

Param Sant Kirpal Singh Ji Maharaj

Important Dates, Places and Events

Glimpses from His life, casting an interesting light on its many variegated aspects, some of which are compiled here for the benefit of those interested in the Master and His Teachings

- 1894** February 6. Kirpal Singh was born in **Sayyad Kasran**, district Rawalpindi (now in Pakistan), to Sardar Hukam Singh and Gulab Devi, as the youngest brother of three. His eldest brother was Prem Singh, and His elder brother Jodh Singh. Later, His sister Sumitra would be born. Kirpal Singh was brought up in a Sikh household, and was educated at the Edwardes Church Mission High School in Peshawar. His family's reputation was excellent. They were known throughout the area for honesty, high principles and their love for and service to the people.
- October. Baba Jaimal Singh Ji and Bibi Rukko were walking along the Kohmari Road of Murree Hills (now in Pakistan), where Baba Sawan Singh Ji was inspecting the government work in progress there, in his capacity as Sub-Divisional Officer.
- October 15. Baba Jaimal Singh Ji initiated Baba Sawan Singh Ji. Baba Ji remained at Koh Murree for two months. Hazur used to sit at the lotus feet of Baba Ji to avail of the benefit of Satsang and spent time practicing meditation (Bhajan) in accordance with his directions. (Pita-Poot: The Father & the Son)
- 1898** Since 1891, Baba Jaimal Singh Ji lived on the edge of the **River Beas**, where in 1898 the foundation stone of the Dera Baba Jaimal Singh was laid and a Satsang hall built (different from big hall built in 1934).
- Kirpal Singh began meditating at the age of four.
- 1899** Kirpal Singh joined an English missionary school, the Edwardes Church Mission High School near Kohati Gate, **Peshawar** (now in Pakistan).
- 1902** Foundation of the Satsang Ghar of Dera Baba Jaimal Singh laid.
- 1903** December 29. Baba Jaimal Singh Ji left the earthly plane.
- 1906** Kirpal Singh read of Ramanuja and, like him, became determined to give out the wealth of spirituality if He one day would receive it.

1908/09 "When I was in Peshawar, studying in the ninth grade, I used to take my books to study in a garden named Shahi Bagh." (Sant Kirpal Singh, *The Night is a Jungle*, p. 343)

Kirpal Singh one day met Darbari Lal, an elderly man reputed to be an atheist, in the Shahi Bagh (Great Garden) of Peshawar, who asked Him, "Where is the Shahi Bagh?" and Kirpal Singh replied that it was in fact right there where he was standing. Darbari Lal said, "Here there are only trees and shrubs. How do you say that this is the Shahi Bagh?" Kirpal Singh quickly followed the import of the old man's words and asked him about the Sadhan (method) he was practising. Pointing to his forehead between the two eyes, the old man said, "I derive great peace, solace and bliss when I sit here within, between the two eyes. This is the real Shahi Bagh."

When He was 14 years old, Kirpal Singh became acquainted with the inner circle of the Dev Samaj society in Peshawar upon invitation by the son of Shri Dev Guru Baghwan. He met Baba Kahan there, whom He thereafter visited off and on. Hazur Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj, too, had been visiting this holy man.

"Our Master used to visit one Baba Kahan at Peshawar. I was then in my school life, I also used to go to him." (Sant Kirpal Singh, *Morning Talks*, p. 139)

"As a student, I was reading in the ninth class and the teacher was so satisfied with me that he would leave the class to me for teaching in his absence – that very class in which I was a student. So hard work is another name for genius, mind that." (Sant Kirpal Singh, *The Light of Kirpal*, p. 423)

"So I always say, 'Decide what is your aim in life!' When I was reading in the ninth class, one retired missionary came and gave a talk. One, two, three days, four days. After that, he questioned everybody, 'What aim have you decided upon?' Everybody said in his own way, 'I want to become an advocate'; some said a doctor; some said a businessman, so on. I was sitting in the back row. When I stood up, I said, 'I read for the knowledge's sake.' He gave a one-hour talk about that. So that decision sometimes comes naturally, otherwise we have, by discrimination, to come to that decision sooner or later. Why not start from the experience had by others and start all at once with it? This will save you time. Make the best use of the time you are here." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "Decide your Aim in Life", *Sat Sandesh* May 1975)

"I used to study in a Christian school, and always had an inquisitive nature. I knew that we said 'Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj,' for in India we attach many respectful terms to the names of Masters and certain respected people, and had noticed that the Christians called their great Saint merely Jesus. So I went to a Christian bishop and questioned him: 'Why do you not put a prefix to Christ's name, when even the most insignificant common man is at least referred to as Mr. Somebody?' The bishop said, and I can still distinctly remember his reply, 'We consider Christ the son of God, and as we cannot glorify God, so we cannot extol Christ. If we start prefixing his name, we will make him smaller, not greater.' " (Sant Kirpal Singh, "To Gain His Pleasure", *Sat Sandesh* Dec 1970)

“When I was in school, there was one geometrical problem and the professor came in to the class and said, ‘You could not solve this geometrical problem last year.’ He addressed me and one or two more, ‘Try tomorrow – tomorrow is Sunday. Try to see if this could be solved.’ The next morning, I went and sat down. First, I solved that problem in a very long way, then in a short-cut way. On Monday we attended the school. He asked, ‘Well, have you come to any conclusions? Have you solved the problem?’ ‘Yes,’ I told him, ‘I have solved it in two ways.’ I showed him on the board. Teacher naturally likes students like that.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, *The Light of Kirpal*, p. 161)

1909/10 Kirpal Singh heard about a holy man, Baba Kahan, who preferred a solitary life of contemplation. He was known to curse and strike out at people who came to waste his time and disturb his meditations. However, he had a special regard for Kirpal Singh and would lovingly ask him, “Why have you come?” – “Just to see you”, Kirpal Singh would reply. After a while, Baba Kahan would say, “Alright, now go.” Only after meeting His Master, Baba Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj, Kirpal Singh came to know that Hazur also used to visit Baba Kahan during the same time period, but strangely enough they never met. Kirpal Singh knew that Baba Kahan held a spiritual power and would tell His friends, that “Kahan has got something, but he is a hard nut to crack.” (Love, Light and Life)

Kirpal Singh was well acquainted with most of the scriptures: the Sikh Guru Granth Sahib, the Bible, and many others, but he began to read everything again, including all the biographies he could find of past masters and great sages - looking for direct clues to the soul and its nature. Since he felt that the translations were not reliable, he began to study Persian - to master this language so well that he could read the original form of the Koran and also read the lives of the Muslim saints. With the help of a teacher, Kirpal passed the final exam with good marks even before he graduated from high school. (Love, Light and Life)

1911 In 1911, Kirpal Singh graduated from Edwardes Church Mission High School, **Peshawar**, at the top of His class. He had by then read the books from two libraries. (Sant Kirpal Singh, *The Light of Kirpal*, p. 216)

Kirpal Singh got married to Krishna Wanti; however, lived alone for more years thereafter.

