

Global Awareness: SR's July 2009

Sir: S. Baldip Singh Ji Rihal's letter from Kenya [SR July 2009, p. 64] is very impressive. Our youth need role models like him.

I feel equally proud of Dr. (Miss) Jaspreet Singh (Malaysia). She is another role model for youth. Her knowledge and love of Gurbani is praiseworthy. While being so busy with her demanding studies, she visited and investigated the Udipi Krishna Temple and miracle by Naam Dev Ji. Isn't it shameful for the Temple Management, to completely ignore Naam Dev Ji and not to mention his name in any brochure and literature just because he is of lower caste? In fact the Temple should be named for Naam Dev Ji, to whom it rightfully commemorates. Dhan Dhan Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji wherein Naam Dev Ji is celebrated.

S. Tarlochan Singh, MP deserves thanks of every Sikh for keeping the issue of Amending the Constitution of India to recognize '*Sikhism*' as an independent religion. The world over it is recognized, but not in India, which is a shame.

I also used to lament the losses suffered by Sikhs at the time of Partition in 1947, but my perspective has since changed. I was attending "Sikh Youth Camp" as an instructor, in Flag Staff, Arizona, (USA) when, during a break, such lamenting remarks were countered by one of our American-Sikh colleague: "I think it was a very good deal. We lost west Punjab but gained the whole of the West. Look at the Nishaan Sahib flying now in Flag Staff Arizona. Maybe it would not have happened!"

The Late Sardar Tohra's letter from 1984 archives, surprised me and I started suspecting it as a forgery. It has numerous inconsistencies: such as Tohra Ji's many letters published in "Chakaevew" – a masterly book on 1984 by Prof. Gurtej Singh Ji, the date of this letter as June 2, 1984 claiming "Climax" but no mention of the Army assault, or putting death toll at "killing dozens of pilgrims", no mention of attack on 47 other gurdwaras across Punjab and destruction of AKAL TAKHAT SAHIB, Sikh Reference Library, or the plunder of "Tosha Khana".

Lastly I certainly would congratulate the management of the Singh Sabha, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana, for considering "Education" as a worthy cause.

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Appreciation from USA

Sir: While renewing my subscription (PNB cheque for 5,650/-) I wish to extend my prayers to Waheguruji to bless you and your dedicated team, with more vigour, zeal and enthusiasm in keep up uninterrupted production and circulation of the wonderful Journal, ***The Sikh Review*** - around the globe. This ensures that all member-subscribers remain constantly inspired and enlightened.

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Atrocities by Nazis & 1984

Sir: How the Jews pursued and punished the culprits responsible for the mass killings of Jews at the hands of Nazis during Second World War, is evident from the latest example. On August 11, 2009 a court in Munich convicted a 90 years old Gen. Josef Scheungraber, a German Army Commander, who was responsible for ordering the murders of 25 Jews on June 26, 1944 in Italy.

The Jews have formed committees which have been tracking the German Officers of Nazi regime responsible for killing of Jews. After the formation of Israel, so many courts were established to try these 'war criminals'. Should we forget the mass killings of the Sikhs in 1984?

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