25 September Death Anniversary of Dr Harbhajan Singh

Bhaji was not a prisoner, he came as a messenger, commissioned with the work of His Master, Sant Kirpal Singh, and after finishing it he went back.

Biji Surinder Kaur

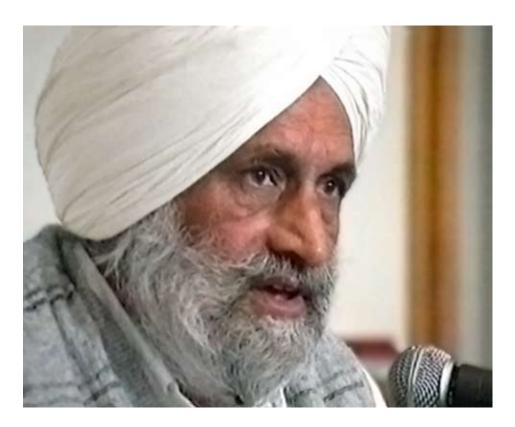


Forever One

Now I have met my Beloved, My Lord, the Emperor of all, Without whom my heart ached With pangs of longing. I have longed and became one With love's infinite ocean.

Kabir





Last Stay in the West

When Bhaji and Biji came on 14 May, 1995, to St. Gilgen, Austria, we had no foreboding of what awaited us that year. We were simply very happy to meet them again.

In the welcome Satsang Bhaji gave a detailed report about the work in Kirpal Sagar and spoke about the planned Symbols of unity.

Master has planned, and it was His internal desire, to create these symbols together. He told that it was tried many times beforehand, but it was not possible. We have these separate signs of separate religions – outwardly we differ, but inwardly we never differ. Master wants to create an example by bringing all these holy signs together.

One thing is very important that in Kirpal Sagar only the commandment of the Master was observed and nothing was done against the wish of the Master. Despite of many problems which came up in the beginning we did not stop. So we did not come down, we stood there, we kept the commandment of the Master. If something is created in this way, it brings a great radiation, and it will become a light house for all people who come afterwards, as Master told that persons who have the background will join.

I learned from our Master to remain surrendered to Him and never to create anything from ourselves and not to allow the mind to react. I beg for all my brothers and sisters to have a life of purity and outstanding ideas within ourselves so that we are more and more close to the Godpower, getting food for all the time. Guru Nanak has told, "O God, bless all, but bless them within Your will." I would tell you that we worked within His will and we should always make prayers and meditate. What type of meditation? With ruling passion for God in the heart.

Extract

Left: Dr. Harbhajan Singh holding Satsang in St. Gilgen, 22 May, 1995





Lecture Tours

As planned, Bhaji's European lecture tour started on 20 May from the Austrian Centre

Lectures were held in Helsinki, Finland, as well as in Stockholm and Uppsala, Sweden. Next Bhaji went to Hamburg, Berlin and Leipzig in Germany, further to Bratislava, Slovakia, and Wien, Austria. On 13 June,

he started the second part of his tour with lectures in the German cities of Mannheim, Karlsruhe, Calw, Bonn, Köln and Wuppertal, and finished the tour in Strasbourg, France.

Today we are holding a heart-to-heart talk and I think it is better to remember the Master by remembering the many incidences He showed. These incidences give us a true picture of His competency. Masters never show miracles, since miracles are not more than astral and causal dust and totally fulfil the wishes of worldly persons. If with the help of those (negative) powers the wishes are fulfilled, one creates karmic reactions and gets dependent on them. Those powers create a hindrance on the inner way for the soul. Throughout the world there are hundred thousand persons doing this work and they are getting very popular, but Master will not show us any miracle, He will show us incidences.

Incidences are true facts. When one yearns for certain things Master supplies with it. The demand and supply method is always eternal in the law of God. In this case there is forgiveness, and in the case of miraculous things one is caught by the effect of these miracles. Once Master forgives you, He will never take it into account again. Moreover, Master plays incidences just to uphold Himself His prestigious work. For it is the Masterpower who develops yearning and awakening in us and blesses the disciple with faster determination in his life. And later on He gives discriminating power and finally right understanding in the world.

It is this right understanding which is the most precious thing throughout the three worlds. Who is gifted with right understanding becomes a man of word, he becomes a man of courage and is fit to meditate and to work in the mission of the Master. Who gets

right understanding gives light and life to lots of people, because the purpose of right understanding is to reveal the Truth for others.

The life of those Masterpowers who came into the world is very unique. Such personalities have always all possibilities we need from them. As the most important thing, He blesses His child with contentment, because when one is contented, he can develop this contentment everywhere. Contentment is the only way of life. When you don't create any wish, you are contented. You know that you are fit to live in the manbody, you are fit to live with the Master and then you are fit to go back. In reality, this is contentment.

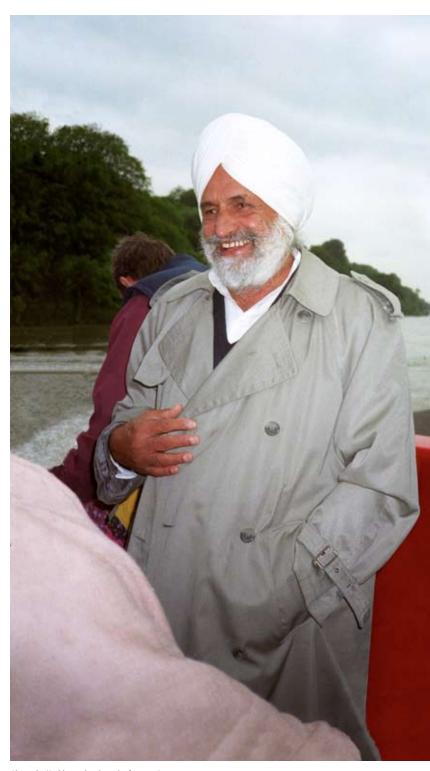
Contentment will make you a perfect person. The purpose of the Master is to create contentment in all of us, because Master tells us to serve the humanity, to serve the cause of the Master, to serve up to our last breath.

Left: Dr. Harbhajan Singh, 17 June, 1995, Pullmann Hotel, Köln



Between lectures which were mostly held in the evenings, enough time remained for personal talks and a walk. During the last stay in Bonn-Bad Godesberg, we took Bhaji and Biji across the river Rhein with the ferry. At the town of Königswinter we walked along the shore of the river.

