities to build a suitable traffic crossing there to regulate heavy traffic. Accordingly, Jalandhar Improvement Trust decided to demolish some shops to facilitate construction of the traffic round about. Therefore mandatory notices were sent to all shopkeepers whose shops were to be demolished. The shopkeepers were directed to vacate those shops within two days failing which the shops would be demolished.

Some of the ministers of government of Punjab were devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan those days. All of the shopkeepers decided to visit the Dera collectively and request Maharaj Ji to resolve this problem and save their shops. When the delegation of shopkeepers reached the Dera, Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on a cot. We paid our regards to Maharaj Ji and wanted to sit down. However Maharaj Ji told all of us to have tea first. We had tea and then sat down in front of Maharaj



Ji. We then discussed our problem with Maharaj Ji and explained “Maharaj Ji! Most of us are very poor shop keepers and we have small shops on Railway Road, Jalandhar. Government wants to pull down our shops and build a traffic round about at that place. In this way we will lose everything and get displaced from our shops. We therefore pray to you to kindly tell some of the ministers, who are your devotees, to intervene and see that the project is shelved.”

Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji listened to us and then told us a story. Maharaj Ji said as follows. A Mughal king invaded our country because Hindustan was a very rich country at that time. He invaded us because of his greed. When he was marching forwards with his army to attack us, he met Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji on his way. Babar paid his regards to Guru Ji and sought Guru Ji's blessings. Guru Ji conveyed his blessings to Babar. Babar won the war. While Babar was returning with his victorious army and plundered treasures of wealth, he met Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji again. Babar paid his regards to Guru Ji and arrogantly said “O Saint! You can demand anything from me today whatever you want.” Then Guru Nanak Dev Ji said, “You are the greediest beggar in this world. You sought my blessings to win the war and now you wish to be a philanthropist and want me to beg for anything from you. What is that you own to give to me?” Babar prostrated at the lotus feet of Guru Ji and begged for pardon for his impudence.

Thereafter Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji said “Dear Brothers. All of these ministers come here to seek blessings of saints. I shall not tell anyone of them about this issue and make any recommendation. However all of you should rest assured that nothing wrong will happen to your shops. No one will demolish your shops.” Thereafter all of us conveyed our gratitude and paid profound regards to Maharaj Ji and returned to Railway Road, happily with Maharaj Ji's blessings. We were amazed to learn after reaching there that the court had stayed the orders related to demolition of our shops and government had shelved implementation of the project for construction of traffic round about. All of us were extremely happy and also greatly surprised because of such fast positive developments. Thus

these issues relate to the devotion of the devotee and his utmost faith and confidence in his revered Guru Ji.

*Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo nirmal jake baen!*

*Jih kari daras aau paras son man upjahi sukh chaen!!*

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “A saint who speaks in pious soothing words is noble. One realizes true and lasting pleasure just by having a glimpse and bowing with devotion at the lotus feet of such a sage.”

Then government kept quiet on this issue for a long time. In 1979, Jalandhar Improvement Trust sent notices once again to all the shopkeepers to vacate their shops. There were two government holidays and third day was Sunday. After those three days, the government wanted to take possession of the area comprising the shops. The shopkeepers tried their best but could not even file an appeal for stay of the orders because of holidays. Everyone was worried that the shops would be demolished as per high court order and no one can stop that. All of the shopkeepers held a meeting to chalk out future course of action. I said to them, “Brothers! You do your work and take any appropriate action. However I shall go to my revered Satguru Ji and pray at his lotus feet for help.”

When I reached the Dera, Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the cot. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and he asked me to have tea first. After taking tea, I came back and prayed “Maharaj Ji! The government wants to demolish shops of 60 shop keepers and construct a traffic round about at that place. All of the shopkeepers are poor. Where will we go when our shops are demolished? How will we earn our living? Please take pity on us and save us from this calamity.” Maharaj Ji pondered over this intricate problem calmly and signalled me to get back to my shop.

I understood everything when Maharaj Ji gave that signal. I returned back and told all the shopkeepers “Our shops will stay here with each one of us. There will be no damage to our shops. My revered Guru Ji has conveyed his blessings.” They asked “How is that possible?” Some of the shop keepers had gone to meet the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner told them “I shall send a suitable

recommendation to government for postponement of any action. However any stay related to implementation of High Court orders is unlikely. I am helpless because of that.” Those shopkeepers also came back from D.C's office.

Finally it was Monday the day fixed for taking possession. The employees of Jalandhar Improvement Trust backed by hundreds of policemen came there with Bulldozers to start demolition of shops. They surrounded all the shops and cordoned off the area and warned everyone to keep away. All the shopkeepers were terribly worried about it but I had full confidence in Maharaj Ji's word that our shops would not be damaged.

Full preparations were put in place by the Improvement Trust to demolish our shops when they received a telephone call from Chandigarh saying that the railway road round about scheme stands postponed and hence no damage should be caused to the shops. All of the shopkeepers were extremely happy and their joy knew no bounds. It is already more than 22 years since then and our shops are absolutely safe at the same place by Maharaj Ji's grace. Thus if a devotee has full faith in his revered Guru Ji then he can secure any noble blessings from his Guru Ji.

### **149. Praise for Guru Ji**

One day Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj was seated on his cot near the main temple. Their devotees sat around the Maharaj Ji. I am also reached the Dera and paid my regards to Maharaj Ji. Thereafter I had tea and then sat down near Maharaj Ji. Many other devotees were also sitting there. Some of them were narrating virtues of another saint. They said, “Maharaj Ji! We met a revered saint who eats very frugal meals. If someone donates something to him, he throws that into the fire. He is an accomplished saint.

Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj Ji was listening to them very carefully. I also listened to them attentively. One devotee was operating a hand held fan to cool the air around Maharaj Ji as it was quite hot. I took the fan from that person tactfully and started operating it. I then said “Maharaj Ji! If you give me permission then I want to speak something.” Maharaj Ji said, “Of course! You can speak what you want.”

I said “I shall only say what I have learnt from your devotees.” Then looking towards all the devotees I further said “We should always praise our own Guru Ji alone while sitting close to him.” Sant Hari Dass Ji abruptly got up and went away after listening to my words. Then I said “Brothers! While we are sitting near our Guru Ji, we should only sing paeans of his glory. Later on we can discuss about other people or different issues. Now that Maharaj Ji has gone away; you can eulogize anyone else. However it does not behove us to praise someone else in front of our own Guru Ji. That shows lack of confidence in one's Guru Ji.”

Sant Amar Dass Ji, who lived in village Mannan, was also sitting there. He said “That is true. Maharaj Ji is extremely kind to this person.” Another person sitting nearby said “Yes! He has complete blessings of Maharaj Ji. If he did not have Maharaj Ji's blessings, he would not have reached Haridwar earlier than other devotees who boarded the train from Jalandhar to Haridwar 3-4 hours before him. That was because he had Maharaj Ji's blessings.” Then everyone started asking me to elaborate how I reached Haridwar before those who boarded the earlier train. I was about to explain the details when a devotee conveyed me a directive from Sant Hari Dass Ji to stop any further discussion on that subject at once. I obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and did not elaborate the secret behind that unique issue.

In this way, Maharaj Ji knows everything. The devotees should have full faith in Guru Ji. However it is extremely difficult to do that. Satguru Maharaj Ji often subjects his devotees to difficult tests and then helps those, who pass such tests, to accomplish all of their noble tasks.

### **150. Construction of the Temple**

This incident pertains to the year 1978 when I was constructing a temple in memory of Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Because the transfer of B.D.O. was stopped, therefore he had lot of respect for me. He gave me as many bags of cement as I required him to sanction. He used to recommend supply of any quantity of cement required by me from time to time for building the temple. There was acute shortage cement

in our country and it was an essential controlled commodity available against permits.

However, one day that B.D.O. asked me “What do you do with so much cement.” Then I explained him everything and said “I am constructing a temple at my home to commemorate the sacred memory of my revered Guru Ji Maharaj at my own cost.” B.D.O. was extremely surprised to hear that and he said “It is indeed amazing that you have undertaken to implement such a huge project all alone at your own cost particularly when you earn your living by repairing bicycles. Truly you have immense blessings of your revered Guru Ji. Normally temples and gurudwaras are built in the villages through collaborative efforts of the community. I am witnessing such unique example for the first time as you are building the temple all alone without any external help. It is indeed very true that you enjoy the full support of your revered Guru Ji and this is the result of his blessings.”

A truly perfect Guru emancipates his devotee and ends the pernicious cycle of death and rebirth provided the disciple shuns vices. Satguru Ji blesses his disciple with the unique treasure of Naam and worship of God and such a disciple is indeed extremely lucky.

I had to take care of everything related to construction of the temple alone. I had to open and run my shop daily. I had to make arrangements for timely supply of cement and bricks to the mason. Thus I was very busy with these works. Even though my children were very young those days, yet they helped the mason as labourers. My wife prepared meals and tea for the mason and labour. Hence she too had lot of work. However our revered Satguru blessed us with such courage and determination that we never felt frustrated. Sometimes we had to stop the work and resume the same 3-4 months later after saving some hard earned money.

### **151. Realization of Truth by a Comrade**

This story pertains to the times of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Comrade Diyal Singh had his farm along the highway east of village Raipur. One of the disciples of Maharaj Ji was working at that farm to look after the cattle. He often used

to tell him about the glory of Maharaj Ji – an accomplished Udasi saint who remained celibate throughout his life. Comrade hardly believed in God and he used to tell that person “You keep talking about saints unnecessarily. Most of the saints are fake and not genuine. There is nothing like God. This is the era of science.” Even then that devotee used to tell Comrade about Maharaj Ji's unique accomplishments.

Time kept ticking. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed omniscient. One day, Maharaj Ji came for a morning walk along the canal tributary and reached close to Comrade's farm. Diyal Singh witnessed a unique brilliance at some distance and he moved forwards to check about it. He was stunned to see the divine glowing face of Maharaj Ji. He casually paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. As a communist, he did not believe in God and just to test Maharaj Ji he said “Maharaj Ji! There has been no rain and crops are withering away.” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry. It will rain tomorrow.” Diyal Singh asked “At what time will it rain?” Maharaj Ji replied “There will be rainfall tomorrow around 11 a.m.”

Maharaj Ji returned to his ashram thereafter. Diyal Singh returned home and continued deliberating throughout the night that it was not possible that there would be rainfall tomorrow. He wondered why it would rain the next day just because a saint said so.

Diyal Singh woke up next morning and waited anxiously for the time to be 11 a.m. There was bright sunlight all around and no trace of any clouds anywhere till 10:45 a.m. Suddenly there were dark clouds in the sky soon thereafter and there was heavy rainfall all around from 11 a.m. onwards. It rained so heavily for half an hour that all fields were flooded in no time. His illusion was shattered. He went running to Maharaj Ji's Dera and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. From that day, he became a profound devotee of Maharaj Ji. He came to Dera every Sunday. He was fully convinced that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was indeed omniscient and that Maharaj Ji knew about the inner thoughts of the minds of his devotees and addressed their dilemmas.

One day Diyal Singh came to the Dera and said, “Maharaj

Ji! I have a calf. I looked after it extremely well so that I could make use of it later to plough my fields. But it fell down into a deep pit. It can't even stand up because of injury to hips. Please give me some medicine for my calf so that it can recover.” Maharaj Ji pondered over the matter for a while and said “You should give him stale water only for drinking instead of fresh water.” He said “All right Maharaj Ji.” Diyal Singh followed Maharaj Ji's advice. After about one month the calf was all right. He felt very happy to see that and his faith in Maharaj Ji was further strengthened. He thought in his mind that he would donate the calf to Maharaj Ji's ashram because it has been saved by Maharaj Ji's grace only.

Thereafter one day he covered the back of the calf with a red cloth and brought it to the Dera. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and said, “Maharaj Ji! This calf is fine now by your grace. Now I wish to donate this calf to your ashram.” Then Maharaj Ji said, “All right! This calf belongs to the ashram now and hence you should not mind if I give it to someone else.” Diyal Singh said, “Maharaj Ji! Now it is yours. You may give it to anyone and I have no objection.”

Maharaj Ji gave the calf to Shri Bhagat Ram hailing from Mitthu Basti and told him “Bhagat Ram! Take this calf along with you and make use of it in your fields. Bhagat Ram took the calf to his home and used it in his fields for many years. Shri Bhagat Ram later sold his land for lacs of rupees and present day J.P. Nagar in Jalandhar is located at that land.

### **152. Strange Treatment for a Disease**

This story relates to the period prior to 1947. Caste based discriminations were at zenith those days. A retired magistrate from Himachal Pradesh had some wounds on his body. He got treatment for those lesions for a long time but there was no relief. He felt intense itching on the wounds and he could not sleep throughout the night. He heard about Maharaj Ji's grandeur, absolute celibacy since childhood and location of his Kutiya close to the canal. At last that magistrate came to the Dera to seek treatment. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji on arrival. Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew about his problem. Maharaj Ji asked him to have meals in the community kitchen first and

then explain his problem. He had his food and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji thereafter. Maharaj Ji then asked him about the specific purpose of his visit. He said “Maharaj Ji! I have deep lesions on the whole body with intense itching and I can't sleep throughout the night.” Maharaj Ji looked at the lesions on his body and said “Brother! There is no simple treatment for this problem and if there is one that is extremely difficult.” Maharaj Ji further said “You should eat plenty of radishes every day for one week. Either you eat same as a cooked vegetable or as a salad. You should come here again after one week and then we will give you medicine. However you must arrange to get radishes from somewhere and eat plenty of those daily.”

Thereafter that person went to his home. He searched for radishes all around in the fields close to his house but he was not able to get same. At last he met a farmer who had grown radish crop in one of the beds at his farm. He saw some radishes there. He said to the owner of land that he needed radishes to use as medicine for one week. He offered to give whatever money the farmer wanted to supply him radishes. But the owner said “You don't need to pay any money for these but you can take as many radishes as you need.” Then the magistrate started to eat radishes as a vegetable or sometimes as a salad. He felt slightly better and he could sleep well during the night. Likewise he consumed radishes on the second day as well. He got good sleep and the itching on his body also decreased. He continued consuming radishes every day. His lesions started healing and he got better day after day. He had sound sleep every night and he felt soothing effect on his healing lesions. He had miraculous relief after consuming the radishes. Then he contemplated in his mind that the treatment was so simple and cheap and he had been running here and there wasting lot of money unnecessarily.

After such treatment for one week, he went to Dera and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked him, “How are you now?” He replied “Maharaj Ji! I feel much better with almost 70% recovery.” He further said “Maharaj Ji! You had told me that the treatment of my disease was extremely tough. However, I have been cured just by consuming radishes and it is so simple and cheap but strange treatment.” Then



Maharaj Ji smiled and replied, "I still say that the treatment of this disease is extremely complex." Then he said "Maharaj Ji! How is it so difficult?"

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said "In reality, various steps required for treatment of your disease are as follows. Firstly one has to search for a highly poisonous cobra snake and kill it. Then the dead snake should be buried under the shade of a tree in such a way that there is minimum sunshine at that spot. Then after a few years the dead snake will decompose totally and get converted into humus. Thereafter the area should be prepared for sowing the radish crop. When the radishes are ready on that piece of land, those should be eaten by the person suffering from the disease that has afflicted you. It is only this way that one will get cured. Now see how difficult it is."

Maharaj Ji further said "You are extremely lucky that all of these steps had already been taken in the past in respect of the particular spot from where you got the radishes. The field from where you obtained radishes is located east of your house and a poisonous cobra snake had been buried under the shade of a mango tree there some years back. You got the radishes from same spot and consumed those radishes and got cured."

The magistrate was taken aback completely after listening to Maharaj Ji and being very curious he ventured to ask "Maharaj Ji! How do you know sitting in this ashram all this and that there is a bed of radishes at that particular location?" Maharaj Ji had a hearty laugh and then said "Brother! Nothing is hidden from saints." That person then placed his head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with great reverence and started to weep overwhelmed with reclusive emotions. He eulogized the unique grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Thus Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was surely an accomplished omniscient saint who addressed each and every dilemma of all of his disciples in simple way giving apt examples. However Maharaj Ji never claimed any credit for any of his unique feats.

### **153. Greatness of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji**

I want to narrate another similar incident. Everyone knows that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji maintained complete celibacy throughout his life time and that Maharaj Ji practised

'Angkati' Yoga since childhood that involves self severance of all body limbs through intense meditation and then getting back to normal human form. Maharaj Ji used to pursue devout meditation of God all alone in the Kutiya those days. Bibi Karmi Ji and Shri Kirpa Ram Ji from village Rasulpur Brahmana had been very profound disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji since their childhood. They had the good fortune of meeting even Baba Pipal Dass Ji. Whenever there was a function at my house in village Suchipind, they used to reach my house in the previous evening. Then we used to talk about the unique grandeur of Maharaj Ji till late mid night and very often we used to weep being overwhelmed with emotions and devout love and respect for Maharaj Ji.

They told us that Sant Harnam Dass Ji was the spiritual Guru Ji of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and that Mohalla Harnam Dass in Jalandhar is named after that revered saint. They further said that Sant Harnam Dass Ji very often used to say "Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is a king amongst saints like the lion is the king of the forest. He is my distinguished disciple and he is far ahead of me in devout meditation of God and spiritual achievements. Sometimes I am scared of him as he performs supreme penance and there is no comparison to his devout meditation. He is indeed a great saint and his grandeur is beyond description."

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was strong opponent of caste system and caste based discriminations. Maharaj Ji always motivated his devotees to ensure to impart best possible education for their children. Maharaj Ji himself was an accomplished scholar with excellent command over many languages like Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Sanskrit and Persian. Maharaj Ji used to teach many young children in the Dera personally and encouraged the students to excel in studies. Shri Bishna Ram Ji, Shri Beli Ram Ji and Shri Fakir Singh Ji, who is presently settled in England, received initial education from Maharaj Ji in the Dera. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was keen to see the poor and down trodden community to be well educated learned and prosperous. Maharaj Ji always prayed to God that the children of such communities should also be

highly educated and knowledgeable so that they too can become very senior officers and live dignified lives like others.

#### **154. Curing Shri Bakhshi Ram Ji**

Shri Bhagat Ram Ji shifted his residence from village Ballan and settled down in village Ramdasspur. All members of his family were devout followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bhagat Ram Ji was blessed with sacred Naam by Baba Pipal Dass Maharaj Ji.

Shri Bakhshi Ram son of Shri Bhagat Ram fell seriously ill during 1969 when he was about 25 years old. Shri Bakhshi Ram got treatment from many doctors and Ayurvedic medical practitioners but he had no relief. At last Shri Bhagat Ram took his son to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he prayed "Maharaj Ji! My son is sick. We consulted many doctors and Vaidis for his treatment but there is no relief. He cannot even make use of his legs and walk. Kindly take pity on him and convey your blessings."

Maharaj Ji said "Remember God all the time and practise meditation of God regularly He will start getting well from Tuesday." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Bakhshi Ram started recovering from Tuesday onwards. Shri Bakhshi Ram narrated this incident and said "I got well with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji soon thereafter and I never suffered from the same disease again.

*(Shri Bakhshi Ram, Village Ramdasspur, 25.7.2003)*

#### **155. Blessing Shri Gurmej Ram**

Shri Gurmej Ram and Bibi Nanti Ji lived in village Dhakk Pandori near Phagwara. They listened about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Shri Gurdas Ram hailing from village Suchipind. Thereafter they had a very strong longing to meet Maharaj Ji. When they reached the Dera and had a glimpse of Maharaj Ji's divine face, they were overwhelmed with joy and happiness. They visited the Dera every Sunday thereafter for a few months. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed them with sacred Naam in due course of time.

Shri Gurmej Ram fell ill once. He received treatment from many doctors but he got no relief. Thereafter Shri Gurmej Ram and Bibi Nanti went to Dera one day and paid their regards

to Maharaj Ji. Then Gurmej Ram said “Maharaj Ji! I am not feeling well and I have poor health most of the time. Kindly bless me with your kind benevolence.”

Then Maharaj Ji called him near and said “Sit down calmly and close your eyes. Then focus the concentration of your mind between your both eyes.” Maharaj Ji placed his hand with blessings on his forehead and asked “Do you see anything with your closed eyes?” He replied, “Maharaj Ji! I see a sharp bright light.” Then Maharaj Ji said “Pursue devout meditation of God regularly. Your health will become fine from now onwards.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth. His health started to improve since that day and he was absolutely fine soon thereafter with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji.

### **156. Go and render some Service – There is Nothing Wrong with You**

Shrimati Raj Kaur Madhar w/o Shri Puran Chand Madhar narrated the following story. Bibi Sant Kaur had a daughter named Santosh Kaur. She was suffering from a strange disease. She felt extremely cold even during summer months like the winter months of Poh-Magh (December- January). She consulted many doctors but no one could diagnose her disease and she got no relief despite prolonged treatment. When I met Bibi Sant Kaur, I suggested to her to take her daughter and meet my venerated Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I told her “Maharaj Ji is extremely kind and benevolent. You should meet Maharaj Ji along with your daughter, explain her problem and pray for help”

Bibi Sant Kaur had fond devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji after listening to Maharaj Ji's glory. One day she left for Ballan along with her daughter to meet Maharaj Ji. When they reached near the canal flowing west of village, Bibi Sant Kaur thought that one should first have bath to cleanse the body and then only meet venerated saints. Therefore she asked her daughter to take bath in the canal water. When her daughter had bath in the canal she felt much better as if 50% of her problem had vanished. She did not feel very cold as usual and she told her mother about this miraculous change. When Bibi Sant Kaur heard that from her daughter, her faith and devotion for Maharaj

Ji got further strengthened. She was then fully convinced that her daughter would certainly get well completely.

She reached the ashram with such positive thoughts along with her daughter. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the cemented platform when they reached. They paid their profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter they sat down and Bibi Sant Kaur explained about her daughter's strange illness to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said to her daughter "Just go and render some services in the community kitchen. There is nothing wrong with you."

As soon as that girl heard these words of blessings from Maharaj Ji, she realized that she was absolutely fit and fine. She never felt cold like hitherto thereafter. Thus the hopes and aspirations of Shrimati Sant Kaur were completely fulfilled with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as she had come to Maharaj Ji's durbar with full faith and utmost devotion. Her pain and agony ended as her daughter was absolutely fine. Thus anyone who has full faith and profound devotion for revered saints surely gets rewarded.

### **157. People Donate Money for Worship Here**

Shri Puran Chand Madhar narrated that his elder brother Shri Shardha Ram also used to visit the Dera of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj very often and render voluntary services. Although he was blessed with sacred Naam by Dera Beas yet he had full respect and utmost devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

One day Shri Shardha Ram Ji and his companion Nam Dass were returning from Dera Beas after listening to the spiritual discourse there. They travelled along the canal tributary from Maqsudan towards village Ballan on their way home. When they reached near the Kutuya of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji near Ballan, Shri Shardha Ram suggested to his colleague "Nam Dass! Let us have food at Maharaj Ji's Kutuya and then proceed further to our homes." Nam Dass said, "I don't want to have food here because people donate money for worship here." Shardha Ram said "Anyway it is your choice but I shall certainly have meals here."

They reached the Kutuya. At that time, Sant Sarwan Dass

Maharaj Ji was seated on the cemented platform and many devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji said, “Shardha Ram! Go and have meals in the community kitchen. Let Nam Dass remain here because he will not have food here as we receive donations of money for worship.”

Nam Dass was taken aback after listening to Maharaj Ji and he felt ashamed and extremely sorry as his arrogance was exposed. He regretted his unwarranted comment from the core of his heart and begged Maharaj Ji for pardon placing his forehead at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. When the devotees present on that occasion learnt about the whole issue, they were also greatly amazed. Omniscient Satguru Ji knew very well what Nam Dass had been making adverse comments about the Kutiya. Truly perfect saints like Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always know about the inner thoughts of the people who visit them well in advance.

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### **158. It will rain Tomorrow at 12 Noon**

Shri Puran Chand Ji recalled another incident as follows. Sometimes Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to visit Jalandhar walking on foot as means of transport were limited. One day, Maharaj Ji was walking on his way to Jalandhar. It was extremely hot summer mid day when Maharaj Ji reached village Noorpur. It was very hot and dry environment and there was severe drought because of lack of rainfall for the past many days. A farmer from village Noorpur met Maharaj Ji at that time and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Thereafter he said “Maharaj Ji! It is very hot and dry weather. All crops are wilting. Please be kind and see that it rains.” However he said that in a joking tone in a funny way as he had no faith and confidence in saints. He considered Maharaj Ji as a simple person wearing the robes of a saint. But he didn't know that he was testing a truly accomplished godly saint who had his incarnation only for the emancipation and enlightenment of people. He didn't know that wind blew in the direction in which Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji pointed his walking stick while he just longed for rain. Maharaj Ji pondered over the matter for some time and then

replied “There will be rain tomorrow at 12 o'clock.” Then Maharaj Ji walked away.

On the next day that farmer eagerly waited for the clock to strike 12 o'clock as he wanted to check whether Maharaj Ji's words would prove to be true or not. But there were no clouds anywhere in the sky even till a few minutes before 12 o' clock. As there was bright sunshine all around, he concluded that there would be no rain that day. However suddenly there were dark clouds in the sky and it started to rain heavily just around 12 o' clock. It continued to rain heavily for a long time and there was plenty of water in the fields all around. On the next day the arrogant farmer went to the Dera and placed his forehead at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with reverence and he begged for pardon. He had realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was a truly perfect saint with unique powers to achieve anything. Thus people should not try to judge accomplished saints.

### **159. Tell us what happened to you**

This incident pertains to Shri Ram Prakash son of Shri Puran Chand Madhar. Ram Prakash was sleeping on the roof of his house during one night. He visualized in a nightmare that someone was hacking him with a large billhook. When he woke up early in the morning, he saw blood stains on his clothes but there was not even a scratch on his body. He was extremely worried about it. He was quite upset and he kept wondering about the cause and significance of that incident. On the next morning, he reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan in the same condition and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked him at once on his arrival “Tell us what happened to you?” He held the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! You only saved me last night. Kindly enlighten me about the cause and significance of what I experienced last night.” Maharaj Ji replied “You just escaped a major threat and grave risk to your life and you experienced that in your dream instead of your real life.”

This is how truly accomplished saints protect their devotees from serious setbacks and transform a major impending disaster like a noose into a minor pain caused by a long thorn.

### **160. It is of no Use to repent Later**

Shri Gurmel Ram Ji and Bibi Nanti Ji visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on 9th June, 1972 in the morning. They narrated this incident as follows. When we sought permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to return home in the evening, Maharaj Ji said "Stay here and you may return home on the fourth day."

We said "Maharaj Ji! Children are alone at home. We will come again." Then Maharaj Ji replied "We will not be able to meet like this again later on." We thought that perhaps Maharaj Ji would leave for some other place away from the Dera after two days. We asked for Maharaj Ji's permission again and returned back to our home on 9th June, 1972.

While we were sleeping at our house, we heard a very loud thud around 3 a.m. on 12th June 1972. We woke up at once and wondered whether there was gunfire nearby. However, in the morning we got the extremely sad message that Maharaj Ji had left this perishable world for his heavenly abode the previous night. Then we regretted our serious blunder and repented why we did not stay at Kutiya as suggested by Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti, 30.7.2003)*

### **161. Blessing Shri Resham Lal**

Shri Nanda Ram Ji lived in village Naugajja. He was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His son Resham studied in a school. He used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya every day after school hours and study further under the guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji always motivated all children to work hard and excel in their studies. Maharaj Ji also used to make special arrangements to prepare and serve Khir or rice pudding and Mahal Poorhe - vegetarian pancakes for devotees and school going children on certain Sundays.

It was the year 1963-64 and I was a student of class VIII at that time. Shri Malkit Ram son of Shri Munshi Ram from village Ballan was also studying with me. Maharaj Ji said to both of us one day "You have to become senior officers. Hence you must work hard and pay full attention to your studies regularly." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. I



completed a technical diploma course successfully after passing matriculation or 10<sup>th</sup> class. I am working as an inspector with Municipal Corporation Jalandhar these days by Maharaj Ji's grace. It is only because of the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Resham Lal, Village Naugajja, Currently Santokhpura, Jalandhar 30. 7.2003)*

### **162. Protecting Shri Darshan Singh Havildar during 1971 Indo - Pak War**

Shri Tulsi Ram Ji and Bibi Maha Kaur from village Boorhe Jattan, Hoshiarpur were very devout disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. A fierce war broke out between India and Pakistan in 1971. Darshan Singh son of Shri Tulsi Ram was working with the Indian army at that time. He came to seek Maharaj Ji's blessings just before moving to the war front. He prayed to Maharaj Ji for his safety and said "Maharaj Ji! I am going to fight the war at the war front. Kindly convey your blessings."

Maharaj Ji said "Darshan! Don't worry! You will be absolutely safe. There will not be even a scratch on your body." With these blessings from Maharaj Ji, Shri Darshan Singh went away to join his duty in Jammu & Kashmir and he was deployed on the war front in Punchh Sector. When they were fighting the war then he and his 22 companions were surrounded by the army of Pakistan. The bombs were exploding all around them. Then Shri Darshan Singh remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed to Maharaj Ji for their protection. Maharaj Ji materialized on the war front of him and said "Darshan Singh! Don't worry." Darshan Singh and his companions jumped into a pit nearby and sat down quietly along the corners of pit. They stayed there for the whole night. In the morning, they came out from the pit and moved to a safe place. India won the war within a few days and the war came to an end.

When Darshan Singh visited his home after the end of the war, his father Shri Tulsi Ram went to Dera along with his son to meet Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji said "It is good that Darshan Singh did not

suffer from even a scratch on his body with the grace of God.” Darshan Singh gratefully said “Maharaj Ji! When you are my saviour then how could I suffer from even a scratch on my body? We escaped certain death with your blessings and suffered no injuries.”

*(Gurdev Singh son of Shri Tulsi Ram, Village Boorhe Jattan, Hoshiarpur 2.8.2003)*

### **163. When Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji and Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji**

It was the year 1942. Shri Gurdiyal Singh was scheduled to get married with Bibi Mehar Kaur in village Kamalpur Naura located about half kilometre from Nankana Sahib in district Shekhupura now in Pakistan. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also accompanied the marriage party of Gurdiyal Singh Ji along with the Gurbani Kirtan singers Shri Thakur Dass and his colleagues. People from the bridegroom's marriage party stayed for two days in Kamalpur Naura. All people enjoyed the melodious Gurbani Kirtan and benefitted immensely. Marriage was solemnized with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Thereafter, the marriage party accompanied by Maharaj Ji and newly married couple left Kamalpur Naura in a bus for the return journey to village Dhepur in Jalandhar district, Punjab.

Somehow the bus got stuck in very slushy saline soil on the way during the return journey. The driver requested everyone to get down and push the bus from behind so that the bus could be manoeuvred out of the slushy ground. People got down and tried their level best to push the bus out of the slush but it was in vain. Then, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked everyone to board the bus and sit down comfortably on their respective seats. When people sat down in the bus then Maharaj Ji held his long walking stick against the front seat and told the bus driver “Start the engine now and the bus will get out of the slush.” Driver said “Maharaj Ji! When all of these people were pushing the bus it did not move, then how can it move now?”

Then Maharaj Ji said, “Don't worry! Just start the engine and try once again.” As the driver started the engine, Maharaj Ji pushed the front seat with his long walking stick and the bus

moved out of the slushy ground in no time. Everyone on the board the bus including the driver was greatly amazed at this unique miracle.

*(Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji w/o S. Gurdiyal Singh Ji, Village Dhepur Kathar/ later Noorpur, Jalandhar)*

#### **164. Cherished Desire of Bibi Mehar Kaur**

Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji and Bibi Mehar Kaur lived in Dhepur-Koopur village. They were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Once, Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji resolved in her mind that she would dust and clean the shoes of all devotees at Maharaj Ji's ashram for five consecutive Sankranti days or the first day of five months as per Vikram Samvat Calendar. Spiritual congregation on the auspicious occasion of Sankranti used to be held in front of the ashram of Maharaj Ji inside village Ballan those days. Bibi Mehar Kaur performed voluntary service and cleaned shoes of devotees for five consecutive Sankranti festivals with utmost devotion. Maharaj Ji called Bibi Mehar Kaur after closure of the fifth such festival and said "My daughter! You had resolved in your mind to clean the footwear of devotees for five consecutive Sankranti festivals and you have fulfilled that goal. That is enough and you do not have to dust shoes any more in future." Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji was stunned to hear these words as she wondered how Maharaj Ji knew about her resolve. Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji then realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed a truly accomplished and perfect saint.

*(Bibi Mehar Kaur Village Noorpur / Santokhpura, Jalandhar)*

#### **165. Addressing the Dilemma of Shri Massa Singh**

Shri Uttam Singh Viridi and all members of his family were ardent devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was the year 1962- 63. Shri Massa Singh son of Shri Uttam Singh was having a job in the army. He came home on leave. One day prior to his scheduled arrival at Meerut to resume his duty; he and his wife Bibi Naseeb Kaur went to Dera at 12 noon. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Thereafter Massa Singh said "Maharaj Ji! I have to leave for Meerut today and report for duty there at 9 a.m. tomorrow."

Maharaj Ji told both of them to have food in the community kitchen. They had their meals and then returned to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said “Massa Singh! Go to Sant Garib Dass and help him to grind herbs to prepare medicines.” Simultaneously Maharaj Ji asked Bibi Naseeb Kaur to go to Bibi Bhani Ji and help her to clean the grains. Massa Singh submitted “Maharaj Ji! I have to reach Meerut before 9 a.m. tomorrow and report for duty.” Then Maharaj Ji advised both of them to go and render services as mentioned by Maharaj Ji earlier.

Massa Singh went to Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji and got busy in grinding the herbs and his wife helped Bibi Bhani Ji to clean the grains. When it was around 3:45 p.m., Maharaj Ji called both of them and said “Massa Singh! You seem to be in a great hurry!” Thereafter Maharaj Ji gave them Prasad and permitted them to get back home.

They returned home and then packed up their belongings. When they just left their house and reached Dr. Ambedkar Crossing in their village Raipur around 4:30 p.m. they saw a tonga that had brought some passengers from Jalandhar City. They boarded that tonga and reached Pathankot-Jalandhar Road by tonga. A short while later a bus arrived from Jammu and that bus was on its way to Delhi. They boarded the bus and reached Delhi very early in the morning. When they got down from the bus at Delhi, they found a military vehicle that had brought some soldiers from Massa Singh's army unit from Meerut to Delhi, waiting there. His army companions recognized Massa Singh and asked him and his wife to board the vehicle that had to return to Meerut. Thus Massa Singh reached Meerut at 8:15 a.m. while he had to report for duty at 9 a.m. After witnessing such miraculous coincident, Massa Singh realized that his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed a perfect Brahmngiani and a truly perfect saint. It was because of Maharaj Ji's kind and benevolent blessings that they reached Meerut so comfortably without any hassle to report for duty well in time.

*(Shri Amrik Singh son of Shri Massa Singh, Village Raipur  
Rasulpur, Jalandhar, 2.8.2003)*

### **166. Addressing Doubts of Shri Munshi Ram Ji Nambardar**

Massa Ram's uncle Shri Munshi Ram had devout affection for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Whenever he came to village Raipur to meet his sister he made it a point to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan to pay his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji without fail. Once during the year 1965-66, Shri Munshi Ram came from village Duhre to meet his sister in village Raipur. He thought in his mind that he would first go to his sister's home and thereafter visit the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji.

He was walking towards Raipur along the canal side road and he went past the canal bridge linking village Ballan with Dera Sachkhand Ballan and reached near the trifurcation of canal. As he moved a little further along the eastern tributary of the canal towards Raipur, he was shocked to see a huge cobra snake squatting on his way. He stopped immediately at some distance from the snake and waited for some time hoping that the snake would move away. As the snake did not move away, he tried to take a short detour to bypass the cobra. However he was amazed to see the snake again sitting ahead of him. Finally he gave up the idea to proceed further to Raipur and instead he turned back and reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya after crossing the canal by the narrow bridge at the trifurcation point of the canal.

When he reached the Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha or cemented platform as usual. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji said "Nambardar! How is it that you forgot about us and walked past the bridge to reach Raipur first?" Shri Munshi Ram humbly said "Maharaj Ji! You are indeed omniscient and know everything."

*(Shri Amrik Singh son of Shri Massa Singh, Village Raipur Rasulpur, Jalandhar. 2.8.2003)*

### **167. Addressing Dilemma of Nambardar's Mind**

One day Shri Munshi Ram Nambardar came to Dera very early in the morning to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji in his room and sat down there. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji called young Hawaigir and told him to call the devotees who were to be blessed with sacred Naam, inside the room.

Hawaigir immediately obeyed Maharaj Ji's directive and

escorted those devotees to Maharaj Ji's room. Maharaj Ji then asked Hawaigir to fetch water and patasas to prepare the amrita nectar for the devotees seeking grant of Naam. He made everything ready as directed by Maharaj Ji.

At that point of time the Nambardar got up to go out of the room as he was a disciple of Dera Beas and he did not think it appropriate to remain there while Maharaj Ji had to bless his new disciples with sacred Naam. Then Maharaj Ji said "Nambardar! Just sit down so that the dilemma bothering your mind is addressed."

Thereafter Maharaj Ji blessed the devotees with the grant of Naam and amrita nectar sanctified with hymns and dipping of toe by Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji also told them the five sacred words of Naam and provided detailed description about various stages of ascent of the soul during meditation in the presence of Nambardar Munshi Ram. He was amazed to witness the entire sacred event and he placed his head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and sincere admiration. He finally said "Maharaj Ji! You are indeed great and omniscient with complete knowledge of everything.

*(Amrik Singh son of Shri Massa Singh village Raipur  
Rasulpur, Jalandhar. 2.8.2003)*

### **168. Blessing Shri Sadhu Ram Ji**

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Paro Ji were dedicated devotees of Maharaj Ji. They cherished in their minds that whenever Maharaj Ji is kind to bless them with sacred Naam Then Maharaj Ji should also help them to attain internal knowledge and enlightenment. It was during the year 1945 that they visited Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and requested Maharaj Ji to bless them with sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji told them to visit the Dera inside village Ballan someday very early in the morning. Accordingly after some days, Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Paro reached the Dera in Ballan early morning.

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji used to smoke Hookah. Omniscient Maharaj Ji said "Sadhu Ram! You should never smoke Hookah now onwards." He promised to abide by Maharaj Ji's directive. Thereafter Maharaj Ji blessed them with sacred Naam and told

them to chant one specific word. Maharaj Ji asked them to close their eyes and practise chanting the word of Naam with full concentration of their minds in between the eyes.

Maharaj Ji then placed his hand on Sadhu Ram's head and said, "Don't say later on that nothing was revealed to you." Shri Sadhu Ram Ji explained that he witnessed such unique scenarios for some time with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that cannot be described in words. While recalling that unique view Shri Sadhu Ram Ji was overwhelmed with emotions and infinite respect and love for Maharaj Ji. His eyes were wet with tears recalling that unique scenario. He further explained that he never had shortage of anything in life by Maharaj Ji's grace.

### **169. Blessing Shri Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Har Kaur with Sons**

Shri Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Har Kaur lived in Abadpura. They had heard about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from some friends. They went to Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed "Maharaj Ji! We beget children but the infants die after birth. We now have only one daughter. Kindly be merciful and bless us." Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji said "Don't worry! You will beget two sons in your home in due course of time and they will lead normal healthy life." Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true. They had two sons in due course of time in their home and both of them are leading happy and healthy lives with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

*(Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji w/o S. Gurdiyal Singh Ji, Village Noorpur)*

### **170. Blessing Shri Najar Singh and Bibi Dhanti with Sons**

Shri Najar Singh and Bibi Dhanti lived in village Reru. They had three daughters. One day Bibi Amro, hailing from village Mokhe and married in village Reru, told them about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She further said to them "Maharaj Ji is a truly accomplished saint. Maharaj Ji will surely solve your problem. Both of you should go to Dera with me to meet Maharaj Ji and explain your problem."

Later one day Bibi Amro and Bibi Dhanti went to Dera to

meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Bibi Amro then prayed “Maharaj Ji! Bibi Dhanti has 3 daughters only. She has no son. Kindly be merciful and bless the family with a son.” Maharaj Ji replied, “Don't worry! She will have five sons over a period of time.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Shri Najar Singh and Bibi Dhanti had five sons over a period of time. Thus Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj blessed them with five sons.  
*(Shrimati Gurmej Kaur w/o Shri Jagdish Lal, Abadpura 6 August 2003)*

### **171. Blessing S. Kuldip Singh with a Son**

Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji and Bibi Mehar Kaur hailing from village Noorpur were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji often visited their home in village Noorpur. Both of them and all members of their family always rendered very dedicated services at Maharaj Ji's durbar.

One day Kuldip Singh son of the Nambardar of village Noorpur told them “I have no child. I hear a lot about the glory and benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, Dera Sachkhand Ballan. However, I shall recognize Maharaj Ji's genius only if I am also blessed us with a son.” S. Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Mehar Kaur again told him about the grandeur and grace of Maharaj Ji and they asked him to accompany them to meet Maharaj Ji at Maharaj Ji's Dera.

Thereafter one day Kuldip Singh and his wife accompanied Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Thereafter Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kuldip Singh and his wife got married many years back. However they have no progeny yet. Kindly bless them.” Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind blessings to both of them and said “Don't worry! You will have a son in due course of time at your home.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth and Kuldip Singh's wife gave birth to a handsome son in due course of time.

*(Bibi Mehar Kaur, Village Noorpur)*

### **172. Treatment of S. Kapur Singh**

S. Kapur Singh Ji is resident of village Raipur Rasulpur in Jalandhar district. He has very profound devotion for Sant



Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He often suffered from acute stomach pain. He consulted many doctors, Ayurvedic and Unani medical practitioners for his treatment but he had no relief from pain. Whenever he felt severe pain, he came to Dera and took medicine from Maharaj Ji and he used to get relief from pain.

One day he suffered from very severe stomach pain. He came to Dera and prayed to Maharaj Ji for kind help. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then told him “Don't worry! You will be completely cured today.” Simultaneously, Maharaj Ji asked him go and have meals in the Langar or community kitchen. When he sat down along with other devotees to have food, he asked to serve him very little cooked pumpkin vegetable because he thought that pumpkin, with cooling effect, would further aggravate his pain. Therefore he was served a small quantity of pumpkin. Meanwhile he looked around and saw that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was standing behind him. Maharaj Ji asked a volunteer to serve him one more service spoon full of pumpkin. Kapur Singh said “No Maharaj Ji! I already have enough.” Meanwhile the volunteer served him more pumpkin as desired by Maharaj Ji. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji told the volunteer again “Give him more pumpkin vegetable.” The volunteer served him more pumpkin. While Kapur Singh was reluctant to have more pumpkin, Maharaj Ji again said to devotee again “Serve him more pumpkin.”

The devotee gave him more vegetable. Kapur Singh was bemused why so much pumpkin was being served to him. Maharaj Ji then said “You have been taking treatment for so long that you have finished all the medicines. However you will be cured today completely with this sweet pumpkin. Hence consume the entire pumpkin vegetable served to you. Kapur Singh ate the entire pumpkin vegetable served to him as advised by Maharaj Ji. Kapur Singh explained later that he never had any stomach pain again since that day. In this way Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji miraculously cured his long lasting disease just by asking him to eat enough pumpkin vegetable.

*(S. Kapur Singh son of S. Chaman Singh, Village Raipur  
Rasulpur. 7.8.2003)*

### 173. Addressing Dilemma of S. Kapur Singh

Once, some surplus firewood was available with someone in village Raipur Rasulpur. The owner requested Maharaj Ji to depute someone to bring that firewood for use in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji sent Shri Sant Ram from village Kishangarh and Shri Jagat Ram to meet S. Kapur Singh and bring the firewood on his bullock cart. Both of the devotees went to Kapur Singh's house in Raipur Rasulpur and requested for his help to transport firewood on his cart as desired by Maharaj Ji. However Kapur Singh said "There are heavy clouds in the sky now. Hence I shall ensure to transport the firewood tomorrow early in the morning. You should go back now. Shri Jagat Ram agreed but Shri Sant Ram said "No! We have to transport the firewood right now as desired by Maharaj Ji."

S. Kapur Singh then took both of them along and they loaded all the fuel wood on the cart and went to Dera with the loaded bullock cart. They reached there and paid their regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Santu! When Kapur Singh told you that he would deliver the fuel-wood next morning, then why did you not listen to his suggestion?"

All three of them were greatly surprised to listen those words as they wondered how Maharaj Ji knew about their conversation they had at Raipur? Then Maharaj Ji asked them to have meals first and unload the fuel-wood from the cart thereafter. Meanwhile Maharaj Ji also arranged to send chapatis and jaggery through a devotee to feed same to the bullocks.

They had their meals and then S. Kapur Singh sought Maharaj Ji's permission to return home. Then Maharaj Ji told him, "Kapur Singh! Don't hit any bullock with the stick to reach home in a hurry. There will be no rain until you reach your home. Now you may go back."

Kapur Singh boarded his bullock cart and left for his house. However on the way Kapur Singh happened to hit a bullock with his stick. The stick slipped from his hand at that very moment and fell down on the track. When he reached his home, it started to rain heavily. He then thought that Maharaj Ji

had rightly told him that it would rain only after he reached home

Next day Kapur Singh went to Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said to him “When I had specifically told you not to hit any bullock with the stick, why did you hit one ox with the stick? The stick slipped out of your hand lest you should hit the second bullock also. Your stick is still there on the track where it fell down. When you return back take that along with you.” Kapur Singh was absolutely bemused to hear Maharaj Ji wondering how Maharaj Ji even knew about that incident. When he went back his stick was lying there only at the same spot. He picked it up and went to home. This unique phenomenon had a very deep influence on my mind that reinforced my faith and confidence in Maharaj Ji many times more.

*(S. Kapur Singh, Village Raipur Rasulpur)*

#### **174. Complete Threshing of Wheat Soonest**

I often went to Dera. It was the time to harvest the wheat crop. One day I came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very early in the morning. I paid my regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said, “Kapur Singh! Take unrefined sugar to prepare sherbet and drink that. Thereafter go back quickly and thresh your entire harvested wheat crop immediately.” I replied “Maharaj Ji! I asked a party to thresh the wheat. They said that the thresher would be free after about a week and then they would do the needful. Moreover my brother Gurdiyal Singh is sick and there is no one to help me.”

Maharaj Ji replied “No! Get back at once and make all necessary arrangements to complete threshing of the entire crop and commence the work today itself. You will get enough workers to help you and even Gurdiyal Singh will also help you. But you must not stop the thresher even for a moment till the entire harvested wheat is threshed.” I said “All right Maharaj Ji! I shall abide by your advice.” Thereafter I took leave of Maharaj Ji and returned to my farm.

When I reached there, I was taken aback as I saw 8-9 persons waiting there along with a threshing machine to start the work. Two of his relatives were also there. Meanwhile his

brother Gurdiyal Singh also reached there to help him as he was all right by then. The entire 15 acres wheat crop sown that year had been already harvested and bundles had been kept ready for threshing. Threshing machine was kept in operation continuously for 4 days and 4 nights.

When approximately 25 bundles of wheat were left balance to be threshed I told all workers "Let us stop the machine for some time and we should enjoy the cup of tea together." The sky was absolutely clear at that time. I thought that 25 bundles can be threshed in no time even if it starts raining. However while we were still taking tea after stopping the machine, suddenly dark clouds came from nowhere and there was very heavy rain. All the fields were filled with rain water. Then I remembered Maharaj Ji's advice and told all the workers that Maharaj Ji had already warned me not to stop the threshing machine before completing the entire job. Just look! It started raining so heavily immediately after we stopped the machine. Had we obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and continued threshing operations nonstop; then we would have threshed all the wheat and it would not have rained till completion of the threshing of entire harvested wheat and subsequent stoppage of thresher machine.

*(S. Kapur Singh, Village Noorpur 7.8.2003)*

### **175. Protecting S. Piara Singh implicated in a False Case**

It was the month of December 1962. Shri Channan Singh resident of village Khadiala Sainia organized a spiritual discourse at his house. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to their home and graced the occasion. Bibi Beant Kaur wife of S. Piara Singh accompanied by her son Shri Baldev Singh from village Lambrha near Bullowal also went there to meet Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji conducted the Satsang or the spiritual discourse personally. Thereafter food was served to all members of the congregation. Later Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji called Bibi Beant Kaur and Baldev Singh and told them "S. Piara Singh has been implicated in a false case related to the war period by the army." Maharaj Ji then directed Baldev Singh to visit Ferozepur next day to meet his father and convey a message to him that he should not worry at all as he was not at fault.

Next day Baldev Singh went to Ferozepur and conveyed Maharaj Ji's message and all related details to his father S. Piara Singh who was extremely happy and relieved after listening to Maharaj Ji's kind words. He was convinced that his revered omniscient Guru Ji had known about his predicament and that he will get justice with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. He then narrated the background story related to the false case against him as follows.

Major Kartar Singh came to my office one day during the India-China war of 1962. He had a bag in his hand and he asked me to keep the bag in the office. He said that he would take it back after some days. I kept the bag in the office without knowing anything about the contents. He came back after some days and demanded that bag. I could not find the bag anywhere in the office. I told Major Kartar Singh that someone seems to have stolen the bag. He then told me that there was lot of money in that bag. I told him "I did not know about the cash as you did not tell me about any cash while leaving the bag." A false case of theft was framed against me when that bag could not be traced. Baldev asked his father "Did you hire any advocate to defend your case?" Then he replied "I am not at fault as I did nothing wrong. My revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji will himself see that I am exonerated."

Baldev Singh returned from Ferozepur after one week's stay there and he paid his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Then Maharaj Ji said "Baldev Singh! Accompany me for a walk." Maharaj Ji stopped at Triveni - the narrow canal bridge at the trifurcation point of canal and recited a prayer to God "O Revered God! If S. Piara Singh is right and he is not at fault then he should get promoted as Subedar and then he should visit this Dera." Maharaj Ji then told Baldev Singh to go to home.

Thereafter hearings related to the case against S. Piara Singh commenced in 11 Headquarters Corps. G.O.C constituted a Board to hear the case and pronounce the decision. Everything seemed to be going against S. Piara Singh on the first day of hearing. But on second day all notes on the case file had miraculously undergone drastic changes in favour of S.

Piara Sing. The Board exonerated S. Piara Singh of the false charges of stealing after hearing all relevant arguments related to the case. Copy of the judgement was sent to his unit at Ferozepur. He was then promoted to the rank of Subedar with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

Thereafter S. Piara Singh came to the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He then conveyed his sincere gratitude to Maharaj Ji and further said “Maharaj Ji! I have been exonerated from the false charges with your kind blessings and I have been promoted as Subedar because of your benevolence.” Thereafter S. Piara Singh Ji organized a spiritual congregation at his home as advised by Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji visited his home at Lambrha and graced the occasion of the spiritual congregation. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji conducted the spiritual discourse for the benefit of all devotees and then recited the prayer at the end of the function.

During the course of the Ardas or prayer to God Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji specifically said “O Revered Akaal Purakh or God! I had humbly prayed to you at the time of anxiety to ensure justice and see that S. Piara Singh is exonerated from the false charge as he is not at fault. Akaal Purakh Ji! I had also prayed for promotion of Piara Singh. O Venerated God! You have very kindly saved the honour of your devotee and answered his prayers.” Maharaj Ji further said “Now therefore I am here by making this truthful announcement that S. Piara Singh was not guilty and that he has been exonerated from false charges and promoted with God's grace.” Thus Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji ensured that that the false case against his disciple S. Piara Singh was dismissed and he was fully exonerated as he was right and truthful.

### **176. There is no Milk in Stock Today**

This incident pertains to the year 1970 when series of spiritual congregations were in progress in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. It was the day of Sunday when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached the Kutiya around 3:30 a.m. after leaving the ashram inside the village extremely early in the morning. Maharaj Ji asked S. Gurdev Singh “Have you served tea to the devotees or

not yet?" He replied, "Maharaj Ji! There is no milk in stock today." Maharaj Ji said "Is it that you have no stock of milk today?"

Maharaj Ji walked around slowly and had two rounds of the veranda. Then we witnessed a strange phenomenon. Every devotee who came to Dera thereafter brought a bucket full of milk with him. Maharaj Ji ordered the devotees to keep pouring the milk into big caldrons. After some time Shri Labhu Ram informed Maharaj Ji that all the cauldrons were filled with milk. Maharaj Ji then advised to stock the milk in smaller vessels. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji said "Labhu Ram! "Now take 1.25 maunds or nearly 40 kilograms rice and cook nice Khir or sweet rice pudding with milk in large cauldrons. Simultaneously prepare nice tea and keep serving to all visiting devotees." A little while later Maharaj Ji said "Labhu Ram! Take 40 kilograms wheat flour and other required ingredients and see that delicious Mahal Poorhas are prepared quickly." Shri Labhu Ram and other volunteers started implementing Maharaj Ji's instructions in right earnest.

Meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went out of the ashram for a walk. Maharaj Ji returned at 8 a.m. and conducted a spiritual discourse for the benefit of all visitors. Thereafter everyone sat down in rows at 10 a.m. and food was served to all devotees by the volunteers. Maharaj Ji told the volunteers to serve as many Mahal Poorhas and Khir to everyone as one wants. Let everyone have a liberal feast. Maharaj Ji simultaneously advised all visiting devotees to have the meals to their full satisfaction quickly and then proceed to their respective homes.

The devotees providing voluntary services were wondering why Maharaj Ji wants everyone to have food without wasting any time and then rush back to their homes. Some of the visitors said "Maharaj Ji! We have just arrived. Can we therefore have meals a little later?" Maharaj Ji said "No! Have your food right now and then go back home." A few minutes later there were dense dark clouds in the horizon on the side of village Mannan and the clouds spread all over in no time. There was very heavy downpour of rain for two hours thereafter

and most of the devotees were shivering because of severe cold. Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked the volunteers to prepare tea and serve to all devotees. Thereafter Maharaj Ji asked everyone to return home. Now just look at the events of the day that started with no stock of milk in the kitchen and then there was such abundant quantity of milk brought by the devotees that filled large cauldrons with milk with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji. Milk was enough to prepare huge quantity of Khir and tea which were more than sufficient for a grand feast of a very large congregation of devotees.

*(Shri Gurdev Singh Ji son of S. Piara Singh, Village Lambrha)*

### **177. Throwing handful of Loquats at Congregation of Devotees**

This story pertains to the year 1972 and is related Sukhvinder Singh, son of Shri Sarna Ram from village Kishangarh, who had a job in Ambala.

Sukhvinder Singh had two daughters and he had no son. One day he came to Dera and prayed “Maharaj Ji! We have two daughters and no son. Please bless us with a son.” Maharaj Ji said “Sit down.” Sukhvinder Singh and his wife Naseeb Kaur sat down along with other devotees. Meanwhile a devotee brought the fresh fruits of loquat for Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji picked up a handful of loquats and threw same at the devotees. One loquat fruit fell into the lap of Bibi Naseeb Kaur. She thought it to be Maharaj Ji's prasad or blessings because it fell into her lap. She felt that Maharaj Ji had thereby conveyed her blessings to beget a son. She ate that loquat with full faith and she was blessed with a son in due course of time with the kind benevolence of Maharaj Ji.

### **178. When Maharaj Ji Sent Bibi Dhanti Home Immediately**

It was the year 1952. Bibi Dhanti w/o S. Resham Singh from village Raipur Rasulpur Jalandhar was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She used to bring milk and buttermilk for use in Maharaj Ji's ashram every day.

One day when Bibi Dhanti came to the Dera as usual and sat down after paying her regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji at once said “Bibi Ji! Don't sit here and go back to your home immediately. Don't stop on



the way anywhere and go straight to your home.” Bibi Dhanti was extremely surprised as Maharaj Ji had never asked her to return home like this in the past.

Anyway she reached home engrossed in such thoughts and saw that the door of the room was open and the trunk with cash was also not locked. She had kept all jewellery and currency notes in that trunk. She was surprised to see that nothing had disappeared from the trunk that was without a lock in a room with the door wide open. So Maharaj Ji protected her assets in this way and Bibi Dhanti also understood why Maharaj Ji had asked her to return home at once.

### **179. Vanquishing Sufferings of Bibi Amro**

It was the year 1970. Shri Sadhu Ram lived in Alawalpur. His wife Bibi Amro had been suffering from a disease for the last two years. She couldn't even walk around. Shri Sadhu Ram Ji was very devout disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

One day Shri Sadhu Ram asked his wife to sit on the pillion seat of his bicycle and he walked with that bicycle carrying his wife all the way from his village to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When they reached there and paid their regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji hit Bibi Amro twice with the walking stick. Both of them were scared and they started to run away. Maharaj Ji chased them up to village Mokhe.

