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Dominus Illuminatio Mea



Let us work like humble servants of the
Supreme Father

Let us live like dutiful children of the
Supreme Father and

Let us love each other like earnest devotees of
the Supreme Father

Param Guru Huzur Sahabji Maharaj



162 Years of Satsang
(1861-2023)

The Overseas Bulletin
prays for Grace on all jivas
and

Wishes Its Readers

A Very Happy Basant

And

A Successful Satsang New
Year 2023

ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION
OF
BASANT
(26- Jan-2023) &
HOLI
(08-Mar-2023)

THE OVERSEAS BULLETIN EXPRESSES
ITS ETERNAL GRATITUDE
AT THE LOTUS FEET
OF

PARAM PURUSH PURAN DHANI
HUZUR SOAMIJI MAHARAJ
FOR
STARTING THE PROCESS OF
SALVATION OF JIVAS
BY

OPENING THE SATSANG TO PUBLIC
ON
THE BASANT DAY IN 1861.

देखन चली बसंत अगम घर । देख देख अब मगन भई ॥
सखियन साथ चली नभ ऊपर । शब्द गुरु संग लगन लगी ॥
कँवलन क्यारी फूल सँवारी । पेख पेख अब गगन रही ॥
सतगुरु संघ परखती पहुँची । कर्म बीज को अग्नि दई ॥
सतगुरु किरपा सतपद पाया । रा धा स्व आ मी धरन धरी ॥

(Sar Bachan B.39, S.4)

आदि बसंत शुभकामनाएँ (PRIMAL SPRING GREETINGS)

“रा-धा-स्व-आ-मी ।

रा धा स्व आ मी - नाम, धाम, रूप, लीला - से सुसज्जित “आदि बसन्त” के परम उद्देश्य की प्राप्ति की आशा में बसन्त 2009 आप सबको मुबारक हो ॥”

“Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi

May the Basant of 2009 be auspicious to you all in the hope of securing the Supreme Object of Primal Spring, “Adi Basant”, embellished with the Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Name, Region, Form and Glory.” (“Leela”)

After the Greetings, Gracious Huzur was pleased to deliver the following Discourse.

“I will give you a brief insight into the origin of the Primal Spring “Adi Basant”. Earlier I have put forth before you an explanation of the pre-creational state and the subsequent creation of Macrocosm. In the pre-creational state the Supreme Being was in a state of complete self-absorption. No one knew about His Name, Region, Form and Glory. But the Supreme Being was aware that all the spirits located at His Feet were in a dormant comatose condition and were not conscious of the Supreme Truth, Intelligence, Bliss and Refulgence of the Supreme Being. The spark of Love had not been kindled in them. The Supreme Being, the Reservoir of Mercy was moved with compassion. And He with the Supreme Object of bestowing upon all those spirits the permanent rapture of union with Supreme Truth, Intelligence, Bliss and Refulgence, willed to grant that gift to them. He embarked upon the launch of this unparalleled macrocosmic creation. He willed and a huge wave arose in Him and along with it the sound “Soami” reverberated. The great Prime Spiritual Current emerged in the form of “Radha”. As a result of the original mighty wave a great attraction was exerted on the spirits and they all made a big rush towards the Supreme Being. Those spirits among them who could secure sufficient spirituality got located in the Pure Spiritual Region. They got the great good fortune of uniting with the Supreme Being --- Supreme Truth, Intelligence, Bliss and Refulgence. Remaining spirits who could not secure requisite purity of spirituality and in whom propensities towards mind and Maya existed, were located in different abodes in the second and third phases of creation outside the Pure Spiritual Region in accordance with the order of their spiritual consciousness. In this way, it was the Adi Basant, Primal Spring, when the Supreme Being, by His Supreme Will, revealed His Name, Region, Form and Glory (“**Leela**”). Ever since then all the spirits began to harbour hope of securing that permanent rapturous state of union. This was the Primal Spring i.e. “Adi Basant”. Those spirits who got located in the Pure Spiritual Region secured Supreme Splendour of “**Phag**”, the rapturous opportunity of eternal celebration of Holi with the Supreme Being in perennial “**Phagun**” season. Basant literally came true in their case i.e. Basant that began came to an end - “**Bas-ant**” and they were blessed with the Supreme Good Fortune of securing permanent union with the Supreme Truth, Intelligence, Bliss and Refulgence. Sooner or later the same exalted status awaits all of us, the spirit entities, by virtue of Supreme Will. Therefore, in the hope of realising the inevitable union implied by this Adi Basant, Primal Spring, we celebrate every spring with great eclat, joy and happiness.