Baba Sawan Singh Ji retired from Government Service and came to live permanently at Dera Baba Jaimal Singh, located three miles away from the **Beas** railway station. He purchased waste lands and fields and with the construction of new houses the Dera grew considerably.

1911/12 “I may tell you of the condition of my mind in the year 1911 or 1912. In those days I had a great inner urge for God. ... I had an opportunity to sit beside a dying person. That had a tremendous effect on me. With the purity of life, I had also developed the faculty to read the future. All these came to me in a natural way. But with all these I could not solve

the enigma of life. The sight of the dying one before my very eyes quickened the intensity of my heart. I could feel that there was something that was slipping out of the person, but I could not make out what it was. I had yet no inkling of the life-impulse. While it was still surging in me, it was ebbing out in the other. The lady on the deathbed called her friends and relations to meet them before leaving them for good. And in an instant thereafter she closed her eyes never to open again. This is how she passed away in my very presence, and I felt bewildered. I was flabbergasted to see the dead body before me. The life in her had gone out, but I still felt that it was working in me. I followed the bier to the cremation ground along with others. While on the way, my eyes inquiringly looked at the bier but could not make out anything. Even the learned and the wise do not know how to solve this mystery. Upon reaching the cremation ground, I saw the dead body of an old man being laid on the funeral pyre. Alongside that pyre, we set up another pyre for the body of the young lady that we had carried on our shoulders. The contrast between the two scenes – the young and the old – deepened the anguish in my heart. Neither one could escape the clutches of death. Both were lying lifeless before me. I wanted to know what life was.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “Search for Truth, Sat Sandesh March 1969)

Once in **Lahore**, Kirpal Singh witnessed a young lady dying and also saw the body of an old man on pyre. On the cremation ground He then saw an inscription on the “smadh” of Munshi Gulab Singh which read: “O ye that move! We too were like you once, enjoying life to the full. But alas! Now we are a handful of dust beneath this stone.” These three scenes in quick succession affected Kirpal Singh to the core. He started night-long vigils ruminating over the enigma of life.

When Kirpal Singh graduated from high school in 1911, He wished to serve humanity and further His education in medicine or agriculture. His father, however, wanted him to take up employment and earn money. So, He went out into the fields looking for a lonely place to sit quietly and calmly and think about the future.

“I can only say for myself that in 1912 it took me ten or eleven days to decide. At night I used to go out when nobody was there; I would decide for and against what should be my aim. I had ambition in life, too, and I had a little background, with God’s grace. So, I decided once for all, God first and world next. All scriptures say you do that and all things shall be added unto you. I had a good position in the office, the highest officer believed in me more than the comptroller. So my point is, decide what you want! Don’t you want to go home?” (Kirpal Singh, “Don’t you want to go Home?”, Sat Sandesh Jan 1975)

1912 *January 4.* At the age of 17, Kirpal Singh joined the Military Engineering Service at **Peshawar**.

His mother Gulab Devi passed away, which Kirpal Singh had already seen 6 months before, when He advised her to give up all worldly attachments and to focus her

attention entirely on God.

"I was first at Peshawar, and then I was transferred to **Nowshera** station: a river (the Kabul River) runs by there. I used to sit by that riverside for hours. Then I came to **Jhelum** side. That is also by the riverside (the Jhelum River), and I sat there for hours on end. I was very fond of swimming, too ... In the meantime, I was transferred to (the Military Accounts Department in) **Lahore**: that was also by the riverside. I passed my days there." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "How I met My Master", Sat Sandesh July 1975)

"When I was in Lahore, I used to go to the Ravi River at night." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "The Temple of God", Sat Sandesh March 1970)

Once in 1912, Kirpal Singh had only one anna (1/16 rupee) left with Him and a week ahead before pay-day. He spent the entire week with that solitary anna, living on gram and water and never stooped to borrowing, and this principle he has held all through His life.

1915 "In 1915 – long after that I went to my Master – I got a fever that lasted for about eight months. I used to lie there, cover my head and think of the Lord." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "Be True to your Own Self", Sat Sandesh June 1976)

1917 When Kirpal Singh's father Hukam Singh became seriously ill, Kirpal Singh took leave from His office and hurried home to nurse him. During the illness, His father also lost his memory, and his mental state became not unlike that of a little child. He was required to be retaught the names of each and every small item such as a spoon, glass and bowl etc. Kirpal Singh Ji explained the process of Remembrance of the Lord (Simran) to his father, with the result that his mental condition became normal and his memory also recovered in due time. When after several months His father could speak a little, he thanked his son, "Pal, your selfless service has not gone unnoticed. I am very pleased with you. If there are great bounties in the blessings of the parents, then you shall get whatever it is that you ask for." Kirpal Singh Ji replied, "Respected father, you are aware that worldly goods such as money, name and fame or progeny is not what I desire. I only wish to realize God, nothing else do I desire for myself." After a brief silence, Sardar Hukam Singh announced, "I have not seen God, and others may or may not see him, but you will get Him without a doubt." Kirpal Singh Ji began to have darshan of the Radiant form of His future Master, Huzur Baba Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj in his meditations from that very night on. (Pita-Poot: The Father & the Son)

"My true birth was in May 1917, the day that I left my body and travelled the heavens with Hazur." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "To Celebrate a True Birthday", Sat Sandesh Feb 1970)

1919 After an influenza epidemic had swept all over India by September 1918, Kirpal Singh formed a social service corps in **Lahore**, then the capital of the Punjab, for the care of the victims. They also buried those who died from the disease, while even their closest

relatives fearfully kept away from them. His example also inspired others to help. But after the last case of influenza in Lahore was beaten followed yet another blow: plague. Once again, people were dying, even in larger numbers than before. Thousands left their sick and dying relatives and ran for their lives. Lion-hearted Kirpal once more entered the arena – this time alone, for no one would help him. Tying a cloth over His nose and mouth, He worked incessantly – not stopping to sleep. Slowly, those who had not fled the city began to notice him working alone and unafraid of his cheerless task ... Working under Kirpal's instructions they metamorphosed into brave human beings, picking up the bodies, piling them into carts and transporting them outside the city for cremation. (Pita-Poot: The Father & the Son)

"I will tell you of an instance in India in 1919. There was a friend of mine in Peshawar. At that time influenza was sweeping the country. I went to see him. He was then reading a book on Yoga. When I asked him what he was doing, he said since death was overtaking everybody, he was reading that book to find the Yoga-way. 'I may as well learn something about life after death and am reading a book on Yoga,' he added. I told him: 'Is it not too late now? How can you begin to dig a well when you are dying of thirst?' A week after this conversation I went to see him again. It was Sunday and the gentleman lay on his death-bed. My words had proved true. It had indeed been too late." (Sant Kirpal Singh, *The Night is a Jungle*, p. 72)

1921 "In 1921, I was posted in the accounts branch of an Indian Army Regiment. An army orderly used to cook my food. I had given him strict instructions not to allow anyone to enter the kitchen, and also told him to recite holy verses while preparing the food. It was my practice to sit for meditation daily in the dead of night. One night I noticed negative thoughts disturbing my meditation. I woke the orderly up and asked him if there was any-one with him in the kitchen that night. He said no, but he was telling a lie. Later he admitted it." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "He came to make us Satsangis", *Sat Sandesh* April 1968)

Kirpal Singh was posted at **Dera Ismail Khan** as an Accounts Officer of the 36th Sikh Regiment. A fearful looking dacoit who was personal bodyguard to the Indian Commanding Officer, used to terrorise the people there. However, during Kirpal Singh's absence, he used to clean His residence. One day, Kirpal Singh met the dacoit in his quarters mid-afternoon by surprise. With folded hands, the dacoit explained that whenever he had a glimpse of Him, he began to tremble and his past sins came before his eyes. Kirpal Singh told him to repeat the Name of the Lord and helped him to begin a new life. (Love, Light and Life)

Also, at Dera Ismail Khan, one day Kirpal Singh refused to accept a graft from a contractor: "I am paid by the Government for the work I do in this office". He remained determined even when his colleagues and family members urged Him to make a lot of additional money for his family in this way. (Love, Light and Life)

September 14. Son Darshan Singh was born at Kountrila, district Rawalpindi.