Despite Bhaji trying to hide
it with a smile, we noticed
that walking was causing him
discomfort, and eventually he
had to sit down on a bench. The
wheather was cool and cloudy,
and in the same way we felt the
situation, because we knew Bhaji
had to go to the hospital to have
an examination done on his heart.
All that left us thinking about
what was to come.



Above: Dr. Harbhajan Singh on the ferry, 20 June, 1995 Left: Dr. Harbhajan Singh with his wife during their walk along the river Rhein, 20 June, 1995

"I wish to be healthy soon"

When Bhaji returned back to St. Gilgen, it was obvious that he was not in good health

Since some years we had known that Bhaji suffered from a constriction of the coronary vessels, but no one was aware that his condition was very critical. One time when Bhaji was asked when his heart problem had started, he replied, "At the time after Master's departure, when I was hiding under the table where His body was lying, then it started."

Following a medical check-up on 20 June, an intracardiac catheter examination in the hospital in Wels showed an eighty percent coronary stenosis and the doctors advised a bypass operation. Bhaji had definitely decided to abide by the doctors' advice, and a date for the operation was fixed for 27 June. Within one week Bhaji arranged that his further lectures in Europe should be held by representatives and he also cared for the ongoing work in Kirpal Sagar. Bhaji phoned to Kirpal Sagar and made arrangement for the iron girders for the Sarovar. I told him, "If you will not leave the hospital healthy, I will announce everywhere that I had a false friend." Bhaji replied, "I will be hundred percent okay."

On 25 June, the day before Bhaji's admission to the hospital, he spoke in the Sunday Satsang about the term "Master", referring to a recorded talk of Sant Kirpal Singh:

Master says that there is only one Master in the whole creation. When He came in the Word-Personified Form, He helped lots of people in the world. 'Word', 'Guru', 'Master', 'Almighty Power', they are the same, because they come from God Himself. It is said that one Word of the Almighty God saves the whole creation. This Word is our Master. All Masters said that there is only one doer, and this Power has worked through a lot of Masters. Now the question arises how we can know Him. It has become very difficult to know Him. Outwardly it is very difficult, but if He creates yearning in us, if He gives us a glimpse of the truth, if He provides us with a spark of truth, we know, He is the Master, He has something with

Him. It is said in the Holy Scriptures that one can know Him only with a background, otherwise not. However, Master says, one who has not got the background to meet the Godpower, He can also create it. When you listen to the Word-Personified Form your background is developed. Whether one comes with the background or one develops it over here, it is one and the same thing. Someone came in contact with some power in his last birth, another one has come in contact in this life, and now both are standing in one row. There is no difference at all. Who makes the background? It is the grace of the Master that helps us. In His grace everything we need is contained.

Once you come in contact with such a Master and He blesses you with your lost heritage, all your trials in the world will finish, and then your purpose is to live with it. As Christ said, "I shall never leave thee nor forsake thee till the end of the world," means, He does not leave you till the soul becomes one with Him.

Now there is one thing, we say, all Masters are one (and the same). No, it is not the reality. Even those who are going this path have different stages. Master said that those who are on the way and are progressing very well, are called "Sadh", and they are also respected. A Masterpower can create many of them, and if they are affected with ego or something like this, they are stopped. Sadhs can advise other people, but only up to the stage they themselves have traversed, only within this stage they will be able to tell something. Those who go further into the conscious plane, are called "Sant", and those who go beyond they are called "Param Sant". The one who is the Param Sant is not dependent, but all others below are dependent upon Him. All those who are really on the way to become conscious, pray, "O Master, help us!" They always remain dependent upon Him, and the one who is fully dependent upon that Power will definitely get the grace. I will tell you something about Sant Kirpal Singh, which everyone of you already knows: Such a Power comes very rarely



in the world. Now this Power is working (in our time). The only difference lies in the grace. Otherwise no man would like to leave the taste of the world. It is by His radiation and His grace that He very loveably detaches us from the world. The second thing is that He is not dependent. So now our way is direct, independent with God (we have an indipendent link with God); because of this independency everyone can become a Conscious Co-worker of the Divine Plan. This is a rare phenomenon; otherwise there are limitations in the way. A Master on the fifth plane is dependent

upon the Masters on the highest plane, like Sant Kirpal Singh. The Master of the fifth plane has to get the grace from Him, and then he has to deliver this grace unto His children in the world. Now we are independent, directly working with that Power (from the highest plane). It is not a matter of yearning throughout the whole life, it is a matter of starting, and then everything is there.

Extract

Above: Dr. Harbhajan Singh, St.Gilgen, 28 May, 1995

Bhaji's Operation

It was on Monday, 26 June, when at 7.15 a.m. Bhaji went to the hospital in Wels near Linz where he had to undergo several preparations for the bypass operation

I remember Bhaji's words which he wrote down in Master's love before he went for his operation, while the Sangat was waiting for him. He took his book and started to write something in His love:

In the house You have made (body)

There should be Your intoxication,

And this house should be full with Your colour.

You should tell me the place where I can go

And tell the condition of my heart.

There was only one for me

And that one was You,

But You also covered Your face and left me.

And I was one manmukh

Who could not hold Your arm.

When the disciple, the soul is speaking with the Master, when he sacrifices himself, then such type of conversation is going on between the Master and the disciple.

S.K

Early in the morning of 27 June, the operation day, Bhaji had covered his head with a towel and said a prayer, sitting on the bed with folded hands. Then he had a short meditation with all who were with him in the room. Soon the nurse came with a tablet, which was to prepare for the anaesthetic. Maybe it looked like the tablet had worked, but this was impossible within

such a short instant. Bhaji in one moment was above the body consciousness. On the way to the operating theatre, Biji followed the bed. The operating theatre was located in the upper floor, and one nurse allowed Biji and another person to come along. Normally no one is allowed to accompany the patient from the ward to the operating room, but this nurse said, "O, the mother wants to come along, let her come." So Biji was able to be with Bhaji just up to the entrance of the operating theatre. She held Bhaji's hand, who was half awake, and she told him something. Later she let us know that she had pledged to Master that she would not leave Bhaji's hand until she could lay it into Master's hand - and at that moment Master appeared. It happened again and again in the following days that the usual hospital rules were rendered ineffective. Approximately four and a half hours after the operation, we saw Bhaji again in the intensive care unit. The operation had been successful. Under the oxygen mask he managed to say, "I'm okay." With a gesture towards the breastbone he expressed that he had pains. Despite of this difficult condition he always looked strong like a lion, bound on this bed with the tubes, infusion bottles, etc. The next day Bhaji told, "When I came to my senses after the operation, I took one breath, and it was terrible, I took the second one and thought a third one I would not be able to take then Master stood before me and held me." Bhaji was speaking in full sentences for the first time, but still in a very slow voice. We felt much relieved when Bhaji was transferred from the intensive care unit to the heart observation ward on Thursday, 29 June. His condition was improved daily inspite of some problems.