Bibi Amro, who was even unable to walk earlier, was miraculously cured as she ran fast after Maharaj Ji hit her twice with the walking stick. Then Maharaj Ji brought them back from village Mokhe and reached the Kutiya. Then Maharaj Ji asked them to return home.

Bibi Amro is the niece of Shri Gole resident of village Ballan and daughter of Shri Puran hailing from village Ramdaspur. When they reached near to bridge across the canal they casually discussed that as they did not have tea at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya they would visit her uncle Gole's house and have tea there. Then Maharaj Ji suddenly materialized there and said “How is it that you did not get tea in the Kutiya? Go back to the Kutiya right now and have tea there.” Maharaj Ji also told Bibi Amro that her problem had to be resolved only through two hits

with the walking stick. This was the only way to cure you. Maharaj Ji thus blessed Bibi Amro and cured her in this unique way.

### **180. It will Rain Today**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to return to the ashram inside village in the evening daily and stay for the night there. Maharaj Ji used to organize Satsang or spiritual congregation every day in the evening at the ashram in Ballan. One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was on his way from Kutuya to ashram in the village around 7 p.m. Sant Garib Dass Ji, Daulat Ram from village Chamara and some other devotees also accompanied Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji walked leisurely turning his walking stick in the air with the right hand.

Suddenly Maharaj Ji stopped and tied his Dhoti tightly. Maharaj Ji also narrated an earlier incident and said “One day I was accompanied by Sant Chetan Dass Ji and we were on our way to attend some function in another village. The knot of my dhoti somehow got opened while we were walking on foot. I informed Sant Chetan Dass about that and asked him to stop for a moment.” Sant Chetan Dass Ji then said “Maharaj Ji! There will be heavy rain today.” There was really very heavy rainfall that day.”

With these words Maharaj Ji proceeded to the ashram in village Ballan. There were no clouds that night in the sky. However when it was around 2 a.m; there was very heavy rainfall. Then the devotees, who came to the ashram last evening with Maharaj Ji, realized that Sant Chetan Dass Ji was absolutely right when he predicted heavy rainfall when the knot of Maharaj Ji's dhoti became loose and required readjustment. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was such a Brahmngiani and accomplished saint who could achieve anything anytime.

### **181. Fulfilment of Shri Daulat Ram's Desire**

Shri Daulat Ram son of Shri Mela Ram was resident of village Chukhiyara. He had made up his mind that he would have such Mahatma as his Guru who abided by the teachings of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and who supported the exploited, impoverished and downtrodden people of the society. He had also contemplated in his mind that such a Guru should

also bless him with sacred Naam during the first meeting itself. He was looking for such person to be his Guru Ji.

One day, Shri Jagiri Ram Ji from village Arjanwal came to meet Shri Daulat Ram at his residence. He was a relative of Daulat Ram. During his stay for the night, Shri Jagiri Ram mentioned to Shri Daulat Ram about the unique grandeur and noble virtues of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He explained that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is a true Brahmngiani and accomplished saint who practises devout meditation of God. He is also a true messiah for the impoverished and downtrodden people of the society. Maharaj Ji always preached and motivated people to practise devout meditation of God, impart good education to children, keep away from intoxicants and drugs and shun hearsay and superstitions. When Shri Daulat Ram learnt about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, he was convinced that he had been looking for such Guru only. He made up his mind to become a disciple of Maharaj Ji and seek blessings of Naam.

On the very next day on the occasion of Dassehra festival of 1964, Shri Daulat Ram went to Dera on his bicycle. He bought a turban for Maharaj Ji on his way. He had a firm resolve and complete faith in his mind that Maharaj Ji would surely bless him with grant of sacred Naam that day itself. When he reached the Dera, then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha or raised platform. Gurbani recital was in progress. When he had a vision of Maharaj Ji then he felt that his long search and dilemmas had finally ended. He had found his perfect Guru Ji as he wished. He was overwhelmed with ecstatic joy as if he had got everything he cherished.

Shri Daulat Ram paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down along with other members of the congregation to listen to Gurbani Kirtan that continued for two hours. Satsang concluded at 12 noon and Maharaj Ji asked everyone to have food. Devotees went to the community kitchen to have food. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji got up and went inside his room. Shri Daulat Ram also followed Maharaj Ji and went inside the room. He placed the turban in front of Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kindly bless me with

sacred Naam.” Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew everything and yet asked him about his family background and later blessed him with Naam. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appreciated Daulat Ram's firm resolve and fulfilled his cherished desire.

*(Narrated by Shri Daulat Ram, Village Chukhiyara, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2003)*

### **182. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's Visit to Shri Daulat Ram's House**

Shri Daulat Ram Ji and his family members often visited Dera every Sunday and every Sankranti day to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was during the year 1971 that a person from village Chukhiyara said to Shri Daulat Ram “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited Khojewali village yesterday and graced the occasion of Satsang or a spiritual discourse at the home of his relative in that village. All of devotees, assembled for the congregation, benefitted immensely after having a vision of Maharaj Ji and listening to Gurbani Kirtan.”

At that time, Daulat Ram thought in his mind that it would be extremely nice if Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji could grace the occasion of Satsang some day at his home also. He had infinite devotion and affection for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He was absolutely sure that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji would certainly oblige and visit his house and grace the occasion of Satsang to enthral all devotees with spiritual preaching.

Shri Daulat Ram went to meet Maharaj Ji at his Kutiya on the very next day on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Jeth (May-June) 1971. Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha –the raised platform. Daulat Ram paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and sat down close by. Meanwhile another devotee came there and prayed to Maharaj Ji to visit his house some day. Then Maharaj Ji replied “I shall certainly visit your home at an appropriate time.”

Shri Daulat Ram thought in his mind that if he requested Maharaj Ji right now to plan a visit to his home then Maharaj Ji might decline. While he was just harbouring those thoughts in his mind, suddenly omniscient Maharaj Ji asked him “Daulat Ram! What is the specific purpose of your visit today?” Then

he replied “Maharaj Ji! Kindly visit my house any day suiting your convenience and grace the occasion of Satsang that I wish to organize on that day.” Maharaj Ji said “Let us organize Satsang on 25<sup>th</sup> of Jeth when I shall also join.” Shri Daulat Ram was ecstatic with joy on hearing these kind words from Maharaj Ji.

Accordingly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached at Daulat Ram's home along with poet Tota Ram, Sant Prem Dass, Master Thakur Dass from village Bassi and some other devotees. When Maharaj Ji got down from the jeep then Daulat Ram conveyed his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said at that time “It is our first Satsang in this village.” Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji conducted the Satsang or the spiritual discourse and all of the devotees attending the congregation were ecstatic with joy listening to the pious preaching by Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji fulfilled the cherished desire of Daulat Ram considering his utmost devotion and sanctified village Chukhiyara with his visit and conducted Satsang there for the first time.

### **183. Curing Sons of Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti**

Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti Ji lived in village Dhakk Pandori near Phagwara. They had four sons. One of their sons aged 2 years unfortunately fell ill during the month of Bhadon (August- September) and died soon. It was extremely bad luck for them that their other son who was 4 years old also fell ill during the same month next year and died. Later one day Shri Gurmel Ram Ji and his wife went to meet their relatives Shri Gurdas Ram and Bibi Bachni at their home in village Suchipind. They listened about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Shri Gurdas Ram and Bibi Bachni. They explained that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was a perfect Brahmngiani and truly accomplished saint and that they got everything because of blessings of Maharaj Ji. Later one day Shri Gurdas Ram and Bibi Bachni persuaded Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti to accompany them to visit Maharaj Ji's ashram. Thereafter Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti started to visit the Dera regularly.

During the year 1968 their son named Sohan Lal, who

was 7 years old at that time, fell ill during the same month of Bhadon. They were very scared. Gurmel Ram got his ailing son admitted to a hospital in Phagwara and then reached the Kutiya to meet Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! One of my sons fell ill and died during the month of Bhadon in 1966 when he was just 2 years old. A year later we lost another son aged 4 years during the same month. Now it is again the month of Bhadon and my third son aged 7 years is seriously ill. I have just admitted him in a hospital at Phagwara. Kindly be merciful and save his life.”

Maharaj Ji immediately called Vaid Ji, hailing from village Reru who rendered voluntary services at the ashram, and told him to give some specific medicine for my son. He brought the Ayurvedic medicine and Maharaj Ji handed over same to me and said “Gurmel! Don't worry. Take these medicines and give to your son as advised. He will be all right. Don't panic. Your son will recover soon with God's grace. Just practise meditation regularly.” I took leave of Maharaj Ji and returned to Phagwara. I gave the first dose of the medicine to my son and he was absolutely fine within one hour of taking the medicine with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji.

I then took my son from the hospital and returned home happily. None of my two sons ever suffered from similar disease thereafter. Gurmel Ram further said “Both of my sons Des Raj and Sohan Lal have been keeping excellent health and even their children are grown up now with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Gurmel Ram Ji, village Dhakk Pandori 11.9.2003)*

### **184. Eternal Salvation of Master Jaggu Ram Ji**

Master Jaggu Ram Ji hailing from village Raipur Rasulpur was very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Master Jaggu Ram Ji visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently and rendered voluntary services in the community kitchen and replying to letters received from devotees in accordance with Maharaj Ji's advice. He was a school teacher and he rendered various services in the ashram daily after school hours. Master Jaggu Ram Ji fell seriously ill during the year 1971. His elder brother Shri Karam Singh

Bangar came from England to arrange for his treatment. He admitted Master Jaggu Ram in Gulab Devi Hospital, Jalandhar on 12th May 1971. While he was undergoing treatment in the hospital, he continued regular meditation of God and recitation of Gurbani.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited Gulab Devi Hospital on 21st May 1971 to see him. Maharaj Ji conducted a brief Satsang or spiritual discourse there and Master Jaggu Ram Ji listened to the Satsang with great devotion. After this Maharaj Ji distributed prasad to all patients and hospital staff. Master Jaggu Ram then prayed “Maharaj Ji! I do not feel comfortable here. This hospital is like a prison for me. I wish to see you every moment and there is no hope for my survival now. Please be merciful and grant me eternal salvation.”

Maharaj Ji replied “All right! It is 21st May today. I shall take you along with me on 28th May forever.” Master Jaggu Ram Ji conveyed his respectful regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to him and said “Just keep yourself busy in devout meditation of God and don't worry.” After that Maharaj Ji returned to Dera. On 28th May around 12 o' clock noon time, Master Jaggu Ram Ji told his son “Rajinder! Just help me to sit down. I want to convey my regards to Maharaj Ji.” Rajinder helped his father to sit down. Then Master Jaggu Ram Ji bowed down three times with great reverence facing towards Maharaj Ji's ashram. Thereafter he lay down on the bed and said “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has now arrived to take me along to the realm of God.” Master Jaggu Ram became absolutely silent thereafter. His son immediately rushed to call the doctor. However by the time doctor arrived and examined Master Jaggu Ram, he had already left for his heavenly abode.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was resting at his ashram around that time on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1971. Sant Niranjan Dass Ji offered some coke for Maharaj Ji to drink. Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji sat down for meditation in a perfect state of Samadhi. When Maharaj Ji came out of the state of Samadhi, someone came from village Raipur Rasulpur and informed Maharaj Ji that Master Jaggu Ram Ji had left this

world for ever. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had thus granted eternal salvation to his dear disciple Master Jaggu Ram Ji.

*(Master Rajinder Bangar, son of late Shri Jaggu Ram Ji, Village Raipur Rasulpur, 12.9.2003)*

### **185. Saving Shri Prakash Singh during 1965**

#### **Indo - Pak War**

S. Prakash Singh lived in village Raipur. He often came to Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. He was working with the Indian army and he was deployed at a border post on the war front during the 1965 India – Pakistan war. There was very heavy bombing all around the post where he was deployed. He became nervous and panicked. Suddenly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized at the war front where he was fighting. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to him and said “Don't worry! No one can harm you.” Thereafter Maharaj Ji disappeared. With the blessings of Maharaj Ji, bombing around that post stopped immediately after this miraculous development.

S. Prakash Singh visited Maharaj Ji's Dera after the end of the war to convey his sincere gratitude to Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then narrated complete details of the miraculous appearance of Maharaj Ji at the war front and how Maharaj Ji saved his life. Everyone present on the occasion was extremely surprised and the devotees eulogized the glory of Maharaj Ji.

### **186. Saving from certain Death**

It was the turbulent time during the year 1947 when serious riots broke out because of partition of India and large scale massacre was taking place everywhere on both sides of the new borders. A person from Hoshiarpur district often used to visit the Dera. Some miscreants caught hold of him and tied his limbs and covered him with firewood and thorny branch wood like a funeral pyre. Then the miscreants lighted the fire to burn him alive and left that place.

The victim at once remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed desperately to Maharaj Ji to save his life. With the grace of God and benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji a fierce wind storm carried away all the wood



heaped on him and he escaped certain death. He managed to untie the ropes and freed himself to return home safely.

After some days thereafter he visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the 'Tharha' – the raised platform. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He then conveyed his profound gratitude to Maharaj Ji and narrated the whole incident how Maharaj Ji saved him miraculously. Maharaj Ji said “It was not just a wind storm that saved you. Just look at my hands and see how the thorns had pierced my hands while I was removing the firewood to free you from the burning logs heaped around you.” Then that person fell on Maharaj Ji's lotus feet with utmost devotion and gratitude. Shri Jaggu Ram Ji and his son Shri Rajinder Bangar from Raipur Rasulpur were also present there in the Kutiya.

### **187. Severance of Limbs - 'Angkati' Yoga by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji**

Shri Jagiri Ram was resident of village Arjanwal, Jalandhar district. His father Shri Rulia Ram Ji was a devotee of Baba Pipal Dass Maharaj Ji. All members of the family were also devotees of Maharaj Ji. It was during the year 1952-53 that Shri Jagiri Ram Ji visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. At that time there was a dense forest around the Kutiya that is now world famous as Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

There were only two rooms in the ashram located within village Ballan. Sankranti festival on the first day of each month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar used to be celebrated on the raised platform that exists even these days just in front of the ashram. Maharaj Ji asked Shri Jagiri Ram to stay for the night at the ashram in the village. At the end of the evening Satsang or spiritual discourse, Maharaj Ji got busy in devout meditation of God in his room. Sant Hari Dass Ji also sat down for meditation in the state of Samadhi. Shri Jagiri Ram and other six persons lay down after some time to rest for the night.

Maharaj Ji woke up Jagiri Ram around 1:00 a.m. after midnight and handed over a Kamandulu full of water to him. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked him to accompany and both of them started walking towards the Kutiya on the western

outskirts of the village. Maharaj Ji then asked him at a specific point on the way “Just wait here for some time and I shall be back soon.” Maharaj Ji then walked into the nearby forested area. Jagiri Ram Ji waited for Maharaj Ji for about half an hour. However as Maharaj Ji did not return, he also went inside the same forest grove looking for Maharaj Ji.

It was summer season and bright moonlight at that time. Jagiri Ram was shocked to see all limbs of Maharaj Ji dismembered and scattered around. He panicked thinking that someone had murdered Maharaj Ji. He rushed back to the ashram in the village to inform others. However to his utter surprise he saw Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji smiling and standing in the ashram holding his long walking stick. Maharaj Ji said “Jagiri Ram! One should not panic as you did. However don't mention to anyone what you saw.” It was around 2 a.m. by then. Maharaj Ji asked Jagiri Ram to have rest. Maharaj Ji again sat down in perfect Samadhi for meditation of God.

### **188. Teaching a Lesson to the Thieves**

It was the year 1957. There used to be a very small cottage known as Kutiya at the premises where the world famous Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Sachkhand Ballan is located at present. There was an embankment and thorn fence around the premises those days. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Sant Hari Dass Ji went to the ashram in village Ballan for the night stay. There was no one in the Kutiya at night.

Two thieves entered into the Kutiya premises. They filled the bags with utensils and tried to walk out with the stolen utensils. When they came out from the Kutiya they became blind. They returned back to the Kutiya and they were able to see everything again. They tried to walk away again but they could not see anything again and returned inside and they had normal vision. They continued to make attempts like that until it was 4 o'clock in the morning.

Maharaj Ji sent two devotees from the village ashram to Kutiya in advance of Maharaj Ji's scheduled departure for Kutiya. They reached Kutiya and witnessed that strange miracle about the two thieves becoming blind whenever they attempted to walk away from Kutiya. The devotees detained the

thieves and presented them before Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on arrival at the Kutiya.

The thieves begged for pardon, narrated their ordeal and placed their heads at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with great devotion. Benevolent Maharaj Ji accepted their apologies and pardoned them. Maharaj Ji also warned them to stop the nefarious activities like stealing and advised them to get busy with meditation of God. Maharaj Ji thus showed the right path even to the thieves and emancipated them.

### **189. You will get Ample Milk Soon**

Sankranti festival including Maghi on the first day of the month of Magh (January- February) used to be celebrated in the open area close to the village ashram initially. It was the auspicious occasion of Maghi festival of 1950. Maharaj Ji asked the volunteer devotees to prepare tea and serve to all Sangat or members of the congregation. The volunteers said “Maharaj Ji! Tea is almost ready in a large cauldron. However we are waiting for some milk. We shall start serving the tea as soon as someone arrives with milk.”

Maharaj Ji replied “Pour adequate sugar and tea leaves in boiling water. Four persons with milk are on their way from village Arjanwal. A few minutes thereafter Shri Sagli Ram, Shri Veer Singh, Shri Gurnam and Shri Jagiri Ram from Arjanwal reached the ashram with two large pitchers filled with milk. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! We have brought milk for use in the ashram.” After this the volunteers prepared the tea and served to all devotees. When these four persons learnt from the volunteers about Maharaj Ji's prophesy that four persons from Arjanwal were on their way with milk, they were absolutely amazed and everyone realized that Maharaj Ji was indeed omniscient.

*(Shri Jagiri Ram son of Shri Rulia Ram village Arjanwal,  
13.9.2003)*

### **190. This Boy will end your Poverty**

Shri Jagiri Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Tej Kaur were blessed with a son during the year 1957. Shri Jagiri Ram visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya with prasad to convey his gratitude. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj

Ji! We have been blessed with a son with your kind blessings.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha-the raised platform at that time and Sant Chetan Dass Ji was resting outside his cottage. Maharaj Ji said in a loud voice “Chetan Dass! God has blessed Jagiri Ram with a son. Suggest some name for the child.” Sant Chetan Dass Ji said “Maharaj Ji! Please assign a suitable permanent name for the child yourself. However let his nickname be Gharhuka.

Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said “Jagiri Ram! Your son's regular name will be Hans Raj and his nickname will be Gharhuka.” Maharaj Ji further said “This child will be very brave and daring.”

Shri Jagiri Ram Ji told this writer “Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as my son now aged 22 years has been working abroad and he has removed our poverty completely.”

### **191. When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji Dematerialized**

Shri Namdev Ji son of Shri Mangal Ram lived in village Chakkowal Shekhan, district Hoshiarpur. His parents-in-laws Shri Kalu Ram and Bibi Bishan Kaur were residents of village Jalbheyana. They were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When their daughter got married with Shri Namdev prior to 1947; Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also graced the occasion of the marriage. When Shri Namdev Ji had the vision of divine glowing face of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji he became ecstatic with joy. Thereafter he started to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiji at Ballan regularly.

It was the period of Assu-Kattak or the months of September-October when Maharaj Ji went out for a walk along with Shri Namdev early in the morning towards village Mokhe. There were sand dunes, kana grass (*Saccharum munja*) tufts and some forest that side during those days between villages Ballan and Mokhe.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji stopped for a while when they were on their way to village Mokhe. Namdev, who was carrying water in the Kamandulu, also stopped close by. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked Namdev to sit down for meditation and thereafter Maharaj Ji suddenly disappeared. Shri Namdev Ji had full faith in Maharaj Ji. He remained busy

with meditation waiting for Maharaj Ji's return. Maharaj Ji suddenly materialized in front of him after nearly one hour. Shri Namdev Ji paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked "Namdev! Did you get scared?" Namdev replied, "Maharaj Ji! I was not afraid because of your blessings." Because of devout meditation of God, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji commanded such unique stature and powers and Maharaj Ji could materialize any where any time and likewise dematerialize any moment.

### **192. Blessing Shri Namdev with Land**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Shri Namdev's village Chakkowal Shekhan at the end of the year 1948. Residents of that village held Maharaj Ji in very high esteem. Maharaj Ji conducted Satsang or a spiritual discourse in the evening. Maharaj Ji got up very early in the morning and went out for a walk along with Shri Namdev towards eastern side of the village. Maharaj Ji suddenly stopped in a field and asked "Namdev! Whose land is this?" Shri Namdev replied "Maharaj Ji! This is land belongs to government." Maharaj Ji said "This two acres piece of land belongs to you. You will become the owner of this land very soon. There will be an auction for sale of all of this government land after about one year and this two acres land will be bought by you." Namdev said "Maharaj Ji! I am a very poor person and I have no money. But if I have your kind blessings with me then I will surely buy this land."

After one year, the government conducted an open auction to sell the land and two acres land was bought by Namdev Ji that he still owns. He planted a garden of mangoes for Maharaj Ji on 5 Kanals out of his total land. Maharaj Ji often used to visit his mango orchard during the mango ripening season and relish delicious mango fruits. This is how Maharaj Ji blessed Namdev Ji with land.

*(Shri Namdev, village Chakkowal Shekhan, 18.9.2003)*

### **193. Protecting Shri Namdev's Family from Thieves**

One day, Shri Namdev and his wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur were walking on foot on their way from their village Chakkowal Shekhan in district Hoshiarpur to Ballan to meet Maharaj Ji. It was getting quite dark while they were still on their way. Meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left the

Kutiya for ashram inside village Ballan along with some devotees. When they reached at the canal bridge, Maharaj Ji stopped there and said “We should wait here for Namdev and his wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur who are coming this way to meet me. We shall wait here for their arrival and then proceed further along with them.”

When omniscient Maharaj Ji said those words, all devotees accompanying Maharaj Ji were extremely surprised wondering how Maharaj Ji knew about their arrival. Meanwhile when Namdev and his wife were walking towards Kutiya along the canal two thieves stopped them on the way between Kishangarh and Ballan. The thieves told them to hand over their belongings. Namdev replied “We are going to Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.” When the thieves heard Maharaj Ji's name, they stepped aside and allowed them to proceed further.

Meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had been waiting for them at the canal bridge. When they reached the canal bridge then Maharaj Ji asked “Namdev! Is it the right time for you to travel? Why are you so late? We have been waiting here for your arrival for the last one hour. Did those thieves harm you in anyway?” Namdev and his wife were extremely surprised to hear that as they wondered how Maharaj Ji knew about those thieves. Both of them paid their respectful regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! We got very late today but you protected us very kindly from the thieves. We are all fine with your grace and the thieves did not harm us in any way because of your blessings.”

#### **194. When Sant Garib Dass Ji protected Soldier Balvir Singh**

Soldier Balvir Singh, Shri Namdev and Bibi Gurbachan Kaur lived in village Chakkowal Shekhan in Hoshiarpur district. All family members held Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in very high esteem. Maharaj Ji often visited their village. Government deployed a peace keeping force in Srinagar during 1987. Soldier Balvir Singh was also deployed with that army unit. One day he was on surveillance duty in a forest along with his 17 companions. Suddenly he heard the voice of Sant Garib

Dass Ji telling him “Balvir Singh! Go away from this place as early as possible.” Balvir Sing asked his companions to move away immediately from there after listening to these words of Sant Garib Dass Ji. Whereas Balvir Singh ran away from there immediately, all of his companions refused to move.

As soon as Balvir Singh went away there was a sever mine blast in that area which injured his 17 companions badly. Sant Garib Dass Ji protected his devotee Balvir Singh this way. He later returned from Srinagar and visited the Dera. Sant Garib Dass Ji was sitting in a chair when he reached there and paid his regards. Sant Garib Dass Ji asked him “Balvir Singh! How are you?” He replied “I am all right Maharaj Ji with your blessings. You saved me from grave injuries through timely warning.”

*(Shri Balvir Singh, village Chakkowal Shekhan, Hoshiarpur  
18.9.2003)*

### **195. Blessing Village Pandori**

Shri Gurmel Ram, Bibi Nanti and all of their family members organized Satsang or spiritual discourse at their home during 1969 as advised by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji graced the occasion of Satsang. Shri Gurdas Ram Ji from village Suchipind also accompanied Maharaj Ji. They reached Shri Gurmel Ji's home in village Dhakk Pandori. That was Maharaj Ji's first visit to Dhakk Pandori. Residents of the village welcomed Maharaj Ji at the outskirts of the village and escorted Maharaj Ji in a ceremonial procession with great respect singing Gurbani Kirtan. All villagers extended a very grand welcome to Maharaj Ji.

Shri Gurmel Ji lived in a mud plastered house during those days. Maharaj Ji asked Shri Beli Ram from village Ballan to recite Gurbani hymns and Maharaj Ji gave scholarly commentary. Satsang lasted for half an hour. Thereafter meals were served to Maharaj Ji and all members of the congregation. Thereafter leaders of the village community prayed “Maharaj Ji! This village is somehow cursed as lot of young boys have died during the last 4 years. Kindly be merciful and bless this village so that we live normal peaceful life.”

Benevolent Maharaj Ji encouraged all of them and said “Don't worry! Normal peace and tranquillity will prevail in this

village now onwards. Remember to practise regular meditation of God and keep company of revered saints. Live always happily with mutual love and affection” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as similar sad incidents did not occur in the village as in the past 4 years when young boys died every year. After this it was stopped. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed the entire village Dhakk Pandori this way.

### **196. Milk with Water**

S. Tulsi Singh and his wife Bibi Maha Kaur were residents of village Boora. They were very devoted followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their daughter Paramjit was married with Gurnam Singh – a soldier from village Manakdheri. At that time Bibi Paramjit's family was extremely poor.

Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji visited village Khadiala near Bullawal one day. Shri Tulsi Singh and Bibi Maha Kaur also went there to meet Maharaj Ji. Shri Tulsi Singh later prayed “Maharaj J! Kindly make it convenient to visit my daughter Paramjit's home in village Manakdheri on your way back and bless that family.” Sant Hari Dass Ji very kindly obliged and arrived at village Manakdheri along with Shri Tulsi Singh, Bibi Maha Kaur and some other devotees by jeep.

Bibi Paramjit Kaur greeted Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. However, because of her absolute poverty, she was very concerned wondering about how she would manage the resources to serve tea to Maharaj Ji and other guests.

Even before Bibi Paramjit could say something, omniscient Maharaj Ji said “My daughter! We will not have tea. We will drink 'Kachi Lassi' a cooling summer drink made with cold water mixed with a little cold milk. Maharaj Ji thus addressed her dilemma. Bibi Paramjit then served cold water with some milk to Maharaj Ji and all other devotees.”

*(Bibi Paramjit w/o Shri Gurnam Singh, Manakdheri 6.7.2003)*

### **197. Blessing Shri Dhanna Ram and Bibi Karmi with Sons**

Shri Dhanna Ram son of Shri Mela Ram and Bibi Karmi lived in village Sarmastpur. They have been visiting Dera Sachkhand Ballan since the times of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj



Ji. They had two daughters. One day Shri Dhanna Ram and Bibi Karmi visited the Dera. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the bed. Shri Dhanna Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi conveyed their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down close to Maharaj Ji.

Bibi Karmi then prayed “Maharaj Ji! We have only two daughters. Please bless us with a son.” Sant Hari Dass Ji kept quiet for some time and then said “Both of you should practise meditation of God regularly. You will beget two sons in due course of time with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.” Sant Hari Dass Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as the couple had two sons in their home over a period of time. Maharaj Ji named them as Balwinder Kumar and Kulwinder Kumar respectively.

*(Bibi Karmi w/o Shri Dhanna Ram, village Sarmastpur,  
11.7.2003 - from the memoirs of Shri Beli Ram Ji)*

### **198. You should not have said Enough**

Bibi Bhago and Bibi Santi from village Mannan often used to render voluntary services in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They came to know that there is need of ghee in the Kutiya. Both of them returned home and then searched for availability of ghee. They asked from ghee in one house, but they found is adulteration in ghee. So they refused to buy it. After some time they came to know that in Beli Ram has a recently calved milch cow at his house and therefore he may have ghee for sale. They thought that they would get ghee from him.

When they asked Beli Ram about surplus ghee for sale, he said “Yes! I have ghee and you can have a look at that.” They checked the quality of ghee and the pleasant aroma confirmed that it was pure ghee. They asked him the price of that ghee and also mentioned that they would carry the ghee for use at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya.

When Beli Ram learnt that the ghee was meant for Maharaj Ji's Kutiya he said very politely “It is my good fortune that my honest hard work will get rewarded if ghee is used in Maharaj Ji's ashram.” Bibi Bhago and Bibi Santi got that ghee and brought same to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! We have brought ghee.”

Maharaj Ji saw the ghee and then asked Sant Niranjana Dass Ji to take the ghee from them to keep safely and return the utensil to the ladies. Maharaj Ji also asked both ladies “What is the price of this ghee?” Bibi Bhago and Bibi Santi said “Maharaj Ji! We brought this ghee from Shri Beli Ram and he did not charge any money for this. He told us that he got this ghee because of Maharaj Ji's blessings and that he is very lucky that this ghee would be used in this ashram.”

One day Maharaj Ji visited village Mannan while returning from village Kararhi and went to Bibi Santi's home. Maharaj Ji stayed there for a little while and then got ready to leave for Kutuya. Beli Ram was sitting under the shade of Pipal (*Ficus religiosa*) tree at that time. Bibi Santi told him to accompany Maharaj Ji to the Kutuya. Beli Ram conveyed his regards to Maharaj Ji and then followed Maharaj to go to Kutuya with Maharaj Ji. When they walked for some distance away from the village then Maharaj Ji asked, “Beli Ram! Why did you not come to Kutuya to take money towards the price of ghee?” Shri Beli Ram replied, “Maharaj Ji! It's all because of your blessings that you have given us everything. So there is no question of taking any money for ghee.” Maharaj Ji asked “Oy! What will your children eat as you have given all the ghee for the ashram?”

He replied, “Maharaj Ji! It is only you who provides us everything including food.” Maharaj Ji just kept silent. After some time Maharaj Ji changed his long walking stick from his right hand to his left hand and pointed it towards the sky. Maharaj Ji held the walking stick in his right hand again and started to walk forwards. Shri Beli Ram was walking just behind Maharaj Ji.

Shri Beli Ram Ji narrated further amazing developments to this writer as follows. He said “Maharaj Ji just opened his left hand fist and a currency note dropped out on the ground. Then Maharaj Ji closed that fist and reopened again when another currency note slipped down. New currency notes continued to fall on the ground likewise as Maharaj Ji kept walking ahead. Shri Beli Ram picked up each currency note carefully and very soon his lap was full of currency notes.

Shri Beli Ram then requested “Maharaj Ji! Please stop it now.” Maharaj Ji chastised him and counselled him saying “You should not have said like that.” No more currency note fell on the ground thereafter. When they reached Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji sat down on his seat and Beli Ram placed all of the collected currency notes on Maharaj Ji's feet. Maharaj Ji said, “Beli Ram! It's all yours. Collect all of this money and make use of same in your home.”

Maharaj Ji then called Sant Garib Dass Ji and said “Garib Dass! Just pay the cost of two kilograms ghee to Beli Ram.” Shri Beli Ram pleaded with Maharaj Ji not to give him any more money but Maharaj Ji ensured that Shri Beli Ram was paid for that ghee by Sant Garib Dass Ji.

Later when Beli Ram was returning to his house, he met a revered Mahatma sitting on a cot on his way. Shri Beli Ram conveyed his regards to the revered saint and then narrated the entire incident. Mahatma Ji said, “You made a serious mistake. You should not have interrupted and asked Maharaj Ji to stop. You don't know what Maharaj Ji would have done today to ensure your prosperity.

*(Balvir, Village Mannan)*

### **199. When everything became Valuable**

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went out for a walk. Shri Nanak Ji and his family members from village Mannan were working in their fields on the same route that Maharaj Ji followed. They used to grow groundnut and other crops. When they saw Maharaj Ji coming that side, all of them stopped their work and went to greet Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji told them to convey their regards from their work spot and carry on with their work. They expressed their desire to come close and pay their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. However Maharaj Ji chastised them and counselled them. Then they abided by Maharaj Ji's advice.

Later Maharaj Ji asked “Nanak! Have you threshed cowpeas?” He replied, “Yes, Maharaj Ji!” Maharaj Ji asked “How many bags full of cowpeas do you have?” Nanak said “Maharaj Ji! I may have total 12 bags of cowpeas.” Maharaj Ji asked “What is the price you wish to charge for cowpeas?”

Nanak replied very politely “Maharaj Ji! We will deliver as many bags in Kutiya as you need. You are the one who feeds the entire world. How can we ask for money for these few grains of cowpeas? Maharaj Ji! We only need your blessings.”

Maharaj Ji said “No Nanak! You worked very hard for so many months to grow this crop. This is all you have for your family. You must surely get payment for the same otherwise how will you meet household expenses?”

Then Shri Nanak replied “Maharaj Ji! If you are so kind then I may be paid Rs. 100/ per bag of cowpeas.” Maharaj Ji said “All right! Deliver all of these bags in Kutiya and receive payment from Garib Dass.”

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji further asked “Nanak! How is your peanuts crop?” Nanak Singh replied, “Maharaj Ji! This time the production of peanuts is low whereas we had good crop of cowpeas.” Maharaj Ji said “Is it so? Don't worry! Everything will be fine.” There was a catch in what Maharaj Ji just said. Maharaj Ji had conveyed his blessings indirectly to Nanak. Maharaj Ji proceeded further thereafter.

The family members of Nanak delivered 12 bags of cowpeas at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and Sant Garib Dass Ji gave them full payment for same. He got full payment for cowpeas at the rate indicated by him and his peanuts crop also fetched very good price in the market that season because of Maharaj Ji's kind blessings.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

## **200. Treatment for Eyes**

Bibi Sibo from village Mannan fell seriously ill. Most of the villagers and even his family members hated her. It is said that everyone including close relatives abandon anyone in serious trouble. She suffered immensely as she was visually challenged. However she suffered worst pain and agony because of neglect and harsh words aimed at her by her relatives and everyone else. When she lost all hope and no one looked after her, she remembered benevolent Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She always remembered Maharaj Ji and prayed with utmost devotion.

Maharaj Ji very kindly responded to her prayers. One

night while she was resting, Maharaj Ji materialized in her dream and said “Don't make use of any eye drops to treat your eyes. Your eyes will be fine after some days.” Thereafter, the condition of her eyes started to improve slowly and she had normal eyesight within a few days. Her eyesight is fine even these days.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **201. You will have Multi-Storey House**

Bibi Sibbo often worried because of her abject poverty. She was so poor that neither any shopkeeper was willing to sell anything to her on credit nor was any neighbour willing to lend her any money any time. They had apprehensions that she may not be able to repay the loan because of her poverty. Most often she had no money to buy even one kilogram wheat flour.

She was engrossed in such painful thoughts about her poverty one day when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji suddenly reached her house. She welcomed Maharaj Ji and paid her profound regards. Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry. I can see your multi-storey house. You have nothing to worry about.” Time changed for the better very soon and her poverty vanished. Her family owns multi-storey residential house and all of her family members are enjoying life very happily with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **202. Story related to Shri Hira**

Shri Hira resident of village Ballan had his farm land and an open well with a Persian wheel for irrigation very close to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. One day Hira went to his farm with a pair of oxen very early in the morning to plough his land. When he had not even completed the first furrow with plough, he was shocked to see someone's dismembered legs, arms, head and other body parts scattered in his field.

Hira was terribly scared and unable to see that sight. Instead of having a close look, he panicked and hurried back to his home along with his oxen. He informed the villagers that dismembered body of someone was scattered in his field and perhaps someone committed the murder during the last night. Many people from the village rushed to his farm to check what

had happened. However when they reached there, there was no sign of any murder, dead body or dismembered limbs as mentioned by Hira. Some people said Hira had lost his mental balance. Some others said, "Hira has befooled them." They chastised him and then returned to their respective homes.

But Hira could not forget the frightening scenario that he had seen that morning. He kept wondering what happened to the dismembered dead body he saw that morning. As he remained preoccupied with such thoughts, he fell ill within a few days after that incident.

Omniscient Maharaj Ji then visited Hira's home and asked "Hira!! Why did you run away from your field on that day?" Hira was very surprised and further perplexed to hear Maharaj Ji's words. Maharaj Ji then took him into confidence and said "Oy Hira! It was none else but me that you saw that day. You should not have any fear or dilemma. If you don't believe this, then you should show me even one speck of blood in your field. If someone had been really murdered there should have been human blood all over in the field where you saw severed limbs."

Hira then understand everything very clearly and prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He was absolutely fine within a few days thereafter with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **203. Shelter for the Deprived**

The wife of a resident of village Subhanpur, Jalandhar was seriously ill. He got her treated by many doctors but she did not get well. They had done many rituals. When someone does not respond to treatment by doctors, people often approach some wizard or ritualistic tantric and he also tried such alternatives but his wife did not get well. Someone then told him about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that gave him some hope like a ray of sunlight in pitch darkness.

He went to the Dera on the very next day along with his wife on his bicycle. When they were short distance away from the Dera, the tube and tyre of his bicycle suddenly burst. He deemed that to be a bad omen and he was extremely sad. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was resting in chair at that time.

Maharaj Ji directed one of the devotees to help that couple and bring them inside the Dera.

Then that person went to them to bring them inside the Dera. He said “Maharaj Ji has sent me to escort you inside the Dera. They were extremely surprised to hear that as this was the first time they came to visit the Dera. They wondered how did Maharaj Ji knew about them and their problem.

At last that person parked his bicycle and went inside the Dera escorting his wife very carefully. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji then said “Don't worry! Your wife will get well soon. Your cycle will also be repaired. Just relax and don't be tense.” After this Maharaj Ji gave some medicine to that lady. She felt some relief after taking the medicine. Then Maharaj Ji gave her additional medicines to be taken at home and explained about the method of taking the medicine. Maharaj Ji also told her husband “Go to Tota Ram in village Mannan and get your bicycle repaired.”

Both of them later had their meals in the community kitchen of the Dera and then took leave of Maharaj Ji. They went to village Mannan as advised by Maharaj Ji and got the bicycle repaired from Tota Ram. They narrated complete details of their eventful first visit to the Dera and benevolence of Maharaj Ji. Then Tota Ram and some other people present there eulogized the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and told them about the unique glory of Maharaj Ji and said “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is like God incarnate on earth for the emancipation of suffering people of this world.” The lady became absolutely healthy after taking the medicines given by Maharaj Ji for some days.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **204. Physician of Physicians**

S. Karam Singh was a famous ayurvedic physician. People from faraway places used to come to him for treatment. His domestic conditions were also good. However God's will is supreme and Karam Singh suffered from leprosy. His family members, who loved him very much, started to hate him. His business also collapsed. No one spoke to him lovingly. They planned to send him out of the house.

He was extremely upset and very sad. He thought that he did everything for his family members but they wanted to abandon him. He thought that if his own family members did not like him then why should the outsiders like him. He was getting worried about his future day and night. Mental agony is worst than acute body pain.

He listened about Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's glory. He visited Dera with a fond hope to get well. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. He was very impressed and extremely happy to have a vision of Maharaj Ji's enlightened face radiating brilliance of devout meditation of God. It was extremely hot summer season with scorching unbearable heat. Maharaj Ji used to make arrangements to serve cold sherbet prepared with unrefined sugar to the visiting devotees during such hot summer. Whatever Maharaj Ji said always proved to be eternal truth like line etched on stone. Maharaj Ji said to Karam Singh "Take this jug and dissolve the unrefined sugar in cold water from the hand pump and drink that sherbet to your full satisfaction.

Because Karam Singh was also a physician, he was reluctant to take any sweet sherbet as he thought that to be unsuitable for health of persons suffering from such disease as leprosy. However, he followed Maharaj Ji's instructions, prepared the sherbet and then drank it.

In the evening it was getting dark gradually after sun set, began to be darker. Whereas he had not been able to have a wink of sleep for long period because of his illness, he was suddenly feeling very sleepy as his body pain subsided. It was as if a garden in ruins for decades abandoned by butterflies and bumble bees was suddenly coming to bloom with ample fragrance attracting butterflies and bumble bees in large swarms to return again to their lost paradise.

Karam Singh's eyes began to close down and he fell asleep very soon. He had such a pleasant, sound and refreshing sleep as he had never experienced during his illness or even prior to that. He was transported into an altogether different, beautiful and amazing world.

Fragrance of God's pious Naam was enriching the



environment all around early next morning when Karam Singh woke up after sound sleep. He could not believe his own eyes when he noticed that he had been miraculously cured of deadly leprosy disease during the night. There was not even a trace of leprosy or a scar on his body as if he had never been afflicted with leprosy. His heart was full of utmost devotion and great reverence for Maharaj Ji.

He fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with profound reverence. His soul had abandoned all claims to wisdom and cleverness and he rightly took shelter at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He was not moving his head away from the feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji lifted him up and said, "It is all because of benevolence of God and His grace. Everything is in the hands of almighty God."

### **205. Good that you Escaped**

One of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's devotees and a resident of village Raipur-Rasulpur district Jalandhar somehow got involved in a feud related to land since a very long time. His opponents were at the receiving end most of the time. Therefore the opposing party was waiting for an opportune time to teach him a sound lesson.

One day he was having a walk all alone besides the flowing canal. His opponents came to know about it as they always kept a vigil. They got together armed with a pistol and other weapons and surrounded him. He got terribly scared as he was alone and his opponents were in large numbers. One of the opponents said, "We shall not spare you today. We will surely kill you. You may remember anyone for the last time if you like."

He closed his eyes and remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji praying for his rescue. He visualized presence of Maharaj Ji from his heart with closed eyes. He conveyed his profound regards to Maharaj Ji. There was a sudden burst of energy and great courage within him. He thanked Maharaj Ji and then opened his eyes and bravely ran away very fast from there. His opponents fired with pistols from behind as they did not want to miss that opportunity. They were also worried that they would get implicated in criminal case if he escaped.

But none of the bullets hit him. They gave him a very hard chase firing at him many times but he miraculously escaped as all the bullets flew past him without hitting him. He ran so fast that all opponents were left far behind. It appeared that God was with him that day to protect him and he did not suffer even from a minor injury.

He did not run towards his house. Instead he ran towards Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When he reached near the Kutiya, he saw Maharaj Ji from a distance standing in front of him. Then he ran even faster and fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "O my son! It is good that you escaped and came here safely." Maharaj Ji lifted him up and encouraged him. Maharaj Ji said "Don't worry! Have courage and everything will be fine." The opponents did not dare to harm him after that day. The dispute related to land was over after a few years.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **206. Benevolence for Shri Chanan Ram**

Once, Shri Chanan Ram's mother Bibi Thakari Ji from village Mannan, Jalandhar visited Kutiya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Chanan Ram worked in armed forces at Meerut during those days. Bibi Thakari conveyed her regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed "Maharaj Ji! My son has two daughters. Kindly bless his family with a son."

Maharaj Ji asked, "Where is your son?" She replied "He is in Meerut and he is employed in the army." Maharaj Ji said "Practice meditation of God regularly. He will beget a son with God's grace in due course of time." Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true as Shri Chanan Ram's wife gave birth to a son in due course of time.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **207. Kindly transform me into a Human Being**

Satsang or a spiritual discourse was in progress in the premises of Kutiya of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was sitting comfortably on the Tharha or the cemented platform. A large number of devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji and everyone was listening with rapt attention and euphoric delight.

Maharaj Ji got up from his seat at the end of the spiritual discourse and Shri Chanan Ram walked towards Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked him “All right! Tell me if you wish to say anything specific.” He said with great humility “Maharaj Ji! Please transform me into a human being.” Maharaj Ji looked towards the devotees and asked them smilingly “Just look at this person. Is he not a man?” Then one of the devotees Shri Sohan Singh said “Maharaj Ji! He is not a human being yet. He is still an ass. Maharaj Ji! Only you can transform him into a human being.”

Maharaj Ji just smiled and asked Chanan Ram to come again at the specified time. Chanan Ram came to meet Maharaj Ji on the specified day and time. Maharaj Ji then very kindly blessed him with sacred Naam.

*(Shri Chanan Ram, Village Manna, Jalandhar, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2001)*

### **208. Satguru the Saviour**

Shri Chanan Ram had only one son whose name was Madan. One night he was sleeping on the roof top of his house. Shri Chanan Ram, his wife and his daughters were still awake on the ground floor as it was not yet too late in the night. They heard a very loud noise at that time. They thought that a nearby thatched hut had collapsed. However when they heard sharp noise of people around; they came to know that Madan Lal had fallen down from the roof. All members of the family ran out to see Madan. When they saw Madan, they were surprised and also very happy despite falling down from a fairly high roof because all of his body and limbs were fine except that he had a little pain in his back.

Shri Chanan Ram visited the Dera early next morning and conveyed his regard to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He then narrated the whole incident related to Madan's fall from the roof and his condition. Then Maharaj Ji said “Someone who wanted to throw him succeeded in his evil mission and his saviour protected him.” Then Maharaj Ji also advised him “Go to new grain market tomorrow morning. A physician comes there daily and you should bring some medicine from him for Madan.”

Shri Chanan Ram obeyed Maharaj Ji's advice and took Madan Lal to new grain market next morning to meet the

physician. He gave some medicines for Madan and some oil for local massage. Madan was absolutely fit and fine after a few days treatment.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **209. Banishing the Fear**

Shri Chanan Ram worked as a watchman in Jalandhar Cantt. His duty hours were from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight. After duty hours he used to rest there only for some hours and then return home early next morning.

Once, Shri Chanan Ram's wife Shrimati Prakash Kaur fell ill. Shri Chanan Ram thought that he should return home as early as possible after completion of his duty hours so that he could look after his wife. With such thoughts in his mind, he rested only for a short while after his duty hours and then left for his village on bicycle during the night time itself.

When Shri Chanan Ram reached close to village Raipur – Rasulpur; he was confronted by some evil spirit and he was getting frightened. Suddenly he heard someone advising him to chant words of Naam. He looked all around to check if anyone was near who said that but he could find nothing but pitch darkness of night. Anyway he started to chant Naam in slow voice and all of his fear disappeared very soon.

When Shri Chanan Ram reached near village Mannan, he visualized Sant Sarwan Dass Ji walking approximately 100 yards ahead of him. He conveyed his regards to Maharaj Ji from his heart and continued to chant Naam. He soon reached home safely as his fear had completely vanished.

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj sent a message for him through Shri Pakhar Ram saying that Chanan Ram should visit Kutiya and meet Maharaj Ji. He reached the Dera very soon after receiving the message conveyed by Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji who was seated comfortably at his seat at that time. Maharaj Ji took him aside and said “Don't travel at night.” Shri Chanan Ram told a lie and said “Maharaj Ji! I don't travel at night.”

Then Maharaj Ji rebuked him and said “Did you not travel last night to return home after duty?” Maharaj Ji told him about everything he had experienced during his journey last

night. Shri Chanan Ram felt ashamed and highly embarrassed for his folly and he said, “Yes! Maharaj Ji! I travelled last night.” Then Maharaj Ji asked, “Why did you tell me a lie?” Then he replied with folded hands “I am extremely sorry for my mistake. Kindly forgive me.” Maharaj Ji then said “Okay! Don't travel at night in future.”

*(Shri Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan, 16. 06. 2001)*

### **210. From Example to Apparent Truth**

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached village Biaspind while having routine morning walk. Maharaj Ji often visited some or the other village during his routine morning walk. Maharaj Ji often used to reach even a far away village just like that early in the morning and wake up devotees to remind them to pursue meditation of God. Maharaj Ji likewise met his devotees at Biaspind and advised them to practise meditation of God regularly.

Thereafter Maharaj Ji left Biaspind to get back to the Kutuya. Then some local devotees started saying that Maharaj Ji sometimes just flies to reach any destination. Some others thought that to be impossible. Some others said that they had heard so from someone. At last a learned man said “Let us check this out. Maharaj Ji has just left this place and should have covered very little distance. Maharaj Ji will return walking along the shorter route by the canal side. Two persons should travel fast on bicycles via main road to reach Kutuya quickly. If they reach Kutuya earlier than Maharaj Ji, who is travelling on foot, then it will be clear that Maharaj Ji did not take the aerial route to fly to Kutuya. However if you they find Maharaj Ji already in Kutuya when they reach there riding on bicycles; it will be evident that Maharaj Ji had indeed taken the aerial route to reach Kutuya before them.”

Accordingly two persons left immediately for Kutuya on their bicycles driving their bicycles very fast on the smooth metalled road. When they reached Kutuya they saw that Maharaj Ji was already sitting comfortably at his seat inside the Kutuya. Some devotees were also sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. They wanted to return when they saw Maharaj Ji sitting along with the devotees. However, Maharaj Ji called them back and

asked smilingly “What for did you come here? Is there anything specific?” They felt ashamed and embarrassed and therefore just kept quiet. However when Maharaj Ji asked them again then they explained the entire background truthfully. Maharaj Ji just had a hearty laugh.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan, 16.06.2001)*

### **211. Guarding the Peanuts Crop**

When the peanuts crop ripens and it is ready for harvest, then it requires good protection from human thieves. If the crop is not well guarded then other people uproot and pilfer the peanuts. The thieves collect mature pods of peanuts and throw away the uprooted plants along with remaining immature pods.

Shri Amarnath started growing peanuts in the fields in accordance with the advice of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He was so successful in growing peanuts with the blessings of Maharaj Ji that he raised groundnuts crop over 50 acres land during one season. He had grown peanuts on 50 acres contiguous piece of land. He built a small hut on the land to stay at site to guard the crop.

Peanuts crop ripened. He was the only person to protect his entire crop spread over 50 acres land. When he went to patrol one side of land then thieves used to uproot the plants and steal peanuts from other side. If he guarded other side then the thieves would steal peanuts from the opposite side. Shri Amar Nath was in great trouble and sadly frustrated.

One day he decided to stop keeping the vigil around his crop for a short while and visit Kutiya. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and then stayed there only for a short while because he was worried about the safety of his crop of peanuts. But when he returned from the Kutiya and reached his farm, he was pleasantly surprised because there was no evidence of any damage to his crop by the thieves as it used to happen while he guarded the crop.

According to Shri Amar Nath, “When he was in the field guarding his peanuts, then uprooting and stealing of peanuts certainly took place somewhere in the farm that was evident as thieves threw the uprooted plants after collecting ripe pods of peanuts. However whenever he visited the Kutiya to pay

regards to Maharaj Ji, there was no evidence of uprooting or stealing of the peanuts on those days. His crop used to be safe from thieves only because of benevolence of Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Amar Nath, Village Mannan, Jalandhar 13. 06. 2001)*

### **212. An End to Shri Chanan Ram's Anxiety**

Shri Chanan Ram had two highly educated daughters of marriageable age. He and his relatives tried to find out suitable matches for them and looked at many potential grooms but they did not succeed in finding boys to their liking. Sometimes the other parties did not agree and Shri Chanan Ram did not consent on some other occasions

The days passed by and Shri Chanan Ram was very upset and greatly worried because of several unsuccessful efforts. His anxiety mounted day by day and his pain and agony became unbearable over a period of time. He was completely broken hearted because of this failure and he finally gave up.

At last one day he thought in his mind that he would sit down for devout meditation of God and that he would not get up until Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji tells him to get up. He sat down for meditation with such determination in the evening. When it was around 2 a.m. his prayer was fruitful as he heard very clearly someone telling him "Don't worry! Everything will get sorted out within the Kutiya itself within a month." He was extremely delighted to hear such assurance.

After some days, a family arrived at the Dera to meet Sant Garib Dass Ji. He prayed "Maharaj Ji! We are looking for a well educated girl for marrying our son who is highly educated. Kindly convey your blessings." Sant Garib Dass Ji said, "There is an educated girl but she hails from a very poor family." They replied "It does not matter as long as the girl is well educated."

Thereafter, all members of the family went to meet Shri Chanan Ram at his residence. Both parties agreed for the alliance and one of the girls was married with the son of the visiting family. Later after some days second girl was married with the cousin of her sister's husband. Both of the married boys are well settled in their respective government jobs these days.

*(Shri Chanan Ram, village Mannan Jalandhar 16. 06. 2001)*

### 213. Message of Midnight

It was drizzling. The time was approximately 11 p.m. Sant Niranjana Dass Maharaj Ji was quite young during those days. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji woke him up and told him to go to village Noorpur on bicycle to convey a message and then return to Dera. Sant Niranjana Dass Ji left for Noorpur after taking the permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When he came outside the Dera he saw a bright light in front of his bicycle a little distance away from him. That light continued to move forwards ahead of him to illuminate the passage till he reached Noorpur. Sant Niranjana Dass Ji conveyed the message given by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and returned to Dera. That bright light again moved in front of his bicycle to light the passage. When he reached the Dera that light also disappeared.

### 214. Wealth is Subservient to Saints

Whenever some of the devotees made an offering of large sum of money while paying regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji; Maharaj Ji used to return ask such devotees to take that money back. Maharaj Ji often used to say “Oy! What will your children eat? Buy something for your home with this money so that the children can eat it.” But when any devotee insisted that his offering should be accepted, then Maharaj Ji used to keep a small amount and return the balance money to the donor. Maharaj Ji used to give a mild slap to any devotee who made the mistake of donating some money even while seeking leave of Maharaj Ji in the evening time to return home. Sometimes Maharaj Ji also used his walking stick in such a case. Thereafter Maharaj Ji used to direct the devotee to pick up that money and buy something good for his children to eat. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often used to say “There is never any shortage of money for the saints. The wealth actually follows the saints.”

*(Shri Pritam Dass and Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan,  
25.06.2001)*

### 215. When hundred Rupees turned into four hundred Rupees

This incident happened with S. Pakhar Singh when he was serving in Leh – Ladakh. S. Pakhar Singh sent Rs. 100/ out



of his salary by money order for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as donation for the Dera. Maharaj Ji received the money order sent by him. S. Pakhar Singh received acknowledgement from postman confirming payment of Rs. 400/ to Maharaj Ji. He was extremely surprised to see that acknowledgement that confirmed receipt of Rs.400/ by Maharaj Ji whereas he had sent only Rs. 100/ by money order.

Later when S. Pakhar Singh returned from Leh on short leave he visited the Dera and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji asked him to sit nearby and checked about his wellbeing. Maharaj Ji said, "Pakhar Singh! I received Rs. 400 sent by you through money order." Then Pakhar Singh said "Maharaj Ji! I sent only Rs. 100/. I am amazed how the postman paid you Rs. 400/ and I got an acknowledgement receipt also for Rs. 400? How could it be possible?" Maharaj Ji smiled and said "Sometimes the records of post office also get modified." Thus Maharaj Ji gave his disciple credit for having sent Rs. 400/ instead of Rs. 100/ sent by him.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **216. Promotion of S. Pakhar Singh as Subedar**

When S. Pakhar Singh got transferred from Leh- Ladakh to Jalandhar, he had been promoted as a Havildar. When he went home on leave then he told his wife that he would retire as a Havildar only. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appeared in her dream and said "Pakhar Singh told you that he would retire as a Havildar. However he will be promoted as Subedar very shortly."

She told Pakhar Singh next morning about her dream and Maharaj Ji's kind words about his promotion. But her husband said, "Dreams can't be true." Later Pakhar Singh reported for duty at his unit in Jalandhar Cantt on completion of his leave period. Colonel of his unit then called him and said "Pakhar Singh! Congratulations! You have been promoted as Subedar. You have to go to Lucknow now."

Pakhar Singh was pleasantly surprised as Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true. Then S. Pakhar Singh visited the Dera and paid his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and great affection. Maharaj Ji

was extremely delighted and said “Our Pakhar Singh has become Subedar now.” Maharaj Ji further said to him, “Pakhar Singh! You should go to Lucknow immediately.” Pakhar Singh was extremely surprised. Maharaj Ji again said “Don't ask me anything but you must leave for Lucknow at once.”

He obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and he left for Lucknow on the same day. Indo- Pak war of 1971 broke out on the next day and all the soldiers and army officers based at Jalandhar were deployed on the war front along the western border.

This is how Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji not only saved Pakhar Singh from deployment on the war front but he was also promoted with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. Pakhar Singh later said “I would perhaps have attained martyrdom in the war if Maharaj Ji had not sent me to Lucknow that day.”

