

Sikh prayer in Pennsylvania Senate

“Ek onkar satnam”. There is but one God,” began the prayer that opened the Pennsylvania Senate, last June, as Nirmal Singh of Fairview Twp. became the first Sikh to perform that traditional duty.

“We pray to the one God who created this universe with all its colourful diversity,” said Singh, using the Punjabi word, Rang.

Sikhism is a monotheistic religion that developed in India during the 15th century. Singh’s prayer included phrases from Sikh scripture.

“Sikh teachings are universal, and I have tried to structure this prayer around its universality,” he said in an e-mail. **“My concern obviously was to try and offer an invocation that is universal in spirit and intent but can be traced back to its Sikh linkage.”**

Nirmal Singh is a retired Indian Army Colonel and business executive who has lived in the U.S. since 1987. He belongs to the Blue Mountain Gurdwara in Bethel Twp. Berks County.

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Australian university honours Dr. Daljit Singh

Professor Daljit Singh, ex-Chairperson Department of Chemical Engineering and Technology, and Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Punjab University, has been appointed as a PhD examiner for the Australian University at New South Wales. Professor Singh will be an examiner for the Graduate School of Engineering of the university.

Reputed as an eminent chemical engineer, Prof. Daljit Singh has made extensive and significant contribution to the field of science and technology. He holds a PhD in chemical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, USA where he was associated as a Fulbright Fellow and as a UNESCO-UNDP Fellow. Recently he made a presentation at Cambridge University, (UK). As Counsellor (science and technology) at the Embassy of India, Washington DC, USA, he was actively involved in promoting Indo-US science and technology interactions.

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New Assignment for Dr. Pashaura Singh

Dr. Harbans Lal, D. Litt, President Academy of Guru Granth Studies, 6415 Amicable Drive, Arlington (TX) has intimated that the eminent theologian, Dr. Pashaura Singh, Ph.D. has taken over as Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside, California.

We join Dr. Harbans Lal in conveying our best wishes to Dr. Pashaura Singh for success in his new assignment.

Dr. Harbans Lal, greeting him, observed:

‘We look forward to continued contributions in the area of Sikh studies so desperately wanting to be explored and disseminated. Your last book on the life and teaching of Guru Arjun set a new standard in Sikh scholarship in the English literature on Sikhism. We look forward to more of such scholarly works from you and your colleagues and trainees.’