You already know, the importance of Basant in the Satsang world is due to the Supreme Being assuming Human Form on this earth and giving out the message of Ra-dha-sva-aah-mi Name nearly 148 years before, on this auspicious Basant (Panchami) Day for the first time. And on this day of Basant (Panchami) itself Param Guru Sahabji Maharaj founded Dayalbagh in 1915. In this way Satsang Headquarters got established here. Thus starting from the beginning of creation

upto the end of creation, Basant will continue to be celebrated. And after that there will only be permanent **Phagun** season - the enjoyment of everlasting rapturous Holi - for all the spirit entities. They will all get merged in Merciful Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi.

I will also clarify another matter. On the occasion of the previous **Bhandara** you listened to a **Shabda** pertaining to members of a Holy Family. But this does not pertain to that Holy Family alone. In the technical language of Religion, words have a hidden connotation, apart from their literal meaning. If you carefully look for the hidden meaning, you come to know that the composition pertains to the entire family of creation. There is reference to spirit entities of the four regions, the four **lokas**. So it was not just a description of persons belonging to a particular family. Through the description of a particular family as a model, the whole family of spirit entities of the entire creation, in particular, the Satsang family got embraced. Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi.”

(Dayalbagh Herald 3-Mar-2009)

BASANT

“When Huzur Sahabji Maharaj laid the foundation of Dayalbagh on Basant Panchami in 1915, He also laid in a very subtle form the foundation of a New Satsang Culture. You can call it ‘Dayalbagh Culture’ or ‘A way of Life’. How was that done? A very nice and delicate sapling was sown which you call the Radhasoami Educational Institute. This plant gradually grew, expanded, bore leaves and fruit, and its aroma spread out in all four directions and made its impact in all corners of the country and abroad too. Now this sapling has grown into a big tree and it is hoped that its aroma shall spread far and wide and its good fruit and flower proliferate which people will look at with wonder and appreciation.

“It can be hoped that a time will come when the product of Dayalbagh shall stand out and be recognized from a distance. That will be the day when we shall be able to say that we have abided by Gracious Mandates to some extent. All of us should in all humility pray at the Lotus Feet of Huzur Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Dayal that He may be pleased to grant us correct understanding and strength to accomplish His Mandates! Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi !”.

(Extract) : Bachan of Param Guru Huzur Dr. M.B. Lal Sahab - 21.1.1991)

ON THE BASANT DAY IN 1934

History tells us that when Christ was born the Angels rejoiced in the celestial regions, the birth of Mohammad Sahab was accompanied by music and special kind of light, the birth of Krishna Maharaj brought with it a powerful storm and tremendous rain through which he was carried to Brindaban. Christ was crucified and he was accorded a treatment a mere mention of which would make one's hair stand on end. Mohammad Sahab had to engage in seventeen wars. Krishna Maharaj had to fight the **Rakshasas** since the fifth year of his life and later to engage in the Mahabharat. The world's history is full of occurrences of this kind. But when the Founder of our Faith took birth, neither stars left their orbits nor storms did blow. He led a quiet life. Krishna Maharaj was born in a royal family and lived as a King. Ramchandraji was born in a royal family and lived as a King. But Soamiji Maharaj took birth in a middle class family and shifted to Soami Bagh soon after His throwing open the gates of Satsang to the public. He had no kingdom, crown or throne, nor any regal paraphernalia, but a simple life without any pomp or show. His advent was not preceded with any preparations. No extraordinary events marked His birth nor did any take place during his life time. He continued to lead a quiet life. But that which He initiated and started is absolutely without parallel and that is the common Satsang service by thousands of men and women every morning and evening as we have here. No great One did