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **217. Treatment of Pain and other Blessings**

No one can understand the unique ways of saints as their actions are different from the normal deeds of human beings. True saints are like divine beacon of God who can fulfil all noble desires of their devotees. They need only love, affection and devotion of their devotees who should make their scarce human lives really fruitful by abiding by the directions of true saints. True saints represent persona of God and they help the souls of their devotees to attain eternal salvation and unite with God. It is not difficult for true saints to resolve all the difficulties, and address the sufferings and pain of their devotees. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was one such unique saint who was exactly like divine God. The following story relates to transformation of life of Shri Pakhar Singh, who hailed from village Naugajja, to be truly successful as personally narrated by him in his own words:

It was during the year 1956-57 when I joined the army. I used to suffer from acute in the waist region of my body. I got treatment at the very best and largest army hospitals but there was no relief. At last I lost hope and returned home on leave. On the very next day I went to Dera and paid my regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji asked “How

are you Pakhar Singh?" I replied "Maharaj Ji! Everything is fine except that I am suffering from severe pain in my waist region." At that time an Ayurveda physician also lived in the Dera. Maharaj Ji called that physician and said "Give him 10 tablets of this particular medicine." Maharaj Ji then said to Pakhar Singh "Take these 10 tablets. You will get well soon and your pain will disappear with these 10 tablets."

My pain really disappeared with the use of those tablets and I was absolutely fine whereas well known army hospitals had expressed their helplessness to cure my pain. When I visited the Dera for the second time, I prayed "Maharaj Ji! I have no son but I have 4 daughters. Please bless us with a son. We have consulted many doctors and taken their treatment but we are still longing for a son."

Maharaj Ji was merciful after listening to my prayer and took me and my wife on one side and advised me "Pakhar Singh! Bring this specific item from the city and hand over the same to me only personally." I handed over that item to Maharaj Ji on the next day. Maharaj Ji received that article from me and gave us to savour. Maharaj Ji did not say anything else at that time.

When my wife was pregnant for two months then we visited the Dera again and paid our regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Pakhar Singh! A son will be born in your house in due course of time." This is how we got a son with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji."

*(Narrated to Balvir Mannan by Shri Pakhar Singh)*

### **218. When Maharaj Ji accepted Shri Lehmbar Singh as a Disciple**

This story pertains to the life time of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji when Shri Lehmbar Singh worked with the army during the year 1965- 66. His duty station was Meerut Cantt in Uttar Pradesh. Lehmbar Singh had never met Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. S. Sarwan Singh, hailing from village Ballan and another companion also worked with him in the army. They always talked about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They used to say that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Ballan is really a great and true saint.

When S. Lehmbhar Singh listened to Maharaj Ji's glory, then his heart was filled with lot of faith and utmost devotion for Maharaj Ji. A miraculous event took place thereafter. That was explained by Shri Lehmbhar Singh in his own words as follows:

The miracle was that I contemplated in my mind that if Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is truly an accomplished and perfect saint, then he should accept me as a disciple and provide me shelter at his lotus feet. Some days later, two persons came to my camp and they wanted to meet me while I did not even know any of them. They asked me whether I was Lehmbhar Singh. I replied in the affirmative. They said that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Ballan told them to meet Lehmbhar Singh staying in a camp at Meerut and that Maharaj Ji sent prasad through us with the instruction to give the prasad to him.

I took prasad from them. However I wondered that how Maharaj Ji could send prasad for me even though I had never met Maharaj Ji or gone to Maharaj Ji's ashram. It was a great miracle and enigma for me. After that incident, I used to feel very sad and I often thought about Maharaj Ji in my mind. I was desperate to have a vision of Maharaj Ji and I longed to become a disciple of Maharaj Ji. I used to pray to Maharaj Ji that I should be enabled to meet Maharaj Ji soon and initiated as a disciple.

While I was sleeping during the night four days after this incident, I suddenly realized that someone just hit me with a long walking stick and also ordered me to get up. I was hit likewise 2-3 times again and I got up. I saw a tall old man standing in front of me. I was wondering about the identity of that elderly person who hit me and woke me up. Before I could ask him anything, he went out of the room and walked away. I followed him but he suddenly disappeared while he was some distance away from me. I looked all around to find him but it was in vain. The same sequence of events happened continuously for 3- 4 nights when I was hit by the elderly person and asked to accompany him. Then I realized that the elderly man was none other than Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Thereafter I applied for leave and left for Dera Sachkhand Ballan. When I reached there I was amazed to see the same tall old man who used to hit me with long walking stick and ask me

to get up. Maharaj Ji looked at me and had a hearty laugh and then said “Lehmbar Singh! It is good that you have come? I was just waiting for you? I do hope that you had a comfortable journey.” I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and tears flowed uncontrolled from my eyes. Then Maharaj Ji patted my back to convey kind blessings and told Sant Hari Dass Ji “This is Lehmbar Singh. He has come from a faraway place. Just see that some tea is served to him.” I had tea and later Sant Hari Dass Ji told me “Maharaj Ji went outside the Kutiya several times and looked around for someone. When I asked Maharaj Ji about this, Maharaj Ji said that one of his devotees Lehmbar Singh, who is a soldier, was expected to reach here soon.”

Thereafter I stayed at Maharaj Ji's ashram for 15-16 days. Thus Brahmigiani and truly perfect and accomplished great saint Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed me as one of his disciples.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

### **219. Protecting Lehmbar Singh's Wife and Children**

This incident happened with my wife Shrimati Naseeb Kaur when we were travelling along with our son by bus to reach Ballan to meet Maharaj Ji. The roads had been badly damaged by heavy rain and the bus had also to cross a seasonal torrent that was flowing full to the brim. It was not possible for the bus to cross over to the other bank. There was a bridge nearby for the railway track across that stream. The bus conductor asked all passengers to get down from the bus and walk along the railway track to cross the stream. There were three other women also in the group apart from three of us. Those women were not going to Dera. I took the bag and walked fast on the track to cross over to the other side while my wife and my child followed behind me along with the three women. Being a soldier I reached on other side of the railway bridge quickly. My wife, our son and those women were still walking on the railway track almost midway from both ends of the bridge when we heard the loud whistle of a train arriving on the same track. I turned back and saw the train. I got extremely frightened as I thought that all of them still on the track would get crushed under the train. I closed my eyes and remembered

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. The train arrived very near to them. The other three women jumped from the railway track into the stream. But my wife did not jump into the water. She continued to walk at normal speed on the railway track holding the child unaware of the speeding train coming from behind. I kept standing away from the track with closed eyes.

While one of the women who had jumped into the stream broke her leg, second had a broken arm and the third woman also suffered serious injuries. When the train crossed the bridge and went past me then I opened my eyes. Then I saw my wife and child in the bushes where I was standing near the track. I lifted them and asked her “How did you manage to reach here? I saw the train when it was almost close to running over you.” Then she wept bitterly and said “I remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during those crucial moments and I heard someone “Naseeb Kaur! Move forwards and keep walking fast.” She further said “Meanwhile I was also being pushed forwards with a long walking stick placed behind my back. I don't know when I reached on this side of the bridge and how I fell down on these bushes. I was perhaps thrown away by strong turbulence in the wind caused by the speeding train along the track.”

When we reached the Kutiya, Maharaj Ji gave two blows with the closed fist at my back and then laughed and said “Oy! How is it that you don't know even how to take care of your wife and child? Why did you walk away alone leaving them far behind on the railway track?” Maharaj Ji then said to my wife “Naseeb Kaur! I hope you did not sustain any serious injuries. It is because of your past noble deeds that you escaped today.” She said “Maharaj Ji! We have been saved because of your kind benevolence.” Maharaj Ji said “You were coming to the Dera to meet me. Then how could I let you down and die unnatural death? Oy! No true saint would like to be blamed for any such serious mishap. People would have blamed a saint saying that someone was crushed under the train while going to meet the saint. I am always by the side of my devotees to help them. This is how Maharaj Ji protected Bibi Naseeb Kaur.

*(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)*

## 220. You may prepare Khir

This incident was personally witnessed by S. Ratan Singh son of S. Jawala Singh Samman hailing from village Muradpur Nariyala in district Hoshiarpur. Rattan Singh had been staying at Mumbai since 1940 but he often narrated what he saw during one of such visits.

Several devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji one day when Maharaj Ji asked “Those of you who wish to drink tea should raise your hands.” Nearly 25-30 devotees raised their hands. Maharaj Ji then asked some volunteers to prepare tea and serve to all. Everyone had tea and then sat down. Then Maharaj Ji asked “Now tell me what you would like to eat. Bibi Hukma intervened quickly and said “Maharaj Ji! You may get Khir prepared that all of us will relish.”

Maharaj Ji said “All right! If all of you want to eat Khir then keep the water in a cauldron on fire and boil the rice.” Bibi Hukma again said “How can we prepare the Khir when there is no milk or sugar in stock?” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry about anything and be ready to relish Khir. Meanwhile boil the rice.” After a little while 4-5 people arrived with buckets full of milk. Another man brought sugar for the ashram. All of the devotees present on the occasion were extremely surprised to see how Maharaj Ji managed to get both milk and sugar in such a short time. These two items are essential to cook Khir or sweet rice pudding. Maharaj Ji managed to get both items, which were not in stock, in no time in a miraculous way and nice Khir was prepared. Then Maharaj Ji said “All right! Now all of you can eat as much Khir as you may like

## 221. Inexhaustible Food

This incident was also witnessed and narrated by S. Ratan Singh. It was auspicious occasion of day of Sankranti or the first day of a month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar. Spiritual congregation and Gurbani recital were in progress at Maharaj Ji's Dera. Devotees were present in very large numbers as usual and listening to the Satsang with devout attention. S. Ratan Singh was assisting Sant Niranjan Dass Maharaj in supervising arrangements for the Langar or the community meals. Langar was prepared keeping in view the number of devotees normally

present on such occasions as in the past. Almost the entire stock of provisions available in the Kutiya was utilised to prepare the community meals. However the number of devotees who joined the congregation on that day quickly rose to approximately 250 – 300 compared to about 100 devotees who attended such functions in the past. Therefore Sant Niranjana Dass Ji and S. Ratan Singh told to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji about the large number of devotees and possibility of shortage of cooked meals. They said “Maharaj Ji! The cooked food may be sufficient only for half of the large numbers of devotees present in the congregation today.”

Maharaj Ji said “Let's go to the room where cooked food is stocked.” They accompanied Maharaj Ji to that room and Maharaj Ji recited a prayer to God related to the Langar or cooked meals. Maharaj Ji then asked Ratan Singh to bring a neat cloth. Rattan Singh fetched the cloth and Maharaj Ji asked them to cover the entire cooked items nicely with that cloth. Then Maharaj Ji told them and other volunteers “Do not remove the cloth cover from the Langar any time. Just lift this cloth a little upwards from one side and keep taking out portions of each dish and serve meals liberally to all devotees to their full satisfaction. There will be abundant food and no shortage of any item.”

Then we started to serve food to the devotees exactly as advised by Maharaj Ji and the devotees enjoyed the delicious meals. Maharaj Ji kept paying visits to the Langar area and dining place to see how delightfully all devotees were having food in several batches. Everyone enjoyed food to their entire satisfaction and to our utter surprise the room still had plenty of each item of food prepared in the community kitchen. Whereas, we were worried about the possible inadequacy of cooked food to begin with, but with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji, the stock of food turned out to be inexhaustible even after serving meals to each and every devotee. This was indeed a unique and miraculous experience.

### **222. Blessing with Sons**

S. Ratan Singh narrated the following story. I visited the Kutiya one day. Many devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj



Ji. One landlord brought some sacks of wheat on a bullock-cart. He and his first wife had no offspring. That is why he married another woman. His two wives were also with him. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. But his second wife also had no child. That landlord prayed to Maharaj Ji with folded hands and utmost devotion and said "Maharaj Ji! I had two weddings. But I have no child. Doctors confirmed that my first wife cannot bear any child. But even my second wife doesn't have a child."

Maharaj Ji listened to his problem and gave an apple to his first wife. Then he said "Maharaj Ji! She is my first wife whom you have given an apple. However, doctors have said that she cannot bear a child. You should not give the apple to her. You should have given the apple to my second wife." Then Maharaj Ji said "All right! I will give another apple to your second wife." Both of them gave birth to one son each in due course of time with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. In this way Maharaj Ji modified the fate lines on the hands of both women and turned impossibility into certainty. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was such an accomplished saint who pursued devout meditation of God and had unique powers to turn impossible into possible.

### **223. Race Competition and Horse Race**

Shri Goni Ram son of Shri Ghulla Ram from village Biaspind, Jalandhar narrated a story as follows. I once made arrangements to organize Satsang or a spiritual discourse at my home. I arrived at Dera to escort Maharaj Ji my house for the Satsang. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then requested Maharaj Ji to kindly grace the occasion of Satsang at my residence. Maharaj Ji very kindly accepted my request and got ready to accompany me to my home. Then I said to Maharaj Ji "Maharaj Ji! Shall I make arrangements to get a horse for you to travel or will you prefer to walk on foot?" Maharaj Ji said "We do not need a horse and we shall go walking on foot." Then Maharaj Ji walked away from the Dera and I was following just behind.

However, when I came out the Kutiya then Maharaj Ji suddenly disappeared and I could not see Maharaj Ji anywhere. I thought that Maharaj Ji had gone far ahead of me. Therefore, I

ran taking shortcut route through fields so as to catch up with Maharaj Ji. But my hot chase was in vain and I could not see Maharaj Ji ahead of me. When I reached at Kishangarh then I saw Maharaj Ji standing there and waiting for me. As I came running with high speed, my heartbeat was very fast. Maharaj Ji kept his hand on my chest and asked “Oy! How much can you run to catch up with me?”

While Shri Goni Ram was contemplating to arrange a horse for Maharaj Ji to travel, Maharaj Ji demonstrated to him that Maharaj Ji could comfortably reach anywhere in no time without any conveyance or horse ride. This was a trivial issue for Maharaj Ji. Such unique feats are possible only for truly accomplished and perfect saints.

#### **224. This Day is Auspicious**

Shri Goni Ram told another story as follows. My brother was getting married. I visited the Kutiya to seek Maharaj Ji's advice about an auspicious date for the marriage of my brother. I mentioned the details to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! My brother has to get married. Kindly advise me about any auspicious day for his marriage. Then Satguru Maharaj Ji told me about a suitable date but my father didn't like that day. He said “Maharaj Ji! Can that date be shifted by 2-3 days?”

Then Maharaj Ji picked up his long walking stick and said annoyingly “The day that you have been already told is the auspicious day.” The marriage ceremony was held on the date specified by Maharaj Ji. Unfortunately someone in Goni Ram's family suddenly died two days later. It was the same day his father wanted to fix for the marriage. But Maharaj Ji had prohibited him from fixing that date as omniscient Maharaj Ji knew that someone from the family would leave this world on that day and that would have caused serious obstacle for the marriage ceremony. Accomplished saints know well in advance about the future events.

*(Shri Goni Ram, village Biaspind, 25. 12. 2003)*

#### **225. Disobedience of a Saint**

Shri Bishan Dass Ji from village Maherhu, Jalandhar renders voluntary services at Dera Sachkhand Ballan these days. He normally shoulders the responsibility to distribute

prasad. Brahamlin Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was his maternal uncle. He was blessed with sacred Naam by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He narrated the story as follows. I bought a new bicycle and went to Dera Sachkhand Ballan one day riding on bicycle along with my wife. It was the winter season and an extremely cold day. We spent the whole day in Dera and later in the evening sought permission of Maharaj Ji to return home. Maharaj Ji said “You should stay here only today.”

Bishan Dass's wife said immediately “Maharaj Ji! I have to milk the cows early in the morning.” Then Bishan Dass also said “I have to go for my work every day in the morning. Therefore, please permit us to return home.” Even though Maharaj Ji refused to permit us to return home thrice, we insisted on getting back. Then Maharaj Ji reluctantly allowed us to return home.

When we left the Dera to return home, we noticed that the tube of the new cycle was punctured. Then, we walked on foot and reached a cycle repair shop after walking for a long time. We got the tube repaired and then proceeded further on bicycle. We covered a short distance when the bicycle tyre suddenly burst. It was already getting dark by that time and we had to walk on foot. Both of us started blaming one another for disobeying Maharaj Ji's instructions to stay back.

We continued to walk on foot. As it was getting very dark we went to village Chohkan and stayed there with a relative for the night. We rested there for a few hours and got up very early in the morning. We borrowed a bicycle and the left for our home immediately. We had just travelled a short distance when my wife's dupatta got entangled in the chain and bicycle wheel. It took us a very long time to resolve that problem and move forwards.

By the time we reached home, it was already too late for me to go for work or for my wife to milk the cows. We disobeyed Maharaj Ji's advice and could not attend to any of the important tasks that we were contemplating to undertake after reaching home. Thus the excuses we made to take leave of Maharaj Ji misfired and we had to endure many hurdles on our way.

These incidents clearly prove that the disciples must obey the instructions of their revered Guru Ji. There is always some hidden truth in the words of learned saints. When we visited the Kutiya on next Sunday, Maharaj Ji said “Did you feel scared on last Sunday night while returning to your home? You suffered throughout the night and troubled me as well because I had to take care of you throughout the journey.”

*(Shri Bishan Dass, Village Maherhu)*

### **226. Rescue of a Devotee from Drowning**

When I used to go from Maherhu to Jalandhar for work walking on foot, I had to cross a seasonal torrent called Kali Beyin as there was no bridge across the stream those days. There was very heavy rain fall one day and the stream was flowing full to the brim. I had to cross the stream while was returning home after work in the evening. I removed my kurta and pyjama and placed the same inside my shoulder bag and ventured to cross the stream. When I reached half way through into the stream; the water level rose up to my neck. I got scared and thought that I would get drowned in water and therefore I quickly retreated back. However I was carried away by strong current of water.

When I was about to get drowned, I remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed for my rescue. I noticed the branches of a tree protruding into the water and I was lucky to get hold of same with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. However lot of water had already entered my stomach and I was almost unconscious. My revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized there at that moment and pushed me out of the water with his long walking stick. Maharaj Ji said “Oy! Get up fast lest something should bite you.” I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and conveyed my sincere gratitude for rescuing me.

I reached home and shared the complete details with my family members. I visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya next day and paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, “You often trouble me a lot and you do not obey my instructions.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji rescued me from drowning that day and saved my life in this way.

*(Bishan Dass, Village Maherhu)*

## 227. She will get Well

Bibi Mahinder Kaur and her husband S. Saudagar Singh are residents of village Nagra, Jalandhar. They are disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Bibi Mahinder Kaur said that her mother Bibi Bhago Ji who currently lives in U.S.A; is also a profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She has utmost devotion for Dera Sachkhand Ballan even these days.

When they lived in village Mannan, Bibi Mahinder Kaur fell seriously ill. She had two children. Her condition became so serious that there was very little hope of her survival. Her mother Bibi Bhago Ji was extremely sad and upset. She started prayers at home requesting Maharaj Ji to kindly save her daughter. She prayed "Maharaj Ji! Kindly save my daughter. If she was destined to die then she should have died earlier. Now that she has two children, they will have no shelter and protection of their mother if she dies. Therefore kindly be merciful and save her." She continued similar prayers at home remembering Maharaj Ji all the time for 3 days.

Omniscient Maharaj Ji came to know about their plight and the prayers of the devotee for help. Then on fourth day, Maharaj Ji reached her home in village Mannan around 3 a.m. along with three devotees and knocked at the door. When Bibi Bhago Ji opened the door she was surprised and extremely delighted to see Maharaj Ji. She welcomed Maharaj Ji inside the house and paid her devout regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then she asked "Maharaj Ji! How is it that you came here so early in the morning?"

Then Maharaj Ji hit the ground hard with his long walking stick and said "Bibi! You have been praying and remembering me for the last three days. Your daughter is ill and you had been worried about her life. She will not suffer any more and she will get well soon. She will have two more children who will work abroad." Maharaj Ji then returned to the Kutिया after conveying such nice blessings.

Maharaj Ji's words came true and Bibi Bhago's daughter Mahinder Kaur started getting well since that day. She recovered fully within a few days. Thereafter she had two more children in due course of time. Her children are leading happy

lives these days in England and Canada. Bibi Bhago is also staying abroad in America. She had full faith and confidence in the kind benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She remembered Maharaj Ji at an extremely difficult time and accomplished Satguru Ji rescued her daughter and conveyed kind blessings.

### **228. Bibi! I am always Present in this Dera**

Bibi Mahinder Kaur Ji explained that when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left this world for his heavenly abode then her mother Bibi Bhago Ji used to weep and remember Maharaj Ji all the time while at home or in the fields. One day Maharaj Ji appeared in her dream and said “Bibi Bhago! Don't weep while remembering me. I am always with you. I am always present in the Dera even these days. Whenever you get overwhelmed remembering me, you should visit the Dera.” Thereafter Bibi Bhago Ji felt fine with complete peace of mind as she was convinced that Maharaj Ji is always with his devotees.

### **229. Bibi! Your Child has gone to Play**

Bibi Prakash Kaur w/o late Shri Sadhu Ram, from village Biaspind, Jalandhar, has been staying in England since long time. She was blessed with a son in England. However, unfortunately her son suddenly died. She lived an extremely sad and troubled life as she was unable to bear with the tragic loss of her son. Finally she wrote a personal letter to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji giving complete details about the birth of her son and his subsequent death.

Then Maharaj Ji wrote to a letter to her in reply that said “Bibi Ji! You should not weep and cry for your son. Your child has gone to play and he will come back.” She was extremely delighted to read the letter written by Maharaj Ji and she believed fully that Maharaj Ji's words would certainly be meaningful. She had complete peace of mind since that day full of hope. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth as she gave birth to a son in due course of time with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji.

### **230. When Devotees got back their Money**

Bibi Ratni and her husband Shri Bhag Ram, from village Kala Sanghian district Kapurthala, were profound devotees of

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bhag Ram was a businessman / trader of leather. He had lot of money due to income from his business. Bibi Ratni Ji explained that one day her husband was returning home and he was carrying Rs. 4500/ with him. That was a large sum of money for those days.

Some cheats hoodwinked him and managed to snatch the entire money from him in Jalandhar City. He came back to his home highly disappointed and upset. Then he told his wife Bibi Ratni about the whole incident. Then she was also extremely sad and upset. Both of them went to Dera to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj and then told Maharaj Ji how he was cheated by thugs depriving him of Rs. 4500/. Then Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry! You will get your money back.”

Later after some days, Shri Bhag Ram Ji came to Butan-Mandi, Jalandhar in connection with his business. Suddenly he saw one of the cheats who had robbed his money. Shri Bhag Ram Ji got hold of him and handed him over to the police. Then police interrogated him and also apprehended his colleagues. The cheats admitted their crime and Shri Bhag Ram got his looted money back. Thus he was able to get the entire money back with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **231. Serve them Cold Sherbet**

Bibi Prakash Kaur w/o late Shri Sadhu Ram from village Biaspind district Jalandhar has been resident in England for the last many years. One day Bibi Prakash Kaur came from England specifically to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' the raised platform and Satsang or spiritual discourse was in progress. Some travellers who were walking along the canal road to their destination came to Maharaj Ji's Kutuya at that time. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down along with other devotees.

Maharaj Ji immediately said “Serve cold sherbet to these visitors immediately even though we do not cultivate any land.” When they listened to these words from Maharaj Ji they were amazed and ashamed. They prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and begged for pardon. They said “Maharaj Ji! Please forgive us as we made a grave mistake.”

All other members of the congregation present on that occasion were wondering why they were begging for pardon while Maharaj Ji had asked a devotee to serve them cold sherbet. Meanwhile the travellers were served cold sherbet. Then they revealed to the volunteers that when we turned towards this ashram then we were discussing amongst ourselves that let us go to the Dera and drink cold sherbet before proceeding further as people make donations to the saints who do not own any agricultural land for cultivation anyway.”

Omniscient Maharaj Ji thus knew about their wishes and thoughts even before they entered the Dera. Maharaj Ji surprised them and all others present in the congregation by telling publicly about their thoughts and discussions they had on their way. That is why they realized their serious blunder and prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and begged for pardon. The travellers then realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is truly an accomplished saint.

### **232. Protection during War**

S. Nanak Singh Viridi son of S. Mehinga Singh from village Raipur Ballan is a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He worked with the Indian army and later settled down in Canada. S. Nanak Singh narrated his personal experience during the 1965 Indo - Pak war.

I was deployed at the war front in Jammu-Sialkot sector during the 1965 war. My duty was as an action commander in the army. It was a horrible battle and heavy firing was raging all around. Our army platoon laid siege all around a village of Sialkot district in Pakistan. However we were still facing gunfire from the enemy side. We moved ahead crawling on the ground when suddenly a bullet hit my left arm. While the bullet was targeted at my heart but my rifle aimed at the enemy deflected the bullet to hit my arm and lodged in the muscles. I remembered my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at that moment of time and said with devout emotions “Maharaj Ji! How has this happened to me?” Just then I heard Maharaj Ji's voice telling me “Nothing will happen to you. Oy! You should not panic.”

When I heard these kind words of Maharaj Ji, I felt as if I



had got a new lease of life. Then I moved forwards along with my colleagues to attack the enemy. There was lot of water ahead of us and we had to wade through the water. When my injured arm got drenched in water, I had acute pain in the arm where the bullet had lodged. My major commanding the unit ordered that injured soldiers should be evacuated and taken to hospital for treatment.

When I was being shifted to army hospital, Pathankot in an ambulance along with other injured personnel, suddenly a bomb fell in front of the ambulance but our van escaped without any damage with the grace of God. Then we were taken to Pathankot via an alternate route and finally shifted to army hospital, Ambala. The bullet was taken out from my arm after surgery. There were three persons in all in the room where I was admitted. The entire hospital was full of injured army personnel. Fierce war continued meanwhile. One aircraft passed over our hospital during the night. I said to my companion that Indian air force aircraft normally did not fly at night. That aircraft made another round and dropped bombs that hit the adjoining officer's ward resulting in loud explosion. I remembered Maharaj Ji and continued to chant Naam in my mind. There was a second air attack after a little while that smashed most of the hospital building except the small room occupied by me and my two other colleagues. Revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji thus saved my life for the second time. I have no words to express the grandeur of Maharaj Ji. My revered Satguru is always very kind to me even these days.

*(S. Nanak Singh Viridi, Village Raipur Rasulpur)*

### **233. We are with You**

Giani Mehar Singh son of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji narrated this story as follows. Once we wanted to install a new tube-well in our farm land as there was no other source of irrigation. My father Shri Sadhu Ram requested Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji, “Maharaj Ji! Please make it convenient to visit our farm and tell us about the right auspicious time to install a new tube-well.” Then Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji said “We are with you! You should start work related to the new bore-well at 11 a.m. on the eighth day from today.”

Shri Sadhu Ram took Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji from Dera and to his farm at Ramdasspur on the date advised by Maharaj Ji to formally recite a prayer to start digging the soil for drilling the bore-well. At that time many people from nearby and far away villages had assembled there to meet Maharaj Ji. When Maharaj Ji arrived and got down then Maharaj Ji pointed towards the fields adjoining the road and asked “Who owns this land?” Then Sadhu Ram replied “Maharaj Ji! My land is ahead of this field. Let us move to the next plot.” Maharaj Ji then hit the soil with his walking stick in that land and said “Sadhu Ram! This land also belongs to you from now onwards.” Sadhu Ram replied “Maharaj Ji! If you are kind to bless me with this land as well then I shall buy this land from its owner.”

Thereafter Maharaj Ji reached Sadhu Ram's land and recited the prayer. Then Maharaj Ji went back to the Dera. When Sadhu Ram went to meet the owner of the land indicated by Sant Hari Dass Ji and told him about his interest to buy the land, then the owner agreed without any reservations and Shri Sadhu Ram got the land registered in his name on the same day. In this way Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true.

### **234. Big Bungalows shall be Constructed Here**

Subedar Sohan Singh lived in village Chamara and he was a very ardent devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He is a dedicated devotee of Dera Sachkhand Ballan even these days. He explained that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji protected him from many serious problems at difficult times personally. He narrated the details as follows.

Once, I made arrangements to hold a spiritual congregation at my home and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly graced the auspicious occasion. Maharaj Ji had meals at my house after the function and then said “I want to go to village Khojewal now and meet some of my devotees there.” We said “Maharaj Ji! We will drop you at village Khojewal.” But Maharaj Ji said that he would go there of his own. Then my brother and I went out to see off Maharaj Ji up to the road surrounding our village. Maharaj Ji then asked us to return home. We turned back and just looked behind and found that Maharaj Ji had disappeared in no time.

We made arrangements for the spiritual congregation again next year and requested Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion of the Satsang. Maharaj Ji had meals after the conclusion of Satsang and then my senior uncle requested to Maharaj Ji to kindly visit his land. Maharaj Ji very kindly acceded to his request. We used to take land on lease and raise crops like groundnut and beans. Most of the people used to be very poor those days. When Maharaj Ji arrived at their land Maharaj Ji said "What would you get as net profit from such a poor crop on leased land." A tube-well was running there and Maharaj Ji took a handful of water and threw same towards the sun. Later Maharaj Ji thumped the ground with his right foot thrice and said "This land is yours now onwards." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as within a short span of 6 months we bought that 7 acres land and got it registered in our names. We don't know from where we got adequate money to buy that land at that time.

We lived as a joint family and we made arrangements for Satsang during the third year as well and prayed to Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion. Maharaj Ji perambulated the entire premises of our house after the congregation and then hit the ground thrice with his right foot at a specific point. Maharaj Ji then said "There will be big bungalows here in due course of time." With the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, we have no dearth of anything and all of the brothers have beautiful large bungalows to live at the same site.

*(Subedar Shri Sohan Singh, Village Chamiana)*

### **235. Your Work should have been Accomplished**

Shri Puran Chand Madhar son of Shri Bhulla Ram from village Biaspind, Jalandhar and his wife Shrimati Raj Kaur Ji are profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They rendered voluntary services for Dera Sachkhand Ballan and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for many years. Shri Puran Chand Madhar has been residing in America for the last 20 years along with all members of his family.

Shri Puran Chand Madhar and his wife Shrimati Raj Kaur say that grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is indeed beyond description. They spent lot of time initially in the pious

company of Maharaj Ji. They narrated their personal experiences, unforgettable memories and unique phenomenon related to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during those days as follows.

We used to stay in our village Biaspind. I got a job at Delhi on completion of my studies with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. While I was working at Delhi, I got the wonderful opportunity with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to interact with Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Ji. I had close contacts with Baba Sahib Dr. Ambedkar for long time. Dr. Ambedkar Ji was spearheading a campaign those days for implementation of policy of reservations for the weaker sections of the society. I also received a letter related to this subject from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in my office. I too actively promoted that campaign with the active support of my office colleagues. This campaign was continued for 5 years.

I had told Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also about this campaign. When I came to Punjab from Delhi on leave, I met Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked me about the wellbeing of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Maharaj Ji also asked me “What happened to that case?” I replied “Maharaj Ji! That case is still going on.” Maharaj Ji said “But your task should have been accomplished. I had been there only day before yesterday.” I was extremely surprised to listen to that because I was not aware of any such visit by Maharaj Ji to Delhi. It was an enigma to me how Maharaj Ji said that he had been to Delhi. After this Maharaj Ji asked “When are you scheduled to go back to Delhi now? I replied “Maharaj Ji! I have to go day after tomorrow.” Then Maharaj Ji said “All right! You may go and your task will get accomplished. However you should meet me before leaving for Delhi.” When I reached New Delhi, I went to my office. It was a great surprise for me to find a letter related to my promotion lying on my table. It was mentioned in that letter that I had been promoted as Progress Officer. I had been promoted to a higher rank than what was normally due. It was then that I realized the significance of Maharaj Ji's words and that everything had happened because of the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **236. When Baba Sawan Singh Ji, Dera Beas left for his Heavenly Abode**

Once, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Delhi in response to the personal request of Shri Madhar who had requested Maharaj Ji to sanctify their house and bless the inmates at his home. When Maharaj Ji was in his home then Maharaj Ji asked him “Are there any other persons from Punjab who live close to you?” Shri Madhar replied “Maharaj Ji! Amar Chand and Karam Chand live in my neighbourhood with their families.” Maharaj Ji said “Okay! Just invite them to come here.” Shri Amar Chand and Karam Chand came to Shri Madhar's house and paid their regards to Maharaj Ji.

During the discussions they revealed that they were disciples of Baba Sawan Singh Ji, Dera Beas. Maharaj Ji suddenly said “You should have been there at Beas today.” They asked “Maharaj Ji! Is there anything extremely important there for which we should be at Beas today?” Maharaj Ji replied “Baba Sawan Singh Ji has just left this perishable world today to be one with God.”

Later within about half an hour another devotee of Dera Beas resident in Delhi came there and said to them “Baba Sawan Singh Ji has left this world for his heavenly abode.” Baba Sawan Singh Ji abandoned his perishable human body to be one with God exactly at the time when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had informed them a short while ago that they should have been at Beas at that time.

### **237. Go to Beas**

Shri Shardha Ram Madhar, the elder brother Shri Puran Madhar, was a great admirer of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently and render voluntary services. He requested Maharaj Ji many times to kindly bless him with the sacred Naam but Maharaj Ji somehow declined his request every time.

Finally one day he made a firm determination in his mind that he would surely get blessings of sacred Naam from Maharaj Ji and he reached Kutiya with that resolve. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and humbly requested Maharaj Ji to grant him sacred Naam. However, Maharaj Ji once again declined to

accept his prayer. But as he had made a firm resolve in his mind, he said “Maharaj Ji! Why are you not willing to bless me with Naam?” Maharaj Ji replied “Go to Beas straight away! You are destined to be blessed with Naam by Dera Beas.” He said “One has to visit Beas and listen to the spiritual congregations several times before one can aspire to be blessed with Naam there. I have neither been to Beas nor have I ever listened to the preaching of saints of Dera Beas. Then how is it possible for me to be blessed with Naam there?”

Maharaj Ji replied “No one will ask you any questions and you will surely be blessed with Naam there at that Dera.” With such strong assurance of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji, Shri Shardha Madhar went to Dera Beas and he was blessed with sacred Naam by Baba Charan Singh Ji, spiritual head of Dera Beas at that time, on the same day. In this way omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji knew very well that Shri Shardha Ram would get blessings of Naam at Dera Beas.

### **238. When a Devotee survived despite being Trampled over by Train**

Shri Puran Chand Ji narrated the following amazing story. Shri Pala Ram resident of his village Biaspind was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day he went outside to bring fodder for his milch animals. A railway line passes close by to that village linking Jalandhar City with Pathankot. Shri Pala Ram was walking along the railway line casually without realising that he was walking inside the railway track. Suddenly a speeding train arrived from behind on the same track. Shri Pala Ram didn't realize that he was about to be crushed by the train. However he realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized from nowhere and promptly forced him to lie down flat in the centre of the railway track and the train passed over him without causing him any injury. Thus he had a miraculous escape and he was amazed to witness this miracle. He then started singing paeans of grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji publicly. He then straightaway went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya with prasad and prostrated at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He explained about the entire incident to Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! You only have

saved me today and I am alive because of your kind benevolence.” Maharaj Ji just smiled after listening to him.

Later one day, Shri Pala Ram was harvesting grass for his cattle from a field when he found a pot full of coins buried under the soil. He went straight to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya with that pot and presented all the money at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He had immense respect and utmost devotion for Maharaj Ji because his revered Satguru had not only saved his life from certain death under the train but Maharaj Ji had also ensured that his body did not have even a scratch in that fateful accident.

*(Shri Puran Chand Ji, Village Biaspind)*

### **239. Treatment of Disease**

Shri Puran Chand Madhar narrated this story related to him personally. Once while I was working at Delhi I fell seriously ill during the year 1950. The disease was so serious that I was not able to eat or drink anything. I could not even sit down and get up comfortably. I consulted many specialist doctors for treatment but there was no relief. Finally we came to our native village Biaspind.

When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was explained about my serious illness, Maharaj Ji said “Don't go anywhere for his treatment. Just bring him here.” I was then taken to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When Maharaj Ji examined my pulse, I felt that I got a new lease of life. Maharaj Ji said to a devotee “Go and fetch an earthen pot.” He brought a pot as directed by Maharaj Ji. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji put some clean water, some herb and one rupee silver coin in the pot. A little later, Maharaj Ji gave some of that water to me to drink. I was cured within a few days and my incurable disease vanished within a few days just by drinking that blessed water with the kind benevolence of Maharaj Ji.

*(Narrated by Shri Puran Chand Madhar and his wife Shrimati Raj Kaur Madhar during a special meeting)*

### **240. Visit again after one Year**

Shri Amin Chand, hailing from village Raipur district Jalandhar, is currently resident in England. He is a devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. This story relates to the period prior to his migration to England when he used to visit Kutiya

very frequently to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. This true story also confirms that an omniscient accomplished saint never forgets even for many years whatever important he might have told his devotee once. Likewise Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always remembered about his word or advice related to any devotee.

Once, Shri Amin Chand had a strong desire to seek blessings of sacred Naam from Maharaj Ji. He met Maharaj Ji and requested “Maharaj Ji! Kindly grant me the treasure of sacred Naam.” Maharaj Ji said “You should chant Satnam regularly. I shall formally accept you as my disciple and bless you with Naam after one year.” He started chanting the word Satnam regularly for sometime as advised by Maharaj Ji. However after some days he ignored Maharaj Ji's advice and ultimately forgot about it. He did not even remember that Maharaj Ji had asked him to come again after one year.

But Maharaj Ji never forgot his word. So exactly after one year, Maharaj Ji sent a message to Ami Chand that he should visit Kutiya immediately and meet Maharaj Ji. Ami Chand knew nothing about the reason why Maharaj Ji sent for him as he had totally forgotten what Maharaj Ji had told him a year back. When he reached Kutiya, Maharaj Ji asked him “Amin Chand! Do you remember that last year I had advised you to see me after one year? I have to accept you as a disciple and bless you with sacred Naam today as promised by me.”

Ami Chand was extremely surprised to listen to this because he didn't remember anything. He realized his silly mistake and prostrated on Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. It was exactly one year from the day Maharaj Ji had assured him and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed him with sacred Naam on the promised day. Thus truly perfect saints always live by their word and they never forget their devotees.

#### **241. Add a few Rupees to this and buy Liquor**

Shri Ami Chand narrated another story as follows. One day, two persons came to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Both of them were addicted to drink alcohol. While they were coming to the Kutiya along the canal, they were talking to one another about some money to be



offered to Maharaj Ji. One of them said “I will make a small offering of two rupees while paying my regards to Maharaj Ji. The other person was very quick to respond and he said “You should pay your respects to Maharaj Ji without offering any money. Later we shall add 2-3 rupees more to the money thus saved and buy some liquor to drink.”

The first person then said “What you say seems to be absolutely correct. However one should not greet saints with empty hands.” They reached Maharaj Ji's Kutिया preoccupied with such discussions. The first person then paid his regards to Maharaj Ji placing two rupees as his donation. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji chastised him and said sternly “Just pick up this money quickly as I don't need your money. You can add 2-3 rupees and buy liquor as you had been contemplating on your way.” When those two persons heard these comments from Maharaj Ji; they felt ashamed and highly embarrassed. Both of them prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and begged for pardon. All other devotees present there on that occasion were also taken aback to hear Maharaj Ji's terse remarks. Later those two visitors confirmed to the inquisitive devotees that they were indeed discussing about buying liquor with that money while they were on their way to the Kutिया.

Omniscient Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was always able to know sitting at Kutिया what any individual or group of people may be contemplating or discussing while travelling to Kutिया. Thus Maharaj Ji knew about the personal discussions of those two visitors and both of them were made to realize their mistake and they apologised.

#### **242. Sounding of Conch Shell**

Shri Rajnish son of Shri Manak Chand from Amritsar was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Rajnish Ji used to visit Kutिया along with his mother Shrimati Sital Kaur Ji to meet Maharaj Ji.

This incident pertains to the time when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was getting ready to abandon his perishable human body to be one with God. Shri Rajneesh Ji stayed at the Kutिया along with his mother for two days and then they returned to their home in Amritsar. On the third night after their return to

Amritsar they heard loud sounds of the conch shells. All members of the family were surprised to hear the sounding of conch shells as they were unaware of the source of those sounds. Sounding of conch shells continued for quite some time and they were clueless about this amazing phenomenon.

Next morning their neighbours also asked them about the reason for sounding of conch shells at their home. Family members were further surprised when they heard from their neighbours as well that the sounding of the conch shells seemed to originate from their house during the previous night. A short while thereafter they got the shocking message that their revered satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had abandoned his perishable human body comprising of five elements and left this world for ever for Sachkhand - the realm of God. Only then they understood the significance of sounding of conch shells during last night. That was symbolic of Maharaj Ji's departure from this world to be one with God.

Shri Rajnish Ji is absolutely clear that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji gave a clear symbolic indication of imminent departure from this world through sounding of conch shells and that Satguru Maharaj Ji will always be by the side of his disciples.

### **243. Everything Maharaj Ji showed has actually Materialized**

S. Sucha Singh explained that when he lived in village Kararhi, he used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently and render voluntary services. He confirmed that there was only one room with veranda for Maharaj Ji in the Kutiya those days. There was a masonry platform called Tharha a few feet away in front of the veranda where Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to sit in devout meditation most of the time. There was one small room behind Maharaj Ji's room that was initially used by Sant Chetan Dass Ji. No one had ever imagined those days that there would be an elegant temple and many buildings at that premises in future.

S. Sucha Singh explained that one day he was pursuing meditation of God sitting in the Kutiya during those days. He then happened to see an elegant temple built inside the Kutiya

and that was named Sachkhand or the realm of God. He also confirmed to have visualized a beautiful building complex in front of the temple and a separate huge and beautiful congregation hall. He is certain that he clearly visualized the present day temple and other structures many years earlier with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Shri Sucha Singh Ji said that he even had a vision of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple at Kashi Varanasi and he wonders how Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji showed him all important present day structures of Dera Sachkhand, Ballan during his Samadhi many years in advance of their actual construction. He also says that many more buildings will come up in future in the Dera Sachkhand Ballan complex.

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#### **244. Eternally True Worlds**

Shri Rajnish Ji explained that one day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Amritsar to participate in a spiritual congregation. His mother was also there to listen to Satsang and preaching of revered saints. When the programme was over, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji got ready to return to Ballan. However my mother Shrimati Sital Kaur prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kindly make it convenient to sanctify my house with your visit and bless my family members.” Maharaj Ji very kindly accepted her request without any reservations and accompanied her to their home. When they reached home, Maharaj Ji asked “Do you own this house?” Then my mother said “No Maharaj Ji! It was our own house once but we had to sell it because of financial problems. We now we live here on payment of rent.” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry! You will get everything.”

The family business boomed thereafter with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. We bought the same house from the current owner at a cost lower than what we had realized. This miracle happened because of Maharaj Ji's blessings despite earlier reservations of the owner to sell that house.

#### **245. Infinite Benevolence of Maharaj Ji for Shri Bangar Ji**

Shri Swaran Dass Bangar son of Shri Devi Ditta hails from village Ballan, Jalandhar. However he migrated to

England many years back and lives in England with family members these days also. He is a very dedicated devotee of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Maharaj Ji has always been very kind and benevolent to Shri Bangar. He has always made liberal and meaningful contributions to all social welfare or religious projects undertaken by Dera Sachkhand Ballan from time to time. He serves the ashram in every manner with total devotion, dedication and financial contributions to serve the cause dear to his revered Satguru. He is a very ardent disciple of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he organizes a free medical check up camp for treatment of eyes every year at Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He bears the total expenditure on such medical camp organized every year under the able guidance and blessings of Sant Niranjan Dass Ji the current spiritual head of the Dera and Sant Rama Nand Ji. This way he renders commendable services to the society.

Thousands of poor people benefit every year through free treatment of their eye ailments and many patients who lost their eye sight because of some serious eye ailment also got their eye sight back through successful surgery with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bangar is indeed very blessed as he has got this wonderful opportunity to serve the society with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bangar perpetuates the sacred memory of his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji through such medical camps every year.

Shri Swaran Dass Bangar narrated the further details as follow. Before migrating to England, I used to visit to Maharaj Ji's ashram daily to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I had been longing to migrate to England and finally one day I express my desire before Maharaj Ji that I was keen to migrate to England. Maharaj Ji listened to me and said "You are quite lean and thin. If you are required to do some really hard work requiring strong physical strength and stamina, then how will you manage?" Then I replied "Maharaj Ji! I must go to England under any circumstances and only you can give me enough strength to handle the toughest work. I shall endeavour to execute any work with your kind blessings." Then Maharaj Ji

replied “All right! You will surely go to England and you will also get the work of your own choice.”

So I reached England within a few days after receiving blessings of my revered Guru Ji. When I reached there, I also got a simple work that did not need hard physical labour. Everything I did in England since then never involved in hard physical labour. I never had to face any problem or difficult time in England with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji. I have a roaring business these days and all I have to do is to provide efficient management and leadership to my staff. I am extremely fortunate and very prosperous with the benevolent blessings of my venerated Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I am leading a very happy and joyful life together with all members of my family.

It is because of infinite benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that Shri Bangar always sings paeans of grandeur of his revered Guru Ji and commemorates the sacred memory of Maharaj Ji through organising medical camps for treatment of eyes of thousands of patients every year. Shri Swaran Bangar also donated a large sum of rupees one crore or ten million for the construction of a modern state of the art eye hospital at Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

#### **246. Knowing about Thoughts of Mind**

Shri Chaman Lal son of Shri Mangu Ram hails from village Lehilan in district Hoshiarpur. He is very senior officer of the Government of India based at Chandigarh these days. Shri Chaman Lal Ji is a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He always makes very meaningful contributions through physical, mental and financial resources towards any religious, spiritual or social welfare programmes implemented by Dera Sachkhand Ballan from time to time. He also makes frequent visits to Dera Sachkhand Ballan and often stays there for many days during each trip to render voluntary services. He narrated further details personally as follows.

When I was staying at my village Lehilan and studying in school, I used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I used to stay at Kutiya for several days to render voluntary services even though I was a

student those days. I used to travel on my bicycle from my village to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya in Ballan to have a glimpse of Maharaj Ji. Once I left my village for Kutiya on my bicycle. While I had covered only a few kilometres, I was confronted by heavy clouds in the sky threatening to rain any moment. Therefore I went to a friend's house en-route and I had to stay there for the night. Next morning, my friend also accompanied me to meet Maharaj Ji at Ballan.

When we reached Bhogpur, I bought some fresh guavas for offering as prasad for Maharaj Ji and my friend bought some apples. I then thought in my mind that Maharaj Ji would prefer to taste apples first and guavas being taken by me would remain unused. Harboursing such thoughts in my mind I reached Kutiya along with my friend. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was comfortably seated on the Tharha when we went inside. Both of us paid our profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and placed the guavas and apples before Maharaj Ji as our humble offerings.

We had just sat down when Maharaj Ji told a devotee "I feel like eating some guavas today. Just cut the guavas brought by Chaman Lal and serve to everyone." When I heard these delightful words of Maharaj Ji all of my dilemmas and doubts just vanished. I then realized that revered saints accept most delightfully any small offering made by a devotee with pure heart and honesty. I further understood very clearly that perfect saints always know about the inner thoughts of minds of their devotees in advance.

Shri Chaman Lal studied many religious scriptures during his stay for long periods at the Kutiya in the sacred company of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He also served as a teacher while staying at Dera Sachkhand Ballan before his selection for a job with the Ministry of Information, Government of India, New Delhi. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji arranged his marriage with Bibi Jatinder daughter of Shri Kirpa Ram, village Rasulpur Brahmana. With the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji, he worked with the Press Information Bureau and retired from the same department as Director, North Zone Chandigarh.

### 247. Becoming Guru Ji's Disciple

Shri Sewa Ram son of Shri Jaggu Ram hailing from village Bhakhriana in district Kapurthala was a profound devotee of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. His family members enjoy complete blessings of their revered Satguru Ji. He narrated further details as follows. I had been in search of a truly perfect Guru for long time. I used to meet lot of saints but I was not satisfied and impressed by anyone.

One day I visited my relative's house in village Suchipind and saw the photograph of a revered saint there. My relative then told me that the displayed photograph was of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He saluted the photograph to pay his regards to Maharaj Ji and also expressed his desire related to search of a perfect Guru. When he went back to his home and slept for the night, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appeared in his dream. He got up in the morning and remembered about the dream he had last night. He was extremely delighted as he thought that his keen desire to find a perfect Guru had been fulfilled. In fact he had resolved in his mind that he would have such a saint as his Guru Ji who would appear in his dream.

He was then keen to visit Ballan the next morning to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as his desire had been fulfilled. However as he had never been to Dera Sachkhand Ballan earlier, he wondered how could he go to Ballan alone? Later he requested some young men of his village to accompany him but they declined to oblige as they had to go for work elsewhere. Then he decided to go to Ballan alone. When he got ready to leave and came out of his house he saw same boys returning that way as they did not get the work for that day. They accompanied Shri Sewa Ram to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and all of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Sewa Ram then prayed to Maharaj Ji to accept him as a disciple and bless him with sacred Naam. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly initiated him as his disciple and blessed him with the sacred Naam

### 248. Devotees from Tanda will reach soon with Laddus

Shrimati Vidya Devi and her family members from Mohalla Garhi, Tanda, are profound devotees of Sant Sarwan

Dass Maharaj Ji. They used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan from time to time to meet Maharaj Ji. Bibi Vidya Devi narrated her personal experience related to Maharaj Ji as follows. All members of my family and I had profound devotion and utmost respect for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Sometimes Maharaj Ji used to reach our home very early in the morning and then have meals at our house. We used to feel extremely surprised wondering how Maharaj Ji managed to reach our house such long distance away so early in the morning.

I had six daughters. I once mentioned to Maharaj Ji about her six daughters. Then Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry. Just relax. They will not take away anything from you.” Thereafter I lost four daughters one after the other over a short time span. After some time four girls died. Later I was blessed with a son in due course of time. We went to meet Maharaj Ji after our son's birth and Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind blessings to my son. Later one day, I requested Maharaj Ji to kindly bless me with one more son so that I could have a pair. Maharaj Ji replied “Bibi! There is only one moon amongst many stars in the sky.” However, I kept on insisting with Maharaj Ji again and again on many occasions to kindly convey me blessings to beget one more son. Later after a long time Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appeared in my dream. Maharaj Ji handed over a young baby to me and disappeared.

Thereafter, I was blessed with a second son in due course of time. Later after a few weeks, we went to meet Maharaj Ji with a box of laddus to share our joy of begetting a second son with Maharaj Ji. While we left from Tanda, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji came to know sitting in his Kutiya at Ballan that Bibi Vidya was on her way with laddus to celebrate the joy of begetting her second son. Many other devotees from different locations had also reached the Kutiya on the same day with similar happy news about their new born sons. Therefore lot of laddus were being distributed to members of the congregation when Maharaj Ji announced “All of you should wait as more laddus from Tanda are also on the way. All of you must savour those laddus also before returning home.”

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### **249. You can Enter U.K.**

Shri Ram Chand Virdi from village Raipur, Jalandhar was very dedicated devotee of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He lives in England these days with all members of the family. He often visits Dera Sachkhand Ballan even these days. He narrated this incident one day as follows.

I used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Maharaj Ji and recite Gurbani about 30-35 years back before migrating to England. One day, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked me “You often come to the Dera. Tell me if you have any specific wish.” I said “Maharaj Ji! I want to go to England.” Then Maharaj Ji kept quiet for quite some time and then said “Yes! You will go to England.”

After sometime I filed an application for migration to England. I received a communication from High Commission of United Kingdom along with documents related to immigration sent by them. Then I took those papers to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji held the papers in his hands and looked at those. Then Maharaj Ji opened the fifth page of those documents and asked me to read what was written on that page. I was delighted to read clearly written on that page “You can enter U.K.” When Maharaj Ji heard that good news, Maharaj Ji at once said “All right! You can now go to England for sure.” This is how I was able to go to England and settle down there on my work.

*(Shri Ram Chand Virdi, Raipur Rasulpur)*

### **250. Blessing with Land**

Shri Jagar Ram son of Shri Maya Ram is resident of Mohalla Ramdasspur, Phillaur, Jalandhar and a very dedicated disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He narrated this story as follows. I had business related to leather and I used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan very frequently.

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Phillaur to participate in a Sant Sammelan or spiritual congregation. At the end of Sant Sammelan Maharaj Ji very kindly visited my residence and recited a prayer to God while standing inside my house. While returning after blessing and sanctifying my house, Maharaj Ji just stopped to look at a vacant plot of land adjoining my house. Maharaj Ji asked me “Jagar Ram! Is this land also

owned by you?" I said "No Maharaj Ji! This is not my land." Maharaj Ji asked, "Don't you dry the leather here?" He replied, "Yes Maharaj Ji! I spread the leather here to dry same." Then Maharaj Ji said, "Then it's your land." Later we purchased that land within a short period of time with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

Once we wanted to purchase some agricultural land. I borrowed money from someone to make the part payment in advance after striking the deal. Then I came to meet Maharaj Ji and prayed "Maharaj Ji! I want to buy some land." Maharaj Ji said "All right! You may buy the land." Then I submitted "Maharaj Ji! I have paid some money as advance somehow with complete faith in your kind benevolence. However we don't have money to get that land registered after paying the balance amount." Maharaj Ji replied "Don't worry! You will definitely purchase the land; there will be virtual rain of money on that day."

My business flourished thereafter and I had enough money in short span of time. Therefore I paid the balance amount and got the land registered in my name within just two months. All members of my family now lead very happy and prosperous lives with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Jagar Ram Ji, Mohalla Ramdasspura, Phillaur)*

### **251. They would have killed You**

Shri Saran Chand son of Shri Beli Ram from village Aiyapur (Tanda) is a profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Whenever he had a keen desire to meet Maharaj Ji, he used to travel from his home alone by his bicycle and reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at Ballan. One day he prepared a garland of flowers for Maharaj Ji in the evening as he thought that he would go to Dera very early in the morning to meet Maharaj Ji. He went to sleep thereafter. But as he was very excited to meet Maharaj Ji as soon as possible, he woke up at 10 p.m. He then took his bicycle and left his house to go to the Dera. When he reached near village Chalang, he listened to the loud sound of the siren of the train that passed Chalang railway station around 11 p.m. He then realized that the time was around 11 p.m. He

was extremely surprised and he wondered how he thought that it was morning and therefore he left from his house.

But he did not want to return. He remembered Maharaj Ji and resumed his onwards journey by bicycle to reach Maharaj Ji's Dera. As he covered a short distance, the wheel of his bicycle got jammed. That was a very desolate place with lot of tufts of kana grass (*Saccharum munja*) and other bushes. He had required tools with him and he opened the wheel and repaired it. Then he again started his onwards journey by his bicycle. However the bicycle wheel jammed again. He opened the wheel once again and repaired it. When he wanted to move forwards the wheel jammed again. Shri Saran Chand said that he opened and repaired the wheel several times but when he wanted to ride his bicycle and resume the journey the wheel jammed again every time.

Feeling tired and highly frustrated he then gave up and thought of waiting for the sun to rise so that he could get his bicycle repaired from an experienced technician. Meanwhile it was already early morning by that time and he noticed three persons with swords in their hands moving out of the bushes at a short distance away from him. They were robbers but luckily for Saran Chand, they did not see him. Saran Chand got up after the robbers were out of his sight and he took his bicycle to leave that place. He was then surprised to see that his bicycle was fine and functioning without any flaw. The jammed wheel was also fine and his bicycle was running smoothly.

He then resumed his journey towards Maharaj Ji's Dera wondering all the time why his bicycle wheel jammed every time he wanted to resume journey after repairing the faulty wheel. He was also bewildered and greatly amazed how the jammed wheel of his cycle started to function smoothly without any repair. With such thoughts in his mind, he ultimately reached the Dera in due course of time. When he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji reprimanded him and said "Oy! I had to protect you throughout the night and you virtually forced me to guard you like a watchman on night duty. Those three persons were dacoits. They would have killed you." Saran Chand was terribly

shocked to listen to all details from Maharaj Ji and he prostrated at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet and said "Maharaj Ji! You really protected your devotee." Omniscient Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always protected his devotees as Maharaj Ji saved Shri Saran Chand.

