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## VAISAKHI SMAGAM & NAGAR KIRTAN

Alongside the annual Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan SGSSS also organised a four-day Smagam to celebrate Vaisakhi at Norwood Hall Grounds. All the Gurudwaras in west London worked together on the celebrations.



Attended by tens of thousands of Sangat from all over the country and Panth Parsid Kirtani Jathe, Kathavachaks, Kaveshari & Dhadi Jathe attended, Giani Sukhjinder Singh (Granthi SachKhand Sri Harmandhir Sahib), Baba Banta Singh, Bhai Niranjn Singh Jawaddi

Kallan Wale, Bhai Satnam Singh (Darbar Sahib), Bhai Gurdev Singh (Australia), Bhai Mehal Singh, Baba Amar Singh, Dhadi Rasal Singh, Giani Sukhjeevan Singh, Bhai Balwinder Singh Rangila and Asa Khalsa Dhadi Jatha all attended.



Sevadaars worked tirelessly in the lead up to the Smagam, preparing the grounds, decorating the darbar, constructing the Langar, washing areas and toilets for the Sangat. We would like to thank all sevadaars for their effort and hard work.

This year the Nagar Kirtan started at Park Avenue Gurdwara and made its way to Norwood Hall. We are grateful

to all sevadars who make the Nagar Kirtan possible. Whilst change is always difficult, Sangat overall greatly enjoyed the Nagar Kirtan, attendance exceeded 2018s numbers.



## NISHAAN SAHIB SEVA & AMRIT SANCHAAR



On the 30<sup>th</sup> March at SGSSS Havelock Road and 13<sup>th</sup> April at



Park Avenue the Nishan Sahib Seva took place. Hundreds of members of the Sangat, young and old took part in the Seva in the presence of the Panj Piyare.

Whilst singing Gurbani the Nishaan Sahib was washed and a new chola put on. Like a Flag of any institution, the Nishaan Sahib represents the presence of the Khalsa and hence is hoisted at every Gurdwara. Guru Har Krishnan Sahib Ji on their travels to Delhi, visited the village today known as Panjkhora Sahib. Delhi was suffering an epidemic of smallpox, so Guru Sahib instructed the Sikhs not to go any further. If they wanted to do darshan of Guru Sahib they should pay their respects to the Nishan Sahib Guru Ji installed there.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at SGSSS Park Avenue close to 60 Gurmukhs took Amrit. Following Guru Sahibs Hukam, these great souls gave their head to Guru Ji and became part of the Khalsa. The Gurdwara provided the Kakkars, and another Amrit Sanchar will be held in November.

### PANJ PIYARE EXHIBITION



Gurdwaras are also a place where we can preserve our history. The coins Exhibition of the Sikh Raaj is currently at SGSSS Havelock Road, the history of the Shotah Sahibzadeh Shaheedi is displayed at SGSSS Park Avenue. In celebration with Vaisakhi a new

Exhibition has been installed at SGSSS Havelock Road focusing on the Panj Piyare. 2 new exhibitions are currently being prepared to mark the 550<sup>th</sup> Avtar Purab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and to mark the 35 years since the 1984 attack.

### INTERNATIONAL PUNJABI CONFERENCE

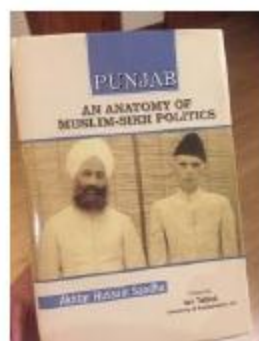
**“Living Nations do not speak the languages and adopt the cultures of other nations as their own.”**

SGSSS proudly sponsored the International Punjabi Conference held in Leicester along side Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Gurdwara and the Sikh Educational Council.



Academics from India and Pakistan gave thought provoking presentations and discussions about recognising the importance of Preserving our Punjabi language and heritage. The academics held an open meeting with Sangat at Havelock Road Gurdwara.

The Academics included Dr Sikan-dar Singh World University Fatehgargh Sahib, Dr Kamaljit Singh, Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji College, Dr Akhtar Hussain Sandu, University of London. Dr Sandhu presented the Gurdwara with a



book he had published on the anatomy of Muslim-Sikh Politics.

### CALENDAR & NEW YEARS



SGSSS released the Nanakshahi calendar for this year dedicated to the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Prints are available from both Gurdwaras and will be available from the website and Facebook page. The calendar lists all major Gurburabs, Jor Meleh, Shaheedi days and other major historical events.



The Sikh New Year began on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 where we celebrated the beginning of the month of 'Cheth'. Like all years, hundreds of Sangat saw the start of the new year at SGSSS Park Ave and Havelock Road. Kirtan Diwans were held till midnight.

### IMAGINING A SIKH FUTURE

Vaisakhi has been a time when the Khalsa Panth comes together to discuss the conditions and realities of the Panth.





The NSYF hosted a panel discussion exploring the challenges faced by the Panth today and collectively explore how we can overcome them. Panelists included Singh Sabha Southall, NSYF, Basics of Sikhi, Khalsa Foundation, Sikhnet.



### ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ARCHBISHOP VISIT

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby visited havelock road gurdwara along with a delegation from the Church of England.



The delegation was given a tour of the Gurdwara and then had a lengthy discussion with the Sangat to explore and understand the matters effecting Sikhs in the UK and Punjab. The Archbishop will be visiting Panjab later this year and was very grateful for the knowledge he gained.



The Archbishop viewed the new exhibition and was presented with a number of books on the Sikh faith for which he was very grateful.



### SGSSS DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On the 22nd of April the SGSSS Duke of Edinburgh students took part in the expedition training at Norwood Hall.



### SGSSS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

SGSSS Volleyball Club was formed with a successful National Lottery Grant to develop a new Men's team and get people healthy and active for the long term. We got a lot of support from the London Volleyball Association and from Volleyball England to do this. The club has now been running for 3 years and plays in both the London Volleyball League and the Surrey Volleyball League. This year we had 24 matches and are based in Dormers Wells Leisure Centre playing or training every Tuesday evening. We have gone from strength to strength and this year have managed to win a few matches and importantly push good teams hard. Whenever we play at home in Southall the atmosphere is great, we get local supporters and have a squad of 12 core players, many of which are sevadaars at SGSSS Park Avenue.

Recently with the support of Everyone Active we have started a



Women's only team and this is an exciting development for the future. During the Summer we play outdoors in Southall Park. We will soon be back in the park, near the Villiers School Entrance from 6.30pm on Tuesdays. Come and have a try. Please contact Coach Rajinder Singh or Manager Charanjit Singh for more information, via the SGSSS Park Ave office.

### MAY 2019 EVENTS

- 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FATEH DIVAS BABA SINGH BAHADHUR
- 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY - SANGRAND JETH
- 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY – SHHOTA GALLUGHARA
- 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – SHAHEEDI SAKA PAUNTA
- 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY- LONDON SMAGAM

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