ever conduct Holy Service permanently at one place nor give initiations in this manner. The extraordinary thing that Soamiji Maharaj did was to start the Satsang and grant opportunities to every one high or low to benefit by it. It is through His Gace that thousands, nay lacs of people, are today enjoying His Gracious gift, blessing their stars and singing hymns of praise unto His Holy Feet. We have all assembled here today with the self; same object of making sincere acknowledgement in the presence of all that by coming under the Gracious protection of Huzur Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Dayal we have been blessed with that peace and that benefit which we never could have guessed and imagined. We were powerless, penniless and smothered with sins. We had thousands of faults, lacs of weaknesses but He Mercifully showered upon us that grace whereof we can never adequately make a return in duty even though we offer thanks all twenty four hours, throughout every year of our life. On this auspicious occasion we offer our humble thanks at the Lotus Feet of Huzur Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Dayal and pray that He may now be pleased to extend the sphere of Satsang and grant opportunities to the **jivas** in general to partake of this blessing. The world is surrounded with intense worries. It is in great distress. Having turned away from God it is moving towards hell. We pray to Him to be Mercifully pleased to turn towards Himself their momentum now acting in the wrong direction, to grant strength to Satsang workers to serve them so that peace and happiness may prevail in the world and tendencies of greed and attachment and desire for worldly power, name and fame may give place to Love for the Holy Feet. We pray for strength to so develop ourselves as to be able to say that if in 1861 He ordained the foundation of Satsang opening its gates to all humanity, He in this year of grace 1934 has been mercifully pleased to extend its sphere as much as we want.

(Extract from Dayalbagh Herald 8.02.2011)

DISCOURSE DELIVERED BY GRACIOUS HUZUR DR. M.B. LAL SAHAB ON BASANT PANCHAMI

after the evening Satsang on 3rd February, 1987

"You must have heard the Bachan (Bachan No. 126 from Part I of Bachans of Huzur Mehtaji Maharaj) read just now. It will not be out of place for me to say something in this regard and so I am submitting before you that those persons who have been attending the evening Satsang for the last two or three days, must have heard one Bachan being read every day. (Bachan No. 123 from Part I of Bachans of Huzur Mehtaji Maharaj).

In that Bachan, a prayer is made in the Lotus Feet of Huzur Soamiji Maharaj to Grace Dayalbagh with His presence on the occasion of Basant. Even in the Bachan read today, it is mentioned that possibly Huzur Soamiji Maharaj may be present in Satsang today. You must be aware that when many Satsangis make a collective prayer in the Lotus Feet of the All Merciful Father, then special grace is showered. Now it is for you to consider this also that if it is true, as mentioned in this evening's Bachan, that Soamiji Maharaj is present in Satsang and has taken the trouble of gracing Dayalbagh with His presence, then it is impossible that Huzur Sahabji Maharaj would not be accompanying Him, because it was He who established Dayalbagh. If Soamiji Maharaj wishes to make an inspection here, then it is essential that Huzur Sahabji Maharaj would show Him all that He established here in 1915, when many institutions were established in their embryonic form and some of which also flourished and grew.

Now go a step further and also consider that if Huzur Soamiji Maharaj is pleased to Grace Dayalbagh, then how can it be possible that Param Guru Huzur Mehtaji Maharaj may not be with Him, because it was He who nurtured and irrigated the Dayalbagh plant and made it into a flourishing green tree, by working day and

night for thirty eight years and undergoing a lot of hardship Himself, and engaging Satsangis in this work. The Dayalbagh that you are seeing today is a result of His Grace and Mercy.

So if Huzur Soamiji Maharaj, Huzur Sahabji Maharaj and Huzur Mehtaji Maharaj are pleased to Grace Dayalbagh and if They are happy with the work put in by the residents of Dayalbagh in the last eight to ten days, whether men, women, boys, girls or children, of cleaning Dayalbagh colony and making it sparkle and giving it a face-lift, then I must assure you, that you will be amply rewarded. Do not be in doubt that whatever seva you have put in, in their welcome shall not be rewarded. I would also add that your constant prayer now should be that our Guru Maharaj should ever remain in Dayalbagh only as mentioned in the Bachans yesterday and the day before.

Then Huzur asked for another Sabda to be recited from Prem Bilas and the following Sabda was recited.