### **252. Vision of Ganga Ji with Maharaj Ji's Blessings**

This story was told by Shri Somnath from village Ramdasspur. One day an old man hailing from Faridpur came to the Dera. He was a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He paid his respects to Maharaj Ji and said "Maharaj Ji! My wife has died and I want to take her ashes to Ganga. I shall also be able to see Ganga as I have never seen her earlier." Maharaj Ji replied "Oy! If you want go to see Ganga, you can have her vision right here in this Dera." He said "How can I see Ganga here? Ganga is in Haridwar."

Maharaj Ji replied "Ganga lives right here. You should stay here tonight and then I shall ensure that you see Ganga." Maharaj Ji gave a pot to the old man and asked him to bring that pot after filling same with water drawn from the hand-pump. He brought the water in that pot. Then Maharaj Ji said "Go along with Somnath and keep this pot of water in that room." Somnath accompanied the old man. When they went inside the room they were amazed to see that Ganga Ji was already there in that room. There was dazzling bright illumination all around her as if there were 12 suns shining brilliantly in the room. The old man became unconscious when he had a glimpse of Ganga. Somnath also had an amazing view of Ganga Ji. Then he helped the old man to regain his consciousness and both of them came out of the room. Maharaj Ji said to that devotee "Did you see Ganga or do you still want to go to Haridwar?"

The old man said, "Maharaj Ji! You have everything under your command and I will not go anywhere now." Thus the old man and Somnath had a vision of Ganga Ji in Dera Sachkhand Ballan by Maharaj Ji's grace.

### **253. Oy! Have Tea and Return Home**

Shri Pakhar Ram from village Mannan, who lives in Jalandhar in these days, is a very devoted disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. According to Shri Pakhar Ram Ji he

used to render voluntary services for the Dera as a mason. He said that his wife was pregnant when she fell ill suddenly.

According to him someone advised him to get his wife treated by a ritualistic faith healer. He somehow readily agreed with his suggestion and got ready to visit that place for treatment of his wife. He had to pass by Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to reach his destination. When he reached near the main gate of Kutiya, he saw Maharaj Ji sitting on the 'Tharha' or the raised platform. He stopped at the gate and paid his salutations to Maharaj Ji from a distance. Maharaj Ji called him inside and asked 'Oy! Where are you going?' Then he said that his wife was ill and he was going to meet a faith healer for her treatment." Maharaj Ji said "Go to the community kitchen and have tea first."

He obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and had tea. When he returned back after drinking tea, Maharaj Ji said "Now go back straight to your home." Then he returned to home still concerned about his wife's health. When he reached home, he was extremely surprised to see his wife. She was absolutely fine and she was sweeping the courtyard. She got well with Maharaj Ji's grace and she was able to carry out all routine household work.

His wife gave birth to a baby girl in due course of time but it was a premature delivery well before the normal time. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji arrived at their home on the same day after the child's birth. He welcomed Maharaj Ji and all members of the family paid their regards at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. Thereafter he informed Maharaj Ji about the premature birth of the baby after seven months of pregnancy. Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings and said "Don't worry! This girl is like Lakshmi. She will be highly educated and she will make immense progress. She will serve the family members very well.

Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. She leads a prosperous life and lives in England with Maharaj Ji's kind blessings. She has everything. We are also affluent and leading happy lives. This is all because of the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

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## 254. Meditation in the Air

Bibi Naseeb Kaur w/o S. Darshan Singh from village Ballan lives at Sirsa in Haryana these days with her sons. She explained that her parents were the devotees of Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj. She narrated the story further as follows. My mother used to serve meals personally to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during his childhood. That is why the whole family was very close and dear to Maharaj Ji and all of them have very high devotion for Maharaj Ji and the Dera of Maharaj Ji.

Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji used to sit down for meditation of God under a 'Phalahi' (*Acacia modesta*) tree at their farm and remain under perfect Meditation for long periods. Normally all trees of that species have very large number of small thorns. But that Phalahi tree, under which Maharaj Ji used to sit in Meditation, miraculously shed all thorns and remained without thorns as long as it was standing in our fields. This has been obviously because of the influence of devout meditation of God by Maharaj Ji.

One day during my childhood, I went to that place where Maharaj Ji used to meditate and remain in perfect state of Meditation for hours. I was surprised to see that Maharaj Ji was about 2-3 feet above the ground and he was in the state of perfect Meditation in the air. I was bewildered and I quickly ran away to my home after seeing Maharaj Ji in that state. Whenever I remember that incident even these days, I see the same unique scenario in front of my eyes.

My respected mother used to tell us that during the seven generations of the family, our ancestors always begot only one son in each generation. When my mother begot a son and a daughter over a period of time, then she wished that she should have one more son. When she was pregnant for the third time then one day she stood on the way that Maharaj Ji normally used to take for his early morning walk. Omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji already knew about the inner thoughts of her mind. Maharaj Ji very kindly conveyed his blessings to my mother and said "You will be blessed with a son this time." She gave birth to a lovely son in due course of time with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji and thus the tradition of one

son for each generation that lasted for seven generations was changed by Maharaj Ji. Subsequent generations also have two or more sons each with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

*(Bibi Naseeb Kaur, Sirsa, Haryana)*

### **255. Turning a Noose into a Thorn**

Shri Bhag Ram Ji had been rendering very dedicated voluntary services in the Langar or community kitchen of Dera Sachkhand Ballan since the times of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Dera. He narrated this story as follows.

Earlier I used to go for work from my residence. One day I left my home for visiting Maharaj Ji's ashram and I thought in my mind that it would be very nice if Maharaj Ji gave him the opportunity to have a vision of Maharaj Ji just outside the Kutiya. When I reached close to the Kutiya, I was amazed to find Maharaj Ji standing just outside the gate. However Maharaj Ji suddenly disappeared very soon. Anyway I was convinced that Maharaj Ji knew about the thought inside my mind and Maharaj Ji very kindly fulfilled my desire to have a vision of Maharaj Ji outside the Kutiya.

While I was going for work on another day, a sharp and long thorn pierced through the flesh and got stuck in my foot. It got embedded so deep into the flesh that I could not pull it out despite best efforts. I then headed straight for the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said "I know that a long thorn has got stuck in your foot. This is because of some wrong deeds of your past life. However you are extremely fortunate that a certain noose has been turned into just a long thorn with God's grace." This how my revered Satguru condoned my past sins and converted a noose into a thorn and emancipated me.

### **256. Saving Shri Channan Singh**

Shri Bhag Ram Ji, who rendered devoted services in the community kitchen of the Dera, narrated the following incident one day. He explained that Shri Channan Singh Ji, hailing from village Khadiala, was a very profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once he organized Satsang or a spiritual

discourse at his home with the permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He invited Maharaj Ji to kindly grace the occasion. Maharaj Ji agreed to visit his house on the fixed day. But Maharaj Ji was extremely busy with some other important work on the day of Satsang. Then some people said that perhaps Maharaj Ji might not come.

Shri Channan Singh was extremely sad and greatly upset to hear this from the devotees. He declared that he would end his life if Maharaj Ji did not grace the occasion. He then left his house with the firm resolve to reach Ballan quickly and escort Maharaj Ji to his house for the spiritual discourse function. However a Cho or a seasonal torrent on his way was flowing to the brim with very fast current of water.

Meanwhile Maharaj Ji also left for his house by jeep and Maharaj Ji said to his driver "Hurry up! Drive as fast as you can as the seasonal torrent on Chanan Singh's way is overflowing and he may drown in that water if we don't reach there timely. We should reach that Cho before Channan Singh ventures to cross the same." Maharaj Ji reached Channan Singh even before he reached the torrent that was in spate. Maharaj Ji asked him to board the jeep and went to his house. In this way Maharaj Ji saved the life of Channan Singh also fulfilled his cherished desire.

### **257. Get the Embankment Built from Me**

Shri Belli Ram Ji resident of village Dhepur, Jalandhar used to organize Satsang or a spiritual congregation every year at his house. He used to invite many revered saints to grace the occasion of Satsang. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and many other revered saints including Sant Braham Dass Ji from Chaheru, Sant Hari Dass Ji from Bajwarha, Sant Prem Dass Ji from Bohan, Sant Bhoot Dass Ji from Barhian, Sant Mela Ram Ji from Mahilpur and Sant Varkha Dass Ji often used to grace the occasion of Satsang.

Once, Shri Belli Ram invited Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to visit his house in his village Dhepur. Nasrala Cho or seasonal torrent often used to flood the villages along its banks those days during heavy rains. This Cho had flooded village Dhepur even on the day on which Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji



was scheduled to visit Shri Beli Ram's house. The roads were full of water and there was no way to reach his house from the main highway. Then Shri Belli Ram and Shri Raj Mall arranged to stack wooden beams to facilitate Maharaj Ji to reach the house walking over those beams.

Maharaj Ji looked at the flowing flood water and said "You want an embankment to be built to prevent flood waters from the Cho to inundate your village. Get that embankment made from me today." Flood water never disrupted life in Dhepur since that day. State government built very strong embankments along both shores of the seasonal torrent to prevent the rain water from flooding the nearby villages even during heavy rains.

### **258. You will be Successful Now**

Captain Prakash Singh visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan one day. He narrated this story as follows. An affluent devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, resident of Jalandhar, visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. He was accompanied by his young and charming six years old daughter. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji called that girl and asked "My daughter! In which class do you study at present?"

She said "I study in class one." Maharaj Ji asked, "If I write something on your back, then can you guess and tell me what I wrote?" The girl said "Yes, I shall try." Then Maharaj Ji wrote one word on her back and asked her what alphabet was written?" She replied "K." After this Maharaj Ji wrote something again and asked her what was written? The girl replied "A." Maharaj Ji wrote next alphabet again and asked her to identify same. She said 'Maharaj Ji! You wrote K.' Then Maharaj Ji wrote something more and asked her to tell what was written. She replied "A." Then Maharaj Ji said if we join all the four that will read 'Kaka' and that Gurmukhi word means an infant male child.

Her parents were also longing for being blessed with a son. However they were reluctant to make a specific request to Maharaj Ji for such blessings. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very well knew about their cherished desire and Maharaj Ji very kindly fulfilled their noble wish by blessing them through this

unique way. The family was blessed with a son in due course of time.

### **259. Bibi! He is Absolutely Fine**

Captain Prakash Singh Bagha from village Dhuga Kalan in Hoshiarpur district is a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He worked with the Indian army. He used to visit the Dera from time to time to meet Maharaj Ji. He was deployed at Naina-Kot border during the 1971 war with Pakistan. As the fierce battles raged his unit ran short of arms and ammunition. He was assigned the responsibility to make immediate arrangements for replenishment of weapons and ammunition from Pathankot base. He left for Pathankot along with another captain and two soldiers to get the weapons and ammunition. He narrated further story as follows.

While we were returning with the weapons, we had to switch off the lights of the vehicle carrying weapons at night to escape enemy attack. Unfortunately their van collided with another vehicle coming from the opposite direction. The captain and two soldiers accompanying me were injured badly. I too suffered minor injuries. My wife felt very scared even though she was at home. She went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji next morning. She paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then prayed "Maharaj Ji! My husband is fighting at the war front. I felt very scared last night." Maharaj Ji said "Don't worry my daughter! Your husband is absolutely fine. Nothing wrong will happen to him. I have just seen him."

With the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, I escaped serious injuries and I was successful in delivering the weapons and ammunition at my unit camp site well in time the same night. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji not only saved us that night but India also won the war inflicting a humiliating defeat on Pakistan. When India won the war Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Wagha border to distribute sweets amongst the victorious Indian army soldiers.

*(Captain Prakash Singh Ji, Village Dhuga, Hoshiarpur)*

### **260. Saving Devotees Abroad**

Shri Bakhshi Ram from village Dolike has been living in England for the last 56 years. He explained that he lived in

Singapore prior to migrating to England. He narrated the story as follows. While I was in England, my wife informed me about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji through a letter. After working in England for 12-13 years I made arrangements for visa and travel of my wife and children to join me in England. I received them from Airport I reached the airport by car well in time to receive them. I bought some orange juice for them and waited for their arrival.

After few minutes my wife and children came out of the airport and I welcomed them. Then I gave the bottle of orange juice to my wife and asked her to drink. She was reluctant as somehow she thought that perhaps it was wine. I said to her “Drink it! It is not wine. It is orange juice.” Then my wife said “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji sent a message for you not to drink alcoholic drinks and wine now onwards.” Then I said “Just leave that. You are un-necessarily concerned to obey the directives of saints.”

Thereafter we left the airport for our residence by car. While we covered just a short distance; our vehicle suddenly overturned. I suffered serious injuries and became unconscious. The vehicle was badly damaged. When I regained my consciousness, I saw my wife and children standing on one side of the road and they were absolutely fine. I asked my wife “Are you okay?” Then she replied “When our car overturned, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji immediately took us out the car and we did not know what had happened. Fortunately we did not suffer even a scratch with the grace of Maharaj Ji.”

After that serious accident, I regretted my mistake, unwarranted behaviour and uncalled for comments about saints. I had learnt a bitter lesson. Later, I wrote a letter to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji admitting my grave mistake and arrogant behaviour and praying for forgiving me. Maharaj Ji very kindly replied to my letter condoning my mistake and conveyed his blessings to me and all members of my family.

### **261. Withering Crops**

This miracle narrated in this story was witnessed personally by Shri Bakhshi Ram with his own eyes. It was extremely hot and dry weather during the summer season.

Possibility of rain was remote and conditions of severe drought prevailed. Some farmers from village Ballan came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. At that time Maharaj Ji was sanding just outside the main gate of Kutiya. They conveyed their regards to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji asked them about their well being.

They said “Maharaj Ji! We are fine. However our crops are withering away because of intense heat and long dry spell without any rain. Kindly be merciful so that it rains soon as our crops will dry and fail otherwise.” Maharaj Ji heard them and then raised his long walking stick towards the sky. As Maharaj Ji waved his walking stick in the air, the farmers were amazed to see some dark clouds in the horizon in otherwise dazzling bright sunshine. Very soon thereafter, small amount of dark clouds lashed the area with heavy rain and the fields all around were full of water. All of the farmers were very amazed to witness this unique feat as Maharaj Ji responded to their prayers and fulfilled their desire. They conveyed their sincere gratitude to Maharaj Ji and returned back to their homes happily.

*(Shri Bakhshi Ram Ji)*

### **262. Oy! Why did you Vacillate?**

Shri Saran Chand went to Tanda one day to buy some sugar for Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Sant Garib Dass Ji, Raj Mall Ji and Bhag Mall Ji also accompanied him. All of them took their bicycles and reached Tanda and purchased sugar. While they were returning back from Tanda with sugar, Saran Chand's bicycle tube got punctured. There was a shop nearby close to Kala Bakkra railway station. He gave his cycle to shopkeeper to repair the punctured tube. However he had no money in his pocket at that time. He didn't ask for money from Sant Garib Dass Ji, Shri Bhag Mall Ji and Raj Mall Ji as he was concerned that they would say that Saran did not have any money even to get a punctured tube repaired.

He kept standing silently wondering how he would make payment to the shop keeper for repairing his bicycle tube. Meanwhile he remembered his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Suddenly a 25 paise coin fell in front of him. He was amazed to see that and he quickly picked up that coin

and gave that to the shopkeeper. He did not share these details with his colleagues. Thereafter all of them returned to the Dera with sugar. When they reached the Dera and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, then Maharaj Ji asked “Oy Saran Chand! Why did you waver and panic there? Why did you not tell Sant Garib Dass Ji or Raj Mall that you didn't have money to pay for the repair of the tube?” Sant Garib Dass Ji, Raj Mall, Bhag Mall and Saran Chand were extremely surprised to listen to these words from Maharaj Ji.

In this way, when any devotee remembers Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with devout heart at the time of any emergency or grave difficulty, then Maharaj Ji always responds instantaneously and addresses the problems of his devotee in no time.

### **263. Sant Hari Dass Ji**

Shri Swaran Dass son of Shri Marha Ram from village Kaboolpur did everything in accordance with prior approval of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Swaran Dass and his brother Dhanna Ram had common agricultural land in the village. They wanted to get a tube-well installed in their land during 1975. Shri Swaran Dass requested Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji to kindly mark the specific spot for sinking the tube-well. Maharaj Ji accompanied him and marked the spot after recital of a formal prayer to God. But Shri Dhanna Ram said that he didn't want the tube-well at that specific spot and he insisted to have the tube-well at another place. So they prepared the bore for the tube-well on the alternate spot chosen by Dhanna Ram. But there was no underground water at that spot and their efforts were in vain. Finally they installed a tube-well successfully exactly at the same place that was marked by Maharaj Hari Dass Ji. They get plenty of water from that tube-well even these days.

*(Shri Niranjana Dass son of Swaran Dass Ji, Village, Kaboolpur, Jalandhar, 6.7.2003)*

### **264. When Sant Hari Dass Ji addressed Dilemma of Bibi Paramjit**

Shri Tulsi Singh and his wife Bibi Maha Kaur, from village Boora, were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their daughter Paramjit is married with a

soldier named Gurnam Singh of village Manakdheri. At that time Bibi Paramjit Kaur's family was very poor.

One day, Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji visited village Khadiala near Bullowal. Shri Tulsi Singh and Bibi Maha Kaur were also there. They requested Maharaj Ji to kindly visit their daughter's home at village Manakdheri during the return journey. Maharaj Ji reached her house in village Manakdheri by jeep along with Shri Tulsi Singh, Bibi Maha Kaur and some other devotees. Bibi Paramjit welcomed Maharaj Ji and other guests and paid her regards at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. As she was very poor, she thought in her mind that it may be beyond her means to make arrangements for tea and snacks to be served to Maharaj Ji and other guests who came with Maharaj Ji.

Omniscient Sant Hari Dass Ji was quick to know about her dilemma and Maharaj Ji wanted to offer her an easy alternative. So Maharaj Ji said "We shall not have tea today. We shall have '*Kachi Lassi*' – milk diluted with lot of water as that has cooling effect during summer. This is how Maharaj Ji read my mind's thoughts and addressed my dilemma. I was delighted to hear Maharaj Ji and I served the drink of their choice to everyone without any difficulty.

*(Bibi Paramjit Kaur w/o Shri Gurnam Singh, Village Manakdheri 6.07.2003)*

### **265. They have to be blessed with Sons**

Shri Om Prakash son of Shri Kabal Singh hails from village Jaetewali in Jalandhar district. He is currently resident of Rameshwar Colony, Jalandhar City. He serves as S.C.O in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited at Jalandhar.

Shri Om Prakash explained that his father Shri Kabal Singh Ji was a great admirer of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Inder Dass from Sarmastpur had taken Shri Kabal Singh Ji to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the first time. Shri Kabal Singh and Shri Inder Dass Ji worked together. One day they went to Kutiya and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter Shri Inder Dass said, "Maharaj Ji! My friend Kabal Singh works together with me. Kindly accept him also as one of your disciples."

Then Maharaj Ji asked "Kabal Singh! Do you have any

children?" He replied, "I have two daughters." Then Maharaj Ji looked at Inder Dass and said "Inder Dass! He will also make a demand for having a son. Even if he does not make such specific request, I shall have to bless him with sons because you have brought him to this Kutiya." Simultaneously, Maharaj Ji very kindly conveyed his blessings and said "Kabal Singh! Your sons will become highly educated and later they will be senior officers." Kabal Singh was extremely delighted to hear these pleasant words.

Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth and Shri Kabal Singh's family was blessed with three sons over a period of time with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All of them studied very well and progressed to become officers as per Maharaj Ji's blessings. The first is named Om Prakash as already mentioned above. Second son is Shri Joginder Singh who is Deputy G.M. in Finance Department at Hoshiarpur. The third son is Shri Uttam Chand and he is a Joint Secretary in the Secretariat at Chandigarh. In this way all of the three brothers are extremely well settled holding very high positions with Maharaj Ji's grace.

### **266. Tell me if you forget**

Bibi Jeeto w/o Shri Jeet Ram lived in village Bulandpur, Jalandhar. She was very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She narrated this story as follows. My husband Shri Jeet Ram was a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji who blessed him with sacred Naam. However I had not yet been granted sacred Naam. My husband used to drink alcoholic drinks. One day I thought in my mind that my husband often drinks wine even after getting blessings of Naam from Maharaj Ji. Therefore I must pray to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to help him to abandon drinking. So she sat down to pray to Maharaj Ji and she kept remembering and praying to Maharaj Ji throughout the night.

Omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji knew very well sitting in his Kutiya that someone has been remembering me and praying for help. So Maharaj Ji conveyed me a message through a devotee that Maharaj Ji wants my husband Jeet Ram to visit Kutiya and meet Maharaj Ji. However when he got that

message he was reluctant to go to Kutiya and meet Maharaj Ji. Then I told him firmly that he must go to Kutiya as desired by Maharaj Ji. Thereafter he changed his mind and agreed to visit Maharaj Ji. Then both of us reached Kutiya and we paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji told my husband “Oy! Why don't you reform yourself? Your wife had been remembering and praying for help throughout the night.” Maharaj Ji counselled him suitably and advised him to shun the bad habit of drinking. Later I was also blessed by Maharaj Ji with the grant of sacred Naam one day. When I sat down for meditation during the night somehow I forgot some words of the sacred Naam. I asked my husband to help me to recall and remember the sacred words of Naam but he flatly refused to help me. He said “You were not blessed with Naam along with me. Hence, why should I tell you?”

I was extremely sad. Anyway I just sat down for meditation and kept remembering my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji throughout the night. Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized at my home and stood in front of me very early in the morning. Maharaj Ji asked me “Just chant the words of Naam and tell me if you forget any.” I explained to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji just kept his hand on my head and conveyed his blessings. Thereafter I remembered everything very easily and I said “Maharaj Ji! Now I remember everything very clearly with your kind blessings.”

### **267. Do not close down your Factory**

Shri Piara Ram Badhan son of Shri Ram Rakha hails from village Adikali, near Nurmahal. He stays in England these days along with all members of his family. All family members are profound devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Shri Piara Ram Badhan is the President of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Trust, U.K. This trust made major contributions for the establishment of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital at Kathar and Shri Guru Ravidass Gate in Kashi, Varanasi. The trust also makes significant contributions to most of the social services programmes spearheaded by Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

Shri Badhan explained that he had the good fortune to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the first time in 1957 at



the time of his marriage. He did not get another opportunity to meet Maharaj Ji. He developed fond devotion for Dera Sachkhand Ballan when he met Sant Garib Dass Ji during Maharaj Ji's visit to England.

Shri Piara Ram Badhan has his own factory in England. He stated that he incurred very heavy losses once in his business. He decided to close down his factory. Incidentally, Sant Garib Dass Ji was in England at that time. Shri Badhan met Sant Garib Dass Ji and Maharaj Ji asked him about his business. Then Shri Badhan explained "Maharaj Ji! I have my own factory. However that manufacturing unit is running into heavy losses these days. So I am going to close it." Maharaj Ji replied "Do not close down your factory. You should continue to run it. Your business will flourish in due course of time."

Shri Badhan narrated further developments as follows. I took leave of Maharaj Ji and returned to my house in my own car. While I was on my way home I noticed that another car was continuously chasing my car. However I did not know anything about the occupants of that car. When we reached home, that car also reached at our house. I was surprised to see my factory manager getting down from that car. I asked him anxiously "What is the matter that you had to come here?" He replied "You have got orders worth millions of pounds." I was extremely delighted and amazed to listen to that good news. This extremely positive development was surely because of benevolent blessings of Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji. My business, which was on the verge of closure, got a new direction and all of the past losses quickly vanished. I am now fully dedicated to Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

### **268. Whenever you sit down in Meditation and remember me, I shall Materialize**

One day S. Kabal Singh Ji came to Dera to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He conveyed his regards to Maharaj Ji with great devotion and prayed "Maharaj Ji! I want to see in your real persona." Maharaj Ji replied, "I am in front of you. You can see me." However Kabal Singh kept insisting that he would like to see true persona of Maharaj Ji. Such dialogue continued for approximately half an hour.

Finally, Maharaj Ji said “Kabal Singh! Sit in lotus position with crossed legs on the floor and close your eyes.” He did the same. Extremely bright rays of light radiated from all over the body of Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji which were far brighter than sunlight. There was brilliance like lightening all around. Maharaj Ji then said “Kabal Singh! Whenever you sit down in Meditation and remember me, I shall materialize.

Time kept ticking and one night Kabal Singh was resting on the roof top of his house. It was already 2 a.m. past midnight and he was not getting sleep. He then sat down for meditation and soon attained the state of Meditation. He remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He had closed his eyes. Suddenly he saw a sphere of extremely bright light in front of him. That light disappeared also in no time. When he opened his eyes, he realized that the light of the moon and stars was very dim compared to that unique light he had just seen with closed eyes. Then he remembered Maharaj Ji's words that “When you remember me sitting in the state of Meditation then I shall materialize and you can have my vision.”

### **269. These Children will never Deceive**

S. Kabal Singh Ji, who lives in Phagwara these days, came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji one day. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! We have no child at our home. Please bless us.” Then Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “You are fine just like this.” After a little while, Maharaj Ji very kindly said “You will have two children in due course of time and they will never deceive you.”

S. Kabal Singh Ji said “Maharaj Ji! I am unable to understand the real significance of your kind words.” Then Maharaj Ji replied “You will understand everything automatically in due course of time.” S. Kabal Singh worked with the Indian army for 22 years and later he was employed with a bank for 19 years as a security guard. One day he was sitting alone at home after his retirement in the evening. He got a letter about his pension from the nationalized bank where he worked. He also received a separate letter about his pension from the army.

S. Kabal Singh then smiled because he had learnt about

these two sources of income or two sons who never deceive him and bring money for him every month. These two earning sons are with him today also.

### **270. I shall savour your Patasas also**

One day, S. Kabal Singh Ji bought some 'Patasas' specially made sugar crystals from Kishangarh for offering as prasad while going to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. At that time one more devotee came. He placed a box of 'Barfi'- a sweet made from concentrated milk, before Maharaj Ji and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then, Maharaj Ji took a piece of 'Barfi' from the box and savoured it. S. Kabal Singh, who brought 'Patasas' for Maharaj Ji, wondered in his mind why Maharaj Ji did not savour any Patasa from his humble offering.” Soon thereafter, Maharaj Ji took out one Patasa and savoured it delightfully. Maharaj Ji said “Kabal Singh! Just relax and don't worry. Just see I have relished a Patasa.” Maharaj Ji had easily read the inner thoughts of Kabal Singh's mind.

### **271. Supernatural Powers are Subservient to Naam**

One day S. Kabal Singh Ji, his wife Bibi Piaro Ji and her father Shri Uttam Chand Ji left their village to visit the Dera and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All three of them got down from the bus at Kishangarh bus stand. Devotees had to walk from Kishangarh or Ballan bus stand to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya those days as other means of transport were not available. They talked about Maharaj Ji's glory throughout their journey on foot from Kishangarh to Kutiya. Shri Uttam Chand said “Maharaj Ji has won over 'Annapurna' and that is why there is no dearth of food grains or anything else in the Kutiya any time. Everyday many types of delicious dishes are prepared and meals are served to all visitors.”

All of them reached the Kutiya after about half an hour. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was comfortably seated on the 'Tharha' or the raised platform remembering God. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji asked Kabal Singh “Who is this person with you?” He replied “Maharaj Ji! He is my father-in-

law.” Then Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “Kabal Singh! Just explain to your father-in-law that *Ridh-Sidh Naame ki Daasi* i.e. All supernatural powers are subservient to Naam or devout meditation of God.” Maharaj Ji further said “Even the entire wealth of this world is not equal to the sacred dust of the lotus feet of saints.”

The old man Shri Uttam Chand fell down at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. Maharaj Ji very well knew about his thoughts and what he said during the journey. Maharaj Ji removed his doubts and enlightened all devotees about the virtue of Naam and extraordinary powers of true saints.

### **272. We thrashed the Boy**

S. Kabal Singh Ji worked with the Indian army. His home was close to Dasuya but he lives in Phagwara these days. One day his wife Bibi Piaro got down from the bus at Kishangarh bus stand and she then started to walk to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Bibi Ji was youthful during those days. A boy riding on his bicycle met her on the way and offered her a lift on his bicycle. He asked her to sit on the pillion seat but she refused. The boy started going forwards ahead of her and the backwards behind her. She told him sternly “Brother! Go away and I shall reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya myself walking on foot.” However the boy's intentions were not clear and he continued to hover around.

Then she remembered her revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed for help. Suddenly the boy tumbled down and crying loudly he fell down along with his bicycle on the other side of the passage. Meanwhile, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji got up from his seat and came outside the main gate of the Kutiya. Sometime later while Maharaj Ji stood at the main gate; Sant Hari Dass Ji came to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! Please come inside and be kind to us. Large numbers of devotees are waiting anxiously to have your vision.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji “One of my devotees is on her way to the Kutiya. She is coming from a very faraway place and I have to wait for her arrival here. You should go back and look after the congregation of devotees. I shall also be there very soon.” A little while later Bibi Piaro arrived and she was

amazed to see Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji standing near the gate. When she paid her regards to her revered Guru Ji, Maharaj Ji asked her “Dear daughter! Did that boy trouble you? Are you all right?”

Then she replied “Maharaj Ji! That boy harassed and irritated me for some time. But very soon he tumbled and fell down along with his bicycle.” Then Maharaj Ji smiled and said, “I thrashed that boy to teach him a lesson. Now he will behave well with everyone.” Bibi Piaro prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji after listening that. She had realized how her revered Satguru takes care of his devotees and protects them.

### **273. Thieves will strike Today**

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' – the raised platform in the Kutiya and Shri Sital Dass Vaid and many devotees were also sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said “Sital Dass! Just convey my message to Sant Hari Dass that he must keep all doors of rooms and kitchen locked properly as the thieves will strike today.” Sital Dass conveyed Maharaj Ji's message to Sant Hari Dass Ji. During the night there was lot of noise as people were shouting that the thieves had arrived in the village. People could not sleep throughout the night and some of them climbed up the roof tops, holding long sticks in their hands, to keep a strict vigil. Despite such vigil the thieves managed to steal a goat from one of the houses and went away. Thus, it is rightly said that the sayings of the saints never go in vain. Shri Sital Dass Vaid fell down on the feet of Maharaj Ji with profound devotion.

### **274. Dalip Singh Ji will come Today**

Shri Dalip Singh Ji who was an expert mason and his family members owned agricultural land in Uttar Pradesh. The family cultivated that land to raise crops. The beautiful and elegant temple that we see in Dera Sachkhand Ballan was designed and built by Shri Dalip Singh. He was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

One day Baba Dittu Ram, Shri Sital Dass Vaid, Shri Swaran Singh from Ballan, Shri Fakir Singh and Shri Mehinga Ram and some other devotees were sitting in front of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and enjoying the pleasure of the company of revered saint. Maharaj Ji said “Sital Dass! Mason

Dalip Singh Ji will come here today. So you must stay here and meet him.” However Shri Sital Dass Vaid was very keen to go home. He sought permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and left the Kutiya to return home. When he reached near the canal then he saw that Shri Dalip Singh was sleeping under a Shisham (*Dalbergia sissoo*) tree along the canal bank. As he had travelled a long journey, he fell asleep by the canal side. Sital Dass Vaid somehow was under the impression that Shri Dalip Singh could not reach Kutiya so early in the morning from Uttar Pradesh. That is why he did not take Maharaj Ji's words seriously. However the words of perfect saints always mean eternal truth. Therefore Maharaj Ji addressed the dilemma of Sital Dass's mind.

### **275. You don't need Milk and Butter**

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was conducting a spiritual discourse for the benefit of devotees. Thereafter, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked Sant Hari Dass Ji to go to a particular house in village Ballan and bring some milk for the ashram. Sant Hari Dass Ji immediately responded “Yes Maharaj Ji! I shall go right now.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then said “Sital Vaid! You should go to the house mentioned by me in village Raipur Rasulpur and bring some milk.” Sital Vaid did not take Maharaj Ji's words positively and he wondered why Maharaj Ji was sending him early in the morning to beg for milk. When Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sital Vaid reached near the main gate of the Kutiya, Maharaj Ji called them back. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then said “Come back and there is no need for you to go anywhere and beg for milk. Devotees from two houses are already on their way to the Kutiya with milk. Further supplies of milk will follow. Now onwards there will be no need for us to ask anyone for milk. People will supply plenty of milk for this ashram everyday now onwards” Now everyone can see how prophetic and true those words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji are as there is never any dearth of milk in Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

### **276. I was Mistaken**

Once, a learned Mahatma, who mostly spoke in Hindi language and was a great thinker, came to meet Sant Sarwan

Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to walk around in the Dera every morning and chant 'Om'. He never used to convey his salutations to Maharaj Ji but only say 'Om'. However whenever he came across Maharaj Ji, Maharaj Ji invariably greeted him by chanting 'Om' even before he could say anything.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji held revered saints of all faiths and religions in high esteem and also respected their followers having allegiance to different religions. So Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had high regards even for the visiting saint who chanted 'Om' most of the time. But that Mahatma often criticised the saints. During those days, Sital Vaid Ji used to stay at the Kutiya and he rendered various services to the ashram. As desired by Maharaj Ji, Sital Vaid Ji looked after the sage and he used to spread a cot with bedding for the saint to rest. Maharaj Ji mostly used to sit on the Tharha or the cemented platform.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji took good care of the saint and often arranged to get meals served to him in a separate room. Maharaj Ji always used to savour same food that was prepared in the community kitchen for all devotees. Sometimes Maharaj Ji would tell him “You will not have tea or sherbet. Therefore you can have some almonds.” Such courteous and affectionate behaviour of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with the visiting saint had very profound positive impact on him. He got transformed with the passage of time and one day he said to Maharaj Ji “Swami Ji! When you take same meals and tea prepared in the community kitchen with all devotees, I shall also sit with the devotees now onwards to have tea and meals.”

Thereafter he happily sat down along with the other devotees in the dining place and enjoyed to have food and tea with everyone. While initially he often criticised saints, he started to sing paeans of grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He eulogized the glory of Maharaj Ji everyday all the time and never got tired of that. That was a major transformation. So one day, Sital Vaid and some other devotees asked him “Swami Ji! You often used to criticise saints earlier but how is it that now you are full of praise for Maharaj Ji? What is the matter?” Then that Mahatma said “That was a serious mistake on my part. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is a true saint and a perfect Brahmgiyani.”

### **277. You are Introvert Saint and I am an Extrovert**

Once, a Mahatma came from Haridwar to see Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He thought in his mind that Maharaj Ji is not a truly great saint. He spoke mostly in Hindi language. Very soon he started to engage Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in spiritual discussions with a view to belittle Maharaj Ji. That Mahatma had excellent knowledge about Vedas and Shastras.

During the course of such discussions, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked that saint “Swami Ji! What are the main four elements that hinder our concentration when we sit down in Samadhi for meditation of God?” He did not respond. Then Maharaj Ji said “One of the main obstacles is sleep. What are the balance three distractions that hinder meditation?”

That Hindi speaking saint got up and stood before Maharaj Ji with folded hands and he said “Satguru Ji! You are an introvert and true saint whereas I am an extrovert.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then explained him about devout meditation and distractions and addressed the doubts that the saint from Haridwar harboured in his mind.

### **278. A Feat witnessed by Shri Sital Dass**

Shri Sital Dass Ji, resident of Butan-Mandi explained that one day a little child was very ill. Some people brought him to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' or the raised cemented platform at that time. They made the child to lie down close to the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Sant Garib Dass Ji used to treat patients and provide them ayurvedic medicines those days under the guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Maharaj Ji said “Garib Dass! This child is having severe stomach pain. Get one dose of 'Ruhkerha' ayurvedic medicine and pour same in the child's mouth.” Sant Garib Dass Ji gave the medicine to the child and he was absolutely fine within 5 minutes and he started to play around. The child's grandmother reached Kutiya soon weeping and wailing as she was extremely worried about her grandchild. When she saw the child playing and in good health she fondly held her grandchild in her arms and prostrated at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with great reverence and sincere gratitude.



### **279. When Maharaj Ji suddenly Disappeared**

Shri Sital Dass Ji narrated an incident as follows. Whenever I visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya, I often used to stay for 10-15 days in the Dera. One day, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said "Sital Dass! You should spread your cot close to my bed. There is no difference between father and son." I obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and spread my bed close to Maharaj Ji's bed. Maharaj Ji sat down for meditation of God and I started blowing the air with a hand held fan. Maharaj Ji liked the cool breeze as it was extremely hot that night. Maharaj Ji clearly said "Excellent! It is very soothing." And then after saying that, Maharaj Ji disappeared suddenly before my eyes. I could not see Maharaj Ji anywhere. Then I went to sleep convinced that Maharaj Ji was not on his bed. This was my big mistake as I thought Maharaj Ji to be absent from the bed. I should have continued to operate the hand held fan. While Maharaj Ji might have gone somewhere far away, I should not have assumed Maharaj Ji to be absent from the Dera. I realized my mistake when I woke up and a few minutes later Maharaj Ji materialized on his bed.

### **280. Sudden Appearance**

Sital Dass Ji explained another incident as follows. One day I was in the Dera when Sant Sarwan Dass Ji said "Sital Dass! I have to visit a nearby village. You should stay here in the Dera until I come back. You can go home thereafter." Within 15-20 minutes after Maharaj Ji' departure, I saw some ladies singing Gurbani hymns and walking towards the Dera. I wondered that while Maharaj Ji was not in Dera then who would welcome the visiting ladies.

While I was just engrossed in such thoughts, I heard a loud thud behind me as if something had fallen from the sky. When I turned back, I was amazed to see Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji standing there smiling and looking at me. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was God incarnate in deed. Maharaj Ji said to those ladies "I didn't remember that you will come here at this time." Maharaj Ji asked a devotee to serve them tea and thereafter Maharaj Ji gave them prasad and saw them off. I was greatly surprised to see all this. I realized that day that Sant

Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed an accomplished Brahmgiani and perfect saint. Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew about the inner thoughts of everyone's mind. However, Maharaj Ji never displayed his unique powers and always practised devout meditation of God while attending to normal work to uplift and guide the society on the spiritual path.

### **281. Stranger with a Sword**

One day a person came to Maharaj Ji's durbar carrying a sword with him. He said again and again that someone should attack him with his sword. He took out his sword from its sheath several times and made same request and then put it back inside the sheath. Then Maharaj Ji touched his sword with hand and said "Your sword is indeed very nice." Thereafter that stranger tried to take out his sword from the sheath again but he could not pull it out despite applying his full force. He made several attempts until he got tired but all in vain. Then Maharaj Ji said "The past deeds of your sword are preventing it from coming out of the sheath."

Finally that stranger paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and wanted to leave. Maharaj Ji touched his covered sword once again and then he went out. Shri Sital Dass also went after him and stopped him outside the gate. He asked that stranger "Just try to take out your sword once again. You will be able to take it out." He said "No! It cannot be taken out unless two persons join hand and make an attempt." Then Shri Sital Dass said "Okay! But just try once at my request. I am sure that you can take it out." Then the person acceded to Sital Dass's request and he succeeded to take the sword out effortlessly. It was a strange miracle of Maharaj Ji.

### **282. Treatment of a Deranged Person**

Once, a deranged person came to Dera. He shook his head left and right most of the time as he had some problem with his brain. Maharaj Ji said to him "Don't do like this." But he didn't stop. Then Maharaj Ji hurled his Paduka that hit him on his forehead. Dark blackish blood started to flow from the injured spot of forehead. His clothes got drenched with blood. Maharaj Ji just laughed. The person who shook his head most of the time a short while ago was now absolutely fine as he got cured

miraculously. Another devotee asked from him “Why did you shake your head most of the time earlier?” Then he replied “Who says that I was shaking my head?” In this way the deranged person was cured miraculously with Maharaj Ji's grace.

### **283. Treatment of a Mad Woman**

One day a group of women came to the Dera. One of them was wearing a garland of flowers around her neck. They said “Maharaj Ji! Kindly be merciful and cure this lady.” One of the women was laughing. Then Maharaj Ji said to that woman “Your colleague will be fine if you take the garland away from her neck and wear the same yourself.” She got that garland and wore the same around her neck. Then the mad woman became fine and the other woman who wore the garland started to behave like a mad person. That was Maharaj Ji's way of treating the sick woman and also having some fun as both of those women were fine very soon. All of them then returned happily to their homes eulogizing Maharaj Ji and chanting glory to saints.

### **284. Fulfilment of my Desire**

Once, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji came to Butan Mandi to meet the devotees. Very large numbers of devotees and revered saints were present in the congregation. Shri Sital Dass wished that Maharaj Ji should visit and sanctify his house and bless the family members. He was very keen to welcome Maharaj Ji and serve tea and snacks at his home. He narrated the further incident as follows.

I had a turban, aerated water, some sweets and only five rupees in cash with me at that time. Therefore I wished that Maharaj Ji should visit my house alone. Maharaj Ji knew about his compulsion and desire. Maharaj Ji told everyone “Everyone should stay at this venue and I shall visit Sital Dass's house.” Then Maharaj Ji came to my home along with Shri Bishna Ram Viridi. In this way Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji knew my heart's wish and I respect Maharaj Ji as a God.

### **285. Hot Water can kill Insects**

One day we prepared Prasad in large pan in the Kutiya. We threw away the surplus hot water on one side. Sant Sarwan

Dass Maharaj Ji suddenly stood up from his seat and rushed to the community kitchen. Maharaj Ji then asked us “Where did you throw the hot water? Such hot water can kill thousands of insects.” Maharaj Ji was very kind and considerate even for the insects. Maharaj Ji formally rendered a prayer at the spot where we had thrown the hot water. Thus Saints visualize God in everything and there are micro-organisms even in water. Grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is beyond description.

### **286. Donating Own Garments**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was truly a great saint who was always very kind hearted for the poor and deprived peoples. One day a fakir visited Maharaj Ji's durbar. He did not have any shoes and his dress was quite old and worn out. Maharaj Ji made immediate arrangements to serve him meals. Later Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji removed the dress Maharaj Ji was wearing and gave all those garments to that fakir to wear. Maharaj Ji also gave him a pair of new shoes.

### **287. Adulteration and Ill-Gotten Wealth**

A businessman hailing from Jalandhar was very close to Shri Sital Vaid. He narrated his personal experience as follows. I used to sell adulterated chilli powder and turmeric powder to earn illegitimate profit. With the passage of time I was afflicted by dreaded disease leprosy. I consulted infinite numbers of doctors in the world for my treatment but I did not get any relief. I did everything possible and left no stone unturned for treatment of leprosy but it was all in vain. Finally I gave up totally frustrated.

Later one day I talked about my problem and helplessness with Sital Vaid Ji. Then Sital Vaid said “No one can cure you except Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.” He also cautioned and advised me further. He said “Even if Maharaj Ji sends you back any number of times, you must persist in your efforts and meet Maharaj Ji again and submit your prayer.”

I then visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for treatment. However Maharaj Ji sent me back three times. Finally during my next visit Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly took pity on me. Maharaj

Ji listened to my prayers and said “Who is that doctor who says that you are suffering from leprosy? This is the result of adulteration of groceries like chilli powder, oil, ghee, turmeric etc. that you always resorted to.”

I felt extremely ashamed of my misdeeds and I wept bitterly with my head and neck bent downwards. Maharaj Ji very kindly sprinkled some water on me and thereafter I was fully cured and absolutely fine with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **288. When Maharaj Ji Materialized during a Marriage Ceremony**

Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had such a divine vision that Maharaj Ji could see every nook and corner of Delhi, Gujarat, China, America or anywhere in the universe at the same time. One such unique example is the search of the birthplace of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji in Seer Govardhanpur at Kashi Varanasi by Maharaj Ji sitting in his Kutiya at village Ballan and without ever visiting Varanasi.

Once, Shri Bhagat Singh Mall came from Delhi to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya especially to invite Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the auspicious occasion of marriage ceremony of his elder son. When he gave the invitation card and made a formal request to Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion, Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry! If I get time, I shall certainly join you during the ceremony.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji suddenly materialized at their residence in Delhi on the date fixed for the marriage ceremony. There were lot of gussets at the house and everyone was busy with the festivities. Shri Bhagat Singh's wife welcomed Maharaj Ji but Shri Bhagat Singh did not have the good fortune to have even a glimpse of Maharaj Ji.

When the marriage ceremony was over, Shri Bhagat Singh's wife said “Sant Sarwan Dass Ji very kindly visited our house on the occasion of marriage ceremony.” Shri Bhagat Singh Said “No! Maharaj Ji did not attend the marriage.” But his wife said “Maharaj Ji was surely here a short while ago. How is it that you did not meet Maharaj Ji?”

It was indeed the effect of Maharaj Ji's unique divine

powers. Shri Bhagat Singh Mall quickly remembered Maharaj Ji's words as Maharaj Ji had told him "Saints are always by the side of their devotees." Maharaj Ji had promised him to be present on the occasion if time permitted. One naturally recalls the following stanza from Gurbani while listening to the glory of such perfect and great saints.

*Poore guru ka suni updes! Parbraham nikat kar pekh!*

Or

Listen to the spiritual preaching of the perfect Guru with utmost devotion and then you can see the supreme God from a very close quarter. (Shri Bhagat Singh, F-261, Sudarshan Park, West Delhi)

### **289. Arrival of another Passenger Train**

S. Bhagat Singh Mall explained the next story as follows. Many of my friends and I worked in Delhi serving various government departments. We often used to visit Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and stay in the Kutiya for many days. We used to listen to Gurbani Kirtan and spiritual discourses that were held every day. Revered saints also used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya in large numbers and very pleasant environment always prevailed. Finally after many days stay we reluctantly prayed "Maharaj Ji! We want to return back to our homes in Delhi. Kindly permit us to go back." Then Maharaj Ji replied "Everyone has to go ultimately." Maharaj Ji was in very thoughtful and serious mood at that time. Then Maharaj Ji quickly went out after telling Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji "Hari Dass! I am going out for a walk."

Later Maharaj Ji called S. Banta Singh (Stage Secretary), Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji, and Sant Niranjan Dass Maharaj Ji who was quite young at that time. Maharaj Ji said to all of them "We have to see off these officers from Delhi today. Therefore make suitable arrangements for that quickly."

Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji personally blessed all of us from Delhi with ceremonial 'Siropa' or scarves. Maharaj Ji also gave one Kurta each to S. Bhagat Singh and his wife and those are still preserved by them at their residence. When they paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and were ready to depart for Delhi, Maharaj Ji said, "All of you should go along

the canal tributary and don't take the shortcut to the bus stand on the main road.” Maharaj Ji became extremely thoughtful and serious after that.

When we reached the railway station at Jalandhar, the train was ready to leave for Delhi. All of us started blaming one another for reaching the station late. However within about 20 minutes another train arrived even though that was not the scheduled arrival time for that train. We boarded that train comfortably with sincere gratitude and utmost devotion in our minds for our revere satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When we were travelling by that train very comfortably we realized the significance of Maharaj Ji's words to travel along the canal as Maharaj Ji wanted us to miss the earlier train and board this train for a most comfortable journey.

*(Shri Bhagat Singh, F-261, Sudarshan Park, West Delhi)*

### **290. Everyone is bound to Leave**

S. Bhagat Singh Mall explained that when they reached their home at Delhi after taking permission of Maharaj Ji and just kept the luggage down he received a telephone call from Sant Hari Dass Ji to convey us the extremely sad news that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had left this world for the realm of God. All of us were terribly shocked and we recalled those ominous words of Maharaj Ji that everyone has to leave this world. Even simple words said casually by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always proved to be eternal truth. All of those officers holding senior positions in Delhi like Shri Bishna Ram Virdi, Shri Bhagat Singh Mall, Shri Fakir Singh Virdi and Shri Swaran Singh recalled Maharaj Ji's repeated prophetic words of blessings that all of them would hold senior officer's positions in Viceroy's Delhi. Maharaj Ji ensured that and Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and fruitful. All of them reached exalted positions, achieved by rare individuals, in various departments of the central government with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji.

### **291. When Maharaj Ji revealed Virat Swaroop or Cosmic Form**

Shri Bhagat Singh Mall Ji narrated yet another story as follows. Once I reached Kutiya along with my wife to meet Sant

Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. That was just the initial period of our association with Maharaj Ji as we had visited the ashram only a few times. We harboured lot of doubts and questions in our minds about saints at that time. We were sitting with great pleasure very close to the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Suddenly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said “Bhagat Singh! I shall reveal to you today what you have been so keen to see.” Thereafter, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji abruptly dematerialized in front of our eyes and we could not see Maharaj Ji anywhere. Within a few minutes thereafter, Maharaj Ji appeared in a cosmic form before my eyes like a gigantic mountain.

I raised my head upwards to have a vision of Maharaj Ji's face that was virtually touching the uppermost end of the sky. I and my wife closed our eyes as Maharaj Ji stood in that unique form from ground level to the sky. Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was truly omniscient with complete knowledge about all the three worlds. This unique feat and revelation by Maharaj Ji was to address the doubts harboured by Shri Bhagat Singh and some other devotees in respect of revered saints and Bhakats of God as some literate individuals invariably had lingering doubts about their spiritual attainments and extraordinary powers.

### **292. Eating Ghee and Unrefined Sugar Surreptitiously**

It was the month of Magh (December - January) and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was comfortably resting seated on the Tharha or the raised platform. Sant Niranjan Dass Ji used to render services in the community kitchen those days. Shri Bhagat Singh Mall, Shri Fakir Singh Virdi, Giani Bishna Ram Virdi, Shri Swaran Singh and Shri Mehinga Ram from Barnala had come on leave to meet Maharaj Ji and they were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. They surreptitiously collected some ghee, unrefined sugar and stale chapatis from Langar or the community kitchen store and enjoyed eating the chapatis with ghee and unrefined sugar. Later all of them sat down in front of the room which houses the dispensary these days and Bawa Ji treats patients and examines horoscopes there.

S. Banta Singh used to be the stage secretary those days. Maharaj Ji said “Banta Singh! Just arrange 2 kilograms



unrefined sugar, ghee and chapatis that we shall serve to these officers from Delhi as they are very hungry.” Arrangements were made accordingly at once. Maharaj Ji then instructed devotees to serve two chapatis with ghee and unrefined sugar to each of them. Folklore rightly says that there is straw in the beard of a thief. They were worried that Maharaj Ji knew about their mistake to eat same items stealthily. All of them then prayed with folded hands “Maharaj Ji! Kindly forgive us this time. We shall never steal and eat unrefined sugar and ghee again in future.” This was the divine sight of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji knew that they had already consumed those items surreptitiously and Maharaj Ji wanted to warn them indirectly. That is why Maharaj Ji deliberately advised Shri Banta Singh to make arrangements to serve them the same items again.

### **293. When I suffered from Tuberculosis**

Shri Bhagat Singh Mall narrated his own personal experience as follows. Once I was fell ill and the fever persisted for a few months. Finally the disease was diagnosed as tuberculosis after examining the chest x-rays. As I was a gazetted officer with the central government, I was admitted in a sanatorium at Kasauli in Simla Hills for treatment.

While I was undergoing treatment at Kasauli I realized my serious mistake of disobeying Maharaj Ji's instructions. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had advised me to recite first stanza of Shri Japuji Sahib every day but I failed to abide by Maharaj Ji's advice. I wept bitterly after realising my mistake and then I used to pray to Maharaj Ji to pardon me for the mistake. Maharaj Ji very kindly forgave me and with the blessings of Maharaj Ji, I was fully cured of T.B. Thereafter I returned to Delhi and resumed my duty as Section Officer. After resuming my duty in May 1959, I visited Maharaj Ji's cottage at Ballan along with my wife to seek blessings of Maharaj Ji.

I have since retired from government service and I receive monthly pension. I am very happy along with my family. My daughter is working with the Indian Airlines and other members of my family are also well established in various departments of central government.

*(Shri Bhagat Singh Mall, East Delhi)*

## 294. Head-load of Bowls

Once, S. Bhagat Singh and his family members visited Maharaj Ji's ashram inside village Ballan to pay their devout homage at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji on arrival and sat down. Maharaj Ji was assigning specific responsibilities to the volunteers at that time. S. Bhagat Singh was wondering in his mind why Maharaj Ji did not assign him any work. Shri Bhagat Singh narrated further incident as follows.

Very soon thereafter, Maharaj Ji got a bag full of nearly 200 metallic bowls placed on my head and asked me to carry same to the Kutiya. As that was quite a heavy load, I somehow managed to reach near the canal bridge and I was already sweating by that time. I was feeling badly exhausted. Somehow I reached Kutiya with great difficulty and unloaded the bowls. I then paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. I realized that omniscient Maharaj Ji knew about the inner thoughts of his devotees.

*Ghat ghat ke antar ke janat!! Bhale bure ki pir pashanat!!* i.e.

Satguru knows about the inner thoughts of everyone and he understands the pain and sufferings of everyone irrespective of whether he is a noble or ignoble person.

*(Shri Bhagat Singh Mall, August 17, 2002)*

## 295. Story related to Shri Mehinga Ram, Barnala (Nawan Shehar)

S. Swaran Singh Ji from village Ballan narrated this story about unique benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on Shri Mehinga Ram Ji hailing from village Barnala. When he was working at Meerut, he received a communication from his senior officers of Defence Accounts Department Secunderabad that he should undergo medical check up by the Civil Surgeon, Meerut and that the medical report should be sent to Secunderabad office.

Somehow Mehinga Ram forgot about Maharaj Ji's advice and he went to the Civil Surgeon, Meerut for his medical check up. When the doctor checked his eyesight it was found that he had very poor eyesight. Therefore he failed to qualify as

medically fit and he was declared unfit for government job.

He requested the doctor earnestly many times “Sir! I am a very poor person. Don't throw me out of the job.” I took Shri Mehinga Ram on bicycle daily for the check up of his eyesight by different eye specialist doctors so that some doctor might declare him fit so that his job could be saved. But eye specialist used to say that if Civil Surgeon had declared him unfit because of poor eye sight, then how could he declare Mehinga Ram fit?

Medical officer finally sent Mehinga Ram's medical certificate declaring him unfit to Head Office of Defence Accounts Department at Secunderabad. We were absolutely helpless and frustrated thereafter. So we wrote a letter to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and explained all these unfortunate developments. Maharaj Ji said “Why did you not tell me about your medical test earlier? Now let us wait about further instructions from his head office at Secunderabad in respect of Mehinga Ram's medical certificate.”

It was then a divine miracle of Maharaj Ji that Defence Accounts Department, Secunderabad wrote to their Branch Office, Ambala Cantt “Please inform us about the minimum acceptable eye sight for any person to be fit for initial employment with government. What could be normal decline in eye sight during 6 years service by Shri Mehinga Ram? You should consider both of these factors and then decide about his medical fitness whether he can continue in his job or not.”

Accordingly, we went for Mehinga Ram's medical check up again. As there were long queues of patients in front of Civil Surgeon's room, it was almost noon time when it was Shri Mehinga Ram's turn to be called in. Civil Surgeon was in a hurry to have lunch. He enquired from his assistant whether anyone was still left out for check up. He replied “Sahib! The same person with large eyes and thick glasses, who came earlier, is waiting.”

Then the doctor said “Send him inside.” Mehinga Ram entered the room. His legs were trembling because of grave anxiety and tension was clearly visible on his face. But when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is with his devotee then every outcome has to be fine. Civil Surgeon re-examined him as per

revised guidelines and there was a change in his mindset. He tore away his previous medical certificate that declared him unfit and said “Mehinga Ram Ji! “Let us have lunch together.” Mehinga Ram Ji had his lunch with the Civil Surgeon who later gave him a new medical certificate declaring him fit for service. It was all because of Maharaj Ji's grace and the utmost reverence Shri Mehinga Ram Ji had for saints.

### **296. Don't Consume Alcoholic Drinks Again**

Shri Karam Chand from village Alawalpur used to take agricultural land on lease for cultivation. He narrated his personal experience as follows. Once, some boys from land owning families fraudulently coerced me to consume alcoholic drink. I was under the influence of alcohol when I fell asleep on the circular bullock track of the Persian wheel. I didn't wake up until 4 a.m. Maharaj Ji hit me with his long walking stick ('Khoonda') in my dream. While I was still not fully conscious, I started to chant Satnam – Satnam loudly. Both of my children woke up. Neighbours also woke up because I was shouting very loudly.

Everyone curiously asked me “What has happened?” But I didn't tell anybody anything about that incident. After some days I visited Maharaj Ji's Dera. When I conveyed my regards to Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji said “Don't make similar mistake again. Had you not woken up quickly, then I would have thrashed you severely.” Maharaj Ji was always very kind to his devotees. I held on to the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with great reverence and Maharaj Ji very kindly pardoned me.

