

The “Heart of India” Celebrates Guru Granth Sahib

A Report from MP-Chhatisgarh Sri Guru Singh Sabha

THE SIKHS ALL OVER THE WORLD celebrated, last year, the 300th Anniversary of Gurtagaddi Diwas of Sri Guru Granth Sahib, through various religious programmes. While the main function was held at Takht Sachkhand Hazur Sahib, Nanded, where the devotees thronged from across the world, the Madhya Pradesh-Chhatisgarh Kendri Sri Guru Singh Sabha had the distinction of a profoundly DIGNIFIED CELEBRATION in true spirit and light of *Gurmat*. For over five decades the dedicated Sikh Sangat of Bhopal, M.P. have been playing a key role in spreading the soulful messages of Sri Guru Granth Sahib and rich Sikh heritage by organizing *Gurmat* camps and through its informative Monthly (multi-lingual) Newsletter. With its steady commitments to disseminate the humanitarian values –as enshrined in Guru Granth Sahib- in its purist sense, The MP –Chhatisgarh Sri Guru Singh Sabha has been organizing Annual Gurmat Samagam for quarter of a century. The 24th Annual Samagam was organized on 27th & 28th Sept 2008 at Bhopal through various religious activities. A seminar on the topic “**Guru Granth-Guru Panth**” was organized at Guru Gobind Singh Hall, Gurdwara Nanaksar, Bhopal. Among prominent speakers were Sardar Ishar Singh, Prof. Manjit Singh, Sardar Manjit Singh Calcutta, Dr Harbhajan Singh and Sardar Pritam Singh. A ‘question answer’ session was held to clear doubts among the audience. A special feature of the celebration was the release of a beautifully designed Souvenir, at once informative and inspiring, with articles on key subjects, by veteran scholars. The Souvenir also has messages from Dr. P.S. Pasricha who conceived the celebration. Sardar Surjit Singh Minhas, Former Speaker Punjab Legislative Assembly sent a message in his own hand writing. Dr Santokh Singh’s message and Bhai Daljeet Singh’s (Gurditta) editorial strike a realistic chord - deep into the heart of every reader. During seminar some important booklets on Sikh history, Gurmat literature and a pamphlet with detailed information about the Vanjaras (Siklighar) Sikhs and the welfare activities being undertaken, to bring this important - but neglected - section of the community into the mainstream Sikhism, was also distributed among *Sangat*, along with the copy of the Souvenir and Report on the Seminar.

A set of the above valuable literature has also been received by the office of **The Sikh Review**. Our thanks to the Sabha.