'Dhanya dhanya sakhī bhag hamare'

(Prem Bilas, S. 126)

(Dayalbagh Herald 24.2.1987)

OUR BOUNDEN DUTY

In the evening Satsang on the Basant Day, the Shabda No. 20 of Prem Bilas 'लाग री मेरी सुरत सहेली' was recited by the daughter-in law, daughters and granddaughter of Param Guru Huzur Mehtaji Maharaj.

After the **Shabda** had been recited, Gracious Huzur referring to the following four lines of the **Shabda**, observed in Hindi (translation below) –

सतगुरु भेंटे सतसंग मिलिया , जाग उठा तेरा भाग री ॥ 2 ॥

सेवा करो बचन चित धारो , गावो मंगल राग री ॥ 3 ॥

मान बड़ाई टेक और पक्षा , इन सब चित से त्याग री ॥ 4 ॥

दीन हीन मान अपने को, गुरु की सरन में पाग री ॥ 5 ॥

This is a day of jubilation and rejoicing for all of us Satsangis. And along with this it is a day of singing the praises of Huzur Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Dayal. And today you actually did this. You also abandoned टेक और पक्षा (an age old practice that was unnecessary and to which we were sticking just for the sake of sticking to it). This is good. But, I have also a feeling that a great responsibility devolves on us this day of Basant. Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj threw open the Satsang to the general public on the Basant Day. Satsang expanded. It continues to expand. Now no activity of ours, or any mistakes of ours should be such as would prove to be impediments in the expansion of Satsang. On the other hand, our duty should be that the steps we take and the efforts we make for the progress of Satsang should become quicker and keener. Our Satsang should take a shape where we should be able to abide by the behests of Gracious Huzur and bring them to completion and fruition. **Discipline, personal economy, and sacrifice** should be our bounden duties. May the Lord give us light to discharge our responsibilities properly.

(Extract from Dayalbagh Herald 8.02.2011)

HOLI

PARAM GURU HUZUR SARKAR SAHAB

In the Holy Book written by Param Pita Soamiji Maharaj it has been said:

‘फागुन मास रंगीला आया | घर घर बाजे गाजे लाया ॥’

And further

‘यह नरदेही फ़ागुन मास । सुरत सखी आयी करन बिलास ॥’

Further still in the same Shabda it has been declared:

‘तुझ को फिर के फ़ागुन आया । सम्हल खेलियो हम समझाया ॥’

Thus the Saints having compared the month of Phagun with the human frame, have given it special importance and quite properly because this is the most wonderful form wherein are provided the portals to all planes of creation from the highest to the lowest and wherein innumerable spiritual sounds ring ceaselessly and '**Arati**' is held all the time and wherein there is the possibility of the spirit located in it attaining the state of Supreme Bliss, --Yes, this most wonderful and rare thing could only be compared to the greatest and the happiest month of the year. No better simile could even be imagined. But at the same time as pointed out in the three couplets quoted above the warning has also been sounded that having been blessed with such a wonderful frame one should play in this world with caution for then alone will it be possible to attain the state of pure bliss. In other words those who having assumed the human form waste away this rare state in associating with the mud and grossness of this world are ultimately consigned to the state of deepest pain as has been declared in the same **Shabda** :-

धूल उड़ाई छानी खाक । पाप पुन्य संग हुयी नापाक ॥
इच्छा गुन संग मैली भई । रंग तरंग बासना गही ॥
फल पाया भुगती चौरासी । काल देस जहाँ बहुत तरासी ॥
आस तिरास माहिं अति फँसी । देख देख तिस माया हँसी ॥
हँस हँस माया जाल बिछाया । निकसन की कोई राह न पाया ॥
तब संतन चित दया समाई । सत्त लोक से पुनि चलि आई ॥
ज्यों त्यों चौरासी से काढ़ा । नर देही में फिर ला डाला ॥
चरन प्रताप सरन में आई । तब सतगुरु अतिकर समझाई ॥
तुझको फिरकर फ़ागुन आया । सम्हल खेलियो हम समझाया ॥

But if this opportunity is coloured with the hues of devotion, **Seva**, Satsang, service of the Satguru and the **Jivas** thus successfully utilise this priceless gift of the human frame, they will live here in joy and happiness and finally they will be blessed with the highest raptures and ecstasies at the Holy Feet and attain everlasting bliss.