### **297. When the Child insisted to sit on the Mainframe Rod of Bicycle**

Shri Karam Chand lives in Alawalpur. He became a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji blessed him with sacred Naam. He was blessed with a son who was absolutely healthy and very active. Unfortunately he fell ill seriously when he was just 2 years and 6 months old. He became extremely weak and he could hardly support his neck straight upwards. His eyes sank inwards and he had a depression at the back of his neck. Suddenly he died in the

morning. Happiness and joy that child gave to the family turned into sadness and gloom. Later Shri Karam Chand's family begot another son in due course of time. His second son also later fell ill and he received treatment from several doctors. However unfortunately it was ill luck and he too expired under similar circumstances.

Time kept ticking and God was kind to bless the family with a son again and the third child was named Madan. When he was two and half years old Madan also fell ill and he had similar symptoms as was the case with his deceased brothers. He suffered from the same disease. Some neighbours and relatives suggested that the child should be taken to a reputed hospital in Jalandhar City for treatment. But Shri Karam Chand did not agree and he decided to seek help of Maharaj Ji as he had earlier been to several doctors while his first two sons were sick. He said "I shall take my son only to my revered Guru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at Ballan and nowhere else.

Shri Karam Chand and his wife brought their child on bicycle to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya, Ballan. Shri Pritam Dass Ji Vaid used to examine patients and provide them medicines those days at Kutiya under the guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Vaid Ji is son of maternal uncle of Shri Karam Chand. Vaid Ji dissolved one tablet in milk and gave that milk to the child to drink. The child was not able to support his neck straight and he was made to lie down on the carpet. An officer in-charge of a police station was also sitting amongst the devotees and watching the child. He admonished Shri Karam Chand and his wife angrily and said "Your child is almost dying and you don't seem to be concerned about his proper treatment." Shri Karam Chand said "If my son dies here within the precincts of this holy Kutiya, his soul will go to heaven. If he survives, that will be because of the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji."

It was the extremely cold month of Poh (December-January). Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Sant Hari Dass Ji had gone to Phagwara by jeep. They returned to Kutiya around 4 p.m. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told all devotees immediately after arrival "Those of you who wish to get some medicine must take same immediately and then all of

you must go home quickly as it is extremely cold outside.” Shri Karam Chand got up and placed his ailing son at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked “What has happened to the child?” Shri Karam Chand replied “Maharaj Ji! Either cure this child fully or send him to the realm of God.” Maharaj Ji said to Pritam Dass, “Vaid Ji! Bring three tablets of 'Kasturi Vatti' or tablets with musk and give same to the child's mother.” Maharaj Ji then told the child's mother “Take these tablets home safely and give one tablet to your son with milk as soon as you reach home. Tell me about his condition in the morning.”

Shri Karam Chand was very worried and he wondered why Maharaj Ji had asked them to inform about the child's condition early next morning. He was extremely worried whether his son would survive or not. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and took leave to return home with their son. When they reached close to the flowerbeds within the Kutiya, the child looked around the beautiful flowers and insisted on getting one particular flower. His mother refused to pluck the flower and she said “Maharaj Ji will get annoyed if we pluck any flower.” However Shri Karam Chand said “Maharaj Ji will not get angry if we give him the flower from Maharaj Ji's garden.” He plucked that flower and gave to his son who held the flower in his hand very fondly. Then the child demanded another flower. His father plucked one more flower and gave to his son. The child then held both flowers delightfully in his hands and he insisted on sitting on the rod of the mainframe of the bicycle and not in his mother's lap. There was miraculous flow of energy in the child and he sat down comfortably on the rod of mainframe of the bicycle holding both flowers and the bicycle handle in his hands. Shri Karam Chand pedalled his bicycle happily with his wife at his back on the pillion seat. Their son continued to sit comfortably in front of Shri Karam Chand and all of them returned to their home happily. The child got well soon. Today that blessed child named Madan Lal is the happy and proud father of his own children.

### **298. Drink the whole sea and still feel Thirsty**

Shri Karam Chand is resident of village Alawalpur in Jalandhar district. He is a very profound devotee of Sant

Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His sister was married in Mandi Saket (Himachal Pradesh). Once he visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said "Satguru Ji! I wish to visit Mandi Saket in Himachal Pradesh to meet my sister. But I feel scared because I shall have to walk through the hilly forest track. After sometime Maharaj Ji said "Karam Chand! You can go on Tuesday to meet your sister." He narrated further details as follows.

I boarded a bus at Jalandhar bus-stand and reached Kiratpur. Thereafter I started onwards journey to Mandi walking on foot along a hilly track. While I covered some distance, I remembered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. A little while later, I saw Maharaj Ji in a jeep that quickly sped past by my side. I thought that perhaps Maharaj Ji was also travelling to some place that side. Maharaj Ji wore a garland of flowers around his neck. I started to walk at a fast pace. I was amazed when Swami Ji overtook me once again in his jeep a few minutes later. Thereafter, I saw Maharaj Ji's jeep overtaking me several times. As the jeep did not stop, I paid my regards to Maharaj Ji from a distance each time the vehicle came close to me.

Meanwhile it was getting a little dark after the sun set. I was extremely tired because of long journey throughout the day when I entered the periphery of Mandi Saket where tube-lights were providing good illumination along the municipal roads close to the toll post. Here again I saw the jeep of Maharaj Ji for a short while but it suddenly disappeared beyond my vision. Finally I safely reached my sister's home.

After 5 - 6 days I visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya again and I paid my regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji asked me immediately after my arrival "Karam Chand! Did you feel sacred while travelling to Mandi Saket?" I replied "Maharaj Ji! You were with me all the time and therefore I did not panic? You were frequently overtaking me in your jeep all the time." Satguru Swami Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji immediately said "Oy Karam Chand! You should not talk to anyone about this. Oy! One should keep the throat dry even after drinking the

whole sea.” I realized that I must keep that experience secret to myself and I fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with profound reverence.

*(Shri Karam Chand, Alawalpur, 20.10.2003)*

### **299. Souls will go to Sachkhand**

Shri Karam Chand and his father-in-law visited Maharaj Ji's sacred durbar one day to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Even though Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was not well, Maharaj Ji was conducting a spiritual discourse for the benefit of the devotees present in the congregation. During the course of the discourse, Maharaj Ji paused for a while and then said “Who so ever is present in the precincts of this durbar today and has listened to the spiritual discourse, he will certainly go to the realm of God ultimately.”

It was the year 1972. We took leave of Maharaj Ji at the conclusion of the spiritual discourse and reached home comfortably. Shri Karam Chand and his relative returned back to his home. My father-in-law was quite old and he fell ill as soon as we reached home. I saw a few tears flowing from his eyes and he left for his heavenly abode suddenly. Later I went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and told Maharaj Ji about the sudden death of my father-in-law. Maharaj Ji said “Karam Chand! Your father-in-law has gone straight to Sachkhand—the realm of God. I said earlier this morning during the spiritual discourse that everyone who listened to that discourse would go to Sachkhand.”

*Prabh Ji basahi Sadhu ki rasna! i.e.*

When a true saint says something, that is eternal truth as God's abode is in the heart of saints.

*(Shri Karam Chand, Alawalpur)*

### **300. The Verdict will be in your Favour**

Shri Karam Chand resident of village Alawalpur was involved in litigation in a case related to agricultural land. India's justice system is so outdated and slow that one's application for relief may get a final order during the lifetime of his grandson in the third generation of the applicant. Shri Karam Chand was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan



Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to visit the court in Jalandhar to follow up his case related to land. Once he visited the Dera and prayed “Maharaj Ji! I have to go to Jalandhar to attend the court case today.” Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “God will be kind to you.”

Shri Karam Chand attended the court on four occasions. When he was to attend the court for the fifth time he first visited Maharaj Ji's durbar to pay his regards to his revered Satguru Ji. As it was getting late to reach the court well in time, he sought Maharaj Ji's permission to proceed. However Swami Sarwan Dass Ji said “Karam Chand! The court verdict will be in your favour. As the judge is on leave your advocate will seek adjournment. Then why are you in a hurry.”

Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji removed a garland of flowers that Maharaj Ji was wearing and used the same to garland Shri Karam Chand. The court pronounced the verdict on the next day and Shri Karam Chand was extremely delighted to know that he had won the case as mentioned by Maharaj Ji. This story was narrated personally by Shri Karam Chand on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2003.

### **301. My Guru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has Arrived**

Shri Karam Chand Ji from village Alawalpur narrated the next story as follows. My neighbour Lashman Singh from village Muradpur was a landlord. He indulged in every possible vice. Later slowly he started to visit the Kutiya and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at regular intervals. He used to render voluntary services to clean and take care of shoes of the visiting devotees. Simultaneously, he used to remember Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji most of the time.

One day while Lashman Singh was cleaning the shoes, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji got up from his seat and walked up to him. Later Maharaj Ji blessed him with sacred Naam and accepted him as a disciple. He was soaked in the dye of God's Naam so deeply that he used to chant Naam and remember his revered Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in his heart even while ploughing his fields. He always remembered Maharaj Ji. Sometimes he used to become so restless to meet Maharaj Ji that he would leave his oxen and plough in the field and go to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to see Maharaj Ji. Later, his wife would come to fields with food for him

but find him absent. She used to know at once that Lashman Singh must have gone to meet Maharaj Ji. She would then keep waiting in the fields till evening for her husband to return.

Once, Lashman Singh was returning with prasad from Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to his home riding on his bicycle along the canal road. It was the time of evening. A small dog chased him up to Kishangarh. Then he gave the dog some prasad and said "Go away and don't suffer in the cold now that you have got Maharaj Ji's prasad." But the dog didn't eat the prasad and it continued to follow Lashman Singh. He got annoyed and then hit the dog with his foot. The dog bit Lashman Singh on his foot. He did not take any anti-rabies treatment. After two and half months Lashman Singh was afflicted by rabies as that dog had already that disease.

When I went to the bazaar to buy some ration, I saw that some people had tied Lashman Singh inside a tempo with a rope and brought him to Dr. Kewal Chand for his treatment. Doctor referred him to Civil Hospital Jalandhar. The doctors in the Civil Hospital said "If he gets free from the rope then he will be dangerous for us. Please take him home as he will not survive anyway." While Lashman Singh was being brought back in the same condition tied inside the tempo with rope, he suddenly gained normal consciousness when the tempo reached the canal tributary near Raipur. He demanded that he should be taken to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya so that he could have a glimpse of his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Some people were not agreeing to take the tempo to Kutiya lest Lashman Singh should create any serious problems for the revered saints. One learned person then said "Even when someone has to be hanged as punishment for his crime, his last wish is often ascertained and fulfilled. Likewise we should fulfil Lashman Singh's last wish. We should take him to Dera to fulfil his last wish." So they finally brought him to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya where an elegant temple stands today. When they reached the Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was standing at the main gate holding three doses of some medicine in hand. Maharaj Ji said "Open all the ropes and set Lashman Singh free." Maharaj Ji knew everything. Some of his relatives said

“Maharaj Ji! Lashman Singh may cause injuries to you or some devotees.” Then Maharaj Ji replied “Don't worry! Open all the ropes and free him. Don't worry about injuries to me.”

After getting free, Lashman Singh paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji conveyed his benevolent blessings with an affectionate pat at his back. The person who was almost mad with rabies miraculously got cured. Maharaj Ji gave him medicine with his own pious hands. Everyone conveyed sincere gratitude to Maharaj Ji and Lashman Singh was taken home in good health. After two days Lashman Singh took his bath very early in the morning and lay on his bed holding Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's photograph on his chest in front of him. He remembered his revered Satguru Maharaj Ji and started to chant Naam in his heart. A little while later he said to his family members “My revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has arrived to escort me to Sachkhand.” He breathed his last engrossed in meditation and left this world for the realm of God.

### **302. Satguru ensures Accomplishment of all Tasks of his Devotees**

Satguru always helps his devotees to accomplish their important tasks.

*Prabh so dhiyan safal sabh kaam!! i.e.*

If anyone focuses his mind and remembers God with complete devotion, all of his important tasks certainly get accomplished.

Shri Udho Ram Sohpal and his family members from village Dhade were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They practised devout meditation and rendered voluntary services in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya regularly. They shared their happiness and sorrows with Maharaj Ji and always sought prior permission before undertaking any task.

It was the year 1955 when Shri Udho Ram met Maharaj Ji one day and prayed “Maharaj Ji! I want to go to a foreign country.” Maharaj Ji immediately said “All right! You should go to England. Your business will surely flourish there.” After some days he went to U.K. and he got permanent residency rights within a few years to stay there. His wife Bibi Mito also

went to U.K. during 1964. In this way Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true. With Maharaj Ji's grace he is leading a very happy and prosperous life in U.K. along with all of his family members. In this way Satguru ensures accomplishment of all important tasks and fulfils cherished noble desires of his devotees who remember their revered Satguru with a devout heart and perform regular meditation of God.

### **303. Your Bullocks will Come Back**

As long as the koel stays in the garden, she loves every part of the garden immensely. She perches on each tree and sings sweet songs in melodious voice. When she goes away from the garden, then crows and owls reign supreme. Even then the koel never forgets her garden though it might have been ruined by crows and owls. In the same way revered saints and distinguished great men come to this world and they love all human beings immensely. Even when the tyrants commit serious crimes against innocent persons, the revered saints and dignified persons support the oppressed and share their pains and agony. Once, Shri Bhola, who lived in village Aema Qazi in Jalandhar district, bought a bullock for Rs.100. In those days that was a very big amount. After 21 days, the bullock died. He bought another bullock that also died after 21 days. Then he bought the third bullock. Unfortunately that bullock also died within about 21 days. Shri Bhola Ram felt extremely sad thereafter. But he didn't tell anything about these serious losses to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

After some days thereafter, Shri Bhola Ram's wife went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and told Maharaj Ji about the death of three bullocks in succession. Maharaj Ji said "Don't worry! You will get the bullocks back." After a few days thereafter, a businessman from Rajasthan came to their village with three nice bullocks. He gave those three bullocks to Shri Bhola Ram just for Rs. 100/ in all. Thus Shri Bhola Ram got three bullocks at throw away price as predicted by Maharaj Ji.

*Sadhu bole sahaj subhaye! Sadhu da boliya birtha na jaye!!* i.e.

Even the simple words said casually by revered saints always mean eternal truth.

### 304. Words of Perfect Saints are always True

True saints never display their unique powers. However their benevolent deeds, service to society and eternal truth of their words reveal their sterling qualities amongst people. When even the casual words of a revered saint prove to be absolutely true then people always remember that story. There is a similar story related to Shri Gurmit Ram resident of Mohalla Ramdasspur, Jalandhar. His father Shri Kartar Chand and mother Bibi Banti Devi were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They used to visit Kutiya regularly to meet Maharaj Ji. While Gurmit Ram was just 6 years old, he accompanied his elder brother and uncle to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on the auspicious occasion of Maghi- the first day of the month of Magh on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1963. When they were returning home they saw some young puppies of a bitch on their way. Gurmit's uncle parked his bicycle on one side. His elder brother also got down but Gurmit kept sitting on the mainframe of bicycle. While both of them went away to pick up the puppies, the bicycle fell down and Gurmit Singh also tumbled down and broke his arm. They were all very sad and somehow reached their home.

When Gurmit was crying and writhing in pain, his parents rushed to him and learnt about the injury to his arm. They quickly took him to Shri Nant Ram in Mahimadpur. He asked them how their son broke his arm. He further said smilingly "Did you all pay your regards sincerely at the lotus feet of the revered saints or you just had your meals in the community kitchen and returned back?" Shri Nant Ram then told them that the injury was serious and it would take time to heal up. He supported the broken arm with splints and bandaged it properly.

Next day Gurmit Ram's parents brought him to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the 'Tharha' – the raised platform when they reached and paid their regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji looked at the bandaged arm of Gurmit and asked about the reason for the injury. Maharaj Ji also asked his parents to remove all bandages and free his arm. They explained the whole incident and removed the bandages. Then Maharaj Ji caressed his injured arm with the pious hand

and conveyed kind blessings to the child. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji said “His arm is absolutely fine now. All of you should go and have meals in the community kitchen.”

Dear devotees! Gurmit and his parents did not go back to Shri Nant Ram for the next two days for further check up and treatment as Gurmit's arm had been miraculously set right by Maharaj Ji. However Shri Nant Ram reached their home of his own accord to enquire about Gurmit's arm. He had advised Gurmit to keep the bandages in place at least for one month. However he was amazed to see him without any bandage on his arm and he was using that arm effortlessly to have his food. Then Shri Nant Ram asked his parents about the miraculous recovery of injured arm of Gurmit. Gurmit's parents told Nant Ram about their visit to Maharaj Ji's Kutिया with Gurmit next day after the injury. They further said “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked us to remove his bandages immediately and then Maharaj Ji used his pious hand to caress Gurmit's arm and he was miraculously cured at once.” Grandeur of perfect saints is infinite and beyond description and true saints like Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji can accomplish any task perfectly well within no time.

### **305. You have been Emancipated for Ever**

Shri Channan Singh Ji from village Naugajja, Shri Dalip Singh Ji and his son S. Karnail Singh were sitting in front of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in the Kutिया one day. It was around 4 p.m. in the evening at that time when 5 – 6 persons came to the Kutिया to pay their regards to Maharaj Ji. One of them was suffering from acute pain on one side of his rib cage. He had been given treatment by several eminent doctors and Ayurveda practitioners but he did not get any relief. Someone very dear to Satguru Ji had advised him to go to Kutिया and explain complete details about his suffering to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Accordingly his relatives brought him to Kutिया to meet Maharaj Ji and seek advice for treatment of his pain.

As soon as they arrived, Maharaj Ji said sternly to the sick person “I had told you to come here tomorrow. Then why did you come here one day in advance?” Simultaneously, Sant

Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji picked up one of his shoes and hit the suffering person's head hard with the shoe. As they got scared, all of them ran away to their homes at once. Mason Dalip Singh Ji then prayed humbly "Maharaj Ji! Kindly take pity on that suffering person so that he gets cured." Maharaj Ji replied "All right! Go at once and bring him back here."

When the devotees caught up with them to bring them back then those persons were very reluctant to come back. Because they feared that if they went back then Maharaj Ji might again beat them with the shoe. However finally they agreed and returned back. Maharaj Ji asked that person "How is your pain now?" He said "Maharaj Ji! I am absolutely fine now. I have no pain." He had been miraculously cured by one hit of shoe by Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then said "There was a lot of heavy burden on your head. It's good that you have been emancipated forever." In this way his pain had vanished miraculously with Maharaj Ji's grace.

### **306. Words of Saints are Words of God**

Shri Bhagat Ram Ji is the elder brother of respected father of Sant Niranjana Dass Maharaj Ji the present spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Once Shri Bhagat Ram visited the Kutiya and he was very hungry. When he reached the Kutiya Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told Sant Hari Dass Ji to see that Bhagat Ram was served meals quickly. However Shri Bhagat Ram at once said "Maharaj Ji! I have already taken my meals." Maharaj Ji asked him three times to go to the community kitchen and have food. However very strangely he declined every time.

He later regretted why he declined to have food even when he was feeling extremely hungry. After some time a lady came to the Kutiya with a pot full of cooked vermicelli and she paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said to that lady "My daughter! It is very good that you brought vermicelli. Our Bhagat Ram has been very hungry for long time and yet he has been declining to eat food." Then Maharaj Ji served liberal quantity of vermicelli to Shri Bhagat Ram. Maharaj Ji said "Bhagat Ram! Enjoy eating this vermicelli as you have been very hungry for long time."

### **307. Maharaj Ji's Blessings**

Shri Channan Singh Ji from Naugajja was a devoted disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he had full faith and confidence in Maharaj Ji's benevolence. He had devout affection for Maharaj Ji. It was the month of April 1972 and the weather was absolutely dry and extremely hot. He sank a bore-well at his farm for irrigation of crops. The technicians worked hard for 2-3 days and when the bore-well was ready they did not get any water in it. He as well as all members of his family were extremely worried. He was absolutely helpless and had no way out. At last Shri Channan Singh, Shri Dalip Singh Ji and his son Shri Karnail Singh reached Kutiya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and they prayed to Maharaj Ji to resolve the problem.

Maharaj Ji listened to the problem with great patience and full attention. Thereafter Maharaj Ji accompanied all of them to visit the place of bore-well. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then stood close to the bore-well and recited a formal prayer to God. Thereafter Maharaj Ji said to Channan Singh "Just run your tractor to operate the tube-well as there is ample volume of water waiting to be pumped out." When the tractor was started to run the tube-well, water gushed from the pipe with great force like a mighty fountain and the water storage tank and nearby field was filled with water in no time. Shri Chanan Singh and his family members prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and conveyed their sincere gratitude.

### **308. Treatment for Cervical Pain**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was truly a divine saint. Such unique saints incarnate in this world extremely rarely. Maharaj Ji's infinite grandeur and genius cannot be described in words written with ink on any amount of paper. Maharaj Ji's glory is beyond description. Whenever the matter related to emancipation and development of the poor and down trodden members of our society will be discussed then the name of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji will be written on the front page. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji devoted his entire life to devout meditation of God and emancipation of the entire humanity. Once Shri Mathura Dass Ji from New Harbans Nagar Jalandhar



fell ill and he suffered from intense cervical pain and acute stiffness of neck. He received treatment from many doctors but he did not get any relief from anywhere. He was absolutely frustrated and extremely tired.

Finally one day his mother-in-law, who hailed from village Bulandpur, escorted him to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to pay their regards at the durbar of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and then she prayed "Maharaj Ji! This boy suffers from acute pain and stiffness in his neck. We consulted many doctors but he did not respond to the treatment. Kindly convey your blessings so that he gets well soon."

Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji thought over for some time and then said "We will write an ayurvedic medicine for him. He should buy that from Jalandhar and take that regularly as advised. He will get well soon." Shri Mathura Dass Ji returned to home and then he bought the medicine from the market. When he took the very first dose of that medicine; he was miraculously cured. His neck pain disappeared for ever and he was perfectly well. He did not suffer from any pain in the cervical region or anywhere else in his body since that time. In this way Maharaj Ji blessed him. Glory to the saints!

### **309. Getting all the Awards in the Railways**

There was a terrible war between India and Pakistan during the year 1965. The people who lived near the border suffered most in that war and they lost almost everything. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was the greatest messiah for the entire humanity. Maharaj Ji treated the society's pain and suffering as his own and understood everyone's problems. Maharaj Ji went to the international border with a truck loaded with food, clothes and other relief materials to help suffering families and alleviate their miseries.

Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked local people about Shri Mathura Dass who worked with the Indian Railways those days at Atari Railway Station. Maharaj Ji then reached the residential quarter of Shri Mathura Dass. He was extremely happy to see Maharaj Ji. He welcomed Maharaj Ji enthusiastically and then served tea and snacks. After taking tea

Maharaj Ji tendered him sound advice and said “Mathura Dass! Just continue to render best possible services to society and serve the people here to the best of your abilities at this critical juncture. Don't seek any transfer and do your duty honestly to discharge your responsibilities diligently. Your honest hard work will be recognized and you will be honoured with a coveted award.

Time kept ticking and Maharaj Ji's words had to come true. Shri Mathura Dass Ji abided by Maharaj Ji's advice in letter and spirit. He discharged his responsibilities very ably at Atari, Ferozepur, Jalandhar and Beas railway stations and served people whole heartedly. He received a prestigious award from the Ministry of Railways for his distinguished services while he was posted at Beas. In this way Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true.

### **310. Education of Children**

Shri Piare Lal Madhar son of Shri Bhulla Ram Madhar hails from village Biaspind in Jalandhar district. He is presently settled in England these days. All members of his family are very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to stay in the Dera for many days quite often and render voluntary services in Maharaj Ji's durbar.

Shri Piare Lal Madhar's father Shri Bhulla Ram Madhar was illiterate. There was no telephone facility at that time. People used to communicate and learn about welfare of relatives only through postal letters during those days. Shri Bhulla Ram Madhar was asked to pay one Anna coin to get any letter received by him read out to him. Likewise when he needed to send a letter to someone the person writing the letter used to charge two Annas.

One day Shri Bhulla Ram Ji explained this problem to Maharaj Ji and requested for help to find a way out. Maharaj Ji smiled and said, “Bhulla Ram! Your three boys will be highly educated in due course of time.” Shri Bhulla Ram Ji then made up his mind with full determination to ensure that his children must receive good education despite many odds. Time passed by and Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. His children became highly educated with the blessings of Sant

Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and all of them retired from very high posts. They are leading happy lives today.

### **311. You should not Travel along Canal Bank**

Once Shri Piare Lal Madhar and his family members visited Kutiya to meet and pay their regards to Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They sat down close to the lotus feet of their revered Satguru Ji and listened to the spiritual discourses till evening. When they sought permission from Maharaj Ji to return to their home in Biaspind late in the evening; Maharaj Ji said “Piare Lal Ji! Don't go by the road along the canal bank.” All members of the family sat down in their car and told their driver not to travel by the road along the canal side. But despite such clear instructions their driver turned the car to take the shorter route along the canal.

When they went a short distance they saw a cart fully loaded with fuel-wood stranded on the narrow road. There was no way the car could move beyond that hurdle until the stranded cart could be moved to the side to make way for the car. They waited there hoping that the cart owner would succeed in clearing the passage. Thus they had to wait there on the road for one hour. At last the driver turned the car back and travelled via the alternate route through village Ballan. The driver was in fact in a great hurry as he had to go for another duty after leaving Shri Madhar's family at Biaspind and he was feeling frustrated.

Finally when they reached Biaspind after such ordeal, the driver just dropped them at their house and sped away even without getting money towards car hire charges from Shri Piare Lal Ji. He was slowly murmuring that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had rightly advised them not to travel along the canal side road

### **312. All Land indicated with the Walking Stick shall belong to You**

Once Shri Piare Lal Madhar visited Kutiya along with his brothers and respected father Shri Bhulla Ram Madhar Ji to pay their regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then prayed “Maharaj Ji! We want to buy land. Kindly advise us how much land we should buy. Satguru Ji said “I shall visit your house one day

early in the morning and then suggest how much land you should buy.”

Thereafter one day Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went for a routine morning walk and reached the house of Shri Piare Lal at Biaspind. All members of the family were very happy to see Maharaj Ji. They paid their profound regards at the lotus feet of Satguru Ji. Maharaj Ji then said “Tell me where you want to buy the land.” All members of the family were overwhelmed with joy to be in Maharaj Ji's pious company and they escorted Maharaj Ji to the land they wanted to buy. Maharaj Ji moved around with his long walking stick and the family members marked the entire area pointed out by Maharaj Ji with the walking stick. But the problem was that the area indicated by Maharaj Ji and marked by the family members was far in excess of the land they originally thought of buying. They did not have enough funds to invest and buy all that land. However Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as they purchased the entire marked area over a period of time. Shri Piare Lal Madhar owns all that land with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **313. Raj Kumar will get Well**

Shri Piare Lal Madhar hails from village Biaspind but he stays with his family members in England these days. He has utmost devotion for his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All members of his family are leading very distinguished and prosperous life in U.K. these days and that has been possible only because of kind blessings of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He has three sons and two daughters. The names of his three sons are Shri Raj Kumar, Shri Chaman Lal and Shri Kirpal Chand and all of them are well settled in England. Once, his eldest son Shri Raj Kumar fell ill in England. He was treated by the local doctors in England. The doctors gave him best possible treatment but he didn't get well. Finally they approached Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for kind help. It is common human nature that one remembers God only when he is in deep trouble with no other way out. Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “I am not a doctor.” However the whole family fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji's and prayed “Maharaj

Ji! There is no doctor in this world who is greater than you. Kindly be merciful and save Raj Kumar.” Truly perfect saints are always very kind and compassionate.

Satgur Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji smiled and said “Don't worry! Raj Kumar will get well soon. He will start recovering from this moment onwards.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth and Raj Kumar made very fast recovery and he was absolutely fine in a very short span of time.

### **314. Don't resort to Dishonest Means - God will give you Enough**

Shri Piare Lal Madhar Ji from village Biaspind used to visit Maharaj Ji's durbar since his childhood to pay his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji used to make arrangements to serve Mahal-Poorhe and Khir to the children first and then ask them to participate in a race and get back. Maharaj Ji taught the children Gurmukhi language and correct method of recitation of Gurbani in the Dera those days. Shri Piare Lal passed B.A. degree from Doaba College, Jalandhar with the blessings of Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Thereafter he got a job with Civil Supplies Department as R.T.O during 1952 with Maharaj Ji's grace. One day he visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and paid his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Maharaj Ji said “My dear son! Never seek any bribe from anyone. Do your duty with utmost honesty. God will be kind to give you everything in plenty.”

Time passed by and Shri Piare Lal Madhar's family was blessed with three sons Shri Raj Kumar, Shri Chaman Lal, Shri Kirpal Chand and two daughters Shrimati Sunita and Shrimati Shakuntla over a period of time. All of the three sons of Shri Piare Lal Madhar are extremely well settled in England. One day his daughter Sunita went to witness a drama show in Jalandhar. Her relatives were also with her. Three of them remained busy watching the drama show throughout the night on Saturday. The next day on Sunday, Shri Piare Lal Madhar, Shri Amin Chand and Shri Garib Dass from village Raipur visited the Dera. They were late to reach there. Maharaj Ji said “Get lost from here!” All three of them ran away scared. A little later Maharaj Ji asked a devotee to rush and call them back.”

### **315. We did not sleep throughout the Night**

Shri Piare Lal Madhar and his family members were very profound devotees of Satguru Swami Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He got a job with Civil Supplies Department in 1952 by Maharaj Ji's grace. He went to England for the first time during 1959. After about two years stay in England, he was returning to India by British Air Lines. When the aeroplane just took off from the airport it developed some snag and started to move up and down and lose balance. The passengers were scared and worried about the possibility of crash down. Finally the pilots managed an emergency landing at an airport in Iran. The pilot then made an announcement "Friends! All of us are indeed very lucky to be safe. In such situation the plane might have crashed."

While the plane was badly shaking, Shri Piare Lal Ji continuously remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed to Maharaj Ji for the safety of all on board the flight. Finally a special Indian Airlines plane brought all Indian citizens including Shri Madhar stranded at the airport in Iran and landed at Delhi airport. He directly went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya after landing in Delhi to meet Maharaj Ji and convey his sincere gratitude. When he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji said "Piare Lal Ji! I did not sleep throughout the night and remained busy to protect your aeroplane for the whole night." On hearing these words, Shri Piare Lal Madhar fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and wept bitterly.

### **316. All of your Adversities are Over**

Shri Swaran Dass from village Kaboolpur was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He often visited the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. One day Maharaj Ji visited his farmland to mark the exact spot for sinking a bore-well. Suddenly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji hit his brother Bhai Dhanna Ram Nambardar with his long walking stick and Shri Dhanna Ram fell down while trying to runaway. As he got up, Maharaj Ji gave him another hard hit and he fell down again. Same thing happened for the third time. Thereafter Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji distributed prasad to all

devotees present on the occasion. Tea and snacks were served thereafter to Maharaj Ji and everyone else.

Thereafter Maharaj Ji said “Dhanna Ram! You should come to Kutiya along with me.” He accompanied Maharaj Ji to Kutiya and stayed there for 14 days as Maharaj Ji did not permit him to get back. Finally one day Maharaj Ji agreed to permit him to go back to his house. Just before his departure for his home. Maharaj Ji said “Dhanna Ram! All of your sins stand condoned and your bad times are over now.” When Shri Dhanna Ram Ji heard these kind words, he prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with great devotion and returned home singing paeans of glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **317. I have to Emancipate all Devotees**

Satguru Swami Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji once visited Haridwar and Rishikesh. Sant Niranjana Dass Maharaj Ji, current spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan, Shri Fagan Ram from Sarmastpur, Shri Sant Ram from Kishangarh, Shri Pakhar Ram from Mannan, Sant Pakhar Ram, S. Gurdiyala Singh and his wife Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji from village Noorpur also accompanied Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji and all devotees stayed at Gita Bhavan. They also took a group photograph with Maharaj Ji during this visit.

One day S. Gurdiyala Singh Ji returned to Gita Bhavan with some copies of the group photographs. He spread the photos on the cot and said “Anyone who wants to have a photograph can take one and pay Rs. 5 towards cost.” When Maharaj Ji came to know about it, then Maharaj Ji suddenly picked up his long walking stick and hit Gurdiyala Singh thrice. Simultaneously, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said “Gurdiyala Singh “All accounts of your deeds have been torn apart and you stand emancipated.” I shall emancipate all others after their holy dip in Ganga Ji. I have to emancipate all of my devotees and take them across the dreadful Bhavsagar.”

### **318. Don't visit this Kutiya if any of my Words proves Untrue**

Bibi Gurdip Kaur Ji wife of Shri Bhajan Singh Ji from village Raipur was a devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. After one year of her marriage, she used to suffer from severe

pain. As she did not respond to treatment, finally the doctors carried out a surgical operation. Thereafter the doctors told her that she would never be able to bear a child. She was extremely sad and upset to hear that.

Time kept ticking and she remained without any offspring. The family members and neighbours started to taunt her for being without any child. Someone then suggested to her to visit Kutiya and seek blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. However her family members discouraged her and said “Your problem will not get resolved anywhere.” Finally one day she went to pay her regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and she prayed “Maharaj Ji! I do not have any hope that I will ever give birth to a child. Kindly be merciful and bless me.”

Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly said “My dear daughter! You will be blessed with three daughters in due course of time and thereafter a son. Just remember my words and if this does not happen to be true then you should not visit this Kutiya again.” Time passed by and Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Bibi Gurdip Kaur gave birth to three daughters over a period of time and one son thereafter.

### **319. Blessing Bibi Gurdip Kaur with a Son**

Bibi Gurdip Kaur lives in village Raipur. She had immense respect and devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Her family members used to object whenever she wanted to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to pay her regards to Maharaj Ji. However she insisted that she must visit Kutiya regularly. She gave birth to three daughters over a period of time after her marriage. It was but natural that she used to remain very sad as she had no son.

One day she visited the Kutiya along with her friends. Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji was the spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan at that time. She paid her regards to Sant Garib Dass Ji and sought Maharaj Ji's blessings to beget a son. Then Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly got up from his seat and went to the dispensary. Maharaj Ji said “God will bless you and you will give birth to a son after one year and you should assign him a name starting with the alphabet R.”



Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as the words of saints are indeed words of God. Bibi Gurdip Kaur gave birth to a son in due course of time and he was named Ravinder Singh.

### **320. When Maharaj Ji revealed an Apple from the Pocket**

Shri Channan Singh Ji, resident of village Naugajja, is one of the most dedicated disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When Shri Channan Singh told about the problem related to a new bore-well at his farm then Maharaj Ji visited the site with Shri Dalip Singh and Shri Karnail Singh. Maharaj Ji recited a prayer and resolved the problem. The tube-well yielded plenty of water with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. A lady related to Shri Channan Singh was also present at his house that day. The family members and that lady explained to Maharaj Ji that she didn't have any child even though she got married 6-7 years ago.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was standing in the fields of Shri Channan Singh at that time. Satguru Maharaj Ji put his hand in the pocket of his Kurta and pulled out an apple. Maharaj Ji very kindly gave that apple to that lady and conveyed his blessings and said "Bibi! God will bless you with two sons in due course of time. Hence just don't worry!" She gave birth to two sons over a period of time.

It is worth highlighting here that when Shri Channan Singh and Shri Dalip Singh had escorted Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Kutiya to the site of Channan Singh's tube-well, Maharaj Ji did not carry any fruit or other eatable with him. Therefore everyone present there at that time including Shri Channan Singh and his family members were amazed when Maharaj Ji surprisingly pulled an apple out of the pocket of his Kurta. All of them paid their respectful regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion.

*(Shri Karnail Singh Ji son of Shri Dalip Singh Ji)*

### **321. Maharaj Ji's Benevolence for Suman Family**

This story is related to the time when Shri Gurnam Chand Suman and Babu Mangu Ram Suman met Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the first time and had a glimpse of Maharaj Ji's divine face. Dear devotees! Shri Mali Ram, resident of village Sarhali Jalandhar was a great gentle man with highly

progressive views. He ensured good education for his son Gurnam Chand Suman through hard work and determination despite extreme poverty. Shri Gurnam Chand Suman studied very diligently and passed M.A, L.L.B and then P.C.S examinations. After his selection to Provincial Civil Services (P.C.S.) Shri Gurnam Chand became a judge in Hoshiarpur. The judge was a relative of Shri Beli Ram Ji from village Ballan. Shri Belli Ram often used to visit village Sarhali and mention about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to Shri Gurnam Chand, his family members and other relatives. All of them were highly impressed over a period of time and that generated a strong desire in their minds to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji soonest possible.

First of all Shri Gurnam Chand Suman's elder brother Babu Mangu Ram Suman visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya one day to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When he saw Maharaj Ji, he was very impressed by the greatness and grace of Maharaj Ji. He was overwhelmed with ecstatic joy and happiness. He noticed that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting comfortably surrounded by a large number of devotees in a congregation. Giani Jaimal Singh from village Raouwali was enthraling the congregation with melodious singing of Gurbani hymns accompanied with Iktara – a single stringed musical instrument and Khartalan- a musical instrument comprising of two wooden pieces with metallic rings.

Babu Mangu Ram Suman removed his footwear on one side, washed his hands and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with offering of prasad. Thereafter he sat down along with other devotees. After the conclusion of Gurbani Kirtan, Maharaj Ji asked all devotees present in the congregation to have tea in the community kitchen. Those people who had already taken tea kept sitting while the rest went away to have tea. Master Jaggu Ram Ji, from village Raipur, was also sitting there. Then Maharaj Ji said “Juggu Ram Ji! Sing some hymns for the benefit of these devotees.” Master Jaggu Ram Ji said “Yes Maharaj Ji!” Thereafter, he started to recite hymns with an appeal to the devotees to repeat the same.

*Sanu Meera wali lagan laga de, tera kiharha mul lagda!  
Sade sutte hoye bhag jaga de, tera kiharha mul lagda!*

Or

Kindly bless us with same kind of devotion and worship as you blessed your disciple Meera. This will not cost you anything. Turn our misfortunes into extremely good luck. That will cost you nothing.

Thereafter Maharaj Ji asked Master Jaggu Ram to sing another hymn. Then he sang the following poem that was penned by him personally.

*Asin Kutiya ch Rabb da zahoor vekhiya, soma prem te  
piyar da Huzoor vekhiya!!* i.e.

We have seen a very clear vision of God in the Kutiya and we find Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as a spring of divine love and affection.

Master Jaggu Ram wrote every stanza of this entire poem to eulogize the grandeur of his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Babu Mangu Ram was enthralled after seeing the divine face of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and listening to the unique glory Maharaj Ji from Master Jaggu Ram Ji. Babu Mangu Ram Suman requested Shri Beli Ram Ji to pray to Maharaj Ji to bless him also with the treasure of Naam. Then Maharaj Ji very kindly accepted the request and blessed Shri Mangu Ram Suman with sacred Naam. Thus Maharaj Ji fulfilled all of the cherished noble desires of Shri Mangu Ram that he had in his mind while he came to meet Maharaj Ji. Having secured Maharaj Ji's blessings of Naam as a disciple, Shri Mangu Ram Suman was ecstatic with joy and he sought Maharaj Ji's permission to return back to his home. Maharaj Ji said "All right! You may go now. However you must earn livelihood through honest means, keep company of noble people and practise meditation of God regularly."

Babu Mangu Ram Ji told everyone about the unique glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji when he reached his home. Thereafter his brother Shri Gurnam Chand Suman, who worked as a Judge at Hoshiarpur, also planned to visit Maharaj Ji. Gurnam Chand was the judge of a court who lived in Hoshiarpur. Accordingly Shri Gurnam Chand Suman reached

Maharaj Ji's Kutiya along with all members of his family and Shri Beli Ram Ji on the next Sunday. Maharaj Ji was sitting on the Tharha- the raised platform. Shri Suman and all members of his family paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji along with offering of prasad. Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind blessings to all of them and asked the devotees to spread a new carpet for them. The judge sahib and his family sat on the carpet along with all other devotees.

Shri Beli Ram then introduced them to Maharaj Ji and said "Maharaj Ji! He is Shri Mangu Ram Suman's younger brother Shri Gurnam Chand Suman who is working as a judge in Hoshiarpur." Maharaj Ji was very happy to hear about him and enquired about welfare of everyone. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji asked Beli Ram to make arrangements to serve meals to everyone. They obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and everyone had meals in the community kitchen. Thereafter they were taken around various places of Dera Sachkhand Ballan by a devotee. Later they sat down near Maharaj Ji and listened to the amrita like words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Meanwhile it was the time for sunset in the western horizon.

Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached the ashram inside village Ballan along with some devotees. Sant Hari Dass Ji conducted the spiritual discourse reciting from the scriptures at night and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji gave scholarly commentary and explained everything in simple words to the congregation of devotees. Everyone joined for the formal prayer to God at the end of the spiritual discourse and prasad was distributed to all devotees thereafter. All of the local devotees then returned to their homes. The devotees from faraway places stayed at the ashram and suitable beds were provided to all. Maharaj Ji then advised everyone to sit down quietly and pursue meditation of God with full concentration.

Shri Gurnam Chand Suman requested Shri Beli Ram to arrange a bed for him at a vantage place from where he could have view of Maharaj Ji throughout the night. Maharaj Ji was very delighted to hear that and then Maharaj Ji asked him to have a bed close to Maharaj Ji. Then Shri Gurnam Chand asked Maharaj Ji "Please advise me how I should worship God."

Benevolent and kind Maharaj Ji said “You will be explained everything related to meditation tomorrow morning. Therefore you can have rest tonight and sleep well.” All devotees then sat down for meditation and later slept for the night.

Next morning, Maharaj Ji woke up at 2:30 a.m. and had bath. Maharaj Ji asked Shri Gurnam Chand also to take bath. Thereafter Maharaj Ji initiated Shri Gurnam Chand Suman and his wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur as disciples and blessed them with sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji also explained them the method of meditation of God. They paid their profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and also conveyed their sincere gratitude and grateful thanks to their revered Satguru Ji. It was a Sunday and they enjoyed listening to the Gurbani Kirtan till noon. They had their lunch in the community kitchen and then sought permission of Maharaj Ji and returned to their home in Hoshiarpur. Later his elder brother Arjan Dass Suman also became a disciple and received blessings of Naam from Maharaj Ji. In this way the whole Suman family became the devotees of Maharaj Ji.

Later one day Shri Gurnam Chand Suman came to the Dera and paid his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He then prayed “Maharaj Ji! I often feel very sad.” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry! Everything will be okay.” Maharaj Ji gave him a book and said “Whenever you feel sad, you should read this book of scriptures. After this he returned home happily.

This is how Shri Gurnam Chand Suman had the good fortune to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the first time. Only those who keep company of the revered saints enjoy the ecstatic pleasure of spiritual discourses and Satsang. Such ecstatic joy is not possible anywhere else except in the company of true saints. The sacred treasure of Naam is also available only with the saints and one can receive the blessings of Naam and learn the correct way of meditation of God only from true saints.

*Jugti bajh na mildi mukti, jugti santa kol hae! i.e.*

No one can attain eternal salvation except through teachings of revered saints and meditation of Naam under the guidance of one's Satguru.

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's benevolent blessings

transformed the lives of Shri Mangu Ram Suman and all the family members and motivated them to lead spiritual life based on true religious teachings. Many of his family members are excellent Gurbani singers with the benevolent blessings of Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

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### **322. Everyone will salute You**

Judge Gurnam Chand explained that he did not like his job when he was selected as P.C.S. Officer. I was completely disappointed and extremely sad. I thought of submitting my resignation because the attitude of my staff was extremely negative due to their caste based prejudice. They harassed me very often. I applied for leave and packed up my belongings. Then I boarded a bus from Dasuya to return home. I met a boy from my own village in that bus and we talked to one another. He suggested that let us first go and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji before going home. I thought that he was right and so I agreed to go with him. We reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and paid our regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji treated us very kindly with great affection and offered us mangoes to relish. Maharaj Ji also savoured some mangoes.

A little while later Maharaj Ji asked me "Gurnam Chand! Tell me if anyone has any enmity towards you. Why don't you take full interest in your job? Have you harmed anyone in any way?" Tell me everything." Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then gave me a book of scriptures and advised me to read that regularly in the morning and evening every day. Maharaj Ji encouraged and motivated me so well that all of my negative thoughts and disappointments vanished completely. I was full of confidence to face all odds bravely thereafter with Maharaj Ji's blessings. I stayed in the holy company of Maharaj Ji for some time more and then returned to Dasuya bubbling with confidence.

I got my sanctioned leave cancelled and resumed my duty. Then all of my colleagues who always hated and targeted me because of their caste based prejudices apologised from me. Likewise all staff members of my court, where even a peon

belonging to a perceived high caste hated a judge hailing from so called lower caste and all those who did not like a low caste person to talk to them also felt ashamed and apologised. Everyone gave me full cooperation thereafter and the entire staff respected me and saluted me as they did for any other judge. This sea change was all because of benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **323. These Girls will become highly Educated**

Judge Gurnam Chand Suman said that he used to be quite upset when he had three daughters as those times were not really good. Whenever his daughters came to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to pay their regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, then Maharaj Ji often used to fill their laps with money and say "These girls will become highly educated and then get married in rich homes." These words of Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true. All of those three girls are extremely well educated and they lead very happy and prosperous lives these days with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

### **324. Blessing Shri Gurnam Chand Suman with a Son**

Maharaj Ji's Kutiya or Dera Sachkhand Ballan has extremely beautiful lush green trees with dense shade all around the premises. It is the pleasant spring season and all vegetation is in full bloom with lovely flowers. A cool breeze with very pleasing aroma and chirping of vast variety of birds perched on the trees enliven the environment and enthrall everyone's mind immensely. The bumblebees are humming around and the cuckoos, perched on branches of mango trees, coo sweet melodies. Such a beautiful Kutiya or Dera Sachkhand Ballan is the sacred durbar where Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is sitting along with a very large number of devotees under the dense canopy of trees. Satguru Ji is seated in a chair and Gurbani Kirtan and spiritual discourses have been mesmerising all members of the congregation since early morning.

Food was served to all devotees at the lunch time. Many devotees, who had come from faraway places, took leave of Maharaj Ji after lunch and returned to their respective homes. Some devotees remained sitting near Maharaj Ji. It was already

evening time and still lot of devotees were present in the congregation. Some devotees who lived in foreign countries had sent letters to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then asked all of devotees to keep quiet as Maharaj Ji wanted someone to read those letters received from abroad for Maharaj Ji to listen what his devotees had written. Maharaj Ji kept all the letters nearby and asked a devotee to read out same one by one. Maharaj Ji listened very carefully when the contents of each letter were read out. Most of the writers conveyed their salutations to Maharaj Ji and letters eulogized the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in their letters. Maharaj Ji thereafter wrote a letter to Shri Gurnam Chand Suman during February 1972 as follows:

*Ik Oankar Satgur Prasad*

There is only one supreme God and one can realize God with the kind blessings of his satguru Ji.

February, 1972, Dera Sachkhand Ballan

This letter is being sent by Sant Sarwan Dass to his disciple Shri Gurnam Chand Suman. I convey my blessings to all members of your family. I received your letter and all of us were delighted to learn about your welfare. I am extremely delighted that you are discharging your responsibilities as a Judge very competently. It is extremely gratifying and a great pleasure to know that boys from our community are also holding prestigious positions as judges. As a judge, you have to pronounce many judgements. Shoulder your responsibilities very diligently and act judiciously. Pronounce all judgements after very careful consideration of all facts wisely.

Rise above the considerations of friendship, relations, caste and biased views while taking final decisions. Judgement should be based on truth and real facts and in favour of those deserving persons who are innocent and right. You must uphold the truth throughout your life. You should not succumb to any temptations or bribe and never side with a wrong person because one who gets entrapped by such attractions ruins his own reputation and honour and he has to face insult and disrepute. You are very well educated and learned. Saints can make only straightforward suggestions in simple words.



Finally, I convey my blessings to Gurnam Chand Suman, Bibi Gurbachan Kaur, your daughters Neelam, Dhan and Vikas and your son. Keep in touch through letters and pursue meditation of God regularly.

With best wishes,  
Sant Sarwan Dass.

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When Maharaj Ji finished the letter and affixed his signatures then Shri Beli Ram, who was sitting nearby said “Maharaj Ji! You are now bound by your own words like Shri Namdev Maharaj Ji as you have made a commitment.” Maharaj Ji asked “Beli Ram! How do you say that I am bound by my own words?” Shri Beli Ram replied “Maharaj Ji! Judge Gurnam Chand does not have any son but you have conveyed blessings and love for his sons as written in the letter.” Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “Is it so? Did I write like that? Don't worry. He will beget a son with the blessings of God next time.” This was the last letter Maharaj Ji wrote to Judge Gurnam Chand and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left this perishable world for the realm of God or Sachkhand on 11.6.1972. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and a beautiful son was born in Shri Gurnam Chand's home with the grace of God exactly 11 months after Maharaj Ji wrote that letter.

*Jo mangae Thakur apune te soi soi devae!* i.e.

Whatever a devotee seeks from God with sincere prayers, the Lord gives him the same and fulfils the devotee's wishes.

Judge Sahib's life was now filled with joy and happiness and he visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya first of all to convey the extremely good news and sincere gratitude of family members to Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji who were present in Dera Sachkhand at that time. Both of them were extremely delighted to listen to this good news from Judge Sahib. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji then recited a formal prayer to God and Brahamlin Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and distributed the prasad brought by Judge Sahib amongst the devotees. This is how simple words written by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true even after Maharaj Ji had abandoned his perishable human body. It is rightly said –

*Sadhu bole sahaj subhayi, sadhu ka boliya birtha na jayi! i.e.*

Even simple and casual words spoken by a true saint never go in vain.

### **325. Reviving a Dead Child**

Dear devotees! It has been mentioned in the earlier stories that a lovely son was born in Shri Suman's home after the departure of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the realm of God. Judge Suman Ji fondly named him Bobby. Everyone in the family and Dera Sachkhand Ballan celebrated the occasion with great joy. The child grew up happily and when he was 4 years old, Shri Gurnam Chand Suman visited Maharaj Ji's durbar at Dera Sachkhand Ballan along with all members of his family. They came to pay their regards to Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj spiritual head of the Dera, Sant Garib Dass Ji and other revered saints at the ashram. It was an extremely hot day in the peak of summer season at that time. First of all they paid their regards at the main temple and prostrated before the idol of Brahamlin Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Thereafter they paid their regards to Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji and then sat down close by them. Volunteers served cold water and sherbet to the visitors. A little while later, Sant Garib Dass Ji asked everyone to have lunch. All members of the family joined other devotees and had their meals. Thereafter the children got busy to play with other children and Shri Suman and his wife paid their regards to Sant Hari Dass Ji and sat down nearby.

The children reached close to the canal bank playing various games. It was Sunday and there was a very large congregation of devotees in the Dera. Many devotees took leave of Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj after lunch and started returning to their homes. Satguru Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was deeply absorbed in devout meditation of God at that time. Some devotees were still sitting nearby. Meanwhile all the children of Shri Gurnam Chand had reached playfully near the main canal. The water flowing in the canal was very cool. Water was flowing very rapidly beneath the narrow bridge at Triveni where the canal trifurcates. There was great turbulence of water in the main canal downstream the bridge and roaring sounds of

gushing water could be heard very clearly. The grown up girls of Judge Sahib started putting their hands into the water and they got busy playing and throwing water on one another. Judge Sahib's young son Bobby also soon joined his sisters at the canal bank. He also wanted to throw the water on them. As he bent down to take some water, he lost balance and fell into the deep water. Within no time the boy was carried far away by the fast current of turbulent water. When the girls saw Bobby falling into the fast flowing canal, they stood up and shouted loudly for help saying that their brother Bobby had drowned. When a young man listened to their distress calls, he reached the spot at once and he made all efforts to search for the boy in the water. However, Bobby could not be found anywhere despite the best efforts of the young man.

Meanwhile Satguru Hari Dass Ji Maharaj came out of the state of Meditation and opened his eyes. Maharaj Ji said to Sant Rama Nand Ji "Just go quickly and look outside why someone is weeping bitterly." Sant Rama Nand Ji went outside and looked around but he did not find anyone weeping nearby outside the Kutiya. Omniscient Sant Hari Dass Ji advised Sant Rama Nand Ji and some devotees to look around all over carefully once again. Sant Rama Nand Ji, Judge Sahib and his wife went outside quickly to check up who was crying and what was the cause of that? As they wanted to return home, Judge Sahib and his wife were in fact waiting for their children to return back after play. As they reached near the Judge's car parked outside, they saw their daughters rushing back weeping and wailing loudly. When the parents and the girls came close the girls said to their father "Daddy! Our bobby has drowned in the canal water." Everyone rushed to the spot at Triveni as the sad news spread like wild fire. A desperate search for Bobby was launched by all devotees to look for Bobby downstream the main canal and the two tributaries. Some people launched the search in the main canal while others carried out the search in both tributaries.

All people covered long stretches of the main canal and the tributaries and finally one party led by Sant Rama Nand Ji saw something shining in sunlight being carried away by water

on the western tributary towards village Mokhe. When Sant Rama Nand Ji reached close by he saw the boy with open arms and legs one foot underneath the water being carried away by the current. A member of the search party jumped into the tributary and pulled young Bobby out of the water. Sant Ramanand Ji examined the boy and found that the boy had stopped to breathe. Shri Mehinga Ram resident of village Ballan also reached there. The wife of judge fell down unconscious on the wayside. It is impossible to write about the pathetic condition of Judge Suman and his family members at that critical moment. The boy was brought to Maharaj Ji's temple inside the Kutiya in that condition with no sign of breathing and placed in front of the sacred idol of Brahamlin Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Everyone was trying to encourage Shri Suman and his wife came telling them to calm down and that their child was alive. Everyone requested them to stop crying.

Every possible effort was made to provide first aid for removal of any water from his stomach. Everyone also joined in a formal prayer to Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and God. The child was made to lie down straight and some people massaged his feet and made fresh efforts to push water out. Suddenly the child had violent vomiting and lot of water was thrown out of his body. Thereafter they wrapped the boy with a clean cloth and Master Jeet Ram Ji quickly sat down in the car holding the child in his lap to rush him to the Civil Hospital Jalandhar. When they reached Jalandhar City, the child suddenly started to breathe and his heart beat and pulse could be felt even before any doctor examined him. Everyone was elated to see the child miraculous revival. Finally they reached the Civil Hospital and Dr. Shingara Singh examined the child. Dr. Shingara Singh checked the baby and told Shri Gurnam Chand "Suman Sahib! It is indeed a miracle. There is no possibility of any such small boy, who remained under water for so long, to survive but you are indeed extremely fortunate as your son has miraculously survived. The great genius Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, who had very kindly conveyed his blessings to you for this son, has given this blessed child a new lease of life

and returned him back to your lap miraculously. You should not worry as your son is absolutely normal now. There is no need for any specific medicine to be given to him at present.” Everyone was overwhelmed with extreme joy and happiness to hear all that from Dr. Shingara Singh. Everybody present on the occasion who witnessed these miraculous developments was extremely surprised and they sang paeans eulogizing grandeur of Brahamlin Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. The doctor kept the boy under observation in the hospital just for one hour because he thought that the boy might develop fever. However the child was absolutely fine with the grace of Satguru Ji.

Elated with great joy, Judge Suman Ji sent some money and prasad for Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj with sincere gratitude through Master Jeet Ram Ji. Thereafter all members of the family returned to their home in Ludhiana happily in the evening. Master Jeet Ram returned to Kutiya and narrated all details about the positive miraculous developments to Sant Hari Dass Ji and the devotees present in the Kutiya. Everyone was very happy. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji again recited a formal prayer in the temple to convey sincere gratitude and grateful thanks to Brahamlin Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Thereafter prasad was distributed to everyone. All devotees joined Sant Hari Dass Ji to pay rich tributes and salutations to Brahamlin Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **326. Help me also to have a Vision of God**

Judge Gurnam Chand narrated the following details about the claims of his fellow judge who often asserted that his revered Guru Ji can enable anyone to have a vision of God in no time. His Guru Ji lived in Dehradun. One day he said, “Gurnam Chand! Let's go to Dehradun. My Guru Ji will fulfil all of your wishes.” Shri Gurnam Chand and some advocates accompanied that judge to his guru's ashram in Dehradun. A discourse titled 'Sit and see the God' had been in progress at that ashram for the last many months. It was already evening by the time we reached the ashram and we could not meet Guru Ji or hold any discussions with anyone else in the ashram till 8 p.m. Thereafter we received a message that we would be able to see the God in the morning. Therefore all of us went to sleep.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji holding a long walking stick in one hand as usual materialized in Shri Gurnam Chand's dream around 2.00 - 2.30 a.m. Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji asked "Gurnam Chand! What is the specific purpose of your visit to this place?" I woke up at once and I told my colleague judge "I don't wish to have a vision of God now. However, you can surely have a vision of God." I sent my attendant to hire a taxi and left Dehradun for Saharanpur around 03.30. I boarded a train at Saharanpur and reached Dasuya and then proceeded to Dera Sachkhand Ballan. When I reached there, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' or the raised platform comfortably. Omniscient Satguru Ji knew everything and yet Maharaj Ji asked me "Judge Sahib! You have just returned after having a vision of God. It would have been very nice if you had helped me also to see God."