During the time of Bhaji's recovery, Biji was a little hesitant to go and see him. Fearing that Bhaji's blood pressure might go up after seeing her, she did not want

Today you are here to care for me, but nobody knows when the bird will fly.

Harbhajan Singh



Dr. Harbhajan Singh with his wife in the hospital in Wels, July, 1995

anything to go wrong. Everyday she would wait in the room in anticipation of what his condition was for that day. At one time he was feeling a little better and could sit up and do some exercises. When Biji came to know it, you could see how relieved and happy she was. She first would secretly peer through the glass window just to see how he was doing. Then she picked up the courage to enter the room. It was really touching to see them together when she stood at his bedside. On 7 July, Bhaji whilst in his room in the general ward, dressing himself, said, "I take off this clothe of this world of Maya, and I wear the clothes of Master." He seemed very happy and said, "Today you are here to care for me, but nobody knows when the bird will fly." S.K.

Welcoming him Back in the Centre

Bhaji was discharged on 10 July. We had been looking forward to his return home and wanted to give him a special reception showing our love and respect, but what Master made of it exceeded all our imaginations.





Early that morning we went with two cars to meet Bhaji in the hospital. When we arrived back at the Centre at about half past seven, we were overwhelmed. The Sangat had come from all around and was standing in a row from the main gate all the way up to the entrance door. Everything was decorated with flowers and the roses were in full bloom. From the entrance up to the Satsang room a cloth was spread out with flower petals scattered on it. The atmosphere was vibrating. Biji told that there was such a fragrance of Master in the air that the fragrance of the roses was fading.

O my God, if I do not come to Your house, this world is just like a desert. When I will come inside, Your Power will work more in this world

At his return to the Centre Bhaji wrote these four lines in Urdu

Bhaji went directly to the Satsang room with Biji and stood before Master's adorned photo and bowed his head in deep devotion. It was a great moment for the Sangat to have Bhaji back home with them.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I have the privilege to be with you, and this credit goes to Him. Such difficult times always come in the Mission, and these are to be borne. Masters have their own way and they are very strict with it.

When Sant Kirpal Singh Ji Maharaj celebrated the World Conference on Unity of Man, His motto was a very different one. He wanted to bring a big change, but the negative power declared an overall destruction in the world. So then the Masterpower had to go back. Before He went, He declared His Mission, and He said, "I am going to give it into the hands of certain people" – I think, you are the blessed ones.

Now my condition is like this: Whatever I decided, it was either to leave this body or to work for Him. Work is a must. Then it was decided that I must get full strength and prepare for the Mission. Both things

were in the hand of the Master and Master has given this life. In this life, which has been given to me, along with all of you, we have a lot to do. We have to fulfil the wish of our Master up to the utmost.

Regarding the operation, there was nothing to worry about, as I was in the gracious hand of the Master. This much I know that a time comes when the world has to thirst for one breath, and when that is given, it is the eternal life.

I thank all my brothers and sisters who cared for me here, and I thank the Mission of God, which is the only pure one in the world. Thanks to all past Masters, who also gave their help.

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Later on Bhaji once again said we should tell all, "We should long for this single breath, which brings eternal life."

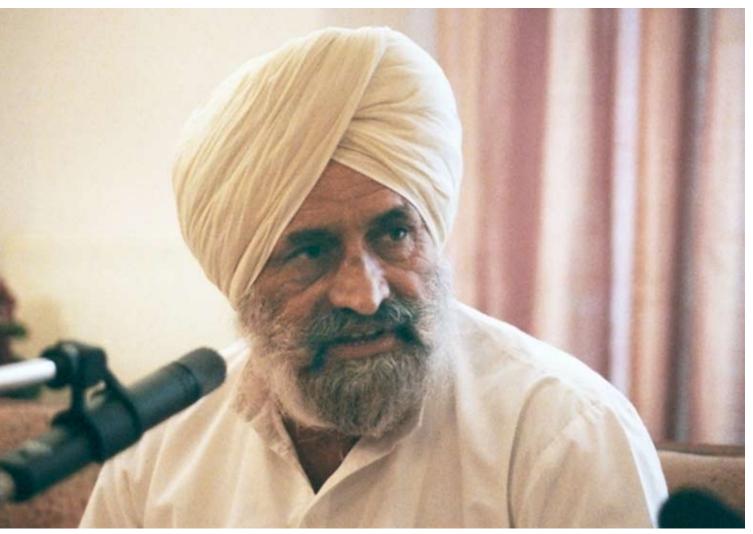
In the following weeks Bhaji had to take rest. He told Biji, "So far you were telling me the inner message, but from now on I will tell the inner message to you." Then he said, "I already met the Godpower who has worn Himself the golden dress inside."

S.K.





Out of joy the Sangat had arranged for a reception in the dining room, and out of love Bhaji accepted to sit along with all for a little while 10 July, 1995



Dr. Harbhajan Singh, St. Gilgen, 18 July 1992

First Sunday Satsang after the Operation

I am happy that I am here with you. When I went for the operation, I had told you that I would see you again, so now my Master has fulfilled this promise – I am with you. In the worldly way my operation was not exceptional, many operations are done like this, but it was exceptional. Once we know that there is the indweller of the body, and we are not the body, then this belongs to Him. I remained with Master as a borrowed servant of Him; He cared for me very much. I had no virtues of my own; so far I used the virtues of my Master for me and for everybody. My wish is to be healthy. I wish to work more in the Mission of the Master, because to work here or there is not different at all, although to work here differs in many aspects.

Read the teachings – this is a beautiful time we are passing through. We have been able to bring the grace of the Master down into this world, which, you know, is Kirpal Sagar. Hundred thousand years ago the promise was given that this grace should be brought down into the world so that everyone benefits.

Now you know the heart of Kirpal Sagar is being built, and with this you will feel the grace. You will feel the abundance of grace and you will have a holy outlook. It is not subject to your own wishes, but His wish will prevail and dominate all your wishes and will make you holy. Whenever there is something holy, a better atmosphere comes into the world, but the negative power always creates problems. Master has cleared the way for all of us in 1974, when He was able to bring lots of noble human beings on one platform. Seeing this, the other forces tried to bring dissolution into the world, so Master had to decide to go back immediately.