1924

February. In 1924, Kirpal Singh's search finally reached fulfillment. In January of that year, the coldest month even in India, Kirpal felt an urge to sit beside a river and just watch the water flow by to calm His inner restlessness. He discovered that not far from **Lahore** (where he was then posted) the River Beas was flowing by. On His next day off, He arrived at the **Beas** railway station in the morning. (Love, Light and Life)

"I was extremely fond of rivers. Wherever I happened to be, I would look for a stream nearby and find a solitary spot for my meditations. When I went to Lahore, I had the river Ravi. And so it was at Jhelum. For hours together, I would sit by the riverside absorbed in thought. While at Lahore it struck me to see Beas river. It was this lure of the flowing water that led me to Beas." (Sant Kirpal Singh, *The Night is a Jungle*, p. 135)

"There was also the river Beas: 'Let me have a look at that!' One Sunday morning I left by train and detrained at Beas station. There was an old man there; he was a station master of the station. I asked him which side the river flows. He was a devotee of the Master: 'Do you want to see the Master?' – 'Does a Master live there?' – 'Yes!' – 'Where?' – 'On the riverside.' I told him, 'I have two things now. I'll enjoy the river scenery and also see the Master at the same time.' Then he directed me there. Master was sitting upstairs; he was taking his meal inside. I went out and sat outside. After half an hour or so, he came out. I was wonderstruck: he was the same man who had been appearing to me for seven years before, from 1917 to 1924. I paid homage to him: 'Why so late?' He said, 'That was the most opportune time that you are to come.' So this is how I met the Master. 'The Guru appears when the chela is ready' – even to the most skeptical mind. Perhaps none of you have been so skeptical as I was. I was afraid, you see, lest I go to somebody who had not met God; and my life would be spoiled. When I went to him, then – once or twice, every Sunday I used to go – he looked after me like a father looks after his son's coming: 'All right, arrange this room, bring this bedding,' this and that thing. I requested, 'Well, Master, don't you worry, I'm here, at your feet.' – 'All right, now, you'll have to look after this Dera; go on with it. Those who come, you'll look after them.' These were the words he expressed, the very first time. The next time there was initiation – this was early February – and all were sitting in initiation, Master said, 'You sit inside.' I was coming. He gave initiation there; I was inside, sitting in his room. This is how I was initiated! I was waiting for him; perhaps he will call me – or what? I couldn't dare move, because he did not call me. I was sitting inside. Then he returned. I asked him, 'Will you kindly initiate me?' – 'Oh, yes, surely.' What the mystery of life is – what is a man, what is a soul – was solved in little or no time." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "How I met My Master", *Sat Sandesh* July 1975)

"When I met my Master physically and sat at His feet, the month was February; the day was Basant Panchmi." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "To Celebrate a True Birthday", *Sat Sandesh* Feb 1970) In 1924, Basant Panchmi, the first day of spring, fell on February 9.

“I was the first man in my village to be initiated, and it started some trouble. I was called to the temple there and I tried to explain to them, finally saying, ‘All right, there is a difference; why not take a few men, say four or five, and we will go and talk together heart to heart – you may choose the most learned men.’ A number of people took a vow to kill me as a result; they fixed a meeting place, choosing the time at ten o’clock at night, with the purpose of killing me as I walked through the village to the appointed place. But when the hour came and I walked to the meeting place, they did meet me on the way but had no courage to attack me. Some months after this incident, the ringleader of this plot came to Lahore and I met him one day in the street. I at once invited him to my home, telling him, ‘Come, dear friend, have your food with me today.’ When we reached my house, he sat down and cried. Naturally, I asked him what was wrong, and he replied, ‘You knew I was the one who led that plot to kill you, and yet you have welcomed me to your home.’ He was quite overcome.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “Your life should show criteria”, Sat Sandesh May 1974)

1927 Had a vision of the passing away of Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji as it actually occurred twenty-one years later.

Kirpal Singh moved to **Rawalpindi**.

“In the beginning I used to put in more time. I was transferred to Rawalpindi. The first day I was there, everybody knew it. ‘A follower of the Master!’ They were saying this and that thing. That even came to be known to Bibi Hardevi, who is sitting here. She never knew me before that. People said, ‘Well, he’s here; he’s a very great follower of the Master.’ She said, ‘What greatness lies in him?’ ‘He puts in six hours a day in meditation.’ She said, ‘All right, if he puts that in, then I’ll put in six to seven hours – then I’ll meet him.’ Suchlike competition is good.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “How I met my Master”, Sat Sandesh July 1975)

There were already two or three separate Satsangs held in different parts of **Lahore**, but Baba Sawan Singh was not satisfied with this arrangement. He asked Kirpal Singh who lived in **Rawalpindi** at that time to hold a central Satsang in Lahore to bring everyone together. The first meeting had but a single man as audience, but Kirpal’s two-hour talk vibrated with such force and power that during the following weeks the attendance increased into large numbers. (Love, Light and Life)

Huzur entrusted the work of satsangs to Maharaj Kirpal Singh Ji at the cities of **Lahore, Amritsar, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Wazirabad, Newshehra, Jhelum** etc. (Pita-Poot: The Father & the Son)

1928 Kirpal Singh was transferred to **Lahore**.

1929 Birth of son Jaswant Singh.

1930s Once Baba Sawan Singh went to **Sayyad Kasran**, the village of Sant Kirpal Singh. After

Satsang, the headmaster of the local school, Sardar Gopal Singh, stood up and said, "Sardar Sahib, so far as you initiate the deserving ones into the esoteric mysteries of the beyond, it is all right. But when you initiate even the undeserving for the mere asking, it seems rather queer and improper." Hazur replied, "Brother, if you talk of the deserving candidates, I can tell you in confidence that even I was not deserving when Babaji bestowed on me the riches of Naam." And then added, "If a wealthy person would like to share his riches with his poor brethren, why should anybody grudge it." (The Beloved Master)

