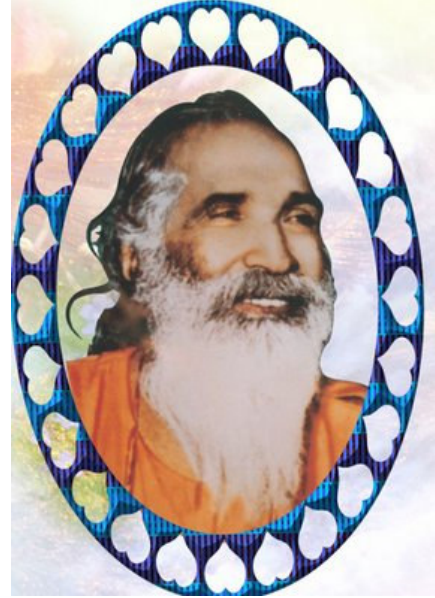


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EXPERIENCE OF HARIDWAR MELA

All the satsangs were incredible. Each and every Sant spoke about Satguru Sain Sarvanandji and gave us excerpts of his life. They narrated as to how Swami Sarvanandji was very disciplined. He ate very carefully, slept less, and meditated more. We were told that Sain Sarvanand would always go for a stroll after satsang after which he would sit in the garden of Amrapur with some premis and the pujari would read the Yog Vashishta. One premi exclaimed that being a part of something so beautiful as you spend time with your Satguru and hear the scriptures, who would desire to go to heaven? It was very touching and heartwarming to hear more about one of the Panth's greatest bhakts.



One of my most memorable experiences was the "EK SHYAM GANGA KE NAAM" evening. To try to put that experience in words is difficult as it was so overwhelming. This started at 6 pm as every Sant took turns in describing Swami Sarvanand. Swamiji reached the hall a little later. He looked so radiant that the moon paled in comparison to him. The whole gaath was decorated beautifully with balloons and other ornaments. Fireworks exploded as Swamiji performed the aarti of Ganga Mata.

The bandhara went on throughout the day without any stop. No one felt tired as mentioned above as a result of Swami Teonram's blessings on them. It is believed that he is the doer of the actions and the sevadaris are his instruments of service.

To conclude this auspicious mela, 112 diyas had to be lit. Premis were very reluctant to bid farewell to the mela as that would mean they would have to return to their routinary life which is usually filled with tension. Swamiji then explained that we should instill what we have learnt by practicing it in our daily lives. We have to get ourselves to discipline ourselves more and see life as to what it is instead of how we expect it to be. It is important we carve what each sant has said in the mela into our lives thus developing us as better individuals.

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