After Master's operation, one of the disciples of Baba Sawan Singh asked Master, whether Baba Sawan Singh had come during the operation. Master said, "Come here, you had better asked me, who did not come." For me Master's visit there was not needed, only His attention was required, but He still came and when I was taken to the operating theatre, I had the holy shadows of many Masters. Our Master, I saw, He was above, I said, "For me as a poor servant, the Masters have to take lots of problems, how can I ever thank them?" Where I went, there was light – I cannot explain how it was, but it was effulgent light, it was the light of happiness and love.

I wish to be healthy soon, so that I can work faster in Kirpal Sagar. I am very happy with all of you because you have put heart and head in accomplishing His holy work, and I appreciate it. I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for me and for the improvement of my health. I am happy that the work which had been chalked out in other countries was duly done, and the Masterpower helped a lot.

Now our development on various levels is needed. I always wished that you should have a good life, a holy life and a long life, so that you serve your own cause and that you serve others. You can serve a lot of people because this is such a good time, your attention can work far and wide, and lots of people can be benefitted. When people are spoiled and go on a lower level, is it not possible to lift them on a higher level? There are better chances to bring man to a better position by holding his arm. The more the negative power is doing the inferior work, the more help is there. This awakening that is now in the world will develop the spirit of everybody who hears it and he will be benefitted. I tell you this, because everything in this world must be told in a clear-cut way. Now spirituality is also told in a clear-cut way. Things are now going on a better basis and we should feel happy and all the time we should surrender to our Master, we have to help this oneness to prevail in the world. So thank you, whishing you all that is good for you. H.S.

Extract of the Satsang on 16 July, 1995

A time will come in the life of everyone when he has to yearn for one breath but is fully tied up and has no awareness of anything - for him everything becomes fully tasteless, he wants breath, he wants life and thirsts for that one breath. If it is not given, life becomes fully futile and meaningless and we lose the values of life in one moment. If it is given, it is an eternal life.

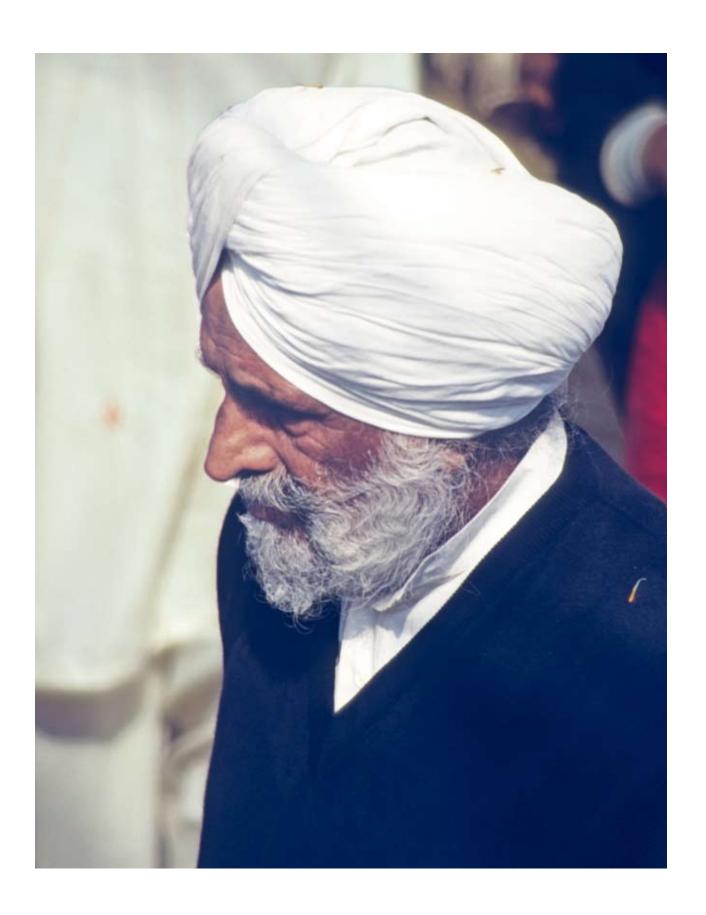
The whole world suffers with agony, but no one knows how one has to go through this sphere.

Masters come into the world and give us the eternal life – they infuse life into the life. When Master takes you above the body consciousness, you experience how to leave the body before leaving the body forever.

Harbhajan Singh, 23 July, 1995

According to his words, "I wish to be healthy soon, so that I can work faster in Kirpal Sagar", Bhaji agreed to undergo physical therapies and undertook regular walks in the fresh air which daily became longer. Soon we could see how he got strength. We were worried about one thing only – he did not want to take food as before and not even enough water. When he was

repeatedly asked to drink more, Bhaji said in a special way, "Body is tasteless, water is tasteless, and when the tasteless mixes with the tasteless, what is the use of it?" Biji explained that he was in this condition, because having all the time the sight of his Master, everything outside had become tasteless compared to this experience.



Good bye to the Western Sangat

Bhaji and Biji returned to Kirpal Sagar on 13 August, 1995

Dear brothers and sisters, next Sunday I have to go back to India. I'm happy that I enjoyed your love, your co-operation and I am more happy that in spite of my illness, many brothers and sisters could do, much more than before, and they felt the grace everywhere. I can tell them that this grace will not leave. This grace will continue, and a time is coming when this will be overflowing within you, but you should keep your heart open for it. You should be broadhearted; you should have love for all human beings. All Masters, all holy personalities, always prayed, "God bless all, peace be unto all over the world." They never demanded anything for themselves. If you say, "Peace be unto all," you are not separate from all, you are one of them. So if you develop others, you will be developed. If you give this high teaching, if you convey good thoughts to others, you will be developed with good thoughts. As you say, so you become. When you develop others, this development will affect you firsthand. Reformers were never reformers, but when they started to reform others, they became reformers. So when you have good wishes for others, when you want to develop others, this development will have an effect on you. Otherwise everything is narrow-mindedness, (and remains within) confinements, and our own wishes. When your own wishes start to inflate, duality, otherness, and everything else appear in the heart.

My purpose in my life was to convey the higher values of life to at least one person every day. And by the grace of the Master I could do more. If one time, I could not do so I had to do more after some days. One time Master asked, "What commission do you get from those persons whom you develop or bring for Initiation?" I replied, "Master, I get commission, I get the love of the Master." Master said, "They are getting some experience – how does it help you?" I answered, "Master, it seems that those experiences have also come to me, they have also developed in me." Master said, "You are right. If all my disciples become like you, I will have no problem in spreading

these spiritual aspects of life to others." This is a way we all have to develop.