Once, Hazur went to the village of Sayyad Kasran for a Satsang. There was a huge gathering. The Akalis likewise held a big dewan (meeting), in opposition to Hazur's mission. After the Satsang, both in the morning and evening, people would partake the *langar* – a sort of free community kitchen. On that day, at about 2 in the afternoon, when after serving *sangat*, the *langar* had finished, some hundreds of Akalis came and asked for food, just to embarrass the organisers. They were in no mood to wait and asked to be served food immediately. When S. Kirpal Singh was informed of the situation, he hastened to the *langar*, and finding that there was hardly anything left, ordered that a fresh meal be prepared. The Akalis, however, insisted on immediate service. At this juncture, Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji came to the *langar* and asked, "Kirpal Singh, why don't you serve food to these people, when there is enough of it for the purpose. Take the basket of chapatis, cover it with a cloth and begin serving them – and do likewise with the vegetables." No sooner said than done. The chapatis and the vegetables were accordingly served and to the astonishment of those serving the food and those partaking of it, there was no dearth and the Akalis had their fill. (The Beloved Master)

- 1934** *September 30, 1 p.m.* Foundation stone for the big Satsang Hall at **Dera Baba Jaimal Singh** was laid by Baba Sawan Singh Ji.
- 1935** On Ravi Road, land was acquired for the **Lahore** Satsang Ghar. (The Ocean of Grace Divine)
- 1936** The foundation stone was laid for the Lahore Satsang Ghar on Ravi Road by Baba Sawan Singh Ji. Kirpal Singh was entrusted the responsibility of supervising the construction.
- 1939** Kirpal Singh initiated around 250 persons at **Dera Baba Jaimal Singh** as ordered by, and in the presence of, His Master.

"It so happened in my life that once my Master had about 250 people in the monthly Satsang initiated by me. There was a big row started by those who were hankering after the Mastership: 'The Mastership is gone!' In His lifetime, no Master would permit that. He can authorize anybody to initiate at a far-off place, but does not do it in His presence in His own Satsang." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "Be True to your Own Self", Sat Sandesh June 1976)

Kirpal Singh began writing *Gurmat Sidhant* ("Wisdom of the Masters", in Punjabi), a treatise on science of spiritual, which was on the request of Kirpal Singh was published under the Name of His Master. Kirpal Singh then lived in Ram Gali in **Lahore**. Sawan Singh ordered Him to refrain from visiting any home, regardless of any plea whatsoever. This relief alone enabled Kirpal to maintain His meditation routine and also devote some time to the work on *Gurmat Sidhant*.

"So, there was a big row, a great conspiracy against me: 'He made off yesterday, like that. Master is authorizing him to give initiation in His own presence, in the Dera!' A whole controversy went on against me like anything – so much so, that there were letters coming in – in all languages – from different towns saying: 'He's such a man; he's such a man.' And Master was keeping – keeping up – all those letters with Him. At least He knew at heart of hearts what I was. But He sent me a message: 'Don't go to any man or attend anything in anybody's house, except the Satsang. There you may go for holding a Satsang.' Hitherto, what did I use to do? When I left the office, I used to visit the sick, the poor, the needy and others who wanted help. I gave talks here and there until late at night, until nine or ten. In the morning, it was also like that. So now, because I only had to go to the Satsang place on Sunday, I had ample time. Then I wrote the big book, *Gurmat Sidhant*. I had ample time at my disposal, you see. So that propaganda was carried out against me for eight or nine months regularly. And the people around Him would not suffer me to go near the Master. Well, at a distance I used to have a look. And His eyes helped me, of course." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "Be True to your Own Self", Sat Sandesh June 1976)

Baba Sawan Singh encourages Him in a letter to conduct satsang and complete his spiritual progress in meditation. Further on in the letter, Baba Sawan Singh stated that he was "greatly pleased" with Kirpal Singh, adding that "You [Kirpal Singh] are serving the Lord with all your resources – body, mind and money."

1942 *September 11.* When Baba Sawan Singh was in **Dalhousie**, a letter arrived from Kirpal Singh in which he wrote to Him that further separation had become unbearable. Baba Sawan Singh thereupon cancelled his further program and immediately returned to the Dera Baba Jaimal Singh.

1944 *Gurmat Sidhant* was published in two volumes, comprising one thousand pages each. At that time, Kirpal Singh presented the first copy to Baba Sawan and Hazur showed it to the eighty thousand people gathered in the Dera for Satsang, lifting it high so that all could see. He told the people that this was the one book that mattered for all lovers of spirituality – that true seekers would need to read no other book. He placed the two volumes reverently on His head saying, "This is where it belongs." Kirpal Singh had put Sawan's name as author, instead of His own, but Sawan asked him to put something there, if only a nom-de-plume. Kirpal obeyed Hazur's request and used the name "Jamal" (persian name, meaning "Light").

September 5. Passing of His elder brother, S. Jodh Singh.

1946 *July 22.* Passing of His eldest brother, S. Prem Singh.

Kirpal Singh was promoted to Deputy Assistant Comptroller of Military Accounts.

1947 *March.* Kirpal Singh retired after 35 years of meritorious service in the military accounting. He was loved and admired both by His officers and subordinates. At the farewell in **Lahore**, everyone was in tears.

“I tell you, when I was going to retire, I was in government service as a Military Accounts Officer. I was going on a pension, and people advised me to have my pension commuted so that I could continue working for another ten years. Then I told them that I didn’t want to commute my pension. Why? I knew I had my mission before me.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “A Matter of Death and Life”, Sat Sandesh June 1970)

Shortly after the day of His retirement, Kirpal Singh went to **Dehra Dun** (now in Uttarakhand State) near the foothills of the Himalayan mountain range, to look for some suitable land to buy, on which to build a house. (Love, Light and Life)

One day Baba Sawan Singh held a satsang in the **Dera Baba Jaimal Singh**. Once again, He asked Kirpal Singh to give a discourse. Speaking into the microphone so that all could hear, Sawan Singh said, “This is the work you will have to do in the future.” This was another indication of his destined spiritual successor. (Love, Light and Life)

July. After the new border lines for the partition of India were announced, Kirpal Singh started moving the satsangis and their families out of **Lahore**. He Himself left Lahore with His family at the very last moment possible, heading straight for the Dera at Beas. (Love, Light and Life)

August. After India’s partition on August 15, 1947, more than 150 Muslims from neighbouring areas, fleeing from the wrath of the Akalis, sought refuge in the Dera at Beas. Hazur asked Kirpal Singh to look out for Muslim caravans trekking their way to Pakistan, and escort these refugees and entrust them to the care of their co-religionists. On the other hand, He was seen escorting Sikhs across the border into India; saving lives wherever He could.

September 3. Baba Sawan Singh agreed to be taken to a hospital in Amritsar for medical examination. Before leaving, He constituted three committees. One was a committee for management of Dera affairs; the second was for agriculture and land development at the Dera. The third was the Satsang Committee, for which Kirpal Singh was responsible, as for all spiritual matters. (Love, Light and Life, Pita-Poot: The Father & the Son)

October 11. Kirpal Singh went to **Amritsar** in response to an urgent call from His Master. In a week's time His Master’s condition was again better.