So much about the internal activity of the **Jivas**. In accordance with this original simile, it would be natural that while the people out in the world generally waste away this rare occasion of '**Holi**' in most dirty and joyless activities, the devotees sitting at the Holy Feet of their Supremely Merciful Sant Satguru enjoy the bliss and ecstasies of a most extraordinary character. And through grace it has always been so in the Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Faith and due to there being holidays on this occasion the devotees from various places have always thronged at the Gracious Court and enjoyed the bliss and raptures of the Holy Feet.

(English Translation of the article from Prem Samachar)
(DBH 14.3.1944)

HOLI MESSAGE PARAM GURU HUZUR MEHTAJI MAHARAJ

The following significant and hope-inspiring message was delivered by Gracious Huzur on the "**Holi**" morning, on 3rd March, 1942.

“May this day of Holi prove to be one of special blessing to you all. You should, however, one and all, offer your prayers at the Feet of Huzur Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi

Dayal that He be Mercifully pleased to ordain that the clouds of adversity that envelope the world at the present juncture should cause the least possible trouble to Satsangis. Huzur Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Dayal, will no doubt, effect such changes in the world as He has ordained to do. It being the 'Holi' day, however, we Satsangis are all shouting 'ho-li' 'ho-li' (literally: 'is over', 'is over'). May Huzur Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Dayal be Mercifully pleased to join with us and issue the command: This state of hardship is now over."

(Dayalbagh Herald 10-3-1942)

SELECTED SHABDAS

मेरे सतगुरु आप खिलाय रहे	मैं कैसे न खेलूँ री होरी	॥ टेक ॥
जब लग पिया मिले थे नहीं	बात रही कुछ औरी	
दीन दुहागिन घर में रहती	मैली चदरिया ओढ़ी	॥ 1 ॥
अब मैं पाया पिया निज अपने	सोया भाग जगो री	
मैली चदरिया फ़ेंक उन मारी	चुनरी दई सिर कोरी	॥ 2 ॥
ओढ़ चुनरिया सन्मुख ठाढ़ी	प्रेम भरी कर जोरी	
देख पिया तब हँस कर बोले	आज भई तुम मोरी	॥ 3 ॥
सुन गुरु बचन उमँग अस जागी	होय गयी कहो बौरी	
सीस चरन पर रख मद माती	करन लगी मैं निहोरी	॥ 4 ॥
सतगुरु पिया दाव यह पाकर	रँग मटकी सिर छोड़ी	
रंग रंगी मेरी कोरी चुनरिया	अटल सुहाग मिलो री	॥ 5 ॥
जगत जीव यह भेद न जानें	हँस हँस करें हैं टिकोरी	
जिनको मिले रंगीले सतगुरु	उनही समझ पड़ो री	॥ 6 ॥
मैंने पिया प्यारे रा धा स्व आ मी पाये	प्रेम सिंध बंधी छोड़ी	
मैली चदरिया तन की छूटी	सुत चुनरी सिर ओढ़ी	॥ 7 ॥

Translation

My Satguru (Master) Himself bids me play Holi, how can I then refrain!
The matter was different so long I had not met my Loving Master, for then I lived
in my house a humble and Lordless bride in dirty garb. 1
Now that I have found my Loving Master good fortune has dawned on me. He cast
aside my dirty garb and adorned me with a new bridal garment. 2
Thus adorned I stood full of love with folded hands before Him, whereupon He
smilingly said 'Now you have become Mine'. 3
On hearing these words of the Satguru I was overcome with such ecstasy that I
became dumbfounded, and I prostrated love-intoxicated at His Lotus Feet in sweet
suppliance. 4
And the Satguru, My Loving Lord seeing this condition of mine poured the pitcher
full of refulgent hues over my head. Thus bedecked in my bridal garment I became
an eternal bride. 5
The people of the world not knowing the secret of such Grace, laugh and jeer at
me. They alone understand this who are blessed with the association of the
Colourful Satguru. 6
I have found my Lord Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi, Ocean of Love and the Freer of souls.
My dirty garment has been cast aside and the Spirit is now adorned with its bridal
garment. 7

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