Thank you. Next Sunday I have to go back early, so I have all good wishes. As regards my illness: This was a great blessing upon me, I tell you. I had a glimpse of my Master from whom I only needed attention, because I am a borrowed servant of Him, and He came Himself and other forces were with me as well when I was taken to the operating theatre. I do not know when I entered the operating theatre – I was above the body consciousness. This operation was done under the holy shadow of these Masters. I don't take it as a suffering, it was a blessing for me, and I understand that it was also a blessing for the Mission. In all aspects I am very happy with you, but I say only one thing to you: Whether we are here or anywhere in the world, we are one, our cause is one, which is only to live and do with the teaching, so that once we are reborn into it, we should remain there. I assure you that this grace which is within you, you can feel, when you really live and do with it and you will get more and more. You can experience it in your life and you can compare it with your past life – you will see a difference of sky and earth.

I say good bye to all of you, because I have to go that day very early. Wishing you all that is good for you and God willing, we meet again. Thank you.

H.S.

Usually Bhaji never said "good bye" before his departure for India, but in this Satsang he used these words to take leave from the Western Sangat. His last Satsang in the West Bhaji held one week later, on Saturday, 12 August. In this talk he requested all to create an example in the West.

On 13 August, 1995, Bhaji and Biji departed from München Airport to India. Many of us went along with them to spend as much time as possible in their company. While waiting at the airport, Bhaji spoke with almost everyone some loveable words.



At the Airport in München, 13 August, 1995

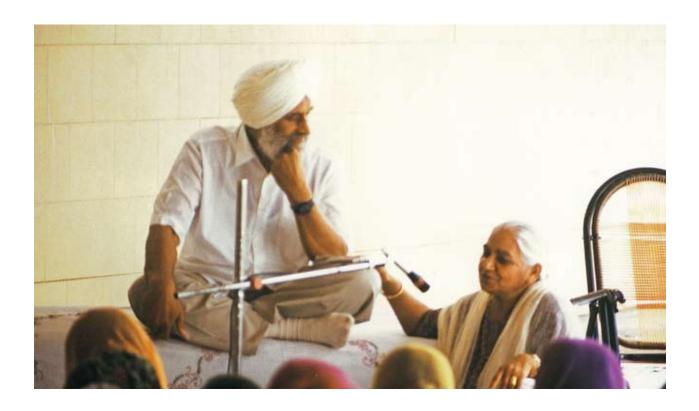
We were already on the way from Delhi to Kirpal Sagar, when I recognized that Bhaji did not wear the readymade turban he had made in advance for the journey. I asked, "Did you not change your turban?" He had left it in St.Gilgen and had put the turban he had worn the

day before. Now its significance has become clear: Bhaji had started the work from Germany and left the turban in order to show that his work in the West was completed.

S.K.

Back to Kirpal Sagar

On 14 August, 1995, Bhaji and Biji returned to Kirpal Sagar, where the whole Sangat was waiting for them



In his address to the Indian Sangat Bhaji mentioned in very sweet words that Master had shown him the place inside where he had to go. He said, "I have come with new life." He was very fresh. He had kept his promise that he would be well again. While the construction work was going on, Bhaji went to the Sarovar and lifted a big stone. I asked someone to help him, but Bhaji said, "It's not me who has had an operation, but her."

Each year on 15 August, the Independence Day of India is celebrated by the Kirpal Sagar Academy. On this occasion Bhaji gave his first official address after his return to India. From all my brothers and sisters from the West I convey good wishes and greetings to all of you. You know in slavery we were dependent in our saying and doing, but in independence we are responsible.

sible in our thoughts, deeds and actions. What does independence mean? We have to justify all our contacts, which we could not do during the slavery stage. In this institution (the Kirpal Sagar Academy), which is based on humanity and humility - the very heritage of our India - we want to bring up our children in the right sense, with the higher values of life, with the very art of life, which is pregnant with meaning; not only in saying, but in doing. Living and doing with independence means something, and we should do that. For that purpose, whatever we are doing or saying should be in practical form. We would like to develop each child in the right sense, because in the whole world now I have been to the most parts of the world – I have seen that people want good things now and they want to leave all bad things. As you know, the European countries are all getting together. They are breaking



all the barriers, and are getting together; they are going back to humanity, the brotherhood of men under the fatherhood of God. We are all one, we all have come from one and the same source, and we have to go back to the same source. That is our purpose of human life. Before we go back, we have to justify our entire saying and doing by high thoughts, deeds and actions. This is our heritage. What does the heritage of India tell us? It has given a way of life to all human beings in the past. People come to India from all over the world – just for what purpose? It is a country of giving right understanding, humanity, a way of life, higher values of life with the spiritual aspect. So in this institution we also teach humanity, so that our children will have a cosmopolitan way of life. On this Independence Day I wish you the higher values of life, and further I wish you all that is good for you. Thank you.

On the same day, Bhaji held a Satsang at the Sarovar. There he told, "This doctor will wear the dress of truth when he will go inside." He started to speak the inner language, and nobody could understand what he meant. After that, he began to clear all the outer accounts. Nobody could cut his voice, means, nobody could interfere in whatever he was doing, neither me nor the Sangat. Whenever anybody said to Bhaji, "Don't work so hard, you have had an operation," he would reply, "No, I was not operated on, Biji had the operation." And he told them, "I am the stronger one and she is the weak one." One could see Master shining through him. This is Bhakti.

S.K.

Left and right: Dr. Harbhajan Singh and his wife Surinder Kaur, 18 August, 1995





Starting the Work for Patal Puri

On 17 August, 1995, the foundation stone for the room below, called "Patal Puri", was laid

Hundred pillars which were stood ten meters below the earth and 50 cm in diameter had to be developed for the solid foundation of the house in the middle of the Sarovar.

The base of the basin was divided into 122 parts to be cemented with waterproof cement and a special sealant. The wall of the water pond was going to be tiled with bluish tiles. Bhaji went to Amritsar to see the patterns of the marble floor laid on the way surrounding the Sarovar in the Golden Temple. This walk way is called 'Parkarma', where people can make the "Holy Round" around the Sarovar. In 1995, they started to plaster this Parkarma in Kirpal Sagar with beautiful marble tiles.