October 12, 7 a.m. Hazur called Kirpal Singh into his hospital room and said, “Kirpal Singh! I have allotted all other work but have not entrusted my task of Naam-initiation

and spiritual work to anyone. That I entrust to you today so that this holy and sacred science may flourish." (A brief life-sketch of Hazoor Baba Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj)

November. Baba Sawan Singh approved the plans for Ruhani Satsang (spiritual gathering) submitted by Kirpal Singh – spirituality stripped of all outer encrustations and presented as a science.

1948 *March 28.* Last Satsang held by Kirpal Singh in the **Dera** during the lifetime of Hazur.

April 1. Last meeting with His Master. Baba Sawan Singh Ji transferred His Spiritual Wealth to Kirpal Singh through the eyes.

April 2, 8:30 a.m. Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji left the earthly plane.

April 6. Sant Kirpal Singh left Dera Baba Jaimal Singh in Beas for Delhi, where He stayed just for three weeks. Seeking seclusion, He proceeded to **Neeldhara** opposite of Hardwar across the Ganges River and stayed there at *Moni Baba's ashram* for almost three months. Then he went to **Rishikesh**, where he took a room in *Rani-ki-Kothi* ("House of the Princess") on the south bank of the Ganges. Kirpal Singh spent four months here in seclusion and met holy men in the area, among others Sri Shivananda and Yogiraj Raghuvacharya. (Love, Light and Life)

"When my Master left the body, I had to go to the wilderness. I had some experience of the jungle and secluded places for five or six months. I went to the home of Hindu theology (Rishikesh), so to say. Shivananda, who has since passed away, lived there and many other yogis as well." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "How I met my Master", Sat Sandesh July 1975)

"When I went to Rishikesh in 1948, I met a yogi (Raghvacharya) who used to leave his body by *patanjali yoga*. He was about one hundred years old, and welcomed me with all respect and told me, 'I have spent all my life in learning this yoga, and only after many, many years was I able to leave the body. How did You get it?' I told him I learned at the Guru's feet, and explained how a demonstration is given, an inner experience which is increased daily." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "Enter at the Straight Gate", Sat Sandesh July 1974)

Sant Kirpal Singh met many Sadhus in Risikesh and once asked them about the Yoga due to which Savitri (after leaving the body) followed Yam Raj or the god of death who was taking the soul of her husband Satyawana. None could explain the mystery.

In Risikesh, Sant Kirpal Singh used to sit in meditation for hours on a big stone which was midway in the waters of river Ganga (Ganges). Once it was announced by administration to vacate lower houses as the water in river Ganga might rise by 5-6 feet. Kirpal Singh, however, remained serenely in His meditation. But as soon as the rising water finally touched Him, it suddenly began to recede rapidly. (Love, Light and Life)

Sant Kirpal Singh once was searching books in Swami Ram Tirath's Library in Risikesh. The librarian came to help Him find a certain book, when he suddenly bowed down, put

his head on Kirpal Singh's feet and said: "Your eyes seem to be the eyes of God".

Early September. Kirpal Singh gave His first Initiation to Shri Gopal Das, at the behest of his Master.

November. On the way back to Delhi Kirpal Singh visited **Dehradun**. (Love, Light and Life)

Sant Kirpal Singh started His Mission by giving the first public Satsang at No. 7 Daryaganj in **New Delhi**. (Love, Light and Life)

December 2. Sant Kirpal Singh gave His first group initiation in His own rooms in Radio Colony, No. 1 Kingsway Road, Kingsway Camp, **Old Delhi**. (Love, Light and Life)

1949/50 Kirpal Singh published "A Brief Life Sketch of Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj", an account of His Master's life.

The Satsang location was moved from No. 7 Daryaganj, to 35 Rajpur Road, Old Delhi. (Love, Light and Life)

A house in Malka Ganj, New Delhi, called Anar-ki-Kothi ("House of the Pomegranate Tree") was rented for Satsangs and initiations. (Love, Light and Life)

1950 Ruhani Satsang established according to the guidelines previously approved by Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji.

1951 *June 11.* A sizable plot of land was purchased near a railway line in **Shakti Nagar**, a suburb of Delhi, from a member of parliament named Atma Singh Namdhari and registered in the name of the *Sawan Ashram Trust*.

June 22/23. The first Satsang was held in the afternoon of a hot, humid day with not a speck of cloud in the sky. But when all gathered for the Master's talk, a thick cloud spread overhead and Sawan Himself showered His blessings with a fine drizzle, followed by big raindrops. After the Satsang, it was decided by satsangis to do the work of clearing and levelling the land not by a contractor but by themselves.

July 26. Construction of *Sawan Ashram* was complete. A row of rooms had been built including Kirpal Singh's residence, a shed (shelter) for meditation and Satsangs, an office and a kitchen, and a well. The open space in the center would seat thousands of people during Satsangs.

July 27. Satsang on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji. Kirpal Singh live from His pension only. He had a tube well sunk in His house so that even the water for His household was provided from His own income. (Love, Light and Life)

1954 "Man kow Thyself" and "Simran" booklets were printed.

First tour to **Pilibit**, Uttar Pradesh.

Sant Kirpal Singh's name began echoing around the world, spread by word of mouth, through His writings and His responses to the increasing number of incoming letters, through visions and dreams about the Master.

November 5. Kirpal Singh gave a talk „World Peace in the Atomic Age“ at the “Pacific Conference” held at Sapru House, New Delhi, organised by the Institute of Pacific Relations. After receiving initiation, a South Korean official of the Korean Government started dancing with joy and hugging trees at Sawan Ashram. (Love, Light and Life)

December. The publication of the *Sat Sandesh* magazine was started in Hindi and Urdu languages.

1955 Tour to **Deolali, Bombay and Bhopal.**

May 31, 7.30 pm. Sant Kirpal Singh left Delhi for His **First World Tour**, departing from Palam Airport, via Bombay (changing planes), Cairo, Rome and Geneva (brief touchdowns). Stations of His journey in the West were: UK: London, Southwick – USA: New York, Washington DC, Louisville, Baldwin, Chicago, Beaumont, Hollywood, Santa Barbara, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington DC, Philadelphia, St. Petersburg, Washington DC, Boston – UK: Southwick – Germany: Berlin, Bonn.

November 2. Leaving from Duesseldorf, via Geneva and Cairo, Kirpal Singh returned to Delhi on *November 3, 11 p.m.*

“Even before I arrived in America, there were people who knew nothing about me who were seeing the Master's form and also Baba Sawan Singh Ji within. When they saw me physically they told me that they had been seeing me within for months, and some for a year or more. Brothers, it is all His work, not mine.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “To gain His Pleasure”, *Sat Sandesh* Dec 1970)

“During my first world tour, on the way back to India, I agreed to pay an unarranged impromptu visit to Germany. Someone who was accompanying me remarked, ‘But how will those people recognize You, for they have never seen You? In other countries at least the program was prepared. Even if they recognize You by Your clothes, how will You know them?’ I replied, ‘He Who is sending me there will make all the arrangements – why should I worry? He will Himself arrange all to receive me.’ When the plane landed in Germany there was a small crowd awaiting me, and each person had a rose in his hand.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “To gain His Pleasure”, *Sat Sandesh* Dec 1970)

“It happened that I went to Berlin in 1955 on my return from the United States. There, as I did not know the German language, I simply engaged an interpreter to interpret what I said in English. Well, after a few minutes, the people in the audience said: ‘Look here, stop! You don't interpret correctly. We understand more from His eyes than from what you say.’ So receptivity gives more than words: it gives life-impulse.” (Sant Kirpal Singh,

“Three Questions”, Sat Sandesh July 1976)

1956 *November 5.* Sant Kirpal Singh gave the inaugural address to the Ninth General Session of UNESCO, held in Delhi. His speech “World Peace in the Atomic Age” is a road map for attaining world peace.