I felt greatly ashamed for my silly misadventure and I was absolutely speechless. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was part of the spiritual power of the globe and a super hand of the world which was going to drive the entire universe.

*(Shri Gurnam Chand Suman, Village Sarhali, Jalandhar)*

### **327. Strange Scent**

Shri Gurnam Chand Ji narrated the next story as follows. I contemplated in my mind that I should have my bed very close to Maharaj Ji at least for one night. I asked the local volunteers whether that would be possible. When Maharaj Ji learnt about my wish then Maharaj Ji just smiled as Maharaj Ji very well knew that I actually wanted to know how Maharaj Ji normally spent the night. A bed was arranged for me very close to Maharaj Ji's bed. Maharaj Ji sat down for meditation and did not sleep throughout the night. I felt extremely sweet and pleasant fragrance all around when the time was around 11 – 12 p.m. After sometime I fell asleep. I then experienced as if I was in Sachkhand and that I had never experienced any pain or sorrow ever. I was totally ignorant about this perishable world. I experienced such unique and pleasant fragrance all around me that I had never felt in life. I have never experienced such amazing aroma, scent or perfume anywhere in the world so far like the one I experienced during that night. Although I have

visited every major market around the world, yet I could not find similar fragrance anywhere in the world.

### **328. Maharaj Ji's Benevolence for Seth Lashman Dass**

*Je hove satguru di bakhshish, kakh ton lakh bana dinda!!*

*Pass na hove kakhian di kulli, sundar mahil bana dinda!!*

*i.e.*

If someone has the kind benevolence and blessings of his satguru with him; then satguru transforms his fortunes from abject poverty to affluence. If the devotee does not own even a thatched hut his revered satguru can build elegant palaces for him.

Seth Lashman Dass son of Shri Labhu Ram Ji was resident of village Sarmastpur. Shri Lashman Dass's father left for his heavenly abode and he had to shoulder all responsibilities of the family. Lashman Dass was extremely hard working. Most of the people earned their livelihood through hard manual labour those days but it was difficult to get work even on daily wage basis. He had to leave his house everyday to find some work on daily wage basis and make use of his earnings to meet household expenditure. He also knew about the art of weaving of clothes. Whenever he didn't get work outside the home, he used to get busy in weaving cloth at home. But the condition of his home was very bad with extreme poverty. It was quite difficult to make both ends meet. Lashman Dass and all members of his family were devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They always used to consult Maharaj Ji in advance before undertaking any important task at home. With the passage of time, his daughter grew up and he started to worry about finding a suitable match for her marriage. Even though his own financial condition was not good, he managed to borrow enough money from his friends and he started making preparations for his daughter's marriage.

The date for the marriage of his daughter was finally fixed. Marriage party reached their home on the fixed date and welcome drinks, snacks and tea were served in the morning. Later the hosts made arrangements to serve lunch to the members of the marriage party. Lashman Dass made special arrangements to get mutton cooked and served as part of the

meals during lunch for the marriage party and all guests. Everyone relished the meat dish and enjoyed lunch. Some people even had alcoholic drinks along with meat. The marriage party returned happily on completion of all functions related to marriage. Meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also came to know about this lavish marriage and the meat dish served during lunch. Maharaj Ji was extremely agitated and furious because Maharaj Ji always preached people to be kind to animals and protect them. Maharaj Ji also motivated people to shun non-vegetarian food and alcoholic drinks. Maharaj Ji could never tolerate slaughter of an innocent animal and serving of meat during the marriage function. Satguru Ji said “Most of the people are already extremely poor and they become indebted and further impoverished through extravagant expenditure on marriages.” Maharaj Ji disliked such intolerable actions and serving of meat to the marriage party by Lashman Dass at Sarmastpur.

Satguru Ji summoned Lashman Dass and reprimanded him strongly. Maharaj Ji said “Lashman Dass! You have committed a great sin. You slaughtered a billy goat and served mutton to the members of the marriage party. This is absolutely irresponsible and highly condemnable act on your part and you will be surely held accountable. You must pay a heavy penalty for that.” Lashman Dass then prayed with folded hands “Maharaj Ji! This was not done by me but my daughter's maternal uncle Shri Arjan Dass from village Kararhi virtually forced my hands to commit this grave sin. I did not approve of his plans and advised him to desist but he did not agree.” Satguru Maharaj Ji then called Shri Arjan Dass from Kararhi and reprimanded him severely immediately on his arrival. Maharaj Ji said “Arjan Dass! You should never step inside this Kutiya again.” Maharaj Ji further told Lashman Dass and Arjan Dass “You have disobeyed my standing instructions and you will have to pay the price for your sins and suffer in hell. You must remember my words.” Both of them felt ashamed and begged Maharaj Ji to pardon them for their grave sins. Satguru Ji told both of them to get back to their respective homes.

It was the auspicious occasion of Sangrand or the first day of the month as per Vikram Samvat calendar and benevolent



Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly thought of condoning the sins of his disciple Lashman Dass. Satguru Ji sent him a message to visit the Kutiya. He reached Maharaj Ji's durbar immediately after getting the message but he was quite scared. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with great humility and prayed "Maharaj Ji! What are the instructions for me?" Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, the epitome of compassion and sympathy, always benevolent and kind, saviour of the poor and underprivileged and reformer and guide for the errant devotees very kindly decided to condone the sins of Lashman Dass. Maharaj Ji said "Lashman Dass! You should dust the shoes of visiting devotees and take good care of same throughout the day today. This is the only service you have to render today." Lashman Dass politely said 'Yes Maharaj Ji! I shall certainly do that.' He cleaned the footwear of visiting devotees and removed the dust and soil from the shoes with a cloth and placed the shoes in lines throughout the day. He was extremely happy with this assignment. After cleaning a few pairs of shoes he used the same cloth to over his face and head to get smeared with the sacred dust.

Most of the devotees were surprised to see Lashman Dass cleaning the shoes with utmost devotion to carry out Maharaj Ji's instructions delightfully. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji suddenly got up from his seat and walked up to the place where Lashman Dass was cleaning the shoes. Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to Lashman Dass in appreciation of his devotion and obedience and Maharaj Ji further said "I am extremely pleased with your sincere and devout service. You may ask for anything today." Lashman Dass promptly said "Satgur Ji! Give me everything." Benevolent Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said "Okay Lashman Dass! You are given everything." Thereafter Maharaj Ji went back to his seat and Maharaj Ji personally recited the Gurbani hymn for the new month for the benefit of all devotees present in the congregation. Prasad was distributed amongst all devotees thereafter and Maharaj Ji permitted everyone to return home.

Lashman Dass came to meet Maharaj Ji again after a few days and prayed "Maharaj Ji! I wish to go to Kolkata to set up a business there. Kindly convey your blessings and permit me to

proceed.” Maharaj Ji very delightfully said head “All right! Go ahead and work there.” Then Lashman Dass left for Kolkata after securing his revered Guru Ji's permission. Some of his relatives were already working there and he too set up his business together with them. His business flourished within short span of time with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji. He achieved top position in his business quickly and he soon roared in wealth. He returned back to his home after some time. People were very surprised to see him grow so rich and affluent in such a short span of time. Satguru Ji transformed his fortunes and his business grew very profitable and his poverty was banished once for all by Maharaj Ji. He bought 100 acres agricultural land in his native village and installed tube-wells for irrigation and purchased tractors for cultivation and scooters for his family members. He built a beautiful house and all members of the family lived joyfully leading prosperous life. All members of his family and close relatives became dedicated disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji .

They always sang paeans of grandeur of their revered Satguru Ji. This was all because of benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji who was very kindly condoned his sins and banished the poverty and blessed him to progress to the position of an affluent and wealthy Seth or millionaire. Lashman Dass is addressed as Seth Lashman Dass by everyone these days very respectfully because of benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **329. Blessing Seth Lashman Dass with Grandsons**

Seth Lashman Dass Ji and Bibi Amar Kaur lived in village Sarmastpur. They were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Seth Lashman Dass's younger son married Bibi Surjit Kaur during the year 1969. Seth Ji reached the Dera with his family members and everyone conveyed profound regards to Maharaj Ji. Thereafter Seth Ji said “Maharaj Ji! My younger son Kewal was married with Surjit Kaur recently. Kindly convey your kind blessings to the young couple.” Maharaj Ji gave five apples to Surjit Kaur and said “Dear daughter! You should eat these apples when you return home.” Surjit Kaur ate one apple but the second one was

slightly damaged. She cut that apple and ate only part of it that was not damaged. Thereafter she consumed the remaining three apples. When Lashman Dass came to know about it he explained everything to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said that she should not have done that but somehow that has happened. Maharaj Ji then asked Surjit the sequence in which she consumed part of that damaged apple. She replied “Maharaj Ji! That was the second apple I consumed after removing damaged portion.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then said “Bibi! You will bear five sons over a period of time. However your second son will not live long.” That is exactly what actually happened. Bibi Surjit Kaur gave birth to 5 sons over a period of time and they were named Raj Kumar, Amrik Chand, Vijay Kumar, Rajesh Kumar and Satvinder Kumar respectively. However the second son Amrik Chand did not live long and Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true.

*(Narrated by Bibi Surjit Kaur, Village Sarmastpur on 13. 06. 2003)*

### **330. Maharaj Ji's Benevolence for Shri Sadhu Ram Heer**

Shri Sadhu Ram Heer Ji and his wife Bibi Dharam Kaur Ji were very profound devotees of Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Sadhu Ram Heer suffered from a heart attack during the year 1988. He was admitted to Ashoka Hospital at Delhi where he underwent bypass surgery. He was taken to Shri Jawahar Lal's house after his discharge from the hospital. Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji went there to meet him during January 1989. Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji then told to Shri Heer “You are all right and there is nothing wrong with you. You have to render very useful services to the Dera.” Sant Garib Dass Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Shri Sadhu Ram Heer retired as Chief Engineer-North Zone of Doordarshan. He rendered very valuable services to the Dera as General Secretary, Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public Charitable Trust Varanasi and also supervised all other ongoing projects of the Dera.

### **331. Maharaj Ji's Benevolence for Bibi Rakhi**

Principal Jogi Ram Ji's father Shri Mehar Dass Ji from village Dhepur was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan

Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Mehar Dass was the first person of his village who was blessed with sacred Naam by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His wife's name was Shrimati Punna and she hailed from village Bijwarha Kalan. Her brother's name was Shri Thakur Dass. Shri Thakur's wife Bibi Rakkhi was suffering from a serious tumour. She got every possible treatment but she didn't get relief from anywhere. They were impoverished because of the heavy expenses on treatment. Finally they just gave up and reconciled to the fate. Shri Thakur Dass and Bibi Rakkhi had two daughters and two sons. They left their two children with one of her sister and other two children with another sister. One day children of Shri Thakur Dass and Shri Mehar Dass were having food together. One of them named Kewal Krishan said "O God! Will all four of us also ever stay together?" The two brothers were studying in class II and IV at that time.

Meanwhile Bibi Rakkhi was unfortunately afflicted by tuberculosis as well. One day she was taken to Gulab Devi Hospital, Jalandhar for treatment of tuberculosis. The doctor saw her terrible condition and wondered how she was still alive as she had virtually a hole across her chest caused by severe infection. Shri Thakur Dass wept bitterly one day. Bibi Gangi Ji, grandmother of Shri Mehar Dass consoled him and said "Have faith and just calm down. Everyone is a good friend when time is good. Now that you are passing through bad times, no one wants to help. None of them is keen to take your wife to meet Maharaj Ji and seek treatment for her." Shri Mehar Dass took note of these comments and he volunteered to help. He told Thakur Dass "I shall accompany you and your wife to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya.

However I shall not talk to Maharaj Ji about this issue. You will have to explain everything to Maharaj Ji and then happily abide by whatever Maharaj Ji says." Shri Mehar Dass, Shri Thakur Dass and boy Jogi visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya along with other relatives. Maharaj Ji told Thakur Dass "Make arrangements for the marriage of your daughter immediately. Thereafter everything will become all right." Thakur Dass's daughter was not even engaged at that time. However even

before he could say anything in response to Maharaj Ji's instructions, Shri Mehar Dass said "All right Maharaj Ji. We shall make arrangements as advised"

But Shri Thakur Dass was very poor and he was wondering how he would be able to do all that. He wept bitterly after reaching home feeling absolutely helpless. Meanwhile a little while later one of his relatives arrived with a proposal for the marriage of that girl. Thakur Dass agreed to the proposal even without having a look at the groom and the date for the marriage was also fixed immediately. Bibi Rakkhi, who was seriously ill, wept bitterly just two days prior to the date fixed for her daughter's marriage. While she was hardly visible lying on the bed, she said "I can neither get up from this bed nor render any help. But please bring some pulses meant for preparation of dal to me so that I can clean same for use in my daughter's wedding."

It was an extremely touching scenario at that time. Everyone present on that occasion was of the view that the time of her final moments was approaching and that was why she said those words. However everyone was totally surprised to see Bibi Rakkhi to be absolutely fine in two days with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji. That was indeed a great miracle as no one had any hope of her miraculous recovery. Shri Thakur Dass became such an ardent devotee of Maharaj Ji thereafter that and as long as he was alive he always prostrated on the ground while paying regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He also used to bring selected delicious mangoes for Maharaj Ji every year during the mango season. Everyone in the locality knows about this unique miraculous event.

### **332. Fulfilment of wish of Bibi Gurmit Kaur**

Shri Dhanpat Rai and Bibi Gurmit Kaur from village Daulatpur were very profound devotees of Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. They often visited Dera quite frequently. One day they left for the Dera and on their way Bibi Gurmit Kaur wished that she should be able to see Maharaj Ji in a specific form. When they reached the Dera, she was delighted to see Maharaj Ji in the same form as contemplated by her. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to their son and said "You

will become a high ranked officer in due course of time and you will be surrounded by cars. Motor and cars will be all around you.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as the young boy studied very studiously and Shri Satnam Singh Ji completed his higher education and became a high ranked officer. Even these days she often has glimpse of Maharaj Ji in the same form as she had contemplated.

*(Bibi Gurmit Kaur w/o Shri Dhanpat Rai, Village Daulatpur)*

### **333. Maharaj Ji's Blessings for Shri Satnam Singh Ji**

Shri Daulat Ram and Bibi Sumitar Kaur Ji resident of 862, Urban Estate Jalandhar were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their son Satnam Singh also held Maharaj Ji in very high esteem. Shri Satnam Singh Ji also often visited the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. During one of his visits to the Dera he explained that he was the Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation of India and whatever he has achieved has been only because of benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

*(Smt. Nirmla w/o Shri Satnam Singh Ji)*

### **334. Maharaj Ji's Blessings for Shri Mangu Ram Ji**

Shri Mangu Ram Ji son of Shri Mali Ram Ji from village Sarhali was very dedicated devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He married Bibi Prakashvati. It was the year 1956 when Shri Mangu Ram worked as a clerk in Irrigation Department. He visited the Dera one day and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings and said “You will progress to become a very high ranked officer and you will actively participate in promotion of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji's Mission. By Maharaj Ji's grace he retired as Circle Superintendent in due course of time. He is actively associated these days with promotion of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji's Mission.

### **335. Arrangement for Meals**

Bibi Prakashvati w/o Shri Mangu Ram Ji from village Sarhali was very devoted to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was during 1963 that Bibi Prakashvati came to visit the Dera along with her mother Bibi Karmi from village Abadan and Bibi Bhago from village Maherhu. It was the summer season

and they lost their way while travelling to the Dera. It was getting quite dark and they were greatly upset and worried. Suddenly they saw a light. They walked behind that light that guided them to reach the Dera. When they reached the Dera, Maharaj Ji was already standing at the main gate waiting for their arrival. Maharaj Ji said “How did you get so late. I have been waiting for you and I have to go to the ashram inside the village.” They paid their regards and Maharaj Ji told the devotees present at that time to serve them dinner. The devotees said “Maharaj Ji! Langar or the stock of cooked food had been exhausted.” When Maharaj Ji heard that, Maharaj Ji went away some distance and very soon returned with meals for the visitors in both hands. Bibi Prakashvati, her colleagues and the devotees present on the occasion were greatly amazed to witness this unique feat of Maharaj Ji and all of them were full of praise for Maharaj Ji's unique powers.

### **336. Witnessing Unique Miracle of Maharaj Ji**

S. Harbhajan Singh Soor and his mother Channan Kaur from village Raipur Rasulpur were very devoted to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was during the year 1950 when they were on their way to the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. They were extremely shocked and scared to see the severed limbs of Maharaj Ji on their way. They hurried to reach the Dera quickly. However when they went inside the Dera, they were amazed and relieved to see Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji sitting comfortably. When they paid their regards, Maharaj Ji told them not to tell anyone about what they had just seen on their way.

### **337. Blessings for S. Harbhajan Singh**

S. Harbhajan Singh and his wife Bibi Gurdev Kaur, resident of village Raipur Rasulpur, were very dedicated devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They visited the Dera during the year 1960 and prayed “Maharaj Ji! We don't have that any children. Kindly convey your blessings.” Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings and told them not to worry. They had three sons over a period of time with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji blessed S. Harbhajan Singh in this unique way.

### **338. Never do like this again**

Shri Hans Raj and Bibi Deepo from Ram Nagar (Presently in Southall) were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They committed some serious blunder during 1962 and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji wrote a letter to them. Surprisingly they received that letter the next day whereas normally it took nearly one week. Maharaj Ji had forbidden them to do similar wrong things in that letter. They realized their mistake after reading the letter and regretted their mistake. They tendered apologies to Maharaj Ji for their grave mistake and vowed not to make similar mistake in future.

### **339. Protecting Shri Chaman Lal and his Family Members**

Shri Chaman Lal Chopra and his wife Bibi Satya Chopra and their children Parminder and Varinder Chopra hailing from village Reru were devotees of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. All members of the family were travelling to England during the year 1979. When they were ready to board the ship, then Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji materialized and advised them not to board that ship. Sant Hari Dass Ji prevented them to board the ship three times and finally they abandoned the plans to board that ship. Meanwhile Shri Chaman Lal's mother Bibi Vidya visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan and Sant Hari Dass Ji told her "I have not allowed them to board the ship." Later it was learnt that the ship Shri Chaman Lal and his family members wanted to board sank in the ocean. Sant Hari Dass Ji protected Shri Chaman Lal and his family members this way and saved their lives.

### **340. Blessing Shri Amar Dass Bhutta**

Shri Amar Dass Bhutta from Santokhpura Jalandhar was the devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to visit Kutiya regularly and sing paeans of glory of Maharaj Ji. Once he came to the Dera and paid his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Benevolent Maharaj Ji said "Amar Dass! You may ask for anything today and you will get that." He replied "Maharaj Ji! Just as we eulogize your glory, our children should also always sing paeans of your grandeur likewise." By Maharaj Ji's grace his children Shri Ram Lubhaya and Garib Dass Sodhi are proficient in Gurbani Kirtan under the banner of



Antry Sangeet Party (Anarhi Music Group) and they sing paeans of glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji regularly.

### **341. Distribute these Fruits amongst your Children**

Shri Jeet Ram Ji and Bibi Bakhsho, who are resident in U.K., were very profound devotees of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Jeet Ram Ji and Bibi Bakhsho returned to India from U.K. during the year 1981 and stayed at the Dera for 3 months. One day they visited the bazaar and thought of buying some fruits for their children. They bought some fruits and returned to the Dera. When they reached the Dera, they saw Maharaj Hari Dass Ji at his seat. They paid their regards and they also presented the fruits to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said “You brought these fruits for your children. Therefore give these fruits to the children.” They abided by Maharaj Ji's advice and offered those fruits to their children. However the children refused to eat any of those fruits and threw those away.

### **342. Blessings for Shri Swaran Dass Bangar**

Shri Devi Ditta and Bibi Santi Ji from village Ballan were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their son Shri Swaran Dass Bangar and his wife Bibi Resham Kaur were also ardent devotees of Maharaj Ji. Shri Swaran Dass passed his matriculation examination during the year 1961 and he requested Maharaj Ji that he wanted to go to U.K. Maharaj Ji replied, “You are physically very weak. What work will you do there?” Thereafter Maharaj Ji paused for a while and then said “All right! You can go there.

God will bless you and help you to accomplish all tasks.” His children Surinder and Rajinder also joined him in U.K. during the year 1965. Shri Swaran Dass Bangar donated 10 acres land to the Dera during 1970. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left this world for the realm of God during June, 1972 and Shri Swaran Dass Bangar organized a free medical camp for treatment of eyes at the Dera every year in the sacred memory of Maharaj Ji. When Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Eye Hospital was constructed at the Dera during 2007, he donated Rs.1,11,11,111/ (Rupees one crore eleven lakh eleven thousand one hundred and eleven) for the eye hospital. He has extremely dedicated devotion for the Dera and he always makes very

liberal donations for various projects of the Dera from time to time. He explains in a very humble and forthright manner that whatever he has been able to achieve in life, all that is surely because of the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **343. Reading Thoughts of Raunki Ram's Mind**

Shri Raunki Ram and Bibi Jeeto Ji from village Raouwali were devoted followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once they wanted to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and they discussed amongst themselves about the offering to be made while paying regards to Maharaj Ji. Bibi Jeeto said "We should offer eleven rupees but Shri Raunki Ram said that we shall offer one rupee." They left their home and reached Kutiya with such thoughts in their minds. Bibi Jeeto placed eleven rupees and paid her regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji retained one rupee and returned them balance ten rupees. Maharaj Ji said "Raunki Ram! You had decided to make an offering of only one rupee." When Shri Raunki Ram listened that he was greatly amazed. He prostrated at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet with utmost devotion. Maharaj Ji always knew about the inner thoughts of his devotees like this.

### **344. Enhancement of Life Span of Bibi Kartar Kaur**

S. Channan Singh and Bibi Kartar Kaur from village Naugajja were very devoted followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once Bibi Kartar Kaur fell ill and her condition was quite serious. There was no hope for her survival. She prayed to Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and said "Maharaj Ji! Kindly be merciful to me. Let my son get married in my presence.

I want that someone should be available to open the door of this house after my departure." It was the month of Poh (December-January) that time. Maharaj Ji replied "Your son's marriage is scheduled for the month of Sawan (June-July). All right! Your life span has been extended by one year and you will certainly witness your son's marriage and live for 6 months more." Their son Mehinga Singh was married during the month of Sawan and Bibi Kartar Kaur lived for six months more after her son's wedding. She left for her heavenly abode nearly six months later. Maharaj Ji thus very kindly extended her life by

one year and she was able to witness the wedding ceremony of her son.

### **345. Omniscient Satguru**

Shri Jeetu Ram and Bibi Charan Kaur resident of village Ballan were devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Bibi Charan Kaur explained that one day she was on her way to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and she stopped for some time on the way to talk to someone. When she reached the Kutiya, Maharaj Ji said to her "My daughter! Don't stop on the way to talk to anyone. You should come straight to the Kutiya". Omniscient Satguru Maharaj Ji knew everything about his devotees all the time.

### **346. Your Poverty will Vanish**

Shri Jeetu Ram and Bibi Charan Kaur from village Ballan were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and they were extremely poor. They prayed to Maharaj Ji one day and said "Maharaj Ji! We are extremely poor. Kindly be merciful and help us to overcome our abject poverty." Maharaj Ji very kindly conveyed his blessings and said "Don't worry! When your son Sewa grows up your poverty will vanish." Their son Sewa grew up and migrated to Canada in due course of time. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and the impoverished family became prosperous with Maharaj Ji's blessings.

### **347. Eternally True Words**

Shri Jeetu Ram and Bibi Charan Kaur from village Ballan were dedicated devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They explained that they bought a cow once. However, whenever they wanted to milk the cow, the cow never cooperated and often jumped around. They were very irritated and fed up as they could not get any milk from that cow. Finally they met Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji one day and prayed "Maharaj Ji! We purchased a cow but she does not permit us to milk her and we are unable to get any milk." Maharaj Ji advised them to bring the cow to the Dera. When they brought the cow, Maharaj Ji patted the cow and said "Will you yield milk for these people here or not??" The cow shook her head indicating her unwillingness. Maharaj Ji then said "Jeetu Ram! This cow will not yield any milk at your home. Therefore you should sell

it.”Then Jeetu Ram sold the cow back to the earlier owners. The cow yielded normal volume of milk in that house. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true.

### **348. This Girl will be very Lucky for You**

Shri Karam Chand Ji and Bibi Pritam Kaur Ji from village Ramdasspur were very devoted disciples of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. They had three daughters over a period of time. When the fourth girl child was born in their house, Shri Karam Chand Ji went to Kutuya to meet Sant Hari Dass Ji. He prayed “Maharaj Ji! We begot a girl child even this time. Kindly be merciful to us.” Sant Hari Dass Ji said “Your daughter is indeed blessed and extremely lucky. She will be your saviour. You should go home happily and pursue meditation of God regularly” They named her Sunita. Later they were blessed with two sons in due course of time.

Shri Karam Chand explained that the fortunes of the family turned very favourable since the birth of baby Sunita and we became prosperous as she grew. Our elder daughter Jasvinder Kaur migrated to Canada in due course of time with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. Later all members of the family joined Jasvinder Kaur in Canada. Thus all members of the family have settled down happily in Canada. They say that all that has been possible only because of benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Sant Hari Dass Ji.

### **349. Saviour of Devotees**

Shri Ratan Singh and Bibi Bhago from village Mannan were very profound disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They had three sons named Dilawar Singh, Sucha Singh and Gurdip Singh. Sucha Singh and Gurdip Singh used to sleep at their farm. Once while they were fast asleep during the night, some thieves stole their tractor trolley. Maharaj Ji saved them from loss in a unique way. Both Sucha Singh and Gurdip Singh visualized train passing over them in their dreams and they got up terrified at once. When they woke up the thieves left the tractor trolley and ran away. Next morning their mother Bibi Bhago came to Dera and paid her regards to Maharaj Ji and then she said “Maharaj Ji! We escaped from any loss when thieves came to steal last night.” Maharaj Ji replied “Don't worry! All is

well that ends well.” Maharaj Ji always protected the devotees in many ways.

### **350. Last Moments of Shri Gurdas Ram Ji**

Shri Gurdas Ram Ji was a very profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He built a temple at his residence to commemorate the sacred memory of his revered Satguru Maharaj Ji. Before the end of his life's journey on December 7, 2011 Shri Gurdas Ram Ji explained to his family members “I have no desire any more now. My Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was here a short while ago and Maharaj Ji has told me about the exact time and date when I shall leave this world for the realm of God. Maharaj Ji has also shown me the place where I am destined to go. Therefore all of you must pursue meditation of God regularly and do not worry about me.” Later he told us on December 7, 2011 that his venerated Satguru Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji had arrived to escort him to Sachkhand. This is how Shri Gurdas Ram Ji bid farewell to this perishable world for ever and left for his heavenly abode.

*Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne apne sewak te karam kamaiya!*

*Sewak Gurdas Ram Ji ne jiwān guran de lekhe laiya!*

*Sankalāp satguru Ravidass de roop sadhu nu guru banaouna!*

*Mann aanand ho giya guru Sarwan Dass de roop ch paouna!*

*Guru prapat karke satguru Ravidass hae paiya!*

*Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne apne sewak te karam kamaiya!*

*Tangh har samēn rahibar di yad nu ghar ch banavan!*

*Rabb roop guru Sarwan Dass Ji di sobha har dam ganvan!*

*Nek kamayi karke tinn manzila asthan banaiya!*

*Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne apne sewak te karam kamaiya!*

*Bibi Bachni bimar ho gayi doctoran ne jwab sunaiya!*

*Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne ikk di bajaye do bachiyan da Hukam sunaiya!*

*Kahinde hath jorh ke wadda larhka tuhade charni layia!*

*Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne apne sewak te karam kamaiya!*

*Bhajan simran karke hae lok-pralok sukhi banaiya!*

*Gurupoore ne Begampure ch pahila sthan dikhaiya!*

*Chinta koyi nahin hae guru Sarwan Dass hae maenu laen aaiya!*

*Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji ne apne sewak te karam kamaiya!  
Sewak Gurdas Ram Ji ne jiwān guran de lekhe laiya! Or*

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has been very kind to his devoted disciple who has very kindly made the human life of humble devotee Gurdas Ram truly fruitful. He had resolved in his mind to have a revered saint like Shri Guru Ravidass Ji only as his venerated guru. He was overwhelmed with ecstatic joy when he had the good fortune to become a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He realized Satguru Ravidass Ji in his venerated guru. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has been very kind to his devoted disciple.

He always longed to build a memorial at home to perpetuate the memory of his revered Guru Ji so that he can sing paeans of the grandeur of his God like Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Finally he succeeded in building a three storied temple to perpetuate the memory of his venerated Guru Ji. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed his disciple to fulfil his dream. When his infant son passed away, Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to his devotee that he would beget two more sons. He then prayed with folded hands that the elder one of those two sons would be offered to serve at the lotus feet of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has been very kind to his devoted disciple.

He devoted his entire life to meditation of God and made his present human life fruitful and earned an honourable place in the realm of God. He was shown his real place in Sachkhand Begumpura in advance by his venerated Satguru. He happily declared during his last moments that there was nothing to worry as Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji had materialized to escort his noble soul. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has been very kind to his devoted disciple who has very kindly made the human life of humble devotee Gurdas Ram truly fruitful.

### **351. Blessing S. Puran Singh's Family**

S. Pooran Singh and Bibi Mahon from Kishangarh were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He was facing a court case during 1970 - 71. He sent his son Mahinder

Singh to meet Maharaj Ji and seek advice. Mahinder Singh thought in his mind that he must see Maharaj Ji directly. Therefore he left his house for the Kutiya during night itself. Maharaj Ji met him at 1 a.m. just past midnight near canal bank and said "You bothered me for the whole night." Anyway, you should return home and rest assured that everything will get sorted out. S. Pooran Singh was acquitted by the court within the next few days. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Pooran Singh's family this way.

### **352. End of Sufferings of Shri Pal Chand**

Shri Pal Chand Ji son of Shri Hazara Ram Ji from village Wadala was a dedicated devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He explained that whenever he ate food, he used to suffer from pain in his chest. He received treatment for a very long time but he could not get any relief from anywhere. He was fed up and frustrated as he did not recover despite treatment. Therefore one day he thought that he should explain his problem to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and seek help. He woke up very early in the morning and made up his mind to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya that day. When he reached the Kutiya Maharaj Ji was sitting there. As he moved closer to pay his regards to Maharaj Ji, Maharaj Ji himself walked up to him and said "You have been bothering my mind since morning. Let me end your worries today."

Pal Chand could not understand the significance of Maharaj Ji's words. Then Maharaj Ji slapped him on his face annoyingly and said "Your problem will be resolved today." Maharaj Ji asked Hawaigir (Sant Niranjan Dass Ji) to fetch some water. When Sant Niranjan Dass Ji brought the water in a pot, Maharaj Ji threw the water on Pal Chand's face. Thereafter Maharaj Ji asked the devotees to serve him meals comprising of stale chapatis. He never had any pain in his chest once he finished eating his meals in the community kitchen. Shri Pal Chand says "Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is incarnation of God and Maharaj Ji's grandeur is beyond description in words. It is impossible to find any other Guru like Maharaj Ji." This is how Maharaj Ji vanquished the sufferings of Shri Chand. Glory to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji!

*Sewak pind wadale da rahin wala, babe Hazare da putt  
hae Pal kahinde!*

*Roti khandiyan sine vich dard hove, paiya pirh ne dadha  
si jal kahinde!*

*Dawa kha-kha ke bahut preshan hoiya, aave aaram na  
hoiya behal kahinde!*

*Ikk din sochiya guran nu chal dassan, guru Sarwan Dass  
tayin hal kahinde!*

*Saver sar uthiya Ballan javne laiye, nahin rukna chahe  
aave bhuchal kahinde!*

*Jadon Kutiya de vich ja pahunchiya si, agge baethe si  
guru Sarwan Dass kamal kahinde!*

*Hale chaliya si namaskar karne, aap hi aa gaye guru  
pashan hal kahinde!*

*Guran aakhiya saver da tun dukhi kita, ajj shaddna hae  
taenu nikal kahinde!*

*Samajh aave na Pal Chand tayin, guran aakhiya roh de  
nal kahinde!*

*Fir munh te khich ke chaperh mari, hal karna hae tera  
sawal kahinde!*

*Hukam kita Hawaigir diyo pani, fir munh te mariya pani  
ushal kahinde!*

*Mithe parshade shakao iss nu sewadaro, hukam kita hae  
karo nihal kahinde!*

*Uss vele ton kade nahin dard hoyi, roti khadi hae umran  
de sal kahinde!*

*Dhann dhann ne Sant Sarwan Dass guru, ajj takk  
kahinda hae dekh laou Pal kahinde!*

*Sant Sarwan Dass jihe guru labhne nahin, 'Kaile' hunde  
jo roop Akaal kahinde!*

The meaning and explanation of the poem given above is exactly the same as described in the first two paragraphs of this story.

### **353. Accomplishing all Tasks of Sukhvinder Lal**

Shri Atma Ram and Bibi Dharam Kaur Ji from village Dolike were very devoted disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was the year 1993 when Atma Ram's son



Sukhvinder Lal, who had gone to Dubai, was in deep trouble as he lost his passport. All members of the family were very upset because of that. Sukhvinder Lal's brother Sukhdev left his house for Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Sant Garib Dass Ji. However he went to another place and discussed about his brother's problem with someone. Then that person said "Your brother's problem will not get resolved." Sukhdev was extremely upset to hear that prophesy. He then went to meet Sant Garib Dass Ji and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Sant Garib Dass Ji said "You have been wandering elsewhere to seek a solution? Don't worry! Your problem will get resolved with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. You may go back to your house now." Later Sukhvinder Lal discussed his problem with the government officials in Dubai and he got his passport back and all of his problems were resolved amicably. This is how Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji blessed Shri Sukhvinder Lal Ji and vanquished his sufferings.

### **354. Reading Thoughts of Mind**

Shri Karam Chand Ji resident of village Alipur was the follower of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. He used to sing Gurbani hymns accompanied by Iktara- a single stringed musical instrument and a pair of flutes. Once, Shri Karam Chand and his companions decided to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan. When they left for the Dera, his colleagues commented "We are too late. Are we going there only to have community meals?" Then Shri Karam Chand Ji replied "We will definitely go to Dera today." When they reached at Dera and paid their regards to Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji said "You said while leaving your home for this Dera that you will have meals here. All right! Go to the community kitchen and have your food." All of them were extremely surprised to hear that. They wondered how Maharaj Ji knew what they discussed. Omniscient Maharaj Ji always knew about the inner thoughts of the minds of his disciples.

### **355. Saving S. Swaran Singh**

S. Swaran Singh and Bibi Gurbachan Kaur from village Ballan were disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They stay in U.K. these days. S. Swaran Singh worked in Pilibhit in

U.P. during the year 1963. Once he went to Kailash River and he fell into the river accidentally. He remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji while he was almost getting drowned in turbulent water. He later explained that Maharaj Ji caught hold of him from his head and threw him out of the river. He was thus miraculously saved. Later when he visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji said “Never go in deep water again.” In this way Maharaj Ji saved S. Swaran Singh.

### **356. Saints Live Eternally**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji abandoned his perishable human body to be one with God on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1972. Shri Swaran Singh was ploughing his field close to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya in the morning on 12th June 1972, when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized and talked to him. When he returned to his home after ploughing the field, someone told him that Maharaj Ji left this world for Sachkhand the realm of God yesterday. Then Swaran Singh replied that he had met Maharaj Ji in his fields just a short while ago that morning. Foot prints of Maharaj Ji's lotus are still clearly visible there. In this way Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is present all the time by the side of his devotees even after abandoning his perishable human body.

### **357. Faith of a Devotee**

Shri Mulkh Raj from village Abadpura, Jalandhar is a profound devotee of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He spent his childhood in Ballan at his uncle's home. During his stay at Ballan, he got the wonderful opportunity to serve Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji used to fondly call him as Neela with great love and affection. After some time he went to Saudi Arabia to work there. After some years he returned back to India. He always used to keep a photo of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji with him. He narrated the further story as follows:

When I boarded a bus from Delhi to Jalandhar I kept my entire luggage on roof top of the bus but I retained a bag that contained photograph of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji in my lap. I occupied the seat adjacent to the bus driver's seat. When the bus reached close to Rajpura then it met with a terrible accident

with a truck. The collision was so terrible that the window panes of the bus were completely broken. The glass pane and wind screen in front of the driver was also shattered but it remained intact in front of me. I was holding that bag tightly close to my chest at the time of the collision. All passengers travelling by that bus and the driver were injured seriously. But I did not even suffer a scratch on my body by Maharaj Ji's grace. I quickly started the rescues operations to take people out of the bus and meanwhile more volunteers joined me. This is how one's revered Satguru always remains by the side of his devotees and protects them from all sorts of troubles.

### **358. Devout Love of Devotees moves Saints**

Shri Mulkh Raj from Abadpura has been a devout follower of saints of Dera Sachkhand Ballan since his childhood. He narrated the story as follows: Once local residents of the village organized a spiritual congregation at Shri Guru Ravidass Temple Abadpura and invited Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji, spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan at that time, to grace the occasion. The temple, where the spiritual congregation was scheduled to be held, was near to his house. When he came to know that his revered Satguru Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji will grace the occasion, then he took leave from his work place. His wife said to him "We must make sure that Maharaj Ji also visits our house." He narrated further details as follows. I went to the market for some urgent work and asked my wife to remain alert about Maharaj Ji's arrival. Somehow I was held up in the market and Sant Hari Dass Ji left the temple after conclusion of the function. When I reached home my wife started to quarrel with me and blamed me for the bad luck because Maharaj Ji didn't visit our home despite the temple being so close to the house. I said "It is indeed our misfortune that God returned back from our doorstep.

Just at that very moment we heard the sound of horn of Maharaj Ji's jeep and Sant Hari Dass Ji knocked at our door soon thereafter. Maharaj Ji said "Neela! Don't quarrel. I have just arrived and you can get anything done from me as you wish. While we were really very surprised with this positive development, we were also ecstatic with joy on arrival of

Maharaj Ji. Sant Rama Nand Ji and Shri Beli Ram, resident of village Ballan, were also with Maharaj Ji at that time. Shri Beli Ram Ji then said “Maharaj Ji was sitting at someone's house at Butan Mandi and the hosts offered a glass of milk to Sant Hari Dass Ji. However Maharaj Ji didn't drink the milk and told everyone that we must leave that place and head for Abadpura at once and we stopped the jeep only in front of your house.” This is how omniscient Maharaj Ji knew about our thoughts and fulfilled the wishes of his dear devotees.

### **359. Sincere Prayer never goes Waste**

Shri Mulkh Raj Viridi from Abadpura narrated this story. Once I suffered from severe back-ache and intense pain in my legs. I took lot of treatment but I did not get any relief. It became difficult for me to earn my livelihood with that painful condition. I was hardly able to walk and yet I decided to Visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on the auspicious occasion of Maghi - the first day of Magh month as per Vikram Samvat calendar. We could travel by bus those days only up to the bus stop on the main highway and then walk a long distance on foot to reach Kutiya. I travelled by bus and got down at the bus stand east of village Ballan but I could hardly walk to reach Kutiya. I had to sit down after walking a few steps in intense pain and somehow I managed to reach Kutiya with great difficulty taking rest at several places on my way. When I reached the Kutiya, I bowed down to in front of Samadhi (meditation) of Maharaj Hari Dass Ji to pay my regards. I wept bitterly for long time sitting there with tears flowing uncontrolled from my eyes and I prayed to Sant Hari Dass Ji. I remembered Sant Hari Dass Ji for a very long time sitting there and later returned home. When I woke up next morning I was amazed to note that my back-ache and severe leg pain had totally vanished and I was miraculously cured. I was absolutely fit and fine with the grace of Maharaj Ji as if I had never been ill with severe pain.

### **360. Don't Trample Diamonds under your Feet**

There are infinite beautiful stories about the grandeur and genius of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that his devotees narrate and listen to with great interest. This is yet another wonderful story in continuation of the earlier ones as follows. Shri Jarnail

Ram and Bibi Giyan Kaur are very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once, their son Ravi Kiran fell ill and he was weeping bitterly. He was constantly crying but his exact illness was not known. Many people suggested them to seek treatment at different places. However Shri Jarnail Ram and Bibi Giyan Kaur took their son on bicycle and reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya early in the morning on 9th June 1972. When they reached there they learnt that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sick. No one was normally allowed to meet Maharaj Ji. When Bibi Giyan Kaur requested the volunteers to permit her and her sick child to meet Maharaj Ji; the volunteers refused her permission to go inside. However she pleaded many times and said "As her son was critically ill, they should be permitted to meet Maharaj Ji."

Finally she was permitted to take her child inside to meet Maharaj Ji. When Bibi Giyan Kaur went inside the room, Maharaj Ji was sitting on the cot and Maharaj Ji's feet rested on the ground. Bibi Giyan Kaur made her son to lie down close to the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said "Bibi! Diamonds are not meant to be trampled under feet." Maharaj Ji caressed Ravi Kiran's head fondly and conveyed his kind blessings. Maharaj Ji said "This child has to visit foreign countries abroad." Maharaj Ji then asked his mother to pick up the child who had stopped crying. He was absolutely calm and well after receiving Maharaj Ji's blessings. Ravi Kiran stays abroad even these days and he is leading a very happy and prosperous life with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

### **361. Blessing Shri Karam Chand and Bibi Nirmal Kaur with Children**

It was the year 1973. Shri Karam Chand and Bibi Nirmal Kaur, hailing from village Wadala near Butan Mandi, had no child even though they had married about 4-5 years ago. One day they listened about the glory of revered saints of Dera Sachkhand Ballan from Block Development Officer Shri Gurbachan Singh. Shri Gurbachan Singh took Shri Karam Chand and Bibi Nirmal Kaur to Dera Sachkhand Ballan one day. They met Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji for the first time. They paid

their regards to Maharaj Ji and humbly prayed to be blessed with offspring. Sant Hari Dass Ji very kindly said “Don't worry! Everything will be all right.” After some years they were blessed with three sons over a period of time with Maharaj Ji's blessings. Thereafter Bibi Nirmal Kaur requested Maharaj Ji to kindly bless her with a daughter as well. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji listened to her prayer and conveyed his kind blessings. A baby girl was born in their home with Maharaj Ji's grace in due course of time. All members of the family live happily in Canada these days and they are devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

*(Shri Kuldip Kaily son of Shri Karam Chand and Bibi Nirmal Kaur, Canada)*

### **362. Blessing Shri Sansar Chand to become an Officer**

Shri Lashkar Singh and Bibi Piaro Devi from village Kala Bahian are profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They joined a congregation of devotees one day to listen to a spiritual discourse by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during the year 1967. Their son Sansar Chand, who was about 6-7 years old at that time, also accompanied them. Maharaj Ji fondly picked up young boy Sansar Chand in his lap and conveyed his blessings. Maharaj Ji said “I shall ensure that you become an officer in due course of time.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as Shri Sansar Chand Ji is an Officer in the office of Commissioner, Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax.

### **363. Protecting Shri Lakhmi Dass Ji**

Police Inspector Shri Lakhmi Dass Ji is resident of Mohalla Kot Ramdass, Jalandhar. His native village is Raipur. He was suffering from severe sciatica pain. An Ayurvedic physician advised him to eat a specific vegetable. However because of wrong identity and misunderstanding; he and his family members consumed vegetable prepared from poisonous *Datura (Nux vomica)* leaves. All members of the family fell unconscious and they were admitted in Civil Hospital, Jalandhar. There was little chance of their survival as they suffered serious mental disorder. Shri Lakhmi Dass had a vision of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on the third day and he and his

family members regained consciousness. He then told his family members about Maharaj Ji's kind benevolence to save all of them. All members of the family are devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan even these days and Shri Satpal younger son of Shri Lakhmi Dass Ji is Senior Divisional Manger based at Sangrur.

### **364. Fulfilment of Bibi Vidya Ji's Wish**

Shri Pala Ram Ji and Bibi Gabi Ji were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their son Shri Amar Nath Ji migrated to England during 1959. He was married with Bibi Vidya Ji in 1966. Bibi Vidya knew that all the family members of her husband were devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She desperately wished that she should have a glimpse of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew everything very well. Benevolent Maharaj Ji materialized one day before her marriage and Bibi Vidya had a clear vision of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in England.

### **365. When Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji banged the Door**

Shri Amar Nath Ji and Bibi Vidya Ji were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was during the year 1975 when Shri Amar Nath Ji and Bibi Vidya Ji were discussing amongst themselves how Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often used to knock at the doors of his disciples with his long walking stick around 4 a.m. to wake them up and then tell them to pursue meditation of God They also discussed that Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji hardly does that. The very next morning at 4 a.m; Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji banged the door of Shri Amar Nath Ji with his long walking stick exactly the same way as Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji did. Shri Amar Nath Ji and Bibi Vidya got up and they were extremely surprised to see Sant Hari Dass Ji at their door. Sant Hari Dass Ji then said "You have been saying that Sant Hari Dass Ji does not knock at the door like Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji." They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Ji and apologized for their unwarranted remarks. This is how both revered saints used to know about the inner thoughts of the minds of their devotees.

### **366. Don't observe Fast**

Shri Amar Nath Ji and Bibi Vidya Ji from Birmingham

were profound devotees of Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji. Once Bibi Vidya Ji resolved to observe fast on 12 different days and she desired that she should be able to meet Sant Garib Dass Ji on the occasion of the last day of fasting. Sant Garib Dass Ji visited Birmingham and visited her residence on the occasion of her last fast. Bibi Vidya Ji was extremely delighted. However Sant Garib Dass Ji advised her not to resort to such fasting in future. Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji also said 'I would have anyway met you today even if you had not resorted to such fasting.'

### **367. Write to me after going Abroad**

Shri Sohan Lal Viridi, Bibi Lakshmi Ji and their son Satpal Viridi, who is an advocate, went to meet Maharaj Ji one day. They paid their regards and then Shri Satpal prayed "Maharaj Ji! We are very poor and I have seven sisters. Kindly help us." Then Maharaj Ji said "You should send me a letter after reaching the foreign country." Maharaj Ji's kind words transformed his life and within a few days Shri Satpal went to Iran to work there.

### **368. Protecting Shri Satpal Ji**

Shri Satpal Ji went to Iran and worked in that country. However there was a terrible earthquake that devastated many parts of Iran during 1980. Shri Satpal Ji was sleeping in a basement that night. Maharaj Hari Dass Ji materialized there in his basement and woke him up and brought Satpal out of the basement just before the earthquake struck. A little while thereafter, the basement was destroyed by the massive earthquake. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji saved his devotee this way well in time.

### **369. Start Road Construction from Here**

Shri Dana Ram Ji, resident of village from Dhaliwal Kadiyan was a profound devotee of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. Once he came to meet Sant Hari Dass Ji and said "Maharaj Ji! Government has invited tenders for construction of some roads." Maharaj Ji just asked him to have tea. Shri Dana Ram Ji came back after having tea. However even then Maharaj Ji did not say anything about the tender. The person who had accompanied Shri Dana Ram Ji then told him jokingly "Dana Ram! You have devout faith in saints, but Sant Hari Dass Ji did



not even say a word. He met Maharaj Ji for the second time and made the same submission. Sant Hari Dass Ji did not say anything about the tender even this time and his companion ridiculed him. But Shri Dana Ram had complete faith in Maharaj Ji. Therefore Shri Dana Ram Ji again went to Maharaj Ji for the third time when tenders were invited again. He prayed to Sant Hari Dass Ji for advice. Then Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji said “Go ahead and start to construct the road from here itself.” Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Dana Ram in this unique way and his tender for construction of road was accepted.

### **370. You will find Work that will be easy to Handle**

Shri Devi Ditta and Bibi Swaran Kaur Ji were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their son Shri Swaran Dass Bangar used to visit Maharaj Ji's durbar regularly. Simultaneously he pursued his studies seriously and Shri Swaran Dass Bangar passed his 10th class in 1954 with Maharaj Ji's blessings and active support. Earlier Shri Swaran Singh, Shri Fakir Singh and Giani Bishna Ram also passed their 10th class with Maharaj Ji's blessings. Shri Swaran Dass Bangar was married with Bibi Resham Kaur during 1956. She also visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya regularly. It was during the year 1962 that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji permitted Shri Swaran Dass Bangar to migrate to England and Maharaj Ji said 'It will not be possible for you to do hard manual work there. However you will get suitable work that you will be able to handle very comfortably.' Shri Buta Ram Ji sponsored his visit to U.K. and he went to England. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and he got the job of an operator in a factory that manufactured cars.

### **371. Spiritual Path**

Bibi Resham Kaur Ji used to visit Maharaj Ji's durbar everyday to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and render useful voluntary services. One day during the harvest season of wheat Bibi Resham Kaur Ji left her house with a pot of milk on her way to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Meanwhile omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told Hawaigir (Sant Niranjana Dass Ji Maharaj) “Bibi Resham Kaur is coming to the Kutiya alone. Just go quickly and bring her here.” Hawaigir Ji left

immediately and returned to Kutiya along Bibi Resham Kaur Ji short while later. Maharaj Ji asked her to sit down comfortably nearby and then explained to her all aspects of devout meditation of God including five words of Naam, their meaning and significance, different stages of ascent of soul during meditation and the Anahad Naad or the eternal celestial musical sounds.

### **372. Direct Clear Vision**

Bibi Resham Kaur Ji went to England. She safely kept some funds to be contributed to Maharaj Ji's Kutia in Ballan. However she could not send that contribution timely and meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left this perishable world to be one with God on 11th June 1972. Later one day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized and she had very clear direct vision of Maharaj Ji at her home in England. She also then remembered about the funds she had saved for donation to Maharaj Ji's Kutia. Bibi Resham Kaur Ji then made arrangements to send the donation to Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Shri Swaran Dass Bangar and Bibi Resham Kaur Ji have been organising free medical camp for treatment of eyes of patients at Dera Sachkhand Ballan every year for the last many years. The family members have also made major donations for many social projects implemented by the Dera in India. The family members are truly great philanthropists who make liberal contributions for social and spiritual purposes regularly.

### **373. Just wait for two Weeks**

Shri Swaran Dass Bangar and Bibi Resham Kaur had migrated to England with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan every year without fail. Bibi Resham Kaur visited the Dera during 1994 and wanted to return back after normal stay. When she sought permission of Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji to return to England, Maharaj Ji said "Stay here for about two weeks more." But Bibi Resham Kaur did not understand the significance of those words and she took leave and returned to England. On the last day of the second week Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji left this perishable world to be one with God on 23th July 1994.

### **374. When Maharaj Ji suddenly Disappeared**

Shri Mohan Singh husband of Bibi Gurmit Kaur Ji, who is sister of S. Banta Singh, once fell seriously ill. He had high fever and he had no relief despite treatment. Shri Banta Singh Ji then went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and mentioned about the high fever of Mohan Singh that was not getting normal. Then Maharaj Ji said “Just bring him to me.” They came to meet Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji asked Mohan Singh to sit down close by me. Maharaj Ji then patted him on the back and blessed him. He became fine soon and his fever just vanished. Later one day his sister's husband, who was a captain in the army, came to see Shri Mohan Singh. The captain did not have any faith in saints. Shri Mohan Singh Ji asked the captain to accompany him to meet Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked both of them to stay in the ashram that night with them. They stayed for the night as desired by Maharaj Ji. They were asked to sleep close to Maharaj Ji's bed. When they woke up during the night they saw that Maharaj Ji just disappeared from the bed before their eyes. They could not find Maharaj Ji for 4 hours and then Maharaj Ji suddenly materialized out of nowhere in front of them and they were amazed to see Maharaj Ji. Both of them prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji after witnessing that unique incident.

### **375. Love to Children**

Shri Mohan Singh and Bibi Gurmit Kaur Ji were very dedicated devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They went to England by Maharaj Ji's grace. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji wrote a letter to them and Maharaj Ji concluded that letter by dictating at the end “Love to your sons and daughters.” The devotee wrote the concluding words accordingly. However then he said “Maharaj Ji! They have only daughters and no son yet.” Then Maharaj Ji replied “Anyway don't change any words that have already been written.” Later Shri Mohan Singh and Bibi Gurmit Kaur Ji were blessed with two sons over a period of time by Maharaj Ji's grace.

### **376. Final Interaction**

Shri Mohan Singh and Bibi Gurmit Kaur had utmost devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They often visited

the Dera. One day Bibi Gurmit Kaur Ji came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said “Bibi! This is the last time we are meeting.” Bibi Gurmit Kaur didn't understand the significance of those words. Then Maharaj Ji left this world for Sachkhand on 11th June, 1972. Bibi Gurmit Kaur then realized that Maharaj Ji had already told her that they would not meet again but she couldn't understand same at that time.

### **377. Inexhaustible Wealth**

Shri Amar Singh and Bibi Shinno Ji lived in village Raipur Rasulpur. They were very dedicated devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Amar Singh Ji went to England. But Bibi Shinno could not go to U.K. as she did not get visa. Later one day Bibi Shinno went to the Dera and prayed “Maharaj Ji! I have not been able to get visa to travel to U.K. to join my husband. Kindly convey your blessings.” Maharaj Ji very kindly said “You will go to England soon and you will never have any shortage of money.” She went to England by Maharaj Ji's grace very soon thereafter. She explained that they have no lack of money and the family is quite prosperous with Maharaj Ji's blessings.

### **378. Benevolence for Shri Dharam Pal**

Shri Dharam Pal Ji from Ram Nagar was profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He worked as Station Master in Railways. He went to England by Maharaj Ji's grace during 1962. Maharaj Ji told him at the time of his departure that he would get similar work in England also. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as he got a job with the Railways on reaching England. He retired as Supervisor in the British Railways after serving for 34 years.

### **379. Saving Shri Dharam Pal**

It was the year 1963 when Shri Dharam Pal was operating a machine. While he was operating the machine, his arm was almost getting struck in the machine but he had a providential escape with Maharaj Ji's grace. Shri Piara Lal Madhar was also visited the Dera at that time and he said that Dharam Pal had a narrow escape. When Shri Dharam Pal reached home from the factory then he saw a letter sent by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for him. Maharaj Ji had written in that letter “You have been

saved this time but you must operate machines with utmost care and concentration in future.”

### **380. High Posts**

Seth Bhulla Ram and Bibi Kirpo Ji were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their children's named were Shri Sharda Ram, Shri Goni Ram, Shri Ratan Chand, Shri Pooran Chand and Shri Piare Lal. Shri Ratan Chand, Shri Puran Chand and Shri Piare Lal Madhar passed B.A. with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Ratan Chand stood first in Punjab. Maharaj Ji told them that they would get high government posts. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Shri Ratan Chand got the job with Intelligence Bureau of India and he retired from the post of Deputy Director.

### **381. Flight is waiting for us to Board**

Sant Garib Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji went to England during the year 1991. They left Shri Baldev Madhar's residence to travel to Sacramento. Many devotees joined the entourage including Shri Piare Lal Madhar, Shri Harbans Lal Shonki, Shri Nirmal Chandar, Shri Dharam Singh, Shri Santa Singh, Shri Charan Dass Rattu, Shri Ram Kishan Mehmi, Shri Swaran Dass Bangar etc. Some other devotees were also with them. However when they were on their way to the airport, Dr. Baldev came to know about a serious road accident ahead on the way at Sevens Bridge. He told Maharaj Ji that the road was blocked ahead because of the accident and they might miss the flight. Then Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji said “The flight is waiting for us to board.” When they finally reached the airport one hour behind the scheduled departure of the flight; the plane had still not taken off. ” They boarded the flight and then the plane took off. Local staff at the airport later told the devotees that the flight was delayed as the plane engines were not getting started. However the flight has taken off in normal manner when the revered saints boarded the flight

### **382. Blessing with Children**

Shri Shankar Singh and Bibi Bhago from Harkhowal got married 10 years ago but they had no child. They got treatment from at innumerable famous hospitals but it was all in vain. Bibi

Bhago's sister Bibi Mahon lived at Nangal Badhan. Bibi Mahon and her husband Shri Hazara Ram Badhan accompanied Bibi Bhago and they met Maharaj Ji at Dera Sachkhand Ballan on 10th June. They explained the whole matter to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said "Don't wander around here and there anymore. Just keep visiting this Dera regularly." They followed Maharaj Ji's advice in letter and spirit and visited the Dera regularly and rendered voluntary services. They were blessed with a child after one year with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji. They had three children over a period of time Balwinder, Narinder and Avtar.