On 17 August, the day of laying the foundation stone for Patal Puri, Bhaji went along with me to the corner, where the Guru Granth Sahib is kept. Nobody was there. Then Bhaji opened the Guru Granth Sahib to read the verse for the day. I asked him, why he did not wait till the Granthi (who is in charge of reciting) came. Bhaji answered, "Master has given the time

(7.00 a.m.) to start the work; that is why I will be the Granthi now." Then he distributed Parshad and read out the verses. When he laid the foundation stone of Patal Puri, he prayed to Master, "My watch is very slow, but Your watch is running very fast. Why don't You make my time according to Your watch, so that I can be free from this world soon?"

After the construction of Patal Puri and Sach Khand Bhawan was started, Bhaji had a bedstead placed there and used to stay there day and night. Sometimes he even stayed without food so that there should not be done any mistake. As long as the work was going on, one of us was always there.

One time, during the foundation work for Patal Puri, Bhaji gave the concret vibrator to me, saying, "After this operation I have not the power to handle this machine." I asked, "How should I do this work as I am weaker than you?" He replied, "I want you to do this work now, and I will just have a look on it." S.K.

Above and right: During the work for Patal Puri, August, 1995



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The Day he Knew his Time to Leave

During the months of August and September Bhaji gave indications for his going back, but at the same time, in a subtle way was also able to disguise it. In September Bhaji was so happy that he would make everybody laugh.

At the celebration of the leaving day of Sant Kirpal Singh, Bhaji told the Indian Sangat all what happened at their last visit in the West, and referred in detail to the operation. It was the last Bhandara celebrated in his physical presence.

On 21 August, he held the Satsang, it was very long. I tried to stop him. Then he openly announced again, "I am feeling very good, and she is sick and came to stop me." When he was sitting on the stage, I could see a light like the sun behind him, and I felt a little afraid. Then he said (just as Master once announced in Dehra Dhun), "Today I am speaking these words, maybe next time you will not hear these words from this throat." When he looked at me and saw that I was getting weak from hearing such things, he just changed the topic and said, "Today we are all sitting here, and we do not know who will leave this place tomorrow."

He was not speaking from outside, it was already decided inside that he was going. At the Satsang he was still attending to all people, to all the Sangat, he was meeting them very loveably. It was very hot and

we four, five people were caring for him, though he did not show whether he suffered, because he did not want to disturb anybody, since he knew the second dark storm was about to come.

With the Sangat he was very happy and speaking in a different way, but when he came back to his room, he again started with the inner language. He closed the door and said, "Today I have decided something on the stage, and I hope that you will also accept it." Then he stated, "If I will leave my body first, you should not be down, and if you will leave your body before, I will not be weak." He continued, "If I will leave my body, the flag of spirituality should be hoisted as high as it is now."

Initiation was given on 22 August. That day he knew the (exact) time to leave his body. When all were sitting in meditation, Bhaji told me that each soul has some special days which it likes, and said, "My Master told me, 25 and 26 are very good days for you." He added that he automatically loved these days every month.

S.K.

Right: Dr. Harbhajan Singh, 18 September, 1995

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Construction work at the small Sarovar on 18 September, 1995



Construction of the Small Sarovar

On 10 September, 1995, the small Sarovar was constructed. This pond was specially made for all who according to the Indian tradition want to dip into the holy water.

First the basin was planned to be round shaped, but then it was changed to a square form with division for men and women. Bhaji himself measured out the borders of the future basin. He supervised the work and cared for everything.

The mason was taking notes of all the procedures that Bhaji was explaining. Bhaji asked the mason if everything was clear and understood, and if not so, he would explain it again. Then the mason replied, "I have written everything now, but if something is unclear, I will ask you." Bhaji answered, "Yes, but I may be somewhere else then."

When the floor of the Sarovar had just been freshly cemented and sweets were being distributed, Bhaji saw one friend coming towards the Sarovar and went out very fast to meet him. He accidentally put his foot into the fresh cement. When I asked him, "You have just stepped into the fresh cement!" He said, "Ah, it can be a sign for the future, like some remembrance." His footstep is still there.

Then he came back from the Sarovar, went to each corner of Kirpal Sagar and returned to his room. S.K.





Since their arrival from the West, Bhaji put his full attention on advancing the work all around. Worried about his health, Biji repeatedly requested him to take care. One time when it was very hot, she asked him to stay inside and he replied, "When I will be more inside, will you do the work outside?" Biji only thought of his health and did not understand the meaning behind it.

Bhaji made arrangements for everything. He inaugurated the new hospital and the dental practice. He was explaining everything, giving indication for his departure. He said, "You cannot tell my Master that any work is undone."

He was telling everybody something. When he met the person keeping the accounts, he told him to ask Biji before doing something, then he would always get guidance. When some children and Jasmine (his granddaughter) were coming from school, he started to give lessons to the children, and he told Jasmine she should always love Biji and care for her.

When some people came to Bhaji, he sent them with their requests to me. I said to him, "That is your work, why do you send these people to me?" And Bhaji replied, "All this will benefit you one day." S.K.

Above and right: Inauguration of the new hospital and dental practice, 21 September, 1995



The Last Days with Bhaji

These days were full of indications Bhaji gave for his going back, but no one of us could understand them at this time

17-18 September

I went with Bhaji to Jaipur to buy marble on 17 September. It was our last journey together. That morning at 4 o'clock, Bhaji was standing before Master's photo, and he told Master, "My spiritual work is going to be over, but now I am going to finish my shopping work. Whatever is needed for Kirpal Sagar, I will finish today."

On the way I told him, "Now the heavy work is over for the Sarovar, now there will be very light work." He took hold of my shoulder and said, "You should not be foolish, because so far only one part is ready, and what is left will be the main work, because it will be a big city."

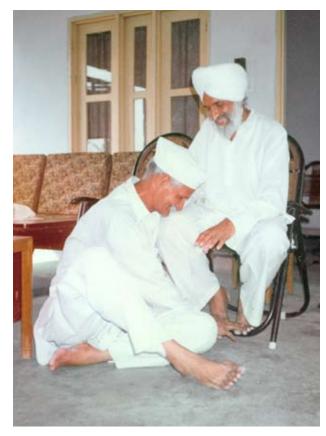
We travelled via Chandigarh, where Bhaji held Satsang at the Zirakpur-Centre. It was his last Satsang there.

Below: Last Satsang at the Zirakpur-Centre, 17 September, 1995



Bhaji used to meet everyone with great love and he would teach spirituality in such a way that one would forget whether the Godpower is within or outside.

