

UNITED SIKHS (USA) provides relief to victims of floods in Punjab

US-based UNITED SIKHS team from Punjab distributed food supplies to 250 flood affected families in villages Sambhala, Mandala, Gidderpindi, Daarewal in Lohiyan area. Each family was provided with dry ration, Wheat flour, Dal, Chana, Ghee, Sugar, Tea, Salt and milk powder. Villagers whose homes were severely damaged got tarpaulins for roof tops. Cash donations were also provided to some needy family in village Sanewal.

Sarpanch Ranjodh Singh of village Wara Jodh Singh said "On behalf of Panchayat, I thank UNITED SIKHS for providing the villagers with emergency relief and food supply. I request the Sikh community in foreign countries to pay attention to the grim situation and help us".

Sarpanch Premlal, village Sambhala said "I thank the Sikh Aid team for providing us the most need tarpaulin for roof top".

Sarpanch Baljeet Singh, village Gidderpindi thanked the Sikh Aid relief team and requested Cattle feed for 900 hungry animals in the village. Cattle and other livestock were hungry with no food.

Sarpanch Gyan Singh of Daarewaal village said, "Our villages need tents, tarpaulin, plastic sheets and canvas sheets for temporary roof arrangements. We need food supply and blankets for villagers"

Bhai Amrik Singh, UNITED SIKHS relief coordinator said "Cattle food supply has become more essential in area than ever before. The crisis may lead to severe damage in milk and dairy product industry. Thousands of people survive on dairy products".

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Dada Chellaram'Kirtan Yatra': 2008 (4th Quarter)

Respected & Dear Satsangee,

Dada Lachman Chellaram has been invited by Sr. P.S. Pasrichaji, for Kirtan in Takht Sri Hazroor Sahib, Nanded, from 9th to 13th Oct, 08. About 25 Satsangees are joining him. You are invited to visit Nanded.

On 24th Oct, 08 he will proceed on his foreign *kirtan yatra*, as usual, starting with Germany, U.K, U.S.A, Canada, St. Thomas, St. Martin, West Indies, Curacao, ending in Dubai by end of Dec, 08. You can inform your relatives and friends in these countries.

On the invitation of the Sindhi community, he will celebrate Guru Nanak Sahib's Birthday in San Fransisco Bay Area, from Nov 7th to 16th, 2008.

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Green Hero profiled by Time magazine

The US-based *Time* magazine has profiled environmentalist Baba Balbir Singh Seechewal as one of the 30 "Heroes of the Environment", chosen from around the world.

A recent issue of the magazine recognized Baba Seechewal's efforts to transform a 99 km long holy rivulet 'Kali Bein'. The rivulet, which has historic links with the first Sikh guru, had been "reduced to a filthy drain" into which 6 towns and 40 villages situated nearby emptied their waste.

The Kali Bein is now thriving, families head there for picnics and the devout bathe during religious festivals, all this due to the efforts of Baba Seechewal and the villagers who volunteered to clean the rivulet.

Baba Seechewal said he owed his achievement to the villagers' support and expressed satisfaction over his worldwide recognition. "We are turning our sights on tanneries and other factories that dispose untreated waste into rivers. It is time to do that on a bigger scale," he said.

Former President APJ Abdul Kalam had twice visited Sultanpur Lodhi, where Kali Bein flows through, to preview the work done by Baba and the villagers and had discussed Baba Seechewal's effort at international forums. Kalam had also specially mentioned Baba Seechewal's achievements at a gathering of intellectuals in Athens.