### **383. Blessings to beget Children**

Shri Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Har Kaur Ji lived in Abadpura. They were very dedicated devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They bought agricultural land in Kapurthala and Maharaj Ji once paid a visit to bless their land. During that visit, they prayed to Maharaj Ji that they had no offspring and they sought Maharaj Ji's blessings to beget children. Then benevolent Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind blessings to them. They had two children over a period of time with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. They were named Mohan Singh Bawa and Harbans Singh. They donated their son Shri Mohan Singh Bawa to Maharaj Ji. Later Maharaj Ji made arrangements for his marriage.

### **384. Take him Home and he will get Well**

Shri Piare Lal Ji lived in village Biaspind. He was married with Parsin Kaur. They were very dedicated devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Piare Lal migrated to England. Their son Shri Raj Kumar fell ill during 1956. They got him treated by several doctors but there was no improvement in his condition. Doctors finally expressed their inability to help him. His parents took him to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed for treatment of their son. Maharaj Ji said "Just take him home. He will get well soon." When they reached their home, Raj Kumar recovered quickly and got well. Maharaj Ji's kind words proved to be absolutely true.

### **385. Travel to England from Delhi**

Shri Piare Lal Madhar Ji migrated to England. He made all possible efforts for his family members to join him but they could not get visas for their travel to England. Finally one day, his wife Smt. Parsin Kaur, sons Shri Chaman Lal Madhar, Shri Raj Madhar, Shri Kirpa Madhar, and daughters Sunita and Shakuntla went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They showed their passports to Maharaj Ji and prayed "Maharaj Ji! We have not been able to get visas for travel to England despite earnest efforts. Kindly be benevolent and convey your blessings." Maharaj Ji very kindly asked Sant Chetan Dass Ji to adorn all of them with flower garlands. Sant Chetan Dass Ji garlanded each one of them fondly. Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said "You should now go to the British High Commission in Delhi and then fly to England from Delhi itself." Sant Chetan Dass Ji said "Now that Maharaj Ji adorned you with garlands, you will definitely get visas and go to England now."

### **386. Shri Guru Ravidass Temple will be built Here**

Bibi Parsinni was resident of village Aema Mangat. She was a very devout devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Unfortunately her husband died in a short span of time after their marriage. She continued to visit Dera regularly even after that unfortunate event. During the year 1968, she visited Bibi Amar Kaur's residence along with her brother Shri Bhajna Ram and Bibi Amrit Kaur. Her son Surinder Pal, who was 4 - 5 years old at that time, also accompanied them. Maharaj Ji conducted a spiritual discourse at that place on that day. There was a vacant plot close to that house. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said "A temple dedicated to Shri Guru Ravidass Ji will be constructed here at this place some day." Shri Jagdish Mittal donated that land to Dera Sachkhand Ballan during 2008. Shri Guru Ravidass Temple has since been constructed at that location.

### **387. Blessing with Children**

Shri Bhagat Ram Ji and Bibi Dhanni Ji hailed from village Sarmastpur. They were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Unfortunately, their new born children used to die

soon after birth. Later they became disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji blessed them with sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji gave them his kurta to maintain safely at their home. They were blessed with children over a period of time and all of them lead normal lives. The names of their children are Shri Dev Raj, Shri Pritam Dass, Shri Baru Ram, Bibi Sukhta and Bibi Rodi Ji. This has been possible because of benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji.

### **388. Blessing Shri Munshi Ram's Son with a Job**

Shri Munshi Ram from village Ballan was a follower of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day his son Shri Darshan brought his younger brother Malkit along with him to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Darshan requested Maharaj Ji, "Maharaj Ji! This boy is my younger brother Malkit. He is a student of M.A. post-graduate degree course. Kindly bestow him with your blessings." Then Sant Sarwan Dass Ji said, "He will become a high ranked officer very soon." That is exactly what happened as Maharaj Ji's word proved to be eternal truth. Shri Malkit was successful in the competitive examination for Indian Police Service (IPS) after completing his M.A. degree. Now with Maharaj Ji's grace he has since retired from the post of Additional Director General Police, Uttar Pradesh

### **389. Blessing Shri Niranjan**

Shri Rakha Singh and Bibi Amar Kaur from village Arjanwal were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They often visited the Dera. They visited the Kutiya to meet Maharaj Ji when their son Niranjan wanted to go abroad. Maharaj Ji asked him "Where do you wish to go?" He replied "Maharaj Ji! I am going to Dubai." Maharaj Ji then said "There is too much sand all around in that country. However, you should not have any worries and you should continue to work there. You will settle down and work there and you will not come back." He continues to work in Dubai even till today with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

### **390. Reading Thoughts of Shri Kirpa Ram's Mind**

Shri Kirpa Ram son of Shri Milkhi Ram was resident of village Ramdaspur. He was a very dedicated devotee of Sant



Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji worked with the Indian Railways and he was posted at Vidhipur. He contemplated in his mind one day that he would hold Maharaj Ji in great esteem only if he gets transferred to a location close to his home. One day he came to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then sat down. Maharaj Ji asked him "Where are you going today?" He replied "Maharaj Ji! I am going to Vidhipur to resume my duty there." Then Maharaj Ji said "Vidhipur is a long distance away. You will get transferred to a nearby location Biaspind." He was transferred to Biaspind very soon thereafter. This is how Maharaj Ji knew about the inner thoughts of Shri Kirpa Ram's mind and fulfilled his desire and addressed his dilemma.

### **391. Maharaj Ji was deeply concerned about the Community**

O Supreme God! Kindly be benevolent to my community as well so that everyone in the community becomes prosperous. Shri Darshan Lal and Bibi Sital Kaur from Abadpura were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They always used to visit the Dera regularly. One day they came to the Dera and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked them to sit nearby.

Maharaj Ji then said "O God! When will the daughters and sisters of my community get rid of the need to carry grass bundles on their heads to feed the cattle?" Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always felt extremely concerned about the abject poverty and compulsion of the women from poor families to harvest grasses from field bunds of farmers' land to rear cattle. Maharaj Ji very often used to pray to God that the girls of this community should also become well educated and get dignified jobs to lead prosperous lives.

Extremely kind and benevolent Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always used to be concerned about the progress and economic development of poor backwards communities. It is heartening that our society is also making rapid progress these days with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

*(Shri Darshan Lal Ji Abadpura)*

### 392. Protection of Devotees

Shri Darshan Lal Ji explained this incident pertaining to the year 1962 when a fierce war was raging between India and China. Shri Darshan Lal Ji came to the Dera one day and he was amazed to see that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was engrossed in devout meditation standing on one leg. Later, he asked from Maharaj Ji “Maharaj Ji! Why were you standing like that on one leg?” Then Maharaj Ji replied “I have to protect and safeguard my devotees so that they do not suffer any harm.” Many devotees of Maharaj Ji visited Kutiya after the end of the war and said “Maharaj Ji! You had been always by our side at the war front to protect your devotees during the war.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always used to protect his disciples all the time.

*(Shri Darshan Lal Ji Abadpura)*

### 393. Saving life of Baldev

Shri Darshan Lal Ji and Bibi Sital were blessed with a son during the year 1967 and the child was named Baldev. The child was born prematurely and the doctors informed the parents that the child may not survive because of very premature birth. Darshan Lal Ji and his wife came to the Dera along with their infant son and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji looked at the child and said “Your son seems to be destined to live a short life span.” Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was also standing nearby at that time who listened to the observation of Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Sant Hari Dass Ji then prayed “Maharaj Ji! You are the only one who can extend his life span.” Benevolent and kind Maharaj Ji said “Hari Dass! All right, his life span has been extended.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly gave a new lease of life to Baldev this way.

*(Shri Darshan Lal Ji Abadpura)*

### 394. Serving Jalebis to Shri Darshan Lal

One day Shri Darshan Lal came to Dera. Then Maharaj Ji asked him, “Darshan Lal! Will you like to eat some jalebis?” Shri Darshan Lal was wondering how Maharaj Ji could offer him jalebis as the delicacy was not in stock and there was no expert sweets maker in the ashram to prepare fresh jalebis. Therefore he asked Maharaj Ji “Maharaj Ji! Have you engaged

a sweet maker to prepare jalebis?” Then Maharaj Ji just smiled. While this discussion was in progress a devotee from Bhogpur arrived with hot jalebis for the ashram. Darshan Lal was extremely surprised and he wondered how Maharaj Ji knew that someone was already on his way to the Kutiya with hot jalebis. Maharaj Ji also blessed him with sacred Naam that day.

*(Shri Darshan Lal Ji, Abadpura)*

### **395. Saving Life of Sant Harvinder Dass Ji**

Sant Harvinder Dass Ji fell seriously ill while he was a student of class VI and the doctors had expressed their inability to treat him. Babu Om Prakash and Bibi Pritam Kaur took him from Adampur to Mohalla Ram Nagar in serious condition to meet and pray to Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji who was on a short visit there along with Sant Rama Nand Ji.

They explained to Sant Hari Dass Ji that their son Harvinder Dass was seriously ill and the doctors had refused to treat him as there was no hope of his survival. On hearing this Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji caught hold of Harvinder Dass from both of his arms and helped him to stand up. Thereafter Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji said to him “You will be absolutely fine now onwards.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and Sant Harvinder Dass has been normal since then.

### **396. Your Work will not Suffer**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited the residence of Shri Gurdas Ram Ji, Village Suchi Pind during the year 1967 and blessed Shri Gurmel Ram, Shri Ram Sarup and Shri Krishan Chand with sacred Naam and served them sanctified amrita (nectar). Shri Ram Sarup Ji requested Maharaj Ji to say something about Gurmel. Maharaj Ji then said “His work will never suffer.” Shri Gurmel Viridi Ji worked as a driver in Saudi Arabia for 30 years without any interruption in his work. Shri Gurmel Ji is currently rendering selfless voluntary services at Ravidassia Dharam Prachar Asthan, Kahanpur these days.

### **397. You will beget five Children**

Shri Gurmel Viridi married Bibi Vidya from village Naugajja during the year 1969. They came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji after their marriage and they paid their regards

at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was very happy to meet them. They used to visit the ashram on every Sankranti and Sunday to meet Maharaj Ji and render voluntary services. One day both husband and wife requested Maharaj Ji to bless them with offspring. Benevolent Satguru Maharaj Ji said “You will have five children over a period of time.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth as three sons and two daughters were born at Gurmel's home over a period of time.

*(Shri Gurmel Virdi)*

### **398. Blessing with Children**

Shri Atma Ram Ji's son Shri Harbilas resident of village Bulandpur married Bibi Ratni. They were blessed with a son in due course of time. However, unfortunately each child died within the womb during subsequent pregnancies. They learnt about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Shri Jeet Ram and Bibi Jeeto and they accompanied them to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed for blessings of Maharaj Ji so that they could beget offspring. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly said “Pursue meditation of God regularly and you will be blessed with a son in due course of time.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth and they were blessed with a son in due course of time.

### **399. When they came to kill but returned after begging for Pardon**

Five to six rowdies of the region boarded a tonga with the intention to murder Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When their tonga reached near the canal, all of them suddenly lost their eyesight. They were terribly shocked and then they resorted to shout loudly. The tonga driver asked them to pay the fare but they pleaded “Kindly first take us one by one holding each one's arm to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji so that we can pay our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and beg for pardon. Thereafter we shall pay you the fare.” They prostrated and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and apologized for their silly mistake and misguided thoughts. Maharaj Ji just smiled and did not say anything to them.

*(Shri Bhola Ram Ji, village Aema Qazi 17th October 2003)*

#### **400. Just wait for this Night to End**

It was the month of June 1972. Shri Bhola Ram Ji, hailing from village Aema Qazi, was staying at Maharaj Ji's ashram to render voluntary services. One day Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told him "Bhola Ram! Do keep visiting this durbar regularly." However he did not comprehend the hidden message in Maharaj Ji's words. When Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji fell ill, doctors from Jalandhar examined Maharaj Ji and started the treatment.

Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and devotees of Maharaj Ji present in the Kutiya held detailed discussions and decided to shift Maharaj Ji to C.M.C. Hospital in Ludhiana for further treatment. They informed Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji accordingly. However Maharaj Ji said "Let us wait for this night and see."

Then Shri Bhola Ram said "Maharaj Ji! It's just the matter of this one night." Then Sant Hari Dass Ji said "My revered God! If your mind does not agree to shift to hospital in Ludhiana; then let us stay back here only in that case." Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said "Bhola Ram has asked me to shift to the hospital and therefore I agree to go there."

Maharaj Ji put on his Kurta personally and got ready to leave. Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was then admitted in C.M.C. Hospital, Ludhiana. The doctor advised the attendant devotees to ensure that Maharaj Ji lay straight on the bed during the night. Shri Bhola Ram Ji, from village Aema Qazi, Jalandhar, was sitting on a bench close to Satguru Maharaj Ji during the night.

Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had listened to all discussions with the doctors. Shri Bhola Ram wanted to go to Amritsar for some urgent work contrary to Maharaj Ji's advice not to go but stay back. But he went to Amritsar despite that to attend to some urgent work. When he returned from Amritsar, he got down at the bus stand of village Ballan and boarded a tonga to reach Kutiya.

He was then shocked to learn that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had abandoned his perishable human body to be one with God.

#### **401. Omniscient Satguru Ji**

S. Kundan Singh, hailing from village Jandusingha was a profound devotee of Sant Ishar Dass Ji, village Meghowal. Sant Ishar Dass Ji's two sons are highly venerated saints named Sant Inder Dass Ji and Sant Mahinder Dass Ji. S. Kundan Singh Ji said that one day he went on foot herding some buffalos to leave them in another village. While he was returning home, he had to pass by the Kutिया of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He then contemplated in his mind to visit Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's durbar and have a cup of very strong tea to refresh him before proceeding further.

When he entered the Kutिया Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha – the raised platform. Maharaj Ji asked him “Where do you hail from?” He replied that he is resident of village Jandusingha. Omniscient Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very well knew about his inner thoughts and Maharaj Ji told a volunteer to serve him very strong tea. Maharaj Ji said “People from Jandusingha like to drink very strong tea. Hence serve them strong hot tea.” Kundan Singh was very amazed to hear these words from Maharaj Ji and he wondered how Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji knew about the inner thoughts of his mind.

#### **402. You will get That**

Shri Channu Ram son of Shri Jassa Ram from village Bulandpur wanted to buy some land. Two other persons also wanted to buy the same piece of land. He went to Maharaj Ji's durbar contemplating in his mind that he would pray to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for help. He reached Maharaj Ji's durbar and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked him about the specific purpose of his visit. He replied “Maharaj Ji!

I just came to have your vision.” But omniscient Maharaj Ji said “You did not come here to meet me but you wish your desire to buy that piece of land to get fulfilled. Two other people are also making efforts to buy the same land. However rest assured that you will surely buy that land.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and Shri Channu Ram got that land.

### 403. Blessing with children

Shri Genda Ram Ji and Bibi Jai Kaur residents of village Bulandpur had no children. They visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya one day and prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to bless them with offspring. Maharaj Ji called Sant Hari Dass Ji to come close. Thereafter Maharaj Ji hit Genda Ram once smilingly with his long walking stick and asked "Is that enough?" Shri Genda Ram and his wife got scared and they went away. Then Sant Hari Dass Ji just smiled and asked Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji "Maharaj Ji! Only one?" The couple was blessed with a son in due course of time after that event and the child was named Satnam.

*(Shri Shadi Ram Ji)*

### 404. Satguru Ji protects his dear Disciples Personally

It is extremely well known to all devotees that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was truly a perfect and Brahmngiani enlightened saint. Many of those devotees who had the good fortune of meeting Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji are fortunately alive even these days. They had the opportunities to witness many amazing feats of Maharaj Ji and many of them are delighted to narrate their wonderful experiences personally. Such incidents have been published in the form of stories and the learned devotees can read and listen to those chronicles. This similar story is related to late Shri Ram Prakash son of Shri Bishna Dass Ji resident of village Suchipind.

Shri Ram Prakash and his wife Bibi Pritam Kaur Ji often used to visit Maharaj Ji's durbar along with all members of their family. They were also blessed with sacred Naam by Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. One day during the year 1968, Shri Ram Prakash was having a walk along the railway line and he sustained some injuries as the moving train pushed him on one side. He luckily escaped serious injuries with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was resting in the Kutiya at that time. Maharaj Ji commanded extraordinary spiritual powers and very well knew about the accident of Shri Ram Prakash. Maharaj Ji immediately deputed some devotees to go and meet Shri Ram Prakash and then report back about his

condition. Maharaj Ji protected his devotee in a unique way. After this accident the mental capabilities of Shri Ram Prakash became weak. One day he was sitting along the canal bank when it was extremely cold outside.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then told a devotee to go to him and cover Shri Prakash Ram with a warm blanket. This is how Satguru Ji protected his devotees in many ways all the time. Bibi Pritam Kaur Ji has narrated many such personal experiences describing the benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and amazing incidents witnessed by her personally. All members of Shri Ram Prakash's family strongly believe in abiding by the wishes of their revered satguru and they render dedicated voluntary services regularly at Maharaj Ji's durbar.

#### **405. Faithful Obedience of Maharaj Ji by S. Jagir Singh, Nambardar village Suchipind**

It has been always a very special trait of all devotees resident of village Suchipind from the very beginning that every resident has progressive views in respect of religious and spiritual matters. They celebrate all holy occasions related to great sages, revered saints and fakirs jointly together with great dedication and devotion.

Devotees from this village have been great admirers of revered saints of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. That is why this village has indeed been blessed and very fortunate as all spiritual heads of Dera Sachkhand Ballan have visited the village from time to time and sanctified its precincts. A nice temple to perpetuate the sacred memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was constructed in Suchipind village through the untiring efforts of late Shri Gurdas Ram Ji. It was during the year 1984 when Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji then spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan visited this village Suchipind and Nambardar Shri Jagir Singh, his wife Avatar Kaur and their sons Salwinder Singh and Surjit Singh came to pay their regards to the distinguished visiting saint.

This family is very religious minded philanthropist and dedicated to the service of revered saints. The family members paid their regards to Sant Garib Dass Ji and prayed "Kindly see that Nambardar Sahib stops drinking liquor." Sant Garib Dass Ji counselled Jagir Singh with great love and affection and then



told him “Jagir Singh! Just stop drinking liquor forever from today itself.” S. Jagir Singh obeyed Maharaj Ji's advice gladly and stopped drinking liquor forever. All members of the family are leading extremely delightful and prosperous lives making rapid progress these days and they always respect God's will happily.

#### **406. A Sincere Prayer with Clear Heart is never in Vain**

It is absolutely true that none of the devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan undertakes any important task without seeking prior permission of revered saints of the Dera. They seek prior permission of the spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan for all important tasks such as marriages, construction of houses, business or proceeding abroad. This has been the tradition from the very beginning that every devotee undertakes any important task after seeking prior permission and blessings.

Giani Shankar Dass Ji and his wife Bibi Ram Piari, residents of Mohalla Ramdasspur, Alawalpur, were very dedicated and profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their marriage alliance was also finalized personally by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Shankar Dass used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and he and his wife always rendered very dedicated services in Maharaj Ji's durbar.

Shri Gurmit Ram and his family members also used to visit Maharaj Ji's durbar with Shri Shankar Dass Ji and his wife Bibi Ram Piari. It was during the year 1978 when Shri Gurmit Ram son of Shri Kartar Chand Ji met Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! I have no work here and I wish to go abroad. Kindly convey your blessings.” Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly replied at once and said “You will go abroad on the 8th day.” Sant Hari Dass Ji's words proved to be eternal truth as Shri Gurmit Ram left for Saudi Arabia exactly on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. Shri Gurmit Ram narrated this story personally.

#### **407. Release of Shri Chiranji Lal from a Foreign Prison**

Shri Mann Prakash Viridi and his wife Bibi Naseeb Kaur, from village Suchipind, were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They often used to visit the Dera on the occasions of every Sankranti or first day of the month as per Vikram Samvat calendar and on Sundays along with their children. The whole family acted in accordance with the advice

of Maharaj Ji while undertaking any important task in hand. They obeyed all suggestions given by Maharaj Ji very happily.

Their son Shri Chiranji Lal went to Singapore during 1986. However he was imprisoned there as he had overstayed there.

Shri Chiranji Lal had received blessings of sacred Naam from Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji in 1981 and he always remembered his revered Guru Ji all the time. Other prisoners in the prison started teasing him and they often said “Chiranji Lal! You devote so much time for meditation of God. Why does not your Guru Ji save you?” Then Chiranji Lal used to get extremely upset to listen to such unwarranted comments and his mind was sadly tormented. Then suddenly one night Sant Garib Dass Ji materialized before him in the prison and said, “Chiranji Lal! Why are you feeling so sad and why do you waver? You will be set free from prison very soon.”

On the next day, a person came and told him that the enquiry against him had been completed and that he would be set free very soon to go home. After some days, Chiranji Lal was exonerated and released from the prison and he returned to his home without any distraction the very next day. He then visited the Kutuya along with all members of his family to convey his sincere gratitude and they payed their regards to Sant Garib Dass Ji. In this way a truly perfect Satguru always protects his devotees and addresses their problems. Chiranji Lal Ji's family was also blessed with a son with the grace of Maharaj Ji.

#### **408. Construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple at Biaspind with Maharaj Ji's Blessings**

Many aged persons of village Biaspind including Shri Mallu Ram, Shri Atra Ram, Shri. Bhulla Ram and Shri Pala Ram used to trade in raw hides and leather. They established a leather tanning plant in the village locally called 'Kunna'. Shri Mallu Ram was blessed with sacred Naam by Sant Prem Dass Ji, the then spiritual head of Dera Sant Sital Dass Ji at Bohan Patti. Shri Atra Ram, Shri Bhulla Ram, Shri Pala Ram and Shri Dass Ram were devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

They were blessed with sacred Naam by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj at the ashram inside village Ballan. They wanted

to organize Satsang or a spiritual congregation in the village Biaspind once. They consulted Sant Prem Dass Ji and as advised by him they sought permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to organize Satsang. Maharaj Ji asked them to go ahead and Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Asarh was fixed for holding the spiritual congregation.

Canopies were fixed for the occasion at the chosen venue one day in advance of the ceremony. Prasad was distributed to all devotees assembled in the congregation under the supervision of Sant Hari Dass Ji from Dera Sachkhand Ballan at the end of the Satsang on the preceding evening. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji graced the occasion and a very large number of revered saints and distinguished sages participated in the spiritual congregation on the fixed date and they gave spiritual sermons urging devotees to pursue devout meditation of God. The visiting saints were honoured with ceremonial scarves publicly on that solemn occasion and community meals were served to everyone.

All elders of the village then prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that there was no temple dedicated to Shri Guru Ravidass Ji in village Biaspind. Maharaj Ji said “You will get the land for construction of the temple but you will have to work extremely hard.” Elections for the village Panchayat were scheduled to be held after two months. Leading farmers of the village came together and they met those elders to seek their support and votes in the ensuing elections.

The elders promised to support their chosen candidate and also asked them to allocate adequate land for the construction of the temple. Then everyone joined hands and re-elected S. Naseeb Singh as Sarpanch of the village Panchayat again. First of all the Panchayat passed a resolution and allocated the land of the village pond for the construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple.

The waste water from Patti Uppal and Udhapur Patti of the village drained into that pond. The village Sarpanch promised to provide all possible help to fill the pond and to cooperate in the construction of the temple. The village elders then requested Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the

inauguration of work related to the construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji recited a formal prayer and fixed four pegs at the corners of the plot. Jaggery was distributed with great enthusiasm on the occasion.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true and a temple dedicated to Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji was constructed in the village on that site. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had immense love and affection for the devotees of this village. After the martyrdom of Sant Ramanand and Ji.

However Seth Lashman Dass Ji constructed Shri Guru Ravidass Bhavan in his plot and installed the sacred granth Amritbani Shri Guru Ravidass Ji at that premises. This Amritbani Durbar was inaugurated by Sant Niranjana Dass Ji in the presence of Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji and then handed over to the managers and volunteers of the Durbar.

All of this became possible only with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji who was very kindly blessed his devotees to render such useful and exemplary services. Seth Lashman Dass and all members of his family truly made their lives fruitful by rendering such wonderful service to society.

#### **409. Tribute of Subedar Braham Singh to Revered Satguru Ji**

Subedar Braham Singh and his family members lived in Abadpura, Jalandhar. His army unit was deployed along Wagha Border with Pakistan when the 1971 war between India and Pakistan broke out. Then Subedar Braham Singh prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in his army camp for protection during the war. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked Shri Ram Moorti to take out the jeep immediately at that very moment.

Maharaj Ji got some turbans, blankets, laddus and fruits loaded into the jeep and went to Wagha Border. When the jeep reached Wagha Border, Braham Singh welcomed Maharaj Ji and escorted Maharaj Ji to his camp. Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji distributed turbans, blankets and Prasad to soldiers. Maharaj also prayed to God for their safety. Maharaj Ji also blessed all soldiers and declared "You will win the war and this war will be over soon." All of the soldiers in the camp praised

the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji is the first venerated Guru who responded to his disciple's prayer and travelled to the Border to bless all of us.”

The morale and enthusiasm of the brave warriors were extremely high when they met Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and received his kind blessings for victory in the ongoing war. Pakistan suffered a humiliating defeat and Pakistani forces in East Pakistan surrendered to the victorious Indian Army at Dhaka and the war ended thereafter.

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left this perishable world to be one with God on June 11, 1972 and devotees from all over the world assembled in vast numbers at Ballan to have last glimpse and to pay homage to their venerated Satguru Ji. Subedar Braham Singh narrated this account just after the completion of last rites and he wept bitterly with tears flowing uncontrolled from his eyes.

#### **410. Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was truly Omnipotent**

Shri Manna Ram Ji from village Biaspind started business of trading in raw leather in the village of his in-laws Tanda-Urhmurh after seeking prior permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He was a great believer in God and he pursued meditation of God and served revered saints with great devotion. Satguru Ji had blessed him with three sons. When the boys grew up, then they started doing the business of trading in raw leather. Sometimes later they got used to eating meat and drinking alcohol.

Bibi Kishan Kaur one day informed Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! My husband and his brothers have started eating meat and drinking alcohol.” Maharaj Ji scolded them for that and issued a strict warning to refrain from drinking alcohol and eating meat in future.

Later one day Bibi Kishan Kaur arrived at Dera and paid her regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji then told her Bibi! Your mother-in-law will be blessed with a grandson soon. However the newly born child will cry and start to breathe actively only one hour after his birth.”

Maharaj Ji also advised her not to tell her mother-in-law about this. On Sunday night, a child was born at her home at 3 a.m. However the child neither cried nor made any sort of movement after his birth. Kishan Kaur started to pursue meditation remembering Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji continuously. After one hour, the child started to weep and move his limbs. Maharaj Ji's words came true. Everyone then rejoiced and all relatives congratulated one another. Everyone present on the occasion congratulated the family members.

Grandfather of the child Baba Manna Ram Ji and grandmother Nandi Ji later one day left their home to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya along with their elder daughter-in-law Kishan Kaur and her son. They carried a basket full of laddus for Maharaj Ji and the devotees.

Maharaj Ji was taking rest in the Kutiya at that time. Meanwhile the volunteers informed Maharaj Ji that the afternoon tea was ready to be served to the devotees. Maharaj Ji said "Just call Mehinga Ram. We shall serve laddus also with tea." Maharaj Ji then asked Mehinga Ram to go to Kishangarh and get the laddus being brought for the ashram by those visitors quickly.

Mehinga Ram reached Kishangarh on his bicycle and saw Bibi Kishan Kaur there with a basket full of laddus. He requested her to sit on the pillion seat of his bicycle to reach Kutiya quickly as Maharaj Ji had been waiting for her arrival. They reached Kutiya and paid their regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then told the volunteers to distribute laddus and serve tea to everyone. Tea was then served and everyone was also given two laddus each. Meanwhile Shri Manna Ram and Nandi Ji also arrived and had tea and laddus. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was extremely delighted and Maharaj Ji told them to name the child as Surjit. All devotees respected Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as a truly perfect Satguru.

#### **411. Transfer of Shri Kirpa Ram**

Shri Kirpa Ram Virdi lived in Ramdaspur village and he got a job in the Indian Railways. By the grace of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji all the young persons, who migrated from Ballan to Ramdaspur, had good jobs at various places. Kirpa

Ram visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya one day to pay his regards to Maharaj Ji as usual on Sunday as he did every Sunday. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji asked him, "How are you? Where do you work?" Kirpa Ram replied, "I work at Ferozepur." Then Maharaj Ji asked "Will you want to come closer to your home on transfer?" Kirpa Ram replied "Maharaj Ji! Kindly do what you may like." When Kirpa Ram went to Ferozepur for work the next day his senior officer said to him "You have been transferred to Bhogpur in Jalandhar district."

Kirpa Ram visited Kutiya to see Maharaj Ji and he paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said "It is good that you have been transferred to a nearby location." Kirpa Ram said "Maharaj Ji! Railway track under my jurisdiction has to be inspected by my seniors." Then Maharaj said "Don't worry. You should pray with pure heart and recite Aarti from Amtitbani of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji regularly. All of your tasks will get accomplished." Kirpa Ram followed Maharaj Ji's advice and acted accordingly. The railway track under his jurisdiction was inspected on the very next day and everything was found to be in excellent condition. Shri Kirpa Ram Viridi was rewarded and he was also given additional increment in his salary. Satguru always preserves the honour of his disciples

#### **412. When Wealth slipped away from Shri Jai Chand's Hand**

Shri Jai Chand from village Biaspind was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He visited Maharaj Ji's ashram on every Sunday to have a vision of Maharaj Ji and to render voluntary services to the visiting devotees. Whenever there was any important event at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya, Maharaj Ji used to send him a message to reach Kutiya along with other volunteers to render various services. Maharaj Ji often used to assign him responsibility for collecting fuel-wood or getting wheat grains ground into flour. One day Shri Jai Chand was caressing Maharaj Ji's feet and legs when Maharaj Ji said "Jai Chand! You will get a lot of money but you may not be able to take care of that." Jai Chand laughed joyfully and said "Maharaj Ji! Let me first get the money. I shall surely take very good care of same."

It was around Lohri festival during the month of January when Shri Jai Chand, Ujagar and Ram Lal went to Mai Heeran Gate, Jalandhar in search of some work as daily labour. Casual labourers seeking to be engaged to work for the day used to assemble there early in the morning. Anyone who needed any labourers could negotiate wages and take required number of persons to work for him. One person came there who needed workers for digging the foundations for construction of a building. Jai Chand, Ujagar Singh and Ram Lal agreed to work for him and they reached the plot in Adarsh Nagar and started to dig the earth for foundations of the proposed building. The owner of the plot returned to his home after serving them tea and explaining relevant work to be carried out by them. When they were digging the earth, Jai Chand saw a pitcher under the earth.

When they opened the lid, they were amazed to see that it was full of silver coins. They transferred all of the silver coins into a used cement bag and kept the bag on a bicycle. Jai Chand told Ujagar Ram to hide the earthen pot under grass and they left that place with silver coins.

When they reached Mai Heeran Gate, Jai Chand said “Ram Lal! You are not carrying anything. Let us go back and bring that pot also so that we can make use of that to prepare Khir or rice pudding during the forthcoming Lohri festival.” They returned to Adarsh Nagar. When they were just ready to take that pitcher and the bag full of silver coins, the owner of the plot also suddenly arrived there and he asked them “What is in this bag?” Jai Chand quickly replied “We found a pot full of silver coins while digging and we kept the same in this bag.” The land owner took possession of that bag and kept same in his rickshaw. He then warned jai Chand and his colleagues to get lost quickly. He threatened them with a police complaint against them for theft if they make any noise about the coins.

Jai Chand and his colleagues felt really scared and they returned home quietly empty handed despite having found a hidden treasure. Jai Chand then shared with his family members how he almost became a millionaire suddenly and then lost everything in no time. Jai Chand later met Sant Sarwan



Dass Maharaj Ji and told Maharaj about it. Then Omniscient Maharaj Ji said “Jai Chand! You have been boasting that you will cling to the riches once you find some wealth. Then how did you lose the treasure you found?” Some elderly people said “Jai Chand! You would have safely reached home with all the silver coins without any hassle but it is your greed that let you down. You should not have gone back to get the pitcher as well.”

### **413. Revival of a Dead Pigeon**

Devotees in very large numbers visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on a Sunday during extremely hot summer season. Many school going children also assembled there. Everyone listened to Gurbani Kirtan and spiritual discourse with great interest. Thereafter the devotees sat down to have meals including warm jalebis. Most of the devotees took leave of Maharaj Ji thereafter and returned to their respective homes. Some devotees were sitting a little away from the fireplace that was full of glowing cinders. There was a Phalahi (*Acacia modesta*) tree near the fireplace. A pigeon that was perched on the tree suddenly fell down into the fireplace. The devotees thought that the pigeon would get roasted and surely die. Maharaj Ji asked them to pick up the pigeon from the fireplace and offer drinking water to the bird. The pigeon was rescued from the fire and to everyone's surprise the pigeon drank some water and flew away quickly. Then Maharaj Ji laughed heartily in joy and said “*Jis ko rakhe Sayian usko mar sake na koy!*” i.e. No one can kill someone whom God protects.

### **414. Story of Shri Mool Raj in his own Words**

Guests were at our house to see me on a Sunday during 1969 to finalize my engagement. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also arrived from Tanda side in a jeep. Shri Swaran Singh from village Ballan was also with Maharaj Ji. He was married in Biaspind. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji smilingly said “Swaran Singh! We shall be visiting your in-laws' village Biaspind today. Why don't you say something?” Swaran Singh said “Maharaj Ji! You visit Biaspind quite frequently.” The jeep stopped near our home. People, including elderly persons and children, paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj reached our

home and sat down on a cot. Maharaj Ji at once asked my father “Garib Dass! Why have so many relatives gathered here?” He replied “Maharaj Ji! Mool Raj will get engaged today.” Maharaj Ji smiled and said “Garib Dass! Did you ask me about this?” He replied “Maharaj Ji! Sorry! There has been a mistake on my part.” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry! Everyone has to attend to household issues.” Maharaj Ji then called me and gave me an apple and two bananas as Maharaj Ji's blessings. We offered garments for Maharaj Ji and a turban for Shri Swaran Singh. Maharaj Ji said “When any devotee remembers me then I have to come.”

Date for my marriage was fixed for 16<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Asarh (June-July) 1971. Invitation cards for the marriage functions were not in vogue those days. My father visited the Kutiya and said “Maharaj Ji! Date for Mool Raj's marriage has been fixed. Please grace the occasion and convey your kind blessings.” Maharaj Ji maintained a small diary and a devotee noted down the date fixed for the marriage on the diary to accompany the marriage party from Biaspind. We informed my in-laws at Kartarpur about the scheduled visit of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to their home on the date fixed for my marriage. They were extremely delighted and grateful to God to get this wonderful news about Maharaj Ji's visit. But just two days before the marriage Maharaj Ji deputed Sant Nirnanjan Dass to Biaspind village to convey Maharaj Ji's message about Maharaj Ji's inability to attend the marriage function because of planned eye surgery. Maharaj Ji also conveyed that Satguru is always by the side of his devotees.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji again deputed Sant Nirnanjan Dass Maharaj Ji on July 1, 1971 to convey a message to my father that Maharaj Ji wanted us to visit the Kutiya. Sant Nirnanjan Dass Ji conveyed the message accordingly. All members of our family reached the Kutiya on the next day and paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. We presented garments on our behalf and also those sent by my in-laws to Maharaj Ji. We then got tea and later sat down near Maharaj Ji. I was caressing the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji while Maharaj Ji was engrossed in devout meditation of God. I thought in my mind at

that time that I would seek blessings of Naam from Sant Garib Dass Ji in due course of time. Later when Maharaj Ji came out of the state of Samadhi my father requested “Maharaj Ji! Kindly accept my children as your disciples and bless them with sacred Naam.” But Maharaj Ji said “They have to wait for the right time. Meanwhile let them enjoy the life.” It was an extremely pleasant experience to sit close to the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji very kindly made arrangements to get meals of our liking served to all of us.

Later I first went to Dubai and subsequently to Bahrain. When I returned from Bahrain on leave during 1984 then I visited the Dera. Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji was the spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan at that time. I had profound respect and devotion for Sant Garib Dass Ji. I prayed to Sant Garib Dass Ji “Maharaj Ji! Is it the right time to secure your blessings to become a disciple and get the treasure of sacred Naam?” My revered Guru Ji just smiled and replied, “Yes, it is the right time now. Come to the Dera on Wednesday to be blessed with sacred Nam.” I reached the Kutiya along with my wife on Wednesday and we paid our regards at the lotus feet of Sant Garib Dass Ji and offered a turban and prasad. Satguru Garib Dass Ji then accepted us as disciples and blessed us with sacred Naam. Thereafter Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji said, “I am not your Guru. Your real guru is Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He granted me this precious Naam and I have passed it on to you.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji thus fulfilled my wish.

#### **415. Personal Experience of Shri Mool Raj**

I came home on leave from Bahrain during 1984. I kept my return travel ticket and passport at my brother's home in Palm Colony. I had to board a flight from Delhi at the end of my leave. Terrorists were very active those days and curfew had been imposed in several towns. I was extremely upset and worried wondering about how I would reach Delhi to take my flight under such circumstances. My flight documents and passport were at Delhi. When curfew was relaxed for one hour, I thought of meeting my revered Satguru Ji to seek his advice. Then I went to the Kutiya along with my wife riding on a bicycle. When we paid our regards at the lotus feet of Sant Garib

Dass Ji, Maharaj Ji asked me “Mool Raj! When do you have to leave for Bahrain?” I replied “Maharaj Ji! My passport and travel ticket are in my brother's home at Delhi. But due to curfew, I find it difficult to reach Delhi. Please guide me suitably so that I can reach Bahrain safely.” I prayed in front of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's temple in the Kutiya to show me the right path and then went to see Sant Garib Dass Ji. I paid my regards to Sant Garib Dass Ji with an offering of one hundred rupees. I also got change for another hundred rupees. Sant Garib Dass Ji said “Don't worry! God will be kind to you.”

While I was listening to the news in the evening there was a public announcement that those candidates who have to appear for examinations for IAS in Delhi should meet the Police Commissioner with relevant documents at Jalandhar Bus Stand next morning. Then I thought that if students could go to Delhi for examination then why I can not go there. When the curfew was relaxed the next morning, I reached the Bus Stand along with my cousin. I talked to the Police Commissioner about my case and explained that I have to proceed to Bahrain via Delhi. Then he said that he would raise this matter in a meeting.

The issue was discussed in the meeting and later an announcement was made in a news telecast on television that those persons who need to go abroad should assemble at the old courts complex near Company Gardens. I was very happy with this news. I reached the venue at prescribed time and submitted a written application explaining that my travel documents were with my brother in Delhi. I got the permission to go for Delhi with two military officers. However I was warned that if I could not show them valid travel documents then I would be liable to be punished.

I was escorted by them up to Delhi via Ambala Cantt. Thereafter I boarded the flight for Bahrain by the grace of my revered Satguru Ji. I worked there for 14 years without visa and Satguru Ji protected me all the time. One day I was apprehended by local police in Bahrain. I remembered Maharaj Ji and then appeared before the concerned officer. He ordered the police men to drop me at my residence by police jeep. When the police van stopped near my residence one policeman, who

was from Pakistan said “Police takes defaulters in custody. But you are the first person who has been dropped at your residence by the police.” Then I replied “It is all because of benevolent blessings of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji who takes care of his devotees all the time and carries a long walking stick with him.

#### **416. Satguru loves his Devotees more than he loves his Disciple**

It was the month of Magh (December- January) and the festival of Maghi is celebrated with great devotion on the first day of Magh every year at Maharaj Ji's ashram in village Ballan. This used to be the most important occasion when devotees in extremely large numbers assembled for the spiritual congregation compared to any other Sankranti or first day of other months as per Vikram Samvat calendar. Maghi was celebrated in Dera. This festival is very famous in the whole world. People seek company of revered saints and make liberal donations during this auspicious month.

Shri Mool Raj explained that his ancestors used to donate wheat flour, pulses and some cash on the occasion of Maghi for use in the community kitchen of Maharaj Ji's ashram. One day his father bought raw hides from Pathankot and reached Biaspind village after selling the hides at Butan Mandi. Next day he bought various provisions for the community kitchen and went to Maharaj Ji's ashram. All members of the family paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji asked my father “Why did you bring young children here in such severe cold weather?”

Maharaj Ji then told all of us to sit in the veranda. Maharaj Ji asked Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji to stay outside the veranda. Sant Garib Dass Ji went outside and sat down for meditation wrapping a blanket around to safeguard against cold. Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also sat down for meditation inside the room and very soon attained the state of perfect Samadhi. Meanwhile it started to rain and Sant Garib Dass continued his meditation sitting outside covered with a blanket. After some time Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji attained normal state of consciousness and Maharaj Ji said “Garib Dass! Why are you

getting soaked in rain? Come inside immediately.” Then Sant Garib Dass Ji replied, “Maharaj Ji! You had asked me to sit outside. How could I come inside without your kind permission?” While Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji made his devotees to sit indoors that day, Maharaj Ji's dedicated disciple had to stay outside in pouring rain during extremely cold month of Magh. Thus Maharaj Ji always treated his devotees like members of his own family and loved them more even compared to his disciple.

#### **417. An Ascetic Fakir for Seven Lives**

Most of the people in the past times used to be highly religious minded and they never harboured any hatred or discrimination based on religion. Therefore there was excellent harmony amongst various communities in the villages. People respected each other's religious beliefs and customs. They got together to celebrate social events and religious festivals with great communal harmony. Most of the people respected revered saints, sages and all great individuals those days irrespective of their religious affiliations.

One day a Jat Sikh from village Biaspind came and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji asked him to have tea. He had tea along with other devotees and then sat down near Maharaj Ji. Later he had meals prepared in the community kitchen along with other members of the congregation. Thereafter, he took leave of Maharaj Ji and went away. He then thought that he should also meet Sant Onkar Nath Ji in village Kala Bahian and pay his regards to the revered saint. When he reached there, Sant Onkar Nath Ji was sitting under the shade of a banyan (*Ficus bengalensis*) tree. When he paid his regards to Sant Onkar Nath Ji, the revered saint said “What do you wish to seek here? I am the fakir for only one life. However, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has been a venerated fakir for his seven past lives. Therefore if you wish to seek anything, you should visit his durbar and seek fulfilment of your noble desire.

#### **418. Three Railway Stations within two Kilometres Distance**

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is always by the side of the revered saints and devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

Maharaj Ji visited village Biaspind one day and the local residents stated that they had to face grave difficulties in the absence of a bus stand near the village. Then Maharaj Ji replied “You will have a railway station at Biaspind soon for your convenience.” Babu Jagjivan Ram became the Railway Minister. Railway Board sanctioned establishment of a new railway station at Biaspind. Temporary embankment was made for the railway platform and a room was built for issue of rail tickets. They got the approval for this construction work. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went out for a walk towards the railway station during Maharaj Ji's next visit to Biaspind. Later a regular building complex was constructed for Biaspind Railway Station with the grace of Maharaj Ji. This had been possible only with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji even though Kala Bakkra and Alawalpur Railway Stations already existed. Both of these stations are about 1 kilometre away on north and south side of Biaspind. Thus there are three railway stations within a short distance of about two kilometres with the grace of Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

#### **419. Satguru protects his Devotees Everywhere**

Shri Mahinder Pal son of Shri Karan Chand from village Biaspind is a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All members of the family earn their livelihood through honest hard work with the blessings of their revered Satguru. His younger brother Shri Bachan Dass is also a follower of the Dera. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited Biaspind to grace the occasion of his engagement ceremony during the year 1971. Maharaj Ji conducted a spiritual discourse at his residence on that occasion. Bachan Dass requested Maharaj Ji to kindly bless him with Naam. But Maharaj Ji replied “You will be granted sacred Naam at the right time.”

The time kept ticking and Shri Bachan Dass got busy with his work. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left this perishable world for the realm of God on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1972. Bachan Dass was later blessed with sacred Naam by Sant Hari Dass Ji. Shri Bachan Dass went to Kuwait after seeking prior permission of Sant Hari Dass Ji during the year 1982. Saddam Husain ruler of Iraq invaded Kuwait on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1990. Indian citizens working in Kuwait and Iraq started to return back to India

because of the war. Because of turbulent times people from Kuwait had to travel to Jordan via Iraq and then proceed to Mumbai in India.

Shri Bachan Dass stated that he was waiting in a long queue to enter Jordan Airport on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1990 around 11 p.m. at night. He was extremely hungry and standing amidst large crowd when he remembered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! I am extremely hungry and you are my only saviour to provide everything. Kindly be benevolent and have pity on me.” His maternal uncle's son Surinder Pal from village Mithrha was also with him at that time. He had to go out of the queue to answer the brief call of nature. When he moved away in darkness he saw a vehicle parked there and an old saint with white garments and saffron turban was standing nearby holding his long walking stick in one hand. He called Surinder Pall and asked “How many people are there in your group?” He replied “We are two persons.” The saint gave him chapatis and told him to send the other man also to get his food.

Then it was Bachan Dass's turn to go and he too returned with chapatis. Other people in the queue asked him “Where did you get this food.” He said “An elderly saint is distributing food a little distance away.” However when some of them went there they did not find anyone around and both of us were greatly surprised. Both of us conveyed our sincere gratitude to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and we said “Maharaj Ji! You are indeed unique and no one can ever fathom your infinite grandeur.” Satguru takes such good care of his devotees even in foreign countries. What is essential of course is complete faith and confidence of a devotee in his revered Guru Ji.

#### **420. Satguru motivates his Disciples to pursue Devout Meditation**

Bibi Pritam Kaur wife of late Tulsa Singh lived in village Raipur Rasulpur, district Jalandhar. Her son had unfortunately died sometimes back. She often used to remember him fondly and weep bitterly again and again. She got the blessings of sacred Naam from Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during her advanced age and she pursued devout meditation with the blessings of her revered Satguru Ji.



It was around 4 a.m. during hot summer season when Bibi Pritam Kaur was sleeping at her home. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized in her dream and placed his long walking stick at her forehead and Maharaj Ji said “You have been blessed with sacred Naam for meditation of God. Why are you wasting your precious life sleeping comfortably?” She had been suffering from headache for the last 10 years and she did not have any relief despite treatment. Within two days after the aforesaid incidence, she felt completely cured of troublesome headache. She never suffered from headache again till her death in 1996.

*(Shri Kishan Singh Virdi s/o Shri Tulsu Singh Virdi  
19.2.2017)*

#### **421. My Venerated Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj**

A metalled road links Rishikesh with Hemkunt sahib via Joshi Math and Badrinath in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. There is a small town called Gochar that is located between Rudraparyag and Karanparyag cities on this road. Shri Kishan Singh Virdi, hailing from village Raipur Rasulpur, was a government employee posted at Gochar. He was sleeping in his quarter along with another person popularly called Chaudhary Sahib. It was extremely hot summer season during the year 1976 when a severe wind storm lashed the area with such ferocity that even the roof sheets were blown away during that night. Electricity supply got disrupted and we took refuge beneath the cots. Suddenly I heard Mr. Chaudhary shouting for help “Viridi Ji! Please save me! Save me!” Then I caught hold of Virdi's leg in the darkness and pulled him out. Both of us ran out of the room into the open space but very soon he disappeared somewhere. I had given the family quarter allotted for me to someone else. I rushed quickly and took shelter in that quarter.

I got up next morning and started to walk towards my living room. I had washed and dried my turban and kept it folded on a suitcase that was placed under my bed in that room. The wall had collapsed during the storm and all members of the staff living in the locality thought that I must have been buried underneath the debris and died during the night. They were even thinking of informing the police to come and have a look at

the devastated site. Some of them saw me coming from the opposite side and they ran up to me and they held me in tight embrace with great delight. Everyone was thrilled to see me unhurt and alive. The environment of gloom and despair suddenly changed into great jubilation and everyone's face radiated with utmost joy.

My roommate Mr. Chaudhary then said to me "It was extremely nice that you pulled me out well in time and we escaped." I said "You were shouting for help and asking me to save you while you felt that you were getting buried and that you might die." Mr. Chaudhary said "I never shouted or uttered a word even once to seek your help. Then I realized that everything happened in accordance with the wishes of my revered Satguru Ji as I always go to bed after performing meditation as guided by my venerated Guru Ji. It was my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj who prompted me to pull out Mr Chaudhary and alerted us to run out of the building timely to save us. Had we not ran out, we would have been buried under the debris of the shattered wall and we would have died? My venerated Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj is far greater as a saviour compared to the might of one who kills anyone.

*(Shri Kishan Singh Virdi s/o Shri Tulsa Singh Virdi)*

#### **422. Revival of Shri Kishan Singh Virdi's Wife**

I was posted in Santhal Parganas Bihar during the year 1968. My wife was pregnant and she was staying with my ancestors in village Raipur Rasulpur. She shifted to her parental home nearer the time of expected delivery of the baby. However her condition deteriorated during the pregnancy. When Shri Tulsa Singh Virdi learnt about her condition then he went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and explained the details to Maharaj Ji. He prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to be kind and merciful. Then Maharaj Ji asked, "Tulsa Singh! What would you like to choose between the two - your daughter-in-law or your grandson? Ponder over very carefully and then reply." Tulsa Singh replied "Maharaj Ji! My daughter-in-law should be safe. If she survives and remains healthy we may be able to have grandson again."

Maharaj Ji drew a 'Chakraviyuh' sketch on a paper and gave that paper to Tulsa Singh. Maharaj Ji said “You should first look at the centre of this line drawing and then follow the lines to get out of it watching carefully all the time. Tulsa Singh took possession of the paper and he took leave of Maharaj Ji. While he was returning home riding on his bicycle he was looking at the paper holding same in his hand when someone suddenly hit him. Suddenly he fell down into the canal but he held that paper firmly in his hand and preserved it safely. He followed Maharaj Ji's advice and looked at the centre of that paper carefully. After reaching home he followed Maharaj Ji's advice to look at the central point of the drawing on that paper and then got out of the 'Chakraviyuh' very carefully as guided by Maharaj Ji. Soon thereafter his daughter-in-law gave birth to a baby boy and she had absolutely safe delivery. However, unfortunately the child did not survive beyond 4 hours despite their best efforts. Shri Kishan Singh explained the further developments in his own words as follows:

As a result of the terrible shock, my wife's condition also deteriorated after the expiry of her infant son. All of our relatives reached Abadpura on learning about her serious condition. After a while she also breathed her last and everyone was extremely shocked. While preparations were in progress for taking the body for the final rites, there was a unique welcome development as my dead wife suddenly regained consciousness after her miraculous revival. She then explained about her miraculous revival as follows. She said “It was pitch dark when I suddenly saw a brilliant light and I visualized Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji standing there. Maharaj Ji quickly pulled me and threw me out of a circle while I was chanting Maharaj Ji's name. Maharaj Ji told me that it was not my turn yet to leave this world and that there was another lady with same name Swarnjit Kaur whose lifespan is over.” Even the relatives sitting around her bed heard her chant when she called Maharaj Ji's name.

This is how Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj protects his dear disciples and also emancipates them at the final moments of their lives. Satguru does everything gladly for

those devout disciples who dedicate their lives and surrender everything completely to their respected Satguru Ji.

#### **423. Protection of Kishan Singh Virdi and Bravery Award**

Kishan Singh Virdi son of Shri Talsa Singh Virdi was very dedicated devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He lived in village Raipur Rasulpur. Kishan Singh Virdi was married with Swarnjit Kaur daughter of Shri Sadhu Ram resident of village Abadpura on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1965. Both of them were blessed with sacred Naam by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1965. Kishan Singh Virdi got the government job as a Junior Engineer in a project in Santhal Parganas, Bihar on 11.1.1965. Maharaj Ji gave him permission to join his duty and also blessed him with a turban and Prasad. Maharaj Ji advised him to work very diligently with complete honesty that would enable him to make rapid progress. He joined his duty after securing Maharaj Ji's blessings. He narrated further story as follows.

Later one day during June 1966, I was passing through a market along with members of my staff. The terrain is hilly and undulating. While we were travelling in a truck the brakes of the vehicle failed and the truck suddenly overturned in a field. I was chanting Naam granted by Maharaj Ji at that time in my mind. There was no one around for help as there was forest all around. Someone caught hold of my arm and pulled me out of the truck and I fell down on the grass. I then pulled my colleagues out of the vehicle and found that most of them had sustained injuries. About 40 men and women were on the rear side of the vehicle who suffered serious injuries. However I escaped unhurt with the blessings of my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. There was not even a scratch on my body.

I covered a distance of seven kilometres running as fast as I could and informed the Captain in charge of M.E.S and thereafter we transported all injured persons in other vehicles and got them admitted to hospital for treatment. Deputy Commissioner Dumka came for an inquiry about this serious accident on the next day along with his staff. He recommended my name for a Bravery Award. I was later honoured with the Bravery Award by senior officers in a public function. This is

how my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji not only saved me from serious injuries but also blessed me with a Bravery Award that was given by my seniors to honour me publicly.

*(Sh. Kishan Singh Virdi 19.2.2017)*

#### **424. People salute anyone who enjoys Blessings of God**

Shri Chanan Ram, son of Shri Mehinga Ram resident of house number 328, Mohalla Santokhpura, Jalandhar, was a pious and religious minded person devoted to service of saints and society since his childhood. He had utmost respect and devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He got the job as a constable with Punjab Police Department by Satguru Maharaj Ji's grace. At that time very few people from Ravidassia community worked in government jobs. His honesty and sincere hard work led to his rapid promotions to higher posts. Shri Chanan Ram narrated the further story as follows.

When I was promoted to the post of Inspector of Police and posted at Jahan Khelan, many people started to discriminate against me because I hailed from a scheduled caste. I was extremely upset and I often remained very sad because of such caste based discrimination. Then I sought solace at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Ji who was the spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan at that time. I received blessings of sacred Naam also from Sant Hari Dass Ji in due course of time. I told everything to Sant Hari Dass Ji with complete detail. Sant Hari Dass Ji encouraged me, patted me on the back and very kindly said "You are very brave like the son of a lion. You must do your duty very bravely and faithfully with honesty. You should not lose your heart or waver. My blessings are always with you."

Maharaj Ji's blessings enabled me to pick up courage and I performed my duties boldly and with complete integrity and honesty. I got promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police and everyone saluted me. I retired as DSP gracefully with the blessings of my revered Satguru Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj's grace. I can never forget the great benevolence of my venerated Satguru Ji.

*(Shri Chanan Ram, Santokhpura, Jalandhar)*

## 425. Healing the Wounds of Shri Seebu Ram, Village Kahanpur

According to Shri Harjit Singh former Sarpanch of Kahanpur, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was a great sage and accomplished saint of his times. He was an eminent and highly talented ayurvedic physician. He narrated the following story related to Shri Seebu Ram son of Shri Ashru Ram. Seebu Ram had a large wound in his anal region and he was suffering immensely. He received treatment at several places but he did not get any relief from anywhere. Then he went to consult an ayurvedic physician who was a Pathan and resident of same village. He told Seebu Ram “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is the greatest ayurvedic physician in your adjoining village Ballan and no one can match Maharaj Ji's expertise. Then why do you wish to neglect the ocean and seek help of a pond. Therefore you should consult Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji instead of seeking my help for treatment. Go and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and pray for help. You will surely get cured.” While Seebu Ram was returning home, he incidentally happened to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj on the way. Then Maharaj Ji told him to visit Kutiya on the next day and take the medicine.

He visited the Kutiya next day and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and explained his problem. Maharaj Ji called Sant Garib Dass and advised him to bring the tablets of a specific medicine for him. Then Maharaj Ji explained him how exactly he should take that medicine. Maharaj Ji also told him “You will have many loose motions after consuming these tablets and your intestines will get cleared of the worms.” When he consumed the tablets, he really had many loose motions after some time and all the worms were expelled out. His stomach and intestines were cleared of infection and the wounds within a few days with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He never suffered from similar problem again and he led a very happy life. He was completely cured and his family also felt extremely happy and relieved of the worries.