Surinder Kaur

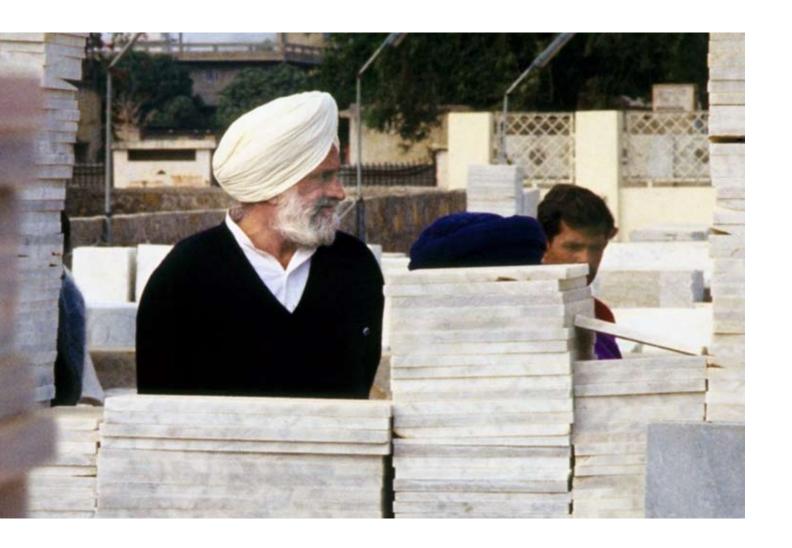


At the Zirakpur-Centre, 17 September, 1995

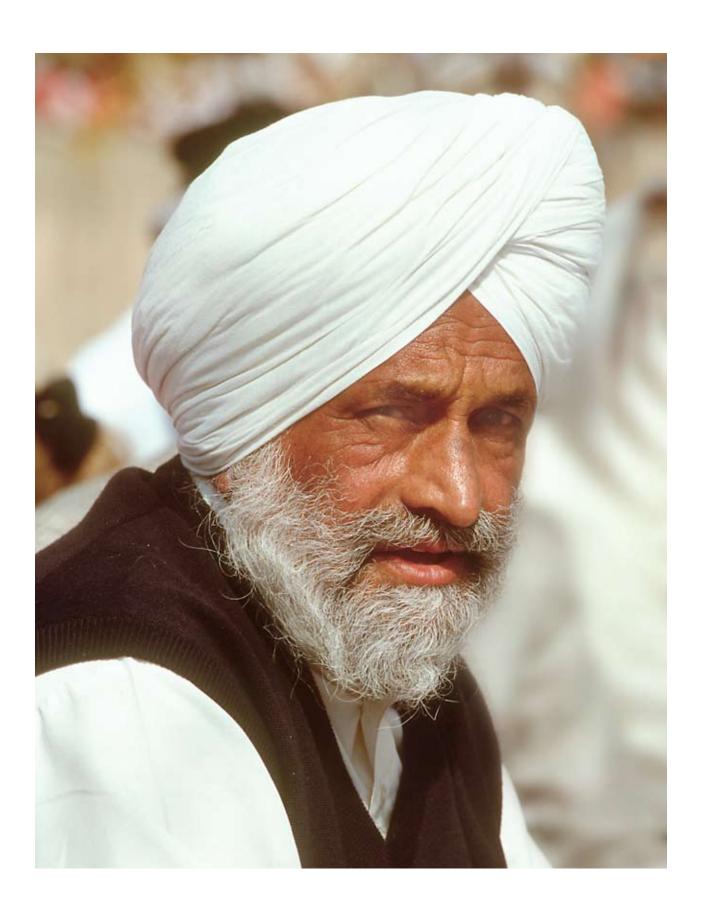
While continuing the journey to Jaipur, Bhaji was speaking to Master, "O Master, this bed sheet (meaning this body) is worn, even the thread is coming out. When will You give a new bed sheet?" (means when will You take me inside).

Then he started to speak about inner subjects and slowly started to tell things that had been going on at the time of Sant Kirpal Singh which he had never told me before. It was written on tiny pieces of paper and from these he told everything. That day, Bhaji told me indirectly by writing on a paper, "What talks were going on between me and Master, you will find in my diary." On 23 September, he put this diary in my bag. S.K. Bhaji taught me everything practically in Kirpal Sagar: how to judge the quality of the marble, how to find the cracks in the marble tiles, how to recognize well-baked bricks, and so on. When I asked him why he told me all these things, he said, "One day you will need it."

Surinder Kaur







19 September

On 19 September, after the Sunday Satsang, Bhaji went upstairs to his room, and there was such a fragrance that I could not tell if Bhaji or Master Himself was coming into the room. Bhaji was so happy and stood with me before Master's photo. Then he started to sing a poem, like a Chakwi (a bird) is singing for the sun:

By saying Kirpal, Kirpal, Kirpal I became already myself Kirpal,

And my friends are asking what is happening to you and where you are going?

Please, use me in this way that I can be like a servant at Your door,

And do not go with my problems to You, I want to finish my problems right here.

I want to sacrifice everything, even my body, take it as a beautiful field.

Sow Naam in it and make it plane again, and as You sow, so You can reap.

Humility is like a borderline of my cave (body). Please take this all.

I have so much love with You, grow anything what You like in this field.

There was such an atmosphere, as if he was speaking to Master and He was listening to him. There was so much vibration, and His presence was there.

Then he told me, "Please write down in your book that we should have business only with Him. Life and time are passing very fast, and the door of His house is coming very near to me." The soul needs the eternal home, the right place to reach.

I was alone in the room with him and he said, "I feel so happy today, this happiness I could not even get in marriage time, such a happiness I got now." I asked him why he was so happy, and he answered, "If someone has already seen the eternal home where he will go, there is no fear any more." Indirectly he gave many hints of his departure, but he could not speak about it openly, because when one goes home forever and speaks about it, the worldly ties of the people

around will hold him back, like a bird in a cage. Then he asked, "Are you also happy?" I answered, "I don't know, my legs are shivering as if I had no power." Then he just made me relax and said, "It was only due to your low blood pressure, but now it will be normal again."

Bhaji fully kept my health in check. He even advised the doctor to take care if I had any problems. Then Bhaji went to the room of the homoeopathic doctor in the hospital and gave me an injection. He said, "Now your blood pressure will never be low." He said, "Sometimes there is a strong storm that one has to bear, and when you are strong, you will be able to bear it."

S.K.

