

philosophy, but many right-thinking people accept many principles of Nanakian philosophy without knowing that it is Nanakian philosophy. For examples, Einstein, A Nobel Laureate, accepts some principles of Nanakian philosophy, but he has never heard about it.

Had the Sikhs explained it in its real perspective to the humanity then Nanakian philosophy would have been known to everybody in these days? You know very well that even the name of Sikhism is not known to many college and university students in their courses on Religions. This is our weakness.

There is another example of a principle of Nanakian philosophy; God does not come into anthropomorphic form (*Ajooni*). This is accepted by Einstein and when this question was posed to people in USA, 27% accepted that God does not come into anthropomorphic form. If you pose this question to Indians I think not more than 1% will accept this principle of Nanakian philosophy.

Is it not an irony that many people in USA accept some principles of Nanakian philosophy without knowing that it is philosophy promulgated by Guru Nanak more than 500 years ago.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Teja Singh [mailto:shrine.fellowship@shaw.ca]
Sent: May 22, 2004 7:38 AM
To: Sikh Diaspora
Cc: Devinder Singh Chahal
Subject: Re: [Sikh-Diaspora] Mrs Sonia Gandhi lays the foundation for secularism.

<<< The recent decision of Sonia Gandhi to decline the post of Prime Minister and offering it to Dr Manmohan Singh is the best for India to re-establish Secularism >>>

Thanks for a well-presented analysis. You have put everything in proper perspective. Congratulations and best wishes to the new Prime Minister of India.
Teja Singh
Edmonton, Canada

A lecture on, *Universal Acceptability of Nanakian Philosophy*, was delivered to the Students of the University of California San Diego (UCSD) on May 3, 2004. This lecture was arranged by the Sikh Students of the UCSD at the University Lecture Theatre.

A copy of *JAP: The Essence of Nanakian Philosophy* and a copy of the latest issue of *UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM – The Research Journal* were deposited in the library through Miss Sheena Sidhu on behalf of the IUS.

A lecture on the celebration of *Quadricentennial of Compilation and Installation (Parkash Divas) of the Aad Guru Granth Sahib* was delivered in the Gurdwara Sahib, Powal, California on May 4, 2004. The Sangat was also introduced to the book, *JAP: The Essence of Nanakian Philosophy* and *UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM – The Research Journal* and the contributions of the IUS.

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Celebration of Quadricentennial of Compilation and Installation (*Parkash Divas*) of the Aad Guru Granth Sahib by the IUS and the American Gurdwara Management Committee, BC.

-----Original Message-----

From: Devinder Singh Chahal [mailto:sikhism@chahal.info]
Sent: June 26, 2004 2:04 PM
To: Sikh-Diaspora@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [Sikh-Diaspora] Re: IUS Activities about Celebration of Quadricentennial of AGGS

It is my pleasure to inform the SD members about the IUS's activities that joint celebration of Quadricentennial of Compilation and Installation (*Parkash Divas*) of the Aad Guru Granth Sahib was inaugurated on June 6, 2004 at the Gurdwara Sahib, Ross Street, Vancouver with the inaugural lecture, '*Sabd Guru to Granth Guru*', by Prof Devinder Singh Chahal, PhD. These

celebrations are being organized jointly in collaboration with the North America Gurdwara Management Committee (NAGMC), Surrey, BC and the Institute for Understanding Sikhism, Laval, Quebec.

The same lecture was delivered at the Gurdwara Sahib, Scot Road, Surrey, BC on June 13 followed by a discussion at the Akali Gurdwara, Sakeena Road, Vancouver, BC, and another lecture at the Gurdwara Sahib, Road # 5, Richmond, BC on June 20.

During my stay in Surrey, BC from June 5 to 21 two TV shows were recorded. One was on objectives of Institute for Understanding Sikhism for dissemination of Gurbani and its publications, especially its new book, *JAP: The Essence of Nanakian Philosophy* and the *UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM – The Research Journal*; and second one was on joint celebrations of Quadricentennial of Compilation and Installation (*Parkash Divas*) of the Aad Guru Granth Sahib in collaboration with the NAGMC, Surrey, BC and the IUS, Laval, Quebec.

Two Radio Talks were given at the **Rim Jim Radio**, Vancouver and one Discussion was held in the **Gup-Shup Program at Radio Rim Jim**. Another Talk show was held at **Radio India**, Surrey.

A dinner discussion was held at Dr Rajinder Singh's residence in Surrey, BC with a few families. It was the desire of all the members to prepare a series of lectures on Gurbani and Sikhism and discussion sessions on a mass media like TV every week. It was also felt that it is necessary to arrange lectures scientifically and logically keeping in view the interest and demand of the young Sikhs of the Science Age.

This discussion was continued in another evening tea at Dr Balvir Singh Ramgotra's residence. More discussions were held on this issue and others in afternoons in Meeting Room of the NAGMC. Some discussions were also held at the residence of Mrs and Mr Gurnam Singh Uppal, my host during my stay in Surrey, BC. In one of the meetings at Uppals residence I met Miss Zeena Sahl, graduate student at the University of BC. She was very much enthusiastic in planning the lecture program for the Sikh youth. She has volunteer herself for arranging a special seminar for the Sikh youth on September 4, 2004 at the time of final conference to be held on June 5 and 6 at the Gurdwara Sahib, Road # 5, Richmond.

Last discussion was held at the residence of Mr and Mrs Gurnam Singh Sanghera in Delta where further program for final conferences on September 4, 5, & 6 were planned.

It was also decided to publish a souvenir containing articles on the AGGS by the Gurdwara Sahib, Road # 5, Richmond, BC in collaboration with the NAGMC and IUS. In addition to this a booklet, *SABD GURU TO GRANTH GURU – An In-depth Study*, and some tracts on philosophy of the AGGS will also be published, which will be released on the final conferences being held on September 4, 5, and 6 in at Gurdwara Sahib, Ross St, Vancouver; Gurdwara Sahib, Sakeena Rd, Vancouver; and Gurdwara Sahib, Road #5, Richmond, BC, respectively, and on September 18 at IUS Seminar, Laval, Quebec.

This series of Conferences on the Quadricentennial of the AGGS will be carried on in BC by Dr Harbans Lal and Dr Nirmal Singh Nilvi from USA; and Dr Dharam Singh and Dr Darshan Singh from India during July and August and the final conference will be held on September 4-6, 2004 where Prof Chahal of IUS will also be joining these scholars.

Then all these scholars plus more and a representative from the SGPC, Amritsar will be coming to the Fourth International IUS Seminar 2004 in continuation of joint celebration of Quadricentennial of Compilation and Installation (*Parkash Divas*) of the AGGS being held on September 17 and 18 at Laval, Quebec, which is also being held in collaboration with the NAGMC, Guru Granth Academy, Arlington Taxes, and Gurmat Vichar Sabha, Brampton, Ontario.

Sixty copies of a book, *JAP: The Essence of Nanakian Philosophy*, were specially flown to Surrey, BC by Mr Karminder Singh Gill. I am grateful to him for this help on time. This book was also introduced to the Sangat at all the places wherever lectures were delivered and discussions were held.

A copy of the above book and Understanding Sikhism – The Research Journal each were deposited in the libraries of the UBC and Simon-Fraser University, BC through the help of Dr Bikkar Singh Lalli, Convocation Senator, UBC.

On my return from California on July 5 we (IUS Executive) will be holding a number of meetings to work on all these aspects of the Seminar at Laval, Quebec. Suggestions from the SD members especially on type and standard of lectures on Sikhism to be prepared for Sikh Youth on TV program are invited.

Prof Devinder Singh Chahal, PhD