*(Shri Harjit Singh former Sarpanch, Village Kahanpur,  
12.3.2017)*

## 426. Getting Shri Raj Mall Released

Shri Mool Chand's maternal uncle Shri Raj Mal was working as a driver with the Indian Army when a fierce war broke out between India and Pakistan during the year 1965. Unfortunately, he was taken into custody by the Pakistani Army during the war. All members of the family were extremely worried as they had not received any information about him or any letter from him. His sister Bibi Parkasho went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji "Maharaj Ji! My brother Raj mall should return safely from the war front." Maharaj Ji said, "Bibi! Don't worry. Raj Mall will return home safely."

The war was over after some time. Then Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India launched a contact programme called Army Brothers to enable the war prisoners to convey the news about their well being to their relatives. Government of Pakistan also reciprocated and facilitated a similar radio communication by prisoners of war through radio broadcast. Very few families had radios at home those days. Raj Mall's family members started to listen to the special radio broadcast programme everyday at specified time after completing the household work well in time. Children were not allowed to speak so that the announcements could be listened to carefully.

One day they tuned in the radio at the fixed time and they were delighted to hear the good news as follows. The broadcast announced "This is Delhi Centre of Akashwani. You will now hear from the war prisoners." Thereafter they heard the voice of Raj Mall who was in custody of Pakistani forces. He announced "I am Raj Mall son of Shri Amar Nath from village Kharal Kalan. I work as a driver with the Indian Army. However I am presently in a war prisoners' camp in Pakistan. I am absolutely fine and no one should worry about me. I shall return home in India when both the countries exchange the prisoners of war. If anyone known to me is listening to this communication, he is requested to kindly inform my relatives." All members of the family were greatly relieved and overjoyed to hear this good news.

Bibi Parkasho visited the Kutuya early in the morning on the very next day. She paid her regards to Maharaj Ji and conveyed the good news that she had heard on the radio about his brother. Maharaj Ji said, "Bibi Parkasho! Don't worry at all! Your brother will surely come back home safely very soon." Raj Mall returned to village Biaspind through Khemkaran border absolutely hale and hearty exactly two months thereafter. All members of the family were overwhelmed with joy and they conveyed their sincere gratitude and grateful thanks to Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on the arrival of Shri Raj Mall.

Thereafter Bibi Parkasho reached Maharaj Ji's Kutuya along with Shri Raj Mall and other family members paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with offering of Prasad. Later they took leave of Maharaj Ji and reached village Kharal Kalan. All members of Shri Raj Mall's family welcomed him enthusiastically. They were ecstatic with joy on his return home and they started to sing paeans of glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Later Shri Raj Mall also became a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji very kindly blessed him with sacred Naam.

*(Shri Mool Raj, Village Biaspind, 2.4.2017)*

### **427. Obeying Satguru Ji's Advice**

I returned from Bahrain to India on holidays. Both eyes of my respected mother Bibi Karmi were damaged and it was extremely difficult for her to walk around without help. My elder brother was working at Delhi during those days. He took my mother for check up by the eye specialists at Delhi. The doctors were of the opinion that retina of both of her eyes had been damaged and therefore surgery would not restore her eye sight. My brother then brought her back to village Biaspind to stay with me. Shri Swaran Dass Bangar used to organize a camp for free check up and treatment of eyes at Dera Sachkhand Ballan every year those days. My younger sister visited Biaspind to meet me. Both of us took our mother to Ballan by an auto rickshaw for check up of her eyes. We paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then had tea.

Thereafter we went to see the doctor for check up of her



eyes. We sat down after registration to wait for her turn. A little later a devotee announced my mother's name Karam Kaur from Biaspind. My sister escorted her to meet the doctor. When my mother was examined by the doctor she was told that one of her eyes could be rectified through surgery.

The doctors started to carry out surgical operations after sending the attendants out. My mother also underwent surgery for one eye. Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appeared in my mother's dream and said to her "Karam Kaur! One of your eyes has been restored." Her eye sight was found to be normal during check up the next day. The doctor also told her that her second eye could also be operated and rectified by him. Then she remembered Maharaj Ji's word in her dream when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had told her that eyesight of one of her eyes had been restored. Then she told the doctor "I am very happy now that one of my eyes has been rectified. I do not want to get my second eye operated. I am extremely grateful to my revered Satguru Ji for restoration of one of my eyes.

*(Shri Mool Raj, Village Biaspind 2.4.2017)*

#### **428. Saints have their own Ways**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was resting in the Kutiya one day and lot of devotees were sitting nearby. It was the first Sunday of the month when a saint visited the Kutiya to meet Maharaj Ji. His right leg was not normal and therefore he used a long walking stick for support while walking. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated in a chair. The visiting saint paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji humorously said "Dang Pir! You are welcome. Please have tea and meals in the community kitchen." He had meals and tea and then sat down along with other devotees in front of Maharaj Ji.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then asked the revered saint about his good name. He said "You have addressed me as Dang Pir- or a sage with a long walking stick. I like that very much." Maharaj Ji then asked "Dang Pir! Where do you hail from and what is the name of your village?" He replied "Saints do not belong to any particular village. I live one day in one village and then live in another village on the next day. Maharaj Ji! I had heard a lot about your glory and therefore I came here to meet

you.” Then Maharaj Ji said “You are our honoured guest and you are most welcome.”

Maharaj Ji then called Sant Hari Dass Ji and said “Hari Dass! We have another revered saint as our guest. Sant Hari Dass Ji replied “Maharaj Ji! He is most welcome and we shall have meals together.” The saint then used to stay in a thatched hut inside the Kutिया and spend most of the time in meditation of God. He used to get up early in the morning and often visit nearby villages with the support of his long walking stick most of the time chanting Satnam - Satnam. He had a very melodious voice and he often used to sing “*Bhagat piare Rabb nu jiven mavan nu puttar piare.*” i.e. Those Bhakats who pursue devout meditation of God are extremely dear to God just as sons are very much liked by the mother. After completing his routine begging for a little alms in the village, he used to stay very cordially with other devotees in the Kutिया. He endeared himself to everyone in a short span of time.

Later Shri Bhulla Ram Ji organized a spiritual discourse at his residence in village Biaspind. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told all the devotees to attend the Satsang at his house in Biaspind. Dang Pir also went there and he noticed that local residents of the village had immense respect and dedicated devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Later one day Dang Pir requested “Maharaj Ji! Please permit me to stay at the Temple in Biaspind. Local residents will readily agree to this if you tell them to permit me to stay there.” Maharaj Ji just smiled and then made arrangements to send Dang Pir to Biaspind in the evening.

Managers of the temple at Biaspind allocated one room for the stay of Dang Pir. He stayed there for nearly two months and spent most of the time in meditation of God. While he was in that village he used to sing in the evening “*Bhagat piare Rabb nu jiven mavan nu puttar piare.*” i.e. Bhakats who pursue devout meditation of God are extremely dear to God just as sons are very much liked by the mother. Later one day Dang Pir abruptly left Biaspind and no one knows where he went. He did not even return to Maharaj Ji's Kutिया. Local residents missed him and felt sad after his departure. Some of them went to meet

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! No one knows where Dang Pir had gone suddenly.” Maharaj Ji replied “Such roaming saints never stay at one place for a long period.”

*(Shri Mool Raj, Village Biaspind 2.4.2017)*

#### **429. Blessing Shri Garib Dass, Biaspind with a Son**

Lot of people from village Biaspind were devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Local devotees from this village have been visiting Dera Sachkhand Ballan for many generations since the life times of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Shri Garib Dass and his wife Bibi Karam Kaur from Biaspind also used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan very frequently. They had been married for the last many years but they had no child. Therefore they used to feel very sad as married couples often worry under similar circumstances. Elderly women of the family Bibi Nami and Bibi Nandi requested Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to kindly bless Shri Garib Dass and his wife with offspring.

There may be delay but there cannot be any darkness in Guru Ji's durbar. They were blessed with a son on 8.5.1949 with the kind benevolence of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. The child was named Mool Raj personally by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. All members of the family are leading happy family life these days with Maharaj Ji's blessings.

*(Shri Mool Raj, Village Biaspind 2.4.2017)*

#### **430. Successful Heart Surgery of my Mother**

Two sisters from Mukerian were travelling to Jalandhar along with their parents as their mother had to undergo heart surgery. When their car reached the bus stop of village Sarmastpur-Ballan both sisters and their father prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to be kind. They said “Maharaj Ji! We have heard a lot about your unique glory. Kindly convey your kind blessings for the heart surgery to be successful. We shall visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan before returning home after successful surgery.” The operation at Tagore Hospital, Jalandhar was successful.

All members of the family reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan when the lady was discharged from the hospital after successful heart surgery. They had brought five boxes of sweets

for offering as Prasad. I was sitting near the main gate when they arrived. They asked me about Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's durbar. I explained to them the location of Maharaj Ji's durbar and also told them that Maharaj Ji's worthy successor Satguru Hari Dass Ji was sitting on the left side of the durbar. They paid their regards and perambulated the sacred temple with utmost devotion. Thereafter they paid their regards to Sant Hari Dass Ji and later had meals as desired by Maharaj Ji. They eulogized the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and took leave of Sant Hari Dass Ji to return home. Revered saints emancipate all human beings and what is required is that one should remember and pray to them with a pious heart.

*(Shri Mool Raj, Village Biaspind 2.4.2017)*

### **431. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was Omniscient**

Shri Koorha Ram, Shri Chuharh Ram, Shri Biru Ram and Shri Bhagat Ram Kaler from village Jandusingha and their companions were digging the Bist Doab Canal that passes along village Ballan. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was having a walk along the canal when Maharaj Ji happened to glance at these workers. Maharaj Ji stopped near them. All of the labourers came out from the canal and paid their regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji told them "You should not bring packed lunch from your homes. All of you should have meals and tea at the kutia as long as you work here." All of the labourers digging the canal then used to have food and tea at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Maharaj Ji used to tell the volunteers "These labourers earn their livelihood with honest hard work. You should serve them milk and fruits also." Every labourer had meals and tea in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya for nearly two weeks.

It was winter season and the workers were just getting ready to return home after day long hard work. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji came there on routine evening walk and stopped near them. Then Maharaj Ji said, "You should have your dinner also in the Kutiya today and then go home. All of you must be tired working hard throughout the day. Who knows whether dinner may be ready at your home or not?" While all of them had dinner at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya, they were wondering why Maharaj Ji said whether they would get dinner at home or

not. When the four brothers reached home, they found everyone sitting hungry as an elderly person of their locality had passed away. No family had cooked food or eaten anything.

*(Shri Kanshi Ram, Village Jandusingha 13.4.17)*

### **432. Blessings for Shri Naseeb Chand**

Shri Naseeb Chand from village Jandusingha was a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he worked in Kolkata with leather industry. He undertook every important task after seeking prior permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji's worthy successors. He used to return home from Kolkata every year and organize a spiritual discourse at his residence followed by serving of community meals to all members of the congregation. He also used to invite revered saints to grace such occasions at his home and honour them and seek their blessings. Many persons from Tajpur, Kartarpur, Bhanoki and Talhan were engaged in raw hides trade and tanning of leather at Kolkata those days. Seth Mehtab Ram, maternal grandfather of Shri Kanshi Ram Kaler, was also a leading businessman in leather trade. He was resident of village Khambra and he had his business establishment at Kolkata.

Naseeb Chand visited Maharaj Ji's kutia one day and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with offering of some cash. Maharaj Ji said at that moment "Naseeb Chand! You have offered all the money you had with you here. How will you manage to pay for your return fare?" Maharaj Ji then returned him all the money he had offered with utmost devotion. Naseeb Chand said "Maharaj Ji! You are indeed unique and truly great." Thereafter he sought leave of Maharaj Ji to proceed to Kolkata and he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings and said "If you ever have any difficulty, just remember Satguru Ravidass Ji."

Shri Naseeb Chand then reached Jalandhar railway station. Other businessmen from Tajpur, Kartarpur and Talhan also reached the railway station soon thereafter. Shri Banarasi Dass, hailing from Kartarpur bought five tickets as the group comprised of five persons. While Naseeb Chand gave him the money towards cost of his ticket, he thought that he had that

money with him because of the kind blessings of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Naseeb Chand reached Kolkata and got busy with his leather business. He always did everything related to his business after remembering Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His business flourished day by day that enriched the whole family. Even his descendents and other family members always remember Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with utmost respect and devotion. His sons Dev Raj Bangar and Harbans Lal Bangar are very well settled and leading happy lives in New Zealand and United Kingdom respectively with Maharaj Ji's blessings.

*(Personal Information, 15.4.2017)*

### **433. One hit with 'Khoonda' or Long Walking Stick is Enough**

Every moment related to the lifetime of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is unique and admirable. There are infinite numbers of amazing stories related to Maharaj Ji's life even though Maharaj Ji never displayed his divine powers. Stories related to benevolent blessings showered by Maharaj Ji on his disciples and exceptional events connected with Maharaj Ji are being published. One such event was experienced by Shri Jagar Ram Virdi resident of village Ballan. He was married to Bibi Kartari hailing from Rurhka Kalan. They had three daughters and the youngest one was married with Shri Mohinder Pal of village Nangalpur Dill. Even after 10 years of married life they did not beget any offspring. Finally all members of the family came to Kutiya to seek blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When they paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, Mohinder Pal was hit once with the long walking stick by Maharaj Ji.

Shri Jagar Ram and Bibi Kartari understood the significance of that hit as Maharaj Ji's kind blessings. They said "Maharaj Ji! Kindly hit him once again." Maharaj Ji just smiled and said "One hit is enough." They were blessed with a son in due course of time on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1972. The child was named Roop Lal. All members of the family are devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan and Shri Roop Lal is a preacher of Ravidassia religion in Italy these days.

*(Shri Roop Lal, 17.5. 2017)*

#### **434. True Satguru helps his Devotees Everywhere**

Dr. Harbilas and Bibi Vidwant Kaur have been visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji since 1967-68. All members of the family are devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Dr. Harbilas and his wife Bibi Vidwant Kaur received blessings of sacred Naam from Sant Hari Dass Ji. The whole family is living happily with the blessings of Satguru Ji. Their brilliant son Amrik Singh suddenly fell ill once and he was admitted to Kidney Hospital, Jalandhar for treatment. His wife Bibi Amarjit Kaur and elder brother Dr. Baldev Singh were looking after him in the hospital. They were praying to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for mercy as the condition of Amrik Singh was critical. They were chanting Naam of Satguru continuously.

It was around 4 a.m. on 27.3.2017 when Amrik Singh signalled his elder brother Baldev Singh to come close and asked him "Do you have Prasad in stock?" He replied "We have already distributed the Prasad." Amrik Singh shook hands with Baldev Singh and said "Jai Gurdev! All right! Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji has just arrived and I am going with Maharaj Ji." Ok, good bye! Jai Gurdev! Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has arrived to take me with him. I am going with Maharaj Ji." With these words, Amrik Singh breathed his last and left for his heavenly abode.

*(Shri Baldev Raj Jagrawan, 5.6. 2017)*

#### **435. Dedicated Devotion leads to Complete Satisfaction**

A pious lady from village Dolike was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She was financially very poor and somehow earned her livelihood by rearing milch cattle with great difficulty. Whenever a devotee invited Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj to his house for meals, then she also used to long for inviting Maharaj Ji to her residence and serve hot meals. However because of her abject poverty she was unable to invite Sant Hari Dass Ji to have food at her home.

One day some saints visited Sant Hari Dass Ji and expressed a desire to have food together. Sant Hari Dass Ji then asked that poor lady to prepare meals and serve to the venerated saints. She was keen to serve food to the saints but she had no

money to buy provisions. She thought of selling her cow but she did not get any reasonable offer at short notice. Then she borrowed some money and prepared food for Sant Hari Dass Ji and other saints. However she was quite worried that the food prepared by her may be insufficient for the saints. Sant Hari Dass Ji reached her house along with other saints to have meals. Then Sant Hari Dass Ji told her to cover all dishes prepared by her with a neat cloth and then serve taking dishes from one side. Maharaj Ji also said “Meditation of God and cooked food should not be displayed publicly.”

She followed Maharaj Ji's advice and covered the cooked food with a neat cloth. Thereafter she served food to all revered saints who savoured the delicious meals to their entire satisfaction. Many other devotees also had meals and there was ample food for everyone with Maharaj Ji's blessings. She conveyed her sincere gratitude to Sant Hari Dass Ji for preserving her honour. Later she was able to sell her cow also at an excellent price and her poverty was vanquished with the benevolent blessings of Sant Hari Dass Ji.

*(Shri Sukhvinder Viridi, 7.6.2017)*

### **436. There is no Difference between God and Saints**

A well educated person was atheist and he did not believe in God and need for quest of noble deeds. Some devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan tried their level best to counsel him but it was in vain. He did not change his attitude even though he admired many social initiatives of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He was very much impressed with health and educational services of the Dera. Some devotees persuaded him to meet Sant Garib Dass Ji. He said “Maharaj Ji! I neither believe in the existence of so called invisible tenth aperture in human body nor do I have any faith in saints. And yet I shall be grateful if you can help me to have a glimpse of God.”

Sant Garib Dass Ji said “Do you honestly think that you really deserve to have a vision of God in no time? Do you have any noble deeds to your credit to make such a demand? If so, just look straight into my eyes and you will have a vision of God.” He was not able to look into the eyes of Sant Garib Dass Ji. He was so highly impressed by the self confidence and



complete faith of Sant Garib Dass Ji in God that he prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion.

*(Shri Raj Kumar, Bank Manager Village Lidrhan, 8.6.2017)*

### **437. One should not test Saints**

Long time ago, a man from Raipur worked as a milk vendor and he was also a wrestler. He didn't believe in saints or their teachings. He had heard a lot about the grandeur and spiritual ascendancy of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. However he harboured grave doubts about the veracity of Maharaj Ji's unique accomplishments. Therefore misguided by his doubting mind, he wanted to test Maharaj Ji. He thought of a plan in his mind and he decided to verify personally during a moonlit night what time in the morning Maharaj Ji gets up and how long Maharaj Ji performs meditation of God sitting in the darkness in wilderness besides the canal bank away from the village.

While the wrestler was walking along a narrow foot path along the canal to implement his plan, he was suddenly confronted by a huge serpent with raised hood blocking his way. He was terribly scared and he took a quick about turn trembling with fear. Later when he travelled along the same path with milk for vending during day time, he saw Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji having a walk there. He bowed to Maharaj Ji with reverence and then Maharaj just smiled and said "Wrestler! Avoid walking this side very early in the morning. You should visit this side only during day time." The wrestler understood the significance of those words spoken by Maharaj Ji and he prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with great reverence.

*(Shri Raj Kumar, Bank Manager 8.6.2017)*

### **438. When Shri Ram Moorty was instructed to render Voluntary Services in Kutiya**

It was about half a century ago when Shri Ram Moorty was in prime of his youth. Unfortunately, he fell down from a train and sustained serious injuries on his arm that needed 22 stitches to stop the bleeding. The condition of the injured arm deteriorated and it was extremely painful because of infection and pus formation. His younger brother Harbilas Mehta's wife was staying at the house of Bibi Resham Kaur daughter of Shri Khushi Ram village Mannan at that time. They brought Shri

Ram Moorty to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to seek advice of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. While Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the raised platform, Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji were also sitting nearby. Maharaj Ji caressed Ram Moorty's injured arm with one hand twice and his injured arm got well within five days.

Ram Moorty stayed in the Kutiya for the night. Prakash elder son of Shri Amin Chand from village Chakkowal was reciting Gurbani. Someone was singing Gurbani hymns in a separate room as routine practice. Sant Garib Dass Ji was playing Dholaki. The singer used to err at times. Ram Moorty knew how to play harmonium. Then Ram Moorty sang same hymn accompanied with harmonium in a melodious voice. That impressed everyone present in the room. Next morning Sant Garib Dass Ji told Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that Ram Moorty sang Gurbani hymn in a melodious voice last night and that he was quite good at singing Gurbani hymns.

Master Jaggu Ram somehow could not visit Kutiya that day because of some urgent work. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked Ram Moorty to sing the hymn '*Sanu Mira wali lagan lagade, tera kihrha mull lagda*' i.e. O God! Kindly bless me with similar devotion as Meera Bai had for Thee as that would not cost Thee anything. He sang the shabad or hymn extremely well in a melodious voice that enthralled Maharaj Ji and the devotees present on the occasion. His arm got well after some days and Maharaj Ji assigned him duties in the Kutiya on regular basis. Whenever Maharaj Ji visited his village occasionally, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to say fondly "He is now our Ram Moorty." Thereafter he carried out his duties diligently at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya for a long period of time. When he used to join Master Jeet Ram Ji, Sant Rama Nand Ji or Giyani Shankar Dass Ji to sing Gurbani hymns, they used to enthrall and mesmerize the congregation of devotees.

(Narrated by Shri Ram Moorty, 24.6. 2017)

### **439. Satguru Ji Commanded Infinite Powers**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji invariably made use of public transport like a bus or walked on foot to travel to various places to visit devotees' homes for most part of Maharaj Ji's life.

Telecommunication facilities were extremely poor those days. Master Jeet Ram also often used to accompany Maharaj Ji on Sundays or public holidays. Maharaj Ji also used to depute Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji to participate in various social or religious functions and I used to accompany them. Later Maharaj Ji made use of a jeep to travel for the last few years of Maharaj Ji's lifetime and I used to drive the jeep. One day Maharaj Ji was returning to Kutiya when Maharaj Ji said "Ram Moorty! Take a detour and we shall not pass through this particular village." We reached the Kutiya via an alternative route after some time. When we returned from Kutiya, we had to pass through the same village that Maharaj Ji directed us to avoid earlier during the day. We then learnt that there was serious rioting in that village and many people had been injured that day. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had immense powers to foresee future events.

*(Narrated by Shri Ram Moorthy, 24.6. 2017)*

#### **440. When Jeep ran without fuel with Maharaj Ji's Grace**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was travelling by jeep one day to visit a devotee's home and I was driving the jeep. Maharaj Ji had to attend functions at several places and visit many devotees' homes to bless them. When we reached village Kotla near Sham Chaurasi all the petrol in the jeep was finished and the vehicle suddenly stopped. We were still short of 5-6 km away from our destination. Maharaj Ji asked "Ram Moorty! Why did you stop the jeep?"

I replied "Maharaj Ji! Fuel of jeep is finished." Maharaj Ji said "Don't worry! Just start the jeep. I will push the jeep forwards while sitting in the jeep." I obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and Maharaj Ji pushed the jeep forwards with the long walking stick and the jeep started to run normally. All devotees sitting in the jeep including me were extremely surprised how the jeep continues to run without fuel. The jeep covered 5-6 km distance without fuel and we reached the venue in village Kotla. Petrol for the jeep was then arranged by the devotees at Kotla. Because of devout meditation of God Maharaj Ji had such unique powers that enabled the jeep to run 5-6 kilometres distance without fuel.

*(Narrated by Shri Ram Moorty, 24.6. 2017)*

#### **441. Blessed with a Son after Seven Daughters**

Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited village Khudda one day. After completion of the program, Maharaj Ji sat down in the jeep and asked me to start the jeep. Just at that moment, a woman suddenly came forwards and started praying to Maharaj Ji to bless her with a son as she already had seven daughters. Maharaj Ji said angrily, "You were a dacoit and indulged in robbing people during your last life. Now you have these seven girls to account for your misdeeds. Hence, you have to pay the penalty for your past misdeeds." She continued to pray while weeping and wailing bitterly. Maharaj Ji then took pity on her and gave her an apple as prasad. Maharaj Ji said, "You will beget a son in due course of time and he will be very responsible and brilliant." Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true. A son was born at their home in due course of time. He went to work when he was grown up and he shouldered all responsibilities of his family members. He also made arrangements for the marriages of his seven sisters in descent manner with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

*(Narrated by Shri Ram Moorty, 24.6. 2017)*

#### **442. When the dry Ber Tree at Gill Patti Sprouted Again**

When Sant Garib Dass Ji left for his heavenly abode, Sant Niranjana Dass Ji succeeded him as the worthy successor and spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. A Ber (*Zizyphus jujuba*) tree planted by Baba Pipal Dass Ji in his personal land in Gill Patti, the native village of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, got accidentally burnt and dried up around that period. This information reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan very soon. I too happened to witness burning of the Ber tree during a dream. I also saw the wife of nephew of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji weeping because of loss of that tree. I visited the site at Gill Patti on the next day along with some other devotees after seeking permission of Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. We carried 7 kilograms laddus as prasad with us and then reached the sacred spot along with the Sarpanch of village Gill Patti. Cotton crop was standing in the field at that time. The fields were full of water because of heavy rains. We also arranged to clean the area around the dry Ber tree.

We ignited incense and recited a formal prayer at that spot and distributed prasad amongst the devotees present there on that occasion. Every one chanted slogans eulogizing the glory of Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. That Ber tree is absolutely lush green these days with the blessings of Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. A beautiful temple complex has been built there by Dera Sachkhand Ballan and devotees in large numbers visit the sacred place to pay their homage and listen to Amritbani and preaching of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj.

*(Narrated by Shri Ram Moorty, 24.6. 2017)*

#### **443. Satguru Ji always advised everyone to desist from Ignoble Deeds**

Bibi Prakash Kaur and Shri Pritam from village Raipur Rasulpur were devout followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They always pursued devout meditation of God as guided by their revered satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. One day Bibi Prakash Kaur visited her brother's home in village Piyalan in district Hoshiarpur. Her brother Shri Jeet Ram, who was working with the army as a Second Lieutenant, asked her sister to serve the meat dish in the plates. Then Bibi Prakash replied "I don't even touch the meat." He said "You don't have to eat the meat but just serve it in plates for the guests. Nothing is wrong with that." Then she reluctantly served the meat in plates with a heavy heart as his brother insisted. She was quite upset and she could not sleep for the whole night.

She visited Maharaj Ji's ashram on the next Sunday and she paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told her angrily "Don't touch the meat again because I felt the bad odour of meat throughout the night." Then she felt extremely sorry and begged Maharaj Ji for pardon. She also promised that she would not repeat similar mistake again. Her brother Jeet Ram also held Maharaj Ji in very high esteem and he had been promoted and he retired as a Second Lieutenant with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. (2.7.2017)

#### **444. Maharaj Ji's Words mean Eternal Truth**

Shri Piare Lal and Bibi Karamjit Kaur from village Sarmastpur were dedicated followers of Sant Sarwan Dass

Maharaj Ji. Shri Piare Lal worked in a judicial court as an assistant and they lived in a government quarter. Their economic condition was not good. However their faith and confidence in their revered Satguru was so profound that whenever they remembered their revered Guru Ji, their every noble desire got fulfilled. One day Bibi Karamjit Kaur prayed to Swami Sarwan Dass Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! How long shall we continue to stay in government quarter? When will we get a small house of our own?” Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “Don't worry! You will have a big house and you will feel tired while you will clean it.” Maharaj Ji's kind words of blessings proved to be absolutely true as the family is indeed blessed. They have very nice spacious house in Mohalla Santokhgarh, Nakodar.

Their sons Shri Tirath Ram and Surinder Kumar also have beautiful houses and all members of the family lead very peaceful and comfortable life and sing paeans of glory of their revered Guru Ji. Their daughter Naresh Bala is also extremely happy at her home. All children of the blessed family are well educated and very brilliant

*(Bibi Karamjit Kaur, Village Sarmastpur, 2.7.2017)*

#### **445. Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji - A Truly Perfect and Great Saint**

Shri Piare Lal and Bibi Karamjit Kaur from village Sarmastpur were devout followers of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Whatever task they ever wanted to take up, they always sought prior permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All members of the family maintain same healthy tradition even till today. The family was initially very poor when their children were young.

One day Shri Piare Lal and Bibi Karamjit Kaur were remembering Maharaj Ji very fondly and they thought of visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutिया to meet their revered Guru Ji. While they left for Kutिया longing to meet their Guru Ji they had only two rupees with them. They discussed that Shri Piare Lal would offer those two rupees while paying his regards to Maharaj Ji while Bibi Karamjit Kaur would pay her regards without any offering.

When they reached the Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated in a chair. Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji were also sitting nearby. Both of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji as per their agreed plan. Maharaj Ji then told me “Piare Lal had just two rupees with him and he has offered that money to me. Take these two rupees and put in your pocket.” Both husband and wife fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji as they wondered how omniscient Satguru knew everything. This is the sign of a perfect satguru and a truly great sage.

*(Bibi Karamjit Kaur, Village Sarmastpur, 2.7.17)*

#### **446. Laying Foundation Stone of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple at Village Lidhran**

Shri Kishan Chand Mahey was the Sarpanch of village Lidhran from 1972 to 1977. He and his wife Bibi Swaran Kaur are associated with Satguru Ravidass Mission. Their four sons and three daughters are settled in foreign countries. The entire family is well settled in America and they lead well organized prosperous life with the blessings of Satguru Ji.

When the great preacher of Ravidassia Dharam Shri 108 Sant Surinder Dass Bawa visited their home in America and sanctified their house, all members of the family were ecstatic with joy. Then Shri Kishan Chand Mahey explained that while he was Sarpanch village Lidhran, Maharaj Ji deputed Sant Garib Dass Ji to lay the foundation stone of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple in the village. Sant Garib Dass Ji recited a formal prayer and then laid the foundation stone and advised us to complete the construction work as early as possible. Sant Garib Dass Ji patted me on my back and said “Kishan Chand can complete this work single handed on his own.” There was some very significant hidden message in these words of the revered saint that very few people could understand.

*(Shri Kishan Chand Mahey 4.9.17)*

#### **447. Satguru belongs to Dedicated Devotees**

Shri Kishan Chand Mahey and his wife Bibi Swaran Kaur from village Lidhran are dedicated devotees who take great pleasure in serving revered saints. They are dedicated workers of Shri Guru Ravidass Mission. They are disciples of Shri 108

Sant Braham Dass Ji. Their daughter Bibi Mindo is married in village Biaspind. One day both husband and wife were returning home after completing some urgent work and they had to traverse along the passage close to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. It was already quite late in the evening and they were travelling on bicycle. While they were in a great hurry to reach home before it became too dark, they were also contemplating to visit Kutiya and make an offering of five rupees. Simultaneously they did not wish to stop there for long lest it should become too dark to hamper their further journey.

When they reached close to the main gate of Maharaj Ji's Kutiya they were surprised when they found Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Ji standing in front of the main gate. They parked the bicycle aside quickly and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Ji with offering of five rupees. Revered saints fulfil the noble desires of devout devotees this way.

*(Shri Kishan Chand Mahey 4. 9. 2017)*

#### **448. Impact of Three Hits with the Long Walking Stick (Khoonda)**

Shri Hardev Singh Garewal and his nephew came to meet Shri Dalip Singh Garewal at his home in village Jandusingha on 2.9.2017 for some personal work. He was reading the book 'Dharti Utte Rabb' or God on Earth at that time. Garewal family members are believers in Gurbani and they are followers of revered saints of village Johal. I was getting emotional while turning over and looking at the pages of that book. I was quick to understand that the book covered spiritual stories related to the life times of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

Shri Dalip Singh Garewal explained that he sometimes used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya along with an aged devotee named Shri Sital Dass from village Butan Mandi. One day a married couple visited Maharaj Ji's durbar and they prayed "Maharaj Ji! We don't have any offspring. Kindly convey your blessings." Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was epitome of humility and so Maharaj Ji said "Oy! Am I God? Just go away or you should pray to Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj." Shri Dalip Singh and Shri Sital Dass were present in Dera Sachkhand Ballan when the same couple visited Maharaj Ji's durbar again.



They prayed once again to Maharaj Ji to bless them with offspring. Devotees in very small numbers used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya those days and they used to return after short stay. When they prayed again, Shri Sital Dass said "Maharaj Ji! You are always very kind and benevolent. Kindly convey your blessings to these people as they have full faith and confidence in you." Maharaj Ji glanced at Shri Dalip Singh and he too prayed to Maharaj Ji to kindly be merciful and bless the couple.

Then Maharaj Ji just smiled and said "Dalip Singh! Now you have also started to make recommendations. Thereafter Maharaj Ji suddenly and said angrily "I am not here to bless people with sons." Simultaneously Maharaj Ji also hit that man with his long walking stick. Both husband and wife started to run away and meanwhile Maharaj Ji hit him twice again with the long walking stick.

Thereafter he prostrated at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet and prayed "Maharaj Ji! Kindly pardon us for our mistakes." Maharaj Ji had a hearty laugh and said "Did you want only three children?" The couple had three sons over a period of time with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I could not ask about the names and address of the couple but I remember this amazing incident very clearly.

*(Narrated by Shri Hardev Singh Garewal, 2.9.2017)*

#### **449. Maharaj Ji ensured Rapid Promotions**

Shrimati Raj Kumari Ji was born at the home of her respected parents Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi Ji on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1955 in village Rasulpur Brahmana. Her mother and father were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji,

Dera Sachkhand Ballan from the very beginning. They named her as Suhagwati. However when her parents took their young daughter after a few days of her birth to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, she was assigned the name Raj Kumari by Maharaj Ji. However no one was able to understand the significance of this change of the child's name by Maharaj Ji.

If we look at the current scenario of life then I can appreciate that the change of my name by Maharaj Ji had immense significance. I have been visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutiya

with my parents since my childhood. Sometimes I used to tell my mother that I want to have a vision of God. My respected mother mentioned about my demand to see God to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji one day. Maharaj Ji then burst into laughter and fondly picked me up in his lap and said “Just look upwards and see for yourself God sitting with His eyes wide open.” When I looked upwards, I saw a lovely bird perched on the branch of a tree. However when I grew up I was enlightened to understand the two fold significance of Maharaj Ji's kind words. First I learnt that God is present everywhere in each particle. The second one was a clear hint about my very rapid progress in my professional life. While Maharaj Ji lifted me up and asked me to look upwards; Maharaj Ji conveyed his benevolent blessings for my rapid promotions. It was because of kind blessings of my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj that I got promoted from Class II Officer to Class I Officer in the Department of Education, Government of Punjab. I worked as District Education Officer and finally retired after many years distinguished service as Principal. Thus words of perfect saints are always very significant and always true.

*(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)*

#### **450. Munna or Young Girl is Alone in Kutiya**

When I was about 7-8 years old, my parents went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at Ballan to meet their revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on a Sunday. They left their children at home. I too left for Kutiya all alone sometimes later and reached Kutiya walking along narrow foot paths without any apprehension or fear. When I reached Kutiya, I learnt that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had gone to village Biaspind. Then I decided to go to Biaspind and left Kutiya alone to reach Biaspind.

While I had to take a left turn along the canal, I went inside the adjoining field and started to pluck a musk melon. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized there at that very moment and Maharaj Ji fondly picked me up in his lap. Maharaj Ji said to me “Why have you entered this musk melon field? The owners may beat you.” Thereafter Maharaj Ji took me to Kutiya. My respected mother Bibi Karmi Ji told me later that

Maharaj Ji had left Biaspind abruptly after telling her “Karmo! Munna (the young girl) has come to Kutiya all alone.”

(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)

### **451. Maharaj Ji Inculcated the Spirit of Confidence amongst Children**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often used to scribble some alphabets or words on a child's back to check his intellectual ability and then ask him “Just tell me what I wrote on your back?” Maharaj Ji also tested me likewise many times during my childhood. Maharaj Ji always encouraged children to recite hymns and poems to inculcate the spirit of self confidence and fearlessness amongst the youth. Learned elders used to write poems glorifying the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and children were motivated to recite those poems. Maharaj Ji always felt extremely happy to listen to the sweet voice of children. It is worth mentioning here that very few girls from our community used to pursue studies at school and college levels during those days. I also used to stand in front of Maharaj Ji and recite spiritual poems including the following one.

*Dhoondiya mae jagg sara, kite bhi na miliya Piara, ditha  
ikk chmatkara bijli saman ji! Ballan hae gram jithe guru  
ji virajde ne, nagar subhaga jehdi aedi uchi shan ji!!*

*Nagar de lehinde pase Kutiya nazar aaye, Sachkhand  
nalon bhi hae sundar asthan ji! Sachkhand vich jiven  
devate virajde ne, goshti karan Sadhu sach de Giyan di!!*

I have searched all over the universe but I did not find my dear God anywhere. Thereafter I witnessed a unique brilliance like the lightening. It is the blessed village Ballan where my revered satguru stays. This village is indeed truly blessed and its glory is well known all over the world. A small cottage known as Kutiya can be seen on the western outskirts of village Ballan. This Kutiya is far more beautiful even compared to Sachkhand or the realm of God. As the gods congregate in Sachkhand, learned sages and revered saints hold spiritual congregations at this Kutiya. Many other hymns and poems used to be recited by various singers including the following two poems:

*Sutta jagda kiyon na ve tu jagda kiyon na mann arhiya,  
taenu aeda amal kahda charhiya!*

And

*Teri hasti ton javan balihari ji nahir kandhe rahin  
walia!*

Or

Why don't you wake up from your deep slumber? O my arrogant mind! What intoxicant has afflicted you so badly?

And

O my revered Guru Ji with hermitage along the canal bank; I am indeed intensely dedicated to you and greatly impressed with your wonderful powers.

Children were able to imbibe the sterling qualities like self confidence and fearlessness when they recited such hymns and poems publicly in front of Maharaj Ji and they benefitted from such positive experience throughout their lives.

*(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)*

#### **452. Maharaj Ji wanted Everyone to be Highly Educated**

Raj Kumari passed her fifth class. Her parents came to Dera Sachkhand Ballan and informed Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that she had passed class V. Maharaj Ji was very happy to listen this because in those days only few girls from rural areas studied and completing fifth class was considered to be very creditable for girls from villages. Maharaj Ji advised her parents to get her admitted in high school. Her mother said “Maharaj Ji! Nearest high school is far away in village Biaspind. Kindly protect and look after her safety.”

Raj Kumari joined high school as advised by Maharaj Ji and passed 10<sup>th</sup> class with Maharaj Ji's blessings securing very good marks. Her parents reached Maharaj Ji's durbar along with her to convey the good news. They informed Maharaj Ji that Raj Kumari had passed her matriculation examination. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, Sant Chetan Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji were extremely delighted to listen to this. Maharaj Ji gladly informed all devotees present in the congregation that Munna (Raj Kumari) had just passed 10<sup>th</sup> class. Most of the rural children did not study beyond 8<sup>th</sup> class those days.

Maharaj Ji told her parents “Munna should now pursue higher studies. Her mother Bibi Karmi Ji said “Maharaj Ji! We shall get her admitted to college in Jalandhar City. However,

you may kindly safeguard her against any odds and ensure her safety with your blessings.” As advised by Maharaj Ji Raj Kumari joined Kanya Maha Vidyalya, Jalandhar for higher studies. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly visited KMV College several times along with Raj Kumari's parents to meet her and motivate her to excel in studies. Maharaj Ji not only used to convey his kind blessings but also give her fruits, Mahal Poorhas etc. as prasad.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always motivated all children and particularly children from poor and deprived communities to pursue higher studies to lead distinguished, dignified and honourable life in service of society. That is why Maharaj Ji always made earnest efforts to motivate parents to ensure that their children become highly educated and truly knowledgeable and learned scholars. Everyone used to be highly impressed and positively influenced with Maharaj Ji's intellect and visionary thoughts. That was also why Maharaj Ji used to pose questions for children to test their intelligence when children visited Maharaj Ji's durbar.

*(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)*

### **453. June 11 is really a Day of Darkness for Us**

All of us know very well that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was always greatly concerned with lack of education amongst the deprived and poor sections of society. We had many opportunities to hear Maharaj Ji personally advising all parents to ensure best possible education for their children so that they become truly learned and knowledgeable to command everyone's respect.

Maharaj Ji always advised his devotees to give highest priority and pay best possible attention for imparting high education to their children. Maharaj Ji loved the students very much. Maharaj Ji used to give them fruits, sweets and milk so that the students should also have excellent physique. Some students used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on weekdays or other holidays to render voluntary services.

Because of holidays, Raj Kumari left her hostel and came to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya along with her parents on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1972. In the evening, when we wanted to take leave of Maharaj Ji to

return home, then Maharaj Ji refused us permission to leave twice. Maharaj Ji said to my father “Kirpa Ram! It is already getting dark.” My respected father looked outside and said “Maharaj Ji! It is not very dark yet.” Finally Maharaj Ji allowed us to return home. Just three days later on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1972 darkness descended all around us as our revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji abandoned his perishable human body to be one with God in the realm of God.

All members of our family were weeping and wailing bitterly as our revered Satguru Ji was no longer visible to our eyes. Every day in fond memory of Maharaj Ji seems to be 11<sup>th</sup> June. The wonderful moments spent at the lotus feet of Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, very fond memories and personal experiences of Maharaj Ji's lifetime as well as immense blessings of Satguru Ji are always ever fresh in the minds of all members of the family. Separation of our Satguru Ji is indeed extremely painful beyond description and unbearable by each one of us.

*(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)*

#### **454. When Little becomes Plenty with Blessings of God**

It was the year 1961-62. Shri Kirpa Ram from village Rasulpur Brahmana was very devout follower of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he was a marginal farmer. He owned very little land and therefore he used to take additional land on crop sharing basis for cultivation every year. Even then he could hardly get 15-20 bags of wheat grains from harvested crop. Only once he had 21 sacks of wheat grains. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told my father Shri Kirpa Ram not to take any land for cultivation on crop sharing basis and advised him to cultivate whatever land he owned. My elder brother Shri Piare Lal was working at Ludhiana after completing BSc. Agriculture degree. He brought wheat seed from there. My father used that superior seed to grow wheat on small acreage of his own land that year as advised by Maharaj Ji and harvested bumper crop. We got 100 bags of wheat grains from small area with the blessings of revered satguru Ji. My respected parents Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi Ji reached Maharaj Ji's durbar with 20 bags of wheat grains for the community kitchen.

Omniscient Satguru Maharaj Ji knew everything and Maharaj Ji just smiled when they arrived with wheat grains.

*(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)*

#### **455. He will keep sending Money Orders**

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always used to feel very happy to meet school going children. Shri Piare Lal, son of Shri Kirpa Ram from village Rasulpur Brahmana, was studying in class X at Alawalpur. While he was appearing for his matriculation examinations during 1957, he fell seriously ill as he suffered from severe attack of smallpox. His parents were extremely worried and upset as he had yet to write answers for many test papers as final matriculation examinations were in progress when he fell sick. His parents had little hope of his early recovery and they rushed to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to pray to their revered Satguru Ji for help and advice. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji encouraged them and said "Don't worry! He must appear for his examinations and continue further studies. Take him to the examination hall everyday on bicycle and let him answer the question papers. You will receive money orders from him regularly in future."

As advised by Maharaj Ji, Shri Piare Lal appeared for all of the remaining examination papers while he was seriously ill. He passed matriculation examination with first division with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji. Later he joined Government Agricultural College, Ludhiana and completed his graduation degree BSc. Agriculture in 1961 and got a government job there itself immediately. Words of perfect saints always mean eternal truth and Shri Piare Lal started to remit part of his salary to his parents every month through money order as that was an easy option to remit money those days. With the benevolent blessings of his revered Guru Ji, Shri Piare Lal later joined Indian Forest Service and finally retired as Vice President-Plantations, from private sector company ITC Limited in November, 2000.

*(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)*

#### **456. Don't get Scared! You may go Home**

This incident happened about six decades ago. My respected parents Shri Kirpa Ram and Bibi Karmi Ji used to

visit Maharaj Ji's durbar every Sunday walking on foot from Rasulpur Brahmana to Ballan to pay their regards at the lotus feet of their revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. One day they sought permission of Maharaj Ji to return home late in the evening. But Maharaj Ji asked them to stay for some more time. Both of them obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and sat down. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj later permitted them to return home after some time and said "Don't get scared! You may go home now."

They had to walk along cart track and narrow foot paths surrounded by kana grass (*Saccharum munja*) tufts and thorny bushes. It was already dark all around by that time. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and left for their home. When they approached a narrow bridge just short of village Naugajja; they were surprised to see a huge serpent with glowing eyes on the way. They felt scared for a moment but very soon remembered Maharaj Ji's kind words not to be afraid and go home. They reached home safely remembering their revered Satguru Ji and chanting Naam as the serpent moved away immediately and cleared their way.

*(Principal Shrimati Raj Kumari, 13.9. 2017)*

#### **457. Give him one more Blanket**

Shri Darbara Singh Sangha retired from the army and he was also a former member of the village panchayat. He had very high reverence for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he often visited Maharaj Ji's durbar. Whenever a congregation of saints was organized in the village for spiritual deliberations, he always made it a point to meet revered saints and also make generous contribution. It is quite likely that he had received blessings of sacred Naam also from Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as a very nice photograph of Maharaj Ji is displayed in his house. He had good friendship with Shri Kanshi Ram Kaler and they visited each other's home very frequently just like family members. He narrated an incident as follows.

One day I was present in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya when a saint went out of the premises along with the blanket that was given to him by the volunteers for his protection from cold during night stay. Some volunteers noticed him taking away the



blanket and they chased him. They caught up with him in the village and brought him back to Kutuya. They also scolded him and finally presented him before Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji greeted the saint and asked the volunteers why they had apprehended him. The devotees replied “Maharaj Ji! He had gone away with the blanket which was given to him last night to sleep comfortably.” Then Maharaj Ji said “All right! Give him one more blanket as it is cold winter season. He can spread one blanket beneath him while sleeping and use the other one to cover his body at night.” The sage got both blankets and conveyed his grateful thanks to Maharaj Ji while taking leave to resume his onwards journey. The devotees who had brought him back were surprised to see such generosity and they were speechless.

*(Narrated by Shri Darbara Singh Ji)*

#### **458. The Words of Saints Always Come True**

Shri Gurmel Virdi and Bibi Vidya had been the followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji since their childhood. They had even been blessed with sacred Naam by Maharaj Ji. Shri Gurmel Virdi used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutuya once or twice every week and also render voluntary services in the ashram. All the marriage ceremonies related to their marriage had also been performed by Sant Hari Dass Ji in village Naugajja. Maharaj Ji had already conveyed his kind blessings to the couple that they would beget 5 children over a period of time. Three sons were born in their home over a period of time. Later one day they visited the Kutuya and prayed to Sant Hari Dass Ji “Maharaj Ji! We have three sons. Kindly bless us with a daughter so that the three brothers also have a sister.” Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “They will have two sisters instead of one.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as two daughters were born in their home in due course of time by Maharaj Ji's grace.

*(Shri Gurmel Virdi, 15.9.17)*

#### **459. When Little becomes Plenty with Maharaj Ji's Blessings**

Shri Santa Ram and Bibi Nanti Ji migrated from village Mokhe and settled down in village Wadala in 1960. They used

to organize Satsang or a spiritual congregation at their home every year. When they organized Satsang during the year 1970-71, devotees from all parts of the village participated in the congregation. However all family members were worried that the community meals prepared by them may be insufficient for such a large number of devotees. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then advised the family members to cover all cooked food with neat cloth and to keep serving various dishes without removing the cloth covers completely. Community meals were then served to all members of the congregation exactly in the manner advised by Maharaj Ji.

Everyone had delicious meals to full satisfaction and even then there was plenty of cooked food balance in stock with Maharaj Ji's grace. It was because of the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that the stock of cooked food became inexhaustible. This story was narrated by their daughter-in-law Shrimati Mohinder Kaur wife of Shri Ganga Ram in United States of America on 14.9.2017.

#### **460. Perfect Guru escorts his Disciple at Final Moments**

Bibi Harbhajan Kaur wife of Master Jaggu Ram Ji from Raipur Rasulpur had a regular daily routine to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to pay her regards at the lotus feet of her revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She used to have bath early in the morning and carry some curd for Maharaj Ji every day. Maharaj Ji used to savour the curd with great pleasure. She used to eat anything only after her visit to Maharaj Ji's durbar. Maharaj Ji often used to ask a devotee to get hold of a book of scriptures from the room. Then Maharaj Ji used to ask him to read out a particular portion for the benefit of devotees present in the ashram. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also listened to such spiritual stories related to Guru Sahibs, learned sages and revered saints everyday with rapt attention. On many occasions Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to conduct spiritual discourses personally and explain Gurbani hymns in a scholarly manner in simple language for the benefit of devotees. Maharaj Ji always had very simple frugal meals once a day and milk or small portion of any fruit once during the day. This was the simple diet of Maharaj Ji for 24 hours. Bibi Bhani Ji, Bibi

Harbhajan Kaur Ji or Bibi Karmi Ji used to prepare food during those days.

One day Bibi Harbhajan Kaur Ji fell ill. Sant Ramanand Ji went to see Bibi Harbhajan Kaur at her residence on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2002 to enquire about her health. Sant Ramanand Ji cut five guava fruits, removed the seeds and then served the fruits to Bibi Harbhajan Kaur. She was very comfortable without any pain or problem after eating the guava fruit. Before returning to Kutiya Sant Rama Nand Ji said “Bibi Ji! We shall take you along to Kashi, Varanasi.” All members of our family including young Kuldip were by my mother's side during night when she had a vision of her revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She suddenly got up and said “Maharaj Ji has come.” I was also present there at that moment and I clearly heard the sound made by Maharaj Ji's long walking stick. I also got up and looked at my mother. She breathed her last and left for her heavenly abode just at that moment before my eyes. Perfect satguru escorts the soul of his disciple to the realm of God this way.

*(Shri Rajinder Bangar, 15.9.2017)*

#### **461. My Revered Satguru Commanded such Divine Powers**

The local residents of village Raipur Rasulpur were celebrating the auspicious occasion of birth anniversary of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj at Shri Guru Ravidass Temple Raipur just like the previous years. Master Jaggu Ram Ji deputed to Shri Shiv Ram to visit Kutiya and request to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to kindly grace the occasion as all preparations had been made. Shri Shiv Ram paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! Master Jaggu Ram Ji has deputed me to escort you to Raipur to grace the auspicious occasions. Maharaj Ji said “You should reach the venue and I shall come there after a while.” Shri Shiv Ram returned to Shri Guru Ravidass Temple at once on his bicycle. However when he reached there, he was amazed to see that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had already reached the venue ahead of him and Maharaj Ji was seated there comfortably.

He was wondering how Maharaj Ji could reach the venue walking on foot even before him while he left Kutiya much

earlier on his bicycle for the same venue. Later Shri Shiv Ram shared his predicament with the devotees at the end of the function and told them that he left Kutuya on bicycle while Maharaj Ji was still there and yet amazingly Maharaj Ji reached the venue walking on foot before he could reach there on bicycle. Everyone present on the occasion eulogized the grandeur of Maharaj Ji and chanted in one chorus “Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji! You are truly great and perfect saint. We sacrifice ourselves time and again over your virtuous grandeur.” Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji indeed commanded infinite divine powers.

*(Shri Rajinder Bangar, 15.9.2017)*

#### **462. Blessings of Satguru Ji with Long Walking Stick**

When Master Jaggu Ram Ji left for his heavenly abode, his son Rajinder Bangar Raipuri reached Maharaj Ji's Kutuya along with his mother to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid there regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Later Rajinder's mother prayed “Satguru Maharaj Ji! Kindly be merciful and bless my son so that he gets a suitable job somewhere.” Maharaj Ji just kept quiet and went into the state of perfect Samadhi (meditation) for some time. After some time Maharaj Ji said “Bibi! There will be substantial delay but he will surely get a job. Hence do not worry. Certain important documents like death certificate of the deceased parent have to be shown sometimes to the government authorities.”

Four years later when he went for interview for the post of a government teacher, the District Education Officer asked Rajinder Bangar to show him the death certificate confirming demise of his father. He showed the death certificate of his deceased father and then only he was selected and given an appointment letter.

One day, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji told Rajinder's mother Bibi Harbhajan Kaur “Rajinder Bangar will become a writer one day as I can see that from his forehead.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true in due course of time. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often used to call him as Raipuria during his childhood. Rajinder Bangar is well known to his admirers as Bangar Raipuri these days with the grace of

Maharaj Ji. His sons are missionary artists well known as Bangar Brothers who sing hymns and missionary songs related to Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji, Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. They have made commendable progress in this field and they are highly respected as a group of accomplished singers. All of these positive developments have been possible only because of benevolent blessings of revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj who invariably carried a long walking stick in hand while travelling.

*(Shri Rajinder Bangar 15.9.2017)*

### **463. A Perfect Guru always prevents his Devotees from Vacillation**

Master Jaggu Ram Ji, the founder trustee of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Charitable Trust Sir Govardhanpur, Varanasi left for his heavenly abode on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1971. Nearly seven months thereafter members of the family faced serious financial problems. Just 3-4 days before the festival of Maghi, the first day of the month of Magh, Shri Rajinder Bangar reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya as advised by her mother to explain the family's problems to Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He explained the difficulties faced by the family because of their financial problems at their home. Maharaj Ji said "Just visit the Kutiya again one day before Maghi and funds will be made available to meet your household expenses." Thereafter Maharaj Ji sent a message one day before Maghi asking us to visit Kutiya.

When I reached Kutiya along with my mother that day, Maharaj Ji was seated on the raised platform and Babu Mehar Chand Ji from Jalandhar was also sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. He didn't know anything about us as we had never met him. Maharaj Ji then told my mother "Harbhajan Kaur! Mehar Chand is sitting here. He has just told me that he had taken a loan of rupees one thousand from Master Jaggu Ram. He repaid rupees one hundred and he brought rupees nine hundred. He gave me that money to return to the family members." Maharaj Ji thereafter handed over nine hundred rupees to my mother and said "Manage with this money." Whenever you need any further help, just tell me as I am always by your side. Don't

worry about anything.” Babu Mehar Chand then paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and returned home. Such a truly perfect and accomplished Satguru is extremely rare in this world who always stands by the side of his devotees and prevents them from vacillation.

*(Shri Rajinder Bangar 15.9.2017)*

#### **464. Blessing Bangar Raipuria with a Son**

Bibi Surinder Kaur wife of Shri Rajinder Bangar resident of village Raipur Rasulpur was pregnant. Her mother Bibi Channo Ji visited their house to take her daughter to her parental home in accordance with prevailing social customs to stay there till birth of the baby. It has been the healthy tradition of this family that they maintain even till today that they undertake any important task only after paying their obeisance at the lotus feet of revered saints of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Accordingly they went to Kutiya and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Ji. Maharaj Sant Hari Dass Ji had a very compassionate and humorous nature. Sant Hari Dass Ji conveyed his blessings and said “Don't worry! Everything will be fine. A son will be born in your home in due course of time. You may go to your house happily.” Having secured Maharaj Ji's kind blessings, members of the family returned home. They were blessed with a son on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1976 and the blessed child, was named as Sushil Bangar as advised by Sant Hari Dass Ji. Sushil Bangar is currently promoting the sacred mission of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj all over the world under the banner of his well known missionary group Bangar Brothers.

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**Different books in different languages written by  
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different religious societies**

**Books published in Hindi Language**

- \* Jagatguru Ravidass Amritbani (Steek and briefLife in Hindi & Marathi)
- \* Nitnem Amritbani Jagatguru Ravidass Ji (Steek)
- \* Brief Life of Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
- \* Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji ki Pawan Kathaen(Hindi and Marathi)
- \* Amritbani Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (Steek)
- \* Dharti Utte Rabb Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji

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**Books Published in English**

- \* Amritbani Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (Steek)
- \* Amritbani Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji 40 Pade(Steek)
- \* Sacred Life of Jagatguru Ravidass Ji
- \* God on Earth Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji

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**Books Published in Dutch**

- \* Amritbani Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (Steek)

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**Books Published in Greek**

- \* Amritbani Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (Steek)

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**Books Published in Punjabi Language**

- \* Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (40 ShabadSteek)
- \* Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (SampuranSteek)
- \* Sri Guru Ravidass Amritbani (Steek & Brief Life)
- \* Nitnem Amritbani Jagatguru Ravidass Ji (Steek)
- \* Sukhsagar Steek
- \* Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji's Brief Life
- \* Dharti Utte Rabb Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji (JiwanSakhi)

- \* Guru Ravidass Mile Mohe Pure (Sant Miran Bai Ji)
- \* Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Diya Pawan Sankhep Jiwankathawan

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### **Books Published by Antar-Rashtriya Jagatguru Ravidass Sahit Sanstha (Regd.)**

- \* Chamar Jaati Itihas Dharam Te Sabhyachar - RajeshKainth  
Bhakhianvi

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- \* Ravidassia Dharam Da Anmol Hira Shri 108 SantSurinder Dass  
Bawa Ji - Kanshi Ram Kaler
- \* Ravidassia Kom De Amar Shaheed Sant RamaNand Ji - Kanshi Ram  
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