

Om Satnam Sakhi

## **SATGURU SWAMI SARVANAND'S BIRTHDAY**



On the 12th of October, 2008, Pooj Satguru Swami Sarvanand ji Maharaj's janam utsav was celebrated at Satnam Sakhi Mandar in Las Palmas with the blessing of Swami Teonram ji Maharaj.

A big crowd attended the event and were delighted while feeling the presence of Sai Sarvanand in a lotus flower surrounded by other colourful lotus and candles.



The programme started with Ram's katha followed by Sai's updesha from Haridwar, congratulating us for this wonderful event.



After that the children programme started with 2 plays enacted by children of the "BAL Mandhir".

The first drama was a story related to one of Sai Sarvanand's Satsang. This story is about a poor couple whose husband would always feed the saints before eating, but his wife was against her husband's action. Her husband's routine was to call the saints and serve them with his own hands as his wife would never help out in anything related to the saints.

One day, a mahatma came to his door and stayed for some days at his house. The Mahatma was very much delighted at the hospitality of the poor man. He decided to reciprocate it in a different way, which was turning the herbs into gold, and give it to the husband. Next morning the mahatma left the house without telling anyone and left 5 kilos of gold. However, when the poor man got up in the morning, he got surprised at the generosity of the mahatma and showed his wife who at first was ashamed at her behaviour. She then realised the value of serving the saints.

The drama was full of laughter and joy as the public enjoyed a lot.

The next drama was about a real incident of some premi in Gwalior. It was all about this child from Gwalior who was going to get operated of his throat. While his dad waited, the doctors declared that his child had passed away. As he heard this shocking news, he didn't loose any hope and went running to Sai Sarvanand. Sai was very much worried and gave him some water from his "Chippi". Sai suggested him to give it to his son straight away. The premi without a second thought ran to the hospital and made the child drink the water, chanting "Satnam Sakhi". Suddenly they realised that the child was swolloing the water and was trying to open his eyes.

This story teaches us, that miracles do occur, it's just a question of "Faith" in our Guru, who is always there to protect us. The programme was followed by a bhajan whom the children sang. Furthermore, we celebrated Sai's Birthday by cutting the cake, singing and dancing to make it a special day. To end up the satsang, dhuni and aartis were made, followed by a bhandaro.

In this day we were blessed by Sai Sarvanad, we wish him a very happy birthday and thank him for giving us the opportunity to celebrate this especial day with him.

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