1957 Second tour to **Pilibit**, Uttar Pradesh.

November 17 – 18. The *first World Fellowship of Religions (WFR) Conference* was held at Diwan-i-Aam (“Hall of Public Audience”) at the Red Fort, Old Delhi, and at Vigyan Bhavan. Sant Kirpal Singh was unanimously elected President of the World Fellowship of Religions.

“There was one grand conference held in India at Delhi in 1957, where over 250 delegates were invited. They came from different religions and from different countries, and there was a gathering of over 200,000 people.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “The Esoteric Side of Religion”, a talk held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 29, 1963)

1958 *April 20.* First tour to **Pakistan**. At the insistent requests of the disciples in Pakistan, the Master went to Lahore and spent 5 days there, delivering discourses on spirituality.

When Master and His party (Tai Ji, Gyani Bhagwan Singh, W.S. Mongia and his wife) passed the last of three checkpoints to Lahore at the border, a group of Baba Sawan Singh’s satsangis was waiting there for the Master’s darshan. In Lahore, satsangis had planned for His stay and Satsangs to be held at a place where all satsangis initiated by Baba Sawan Singh Ji before the partition of the country would gather. Master stayed at Bungalow No. 31 in Shalimar Garden-Town, the residence of Mr. Mahmud Shaukat, Master’s chief representative in Pakistan. During a tour of the city, they passed by Kirpal Singh’s old residence and His old place of work, the Narsingh Das Building. (Love, Light and Life)

1959 *February.* A regional conference of the *World Fellowship of Religions* held in **Kanpur**, U.P.

Tour to **Kashmir**. On the way, in **Pathankot**, Satsang was held and initiation given. Kirpal Singh arranged to feed 150 surprise guests from food prepared for just a few satsangis.

Second tour to **Pakistan**. The Master and His party (Khuku Narendra, Tai Ji, W.S. Mongia and wife) got into the train at Amritsar Railway Station at about 12:00 noon. At the railway station, Lahore, the Master was accorded V.I.P. treatment and nobody in the Master’s party was checked or searched. Again, Master stayed at Mr. Shaukat’s house where hundreds of satsangis from various parts of Pakistan had collected for Master’s Darshan.

His Books “The Jap Ji!”, “Spirituality” and “Prayer” were published.

- 1960** *February 2.* The *second World Fellowship of Religions (WFR) Conference* was held in **Calcutta**, with 260 delegates and 60,000 visitors attending. Sant Kirpal Singh was unanimously re-elected President of the World Fellowship of Religions.
- July 26-28.* Bhandara for Hazur Baba Sawan Singh's Birth Anniversary.
- His Books "Naam or Word" and "A Great Saint – Baba Jaimal Singh: His Life and Teachings" were published.
- 1961** Publication of His book "The Crown of Life: A Study in Yoga".
- 1962** Third tour to **Pakistan**.
- September 2.* Sant Kirpal Singh became the first non-Christian to be honoured with the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta.
- October 6.* Sant Kirpal Singh was declared National Saint of India by Ram Lila Committee at Ramlila Grounds, Delhi, in presence of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India.
- 1963** *April.* Forth tour to **Pakistan**. Master and His party (Tai Ji, W.S. Mongia and his wife) travelled by train from Amritsar to Lahore, and again stayed at the house of Mr. Shaukat. Throughout all His tours in Pakistan, the Master would make half a dozen people sit in each room of the house and initiate them. The old satsangis brought their sons and grandsons with them for initiation.
- June 8, 10.45 p.m.* Sant Kirpal Singh left Delhi for His **Second World Tour**, departing from Palam Airport. Stations of His journey in the West were: Germany: Frankfurt, Duesseldorf, Hamburg, Mecklenburg Castle, Berlin, Hannover/Goslar, Bonn, Nuernberg, Munich – Austria: Innsbruck – Greece: Athens – Italy: Rome, meeting with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican – France: Paris – England: London, Southwick – Eire: Dublin, Drogheda, Navan – USA: New York City, Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York City, Franklin NH, Worcester VT, Hampton and Jackson NH, Waterbury and Greenwich CT, Rochester NY – Canada: Hamilton and Toronto ON – USA: Detroit MI, Grand Rapids MI, Chicago IL, Western Springs IL, Galesburg IL, Davenport IA, Louisville KY, Minneapolis MN, Seattle WA – Canada: Vancouver BC – USA: San Francisco/San Jose CA, Morgan Hill, Carmel, Fresno, Sonora, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, La Crescenta, Los Angeles, Tustin, Harmony Grove/Escondido, Tustin, Beaumont CA, Dallas and Houston TX, Tampa FL, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Miami FL – Panama: Panama City – USA: Miami FL, Baltimore MD, Washington DC, New York City. (Love, Light and Life)
- 1964** *January 29.* Kirpal Singh left New York via Frankfurt and Munich and returned to **Delhi** at 5 a.m. on January 31, 1964. (Love, Light and Life)
- "I had the chance of meeting many political leaders in the West, during my tour, and I reminded them that they had been given children of Got to take care of, and they should

do so in the best possible way.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, *“The Light of Kirpal”*: Prayer)

“During this tour, I met with people from the Tyrol. Some Italians in the Tyrolean area had control over the people there. They were revolting, and they had bombs and other weapons. I met the governor, and we had a one-hour talk. He said, ‘I do not know what to do. I don’t follow what is to be done.’ I told him, ‘Delay. Light will shine.’ And what happened? We are now in correspondence. War did not break out.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, *“The Ocean of Intoxication”*, Sat Sandesh April 1975)

“During my last tour of the United States I gave a talk on December 25, 1963, on the subject “Christ lived before Jesus,” in which I told them that Christ Power and Guru Power are the same. Similarly, the Shabd, the Word, the God-into-expression Power and God Himself are all the same, and that Power working at the Human Pole we call a Guru. That very talk has been printed under the title, *God Power, Christ Power, Master Power.*” (Sant Kirpal Singh, *“Are you even half a Disciple?”* Sat Sandesh Sept 1972)

1965 February. The *third World Fellowship of Religions (WFR) Conference* was held at Ramlila Grounds, **Delhi**. Sant Kirpal Singh was unanimously re-elected President of the World Fellowship of Religions.

Publication of the book *“The Wheel of Life”*.

October. Tour to **Nagpur**, Maharashtra.