Bhaji held Satsang every evening, but during these last days he stopped holding Satsang. I could not understand then why he stopped it and I told him, "Please come and hold Satsang, Satsang time has come." He replied, "One can only hold one Satsang, the inner or the outer one." I asked, "What does that mean?", and he replied, "Previously you made this difficult meditation for the Mission and for whole mankind, now it is my turn to take this hardship on my shoulders." And I even remember it today – every day, for two hours, he sat motionless in the same position and saw the inner things.

S.K.

22 September

Bhaji got up at 4:30 and he seemed very happy. He went down to the nursery and picked some vegetables, and he also brought two jasmine flowers. I was still sleeping when he put the flowers on my mouth and spoke like in a poem:

You should awake,

The passenger who is always on journey,

The traveller has come to awake you,

And afterwards you will see

That there will be no traveller to awake you.

Then he told me, "I want to talk with you today about some very important things, about what my Master has already told, and it all concerns our inner subject, you have to promise me that you will be very strong."

The same day Bhaji said at the Sarovar, "This Sarovar should be made according to His wish, and I will be ready for every sacrifice." This was the day Bhaji made his last round through the whole Kirpal Sagar.

After the Satsang on 22 September and hearing the Ramayana (Hindu Scripture which was recited), he told all the workers who came from different states like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh etc., "It is your own home, you should not feel as if you were at a foreign place."

In the evening he went into his room, bowed down to Master and asked, "Master, did I do anything wrong during the time I was giving your message?"

Half an hour after midnight, we went together into the Sarovar, which was shining with light; then I saw within that there was the prayer of all four religions and Bhaji was standing amongst them. When I asked, "What is this?" Bhaji said, "It happened as it should be." Bhaji went with me to Patal Puri, which was not yet ready.

Before Bhaji left the body, he asked Master to give him the promise: Kirpal Sagar will shine, it will be famous and blooming in the whole world, it will shine in every heart and with Master's grace the work will always go on, and there will be no problems. This promise Bhaji got from Master, and with that he was ready to go.

S.K.

23 September

When at four o'clock in the morning Bhaji took the medicine to clean his body, I got fear and said, "Hei" (an expression of pain, shock or fear). Bhaji told me, "Don't say 'Hei', we are disciples of Master, we have to bring the shine of the Almighty into the world, and we have to get His stream from within." He took one month to get fully prepared (before leaving the body), and that day I was feeling too weak, my legs were very weak, and I did not know what was happening to my body. Then he told me, "Today you take rest and from tomorrow on I will take rest." The Sangat from Ajnala was there and they asked Bhaji, "Why did Biji not come from her room today?" He told them, "Today she is not feeling well, but from tomorrow she will come and I will be inside." Then he was so happy that he started to eat everything normally, even the food the doctors had told him to avoid.

When he went upstairs, he told me, "Today I am going up like a young one, as I was previously, and you are taking support from any wall." I replied, "Don't

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use so much power, care for the body." He answered, "When so much power is coming from within, why should I not use it? When there is such a beautiful spiritual garden blooming, we should pluck the flower."

Bhaji gave me Master's diary, saying "I have given you the key to the treasure of Master's heart." - "You don't need to weep, it is not a subject to weep, you have to go very deep within to open this treasure." When Sant Kirpal Singh had given Bhaji this book, He had told him, "You should use it, and you will get further guidance, it will give you the further way."

24. September

During the night, Bhaji suffered from severe heart pain, and early in the morning he was brought in his own car to the hospital in Ludhiana.

Bhaji once said, "When I will leave the body, I want only to think of Master's Mission even up to my last

breath, and when Master comes to take my soul, my last thoughts should also be only for Master's Mission." In the end Bhaji made his inner place so clear and open that Master came and took him back as he wished.

Even in the hospital we could see how Bhaji was still doing His Mission, how he arranged for the further work, how he arranged for three, four machines, so that the floor of the Sarovar could be completed faster. How he was working day and night! It was Master's work, which he wanted to bring up till the end of his life.

He said, "Kirpal Sagar is my heart, and if you want to know about Kirpal Sagar, you will know my heart." S.K.



Forever One

In the morning of 25 September, at four o'clock Indian time, I met Bhaji for the last time. He only gave the advice, "You should surrender everything to Master, and you do not need to worry." While going back, and being already inside in the highest regions, Bhaji at the same time said to me, "Sat Sri Akal, we will meet again."

Ludhiana was the place where he had got Initiation, and it was here he left his physical body and went back to his eternal home. In the night of the 25 September, a disciple was told in a dream, "Get up, one great soul is going!" He asked, "Who is it?" – "The Saint from Nag Kalan."

Bhaji's way was pure and full of fragnance – the soul of Kirpal was coming home.

Bhaji often used to say, "If Master shows only a little bit how He loves His disciple, how He loves His child, the child will forget everything, he will forget about his duty which he has to do in this world." After going to his true home, Bhaji could see how his Father had been all the time with him. Wherever he went He was along with him. Master had sent him to swim in this ocean and he was swimming in the right way. He always got the light to go the right way. He tied the Masterpower with his love by all what he did physically in this world. When you feel tied with Him, you can give the guarantee for His Mission. Bhaji was not a prisoner whom we were talking, speaking and listening to. He came as a messenger, and after accomplishing the work of his Master he went back. S.K.



As Bhaji had devoted his life for Kirpal Sagar, it was decided to dedicate him a place at Kirpal Sagar.

Some time before, Bhaji had been asked why at the place near the Guest House there was no park as everywhere else. He answered that in the near future something would be laid out there. This place was chosen for the cremation on 26 September and is now imbedded in flower beds.

On 28 September, the Indian and Western Sangat joined to pay the last honours to Bhaji and accompanied him on the last journey with heavy hearts. The procession started for Kiratpur, Rishikesh, Hardwar and Beas to consign the ashes to the rivers. After the two days journey which led through jungle and mountains, Biji said to us, "Now you have seen how your Bhaji used to travel, how hard it was, and this was the last journey together with him."



On 4 October, hundreds of people participated in the concluding ceremony in the Satsang Hall at Kirpal Sagar. It was only for six days the work stopped at Kirpal Sagar, then Biji said that Bhaji did not want a garland of tears, but of deeds, so Biji and the Sangat decided to continue the work with double force.

We know that Biji prayed to Bhaji at his place, "Turn all attachment for you into the attachment for the Mis-

sion." And Bhaji promised that it will be like this, he told, "I give you in the hands of the Sangat now. The Sangat will give you beauty, and you will give beauty to the Sangat."

Left: On the way to bring the ashes to the holy rivers
Right: Baji's place at Kirpal Sagar