1966 Summer. Tour to **Nainital** and **Bhimtal**, Uttar Pradesh.

October 2. On the occasion of Mahatma Ghandi’s birthday, Kirpal Singh gave a talk during a commemorative gathering at the Gandhi Grounds, New Delhi.

1967 January 22. As suggested by Sant Kirpal Singh, the All India Voter’s Conference was held at Patel House, New Delhi, with Kirpal Singh serving as the Chairman of the Reception Committee. (Love, Light and Life)

Publication of the books *“Godman”* and *“Spiritual Elixir”*.

1968 January. The monthly magazine *Sat Sandesh* started its publication in English and Punjabi.

April 5-15. Ardh Kumbh Mela was held at **Hardwar**. Kirpal Singh had a Ruhani Satsang Camp set up and He gave Satsang for the benefit of the millions of pilgrims who attended the spiritual fair, among them many religious leaders and yogis. The free camp kitchen served Master’s satsangis and visitors from other camps alike. (Love, Light and Life)

Kirpal Singh’s book *“The Mystery of Death”* was published.

Summer. Tour to Srinagar, **Kashmir**, via Ambala, Jullundur, Pathankot, Jammu and Udhampur. Kirpal Singh gave talks in the private home of the group leader of the area, and public talks in the Srinagar city auditorium. The Master also visited **Pahalgam**, a

small mountain village some 47 miles from Srinagar. (Love, Light and Life)

1969 *February 6.* The *Diamond Jubilee Celebrations* for Sant Kirpal Singh, held in connection with the National Integration Day was attended by many prominent social and religious leaders, as well as by numerous of His devotees. Besides the Master, various religious dignitaries delivered their talks as well. Even Yogiraj Raghuvacharya, at the age of 113 years, had come from Rishikesh and gave a short talk.

February 7, 5 p.m. The *Abhinandan Patra* was presented to Sant Kirpal Singh, at the auditorium at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, by Kaka Sahib Kalelkar, an associate of Mahatma Gandhi. The *Abhinandan Patra* was a scroll on which the Master's achievements were acclaimed. (Love, Light and Life)

September. Tour of the **Punjab**. Sant Kirpal Singh visited **Ludhiana** for two days, the border town of **Firozpur** and finally **Amritsar**, with stops in several villages in those areas. He was accompanied by eleven satsangis visiting from overseas. All went in three cars: The Master's Ambassador sedan, the Master's old Studebaker station wagon and a second Ambassador loaned from a satsangis for the tour. In Firozpur, Kirpal Singh gave a talk in a Hindu temple, He visited a school for the blind and a leper colony. (Love, Light and Life)

November 2. Sant Kirpal Singh held a special Satsang on the occasion of the 500th birthday of Guru Nanak (*1469).

Visit to the University of **Kurukshetra**, Haryana, where Kirpal Singh gave three talks.

1970 *February 6, 5 a.m.* Morning darshan, Satsang and meditation on Sant Kirpal Singh's birthday at Sawan Ashram, **Delhi**.

February 6, 9 a.m. Satsang dedicated to the inauguration of *Manav Kendra*, Dehra Dun, in the Himalayan foothills. The Mayor of Delhi, Hansraj Gupta, presided over the event.

February 6-8. The *fourth World Fellowship of Religions (WFR) Conference* under Sant Kirpal Singh's presidentship began in the afternoon of February 6 at the Ramlila Grounds, Delhi. Kirpal Singh was re-elected 4th time the President of World Fellowship of Religions.

March 24. A suitable site had already been found for the construction of the Manav Kendra on the east side of the main road coming from Delhi just before reaching Dehra Dun, and it was now duly registered.

Construction of Manav Kendra began by numerous sevadars (volunteer helpers) levelling the ground, shifting earth by carrying baskets on their head. They were fed at each meal by an outdoor kitchen. An already existing hut served as temporary daytime residence for Kirpal Singh who Himself directed the work, so that twelve months' work was accomplished in one. (Love, Light and Life)

April 3. Sant Kirpal Singh's wife Mata Krishna Wanti passed away.

April. Second tour to Srinagar and Pahalgam, **Kashmir**, taking the same route as in 1968, complemented by a visit to the remote village of Gulmarg. (Love, Light and Life)

Construction of Manav Kendra in **Dehra Dun** continued, immediate tasks being: site levelling, laying roads, building temporary sheds, planting trees, and construction of a large water tower. From His house in Rajpur Road, Kirpal Singh would usually arrive at the site at 9 a.m. and not leave before 8 p.m.

Publication of the book „Morning Talks“.

1971 *February 6-7.* Sant Kirpal Singh's birthday celebration at Sawan Ashram. Early morning darshan was followed by meditation and Satsang, and on February 7, six hundred souls received the Holy Naam initiation. Thereafter, the Master left for **Dehra Dun** to spend some time at Manav Kendra, where work was on-going. A lot of earth was to be moved for the construction of the Mansarovar.

Sant Kirpal Singh attended the funeral rites for Maharishi Raghuvacharya in **Rishikesh** who had passed away at the age of 115 years. Together with well-known yogis and rishis, Kirpal Singh led the funeral procession from the Darshana Mahavidyala Ashram down to the Ganges River. ("The Passing of a Yogi" Sat Sandesh May 1971)

April 2. The *Mansarovar* was filled with water on the anniversary of Baba Sawan Singh's leaving this earth plane. The Master called this day "The True Integration of Mankind Day", Manav Kendra being a perfect example to promote this cause.

The Master travelled from Delhi to Dehra Dun as often as possible, speeding up the work by His very presence. Once a tractor was levelling the high boundary of the Mansarovar. The driver, after stopping the tractor to take a meal, started eating grams (flour from chick peas) with gur (palm sugar). A little boy sitting near the driver, suddenly started the tractor and the tractor along with the driver and little boy turned turtle and fell around 5-6 feet down. But to the astonishment of all, not even a minor scratch came to both of them. Even the tractor remained fully in order. (Love, Light and Life)

September. Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Jawaharlal Nehru, visited Manav Kendra.

1972 *February 6.* Sant Kirpal Singh's 79th birthday (according to Indian counting birth is considered the 1st birthday) was celebrated at Manav Kendra, Dehra Dun. After early morning meditation, Satsang was held and another Satsang followed in the evening. The official opening of the *homeopathic dispensary and hospital* was performed by Maharaj Jagjit Singh, head of the Namdhari sect of the Sikhs. (Love, Light and Life)

March 14. His Excellency, the then President of India Mr. V.V. Giri visited Manav Kendra and was heartily welcomed by Sant Kirpal Singh.

June. The Manav Kendra school, *Manav Vidya Mandir*, was inaugurated by Shri Udit Narain, Revenue Minister for Uttar Pradesh.

August 15-18. Tour to **Baroda**, Gujarat.

August 26, 2 a.m. Sant Kirpal Singh left Delhi for His **Third World Tour**, departing from Palam Airport. Stations of His journey in the West were: Germany: Frankfurt, Cologne, Berlin, Nuernberg, Stuttgart – Switzerland: Zurich – Italy: Milan – France: Paris – U.K.: London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bedford, Eastbourne – USA: Washington DC, Charlotte NC, Philadelphia PA, New York NY, New Haven CT, Boston MA, Sanbornton NH, Calais and Burlington VT – Canada: Montreal, Toronto – USA: Chicago IL, Cincinnati OH, Denver CO – Canada: Vancouver – USA: San Francisco, Berkeley, San Jose, Anaheim, Los Angeles CA, Dallas TX – Mexico: Mexico City – Panama: Panama City – Ecuador: Quito – Colombia: Bogota, Cali – Venezuela: Caracas. (Love, Light and Life)

“So this is what I have to tell you, in a few words: what is before us and how fortunate we are to have been put on the Way. Now we are to work for that, you see. That costs you nothing. Our Master used to say, ‘What does it cost you? One or two hours of sleep!’ Instead of sleeping eight hours, sleep six hours. You don’t have to pay for anything; it is a gift of nature. Like all other gifts of nature, it is free. ... the last two times I was here – in India too – I gave all my talks free; no tickets, no donation boxes. Why? Because it is a gift of God. The books I have written, you know? – *No Rights Reserved*. I know it is a gift from God.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “The Gift of the Living Master”, Sat Sandesh Jan 1973)

December 28. Sant Kirpal Singh left South America via Rome, Italy, where He gave two public talks followed by an initiation for a large group. (Love, Light and Life)

1973 *January 2.* Sant Kirpal Singh returned to **Delhi**.

February 6. Sant Kirpal Singh’s eightieth birthday (according to Indian counting) was celebrated at Sawan Ashram. The day began with an early morning Darshan followed by a brief talk and meditation. In two sessions in the morning and in the evening, numerous speakers gave their addresses including the Mayor of Delhi and the Head Lama of Ladakh. (Love, Light and Life)

February 7, 4 p.m. Sant Kirpal Singh was once again presented an *Abhinandan Patra* by Raja Mahendra Pratap at the conference centre Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, honouring Him on behalf of various religious, social and political leaders of India.

April 2. National Integration Day celebrated at Manav Kendra, Dehra Dun. The construction work of the hospital, the home for the aged, the school and the farm was complete.

“From an early age, I had this single-minded purpose. I was very fond of reading; and after the study of many books, I came to the conclusion that man-making is the highest

ideal. Man-service comes next, and land-service third. In the Manav Kendra, all three ideals have been incorporated. Even as a young man, I loved to serve people, particularly those sick in hospitals, who I would attend morning and evening before and after my daily work; and I would help those who could not afford to buy medicines. Here in Manav Kendra, we have started a hospital for the poor who will get free treatment. For the homeless, aged people who are indigent, the Fathers' Home has been started. In land-service there are agriculture and dairy farm sections. There is the Mansarover, elliptical in shape with dimensions of 350 feet by 200 feet, the surrounding of which is an ideal place reserved for meditation. Nature has helped us by providing a strong spring of pure water which feeds the Mansarover and supplies all Manav Kendra. As is very evident nowadays, the present system of education is defective insofar as it does not cover moral education, which is the very basis of good citizenship and brotherhood. This will be included in the Manav Kendra Education Scheme which was inaugurated by the Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister who was greatly impressed with the proposed scheme.

We have started with a small school, but the facilities will be enlarged to meet requirements up to university level. There is also a probability of starting a language school that thoughts may be exchanged by people of different tongues. The library, which will hold books of all religions and philosophies, has also been started. If you study the scriptures of all religions, you will find the one basic teaching of the Masters rooted in them all. They teach that all mankind is one, and that the way back to God is also one alone, and that is by direct contact and connection with the Light and Sound principle, innate in all beings. This connection with the God Power can be made only while the soul is in the human form, and in no other species. Remain in your own religion, but do not rest until you have been connected back to the Lord. He Himself will then take you back to Himself." (Sant Kirpal Singh, "Solve the Mystery of Life", Sat Sandesh Oct 1973)

April 13. The Vice President of India, Shri G.S. Pathak, visited Manav Kendra, Dehradun. He was presented with a set of the Master's books, followed by a tour of Manav Kendra.

April 14. His Excellency, the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Ali Akbar Khan, visited Manav Kendra.

June. **Kashmir** tour.

July 27. A Bhandara was held at Sawan Ashram to remember the 116th birth anniversary of Baba Sawan Singh.

12.-14. August. An All India Freedom Fighters Convention was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

October. **Punjab** tour. A large group of overseas initiates were allowed to accompany the Master in a small bus. Sant Kirpal Singh laid the foundation stone of a free eye clinic near Amritsar. The tour further included Ludhiana, Pathankot and Jullundur. (Love, Light

and Life)

December. Sant Kirpal Singh inaugurated the second Manav Kendra, at Kandari, district **Baroda** (Gujrat). The 15-day trip continued to **Bombay** and surrounding area with many stops en route. Again, He took a bus full of Indian and Western satsangis with Him. (Love, Light and Life)

1974 An open invitation to all initiates was sent out together with the Master's 1974 Christmas and New Year message, to attend the upcoming World Conference on Unity of Man.

February 3 – 6. Sant Kirpal Singh sponsored and presided over the *Unity of Man Conference* in Delhi. Numerous delegates arrived from Australia, Austria, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malta, Nigeria, Thailand and the United States.

February 3. A long walking procession led from Gandhi Grounds to the Ramlila Grounds, with more than 100,000 women, men and children participating, leading through the busiest city areas. The inaugural session began at the Ramlila Grounds in the evening, and India's Vice-president Dr. G.S. Pathak inaugurated the Conference. The Master followed with the Presidential Address starting with a quote from Thomas Carlyle: "A mystic bond of brotherhood makes all men one." (Love, Light and Life)

February 4. A *Conference of World Peace* was held, inaugurated by India's Minister of Defence, Shri Jagjivan Ram. Sant Kirpal Singh concluded His speech about who truly may be called a man with one of His mottoes "Do Good, Be Good, Be One". The evening session saw the *Conference on Unity of Religions*, and Panel Conferences were held at Viyan Bhavan. (Love, Light and Life)

February 5. First open session held, attended by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who joined a large number of dignitaries on the podium. After welcoming the Prime Minister, the Master spoke about the power of love working through radiation, and what the qualities are of a person to be called a man. The Prime Minister in her speech said that a book called "Essential Unity of all Religions" had a profound impact on her when she was still very young. (Love, Light and Life)

February 6. Before daylight, Sant Kirpal Singh distributed *Parshad* to everyone at the Ramlilia camp, a temporarily erected tent town, before He climbed the huge platform. At 5 a.m. large crowds silently enjoyed the Master's darshan on that cold morning, then they started singing from their overflowing hearts. Kirpal Singh spoke about how His own Master once entrusted the spiritual work to Him. Another public session followed at noon. During the concluding session, four panel resolutions were read out.

March 28, evening. At Manav Kendra, **Dehra Dun**, Kirpal Singh gave a short talk to His disciples, being a synopsis of His teachings. And about the Unity of Man Conference He added, "I was so pleased to have you all here at this time, at the plea of the Conference which was held at the level of the human body. I think this was the first conference of its

kind since King Ashoka – centuries ago. Many conferences have been held at the level of religions, but at the level of man it was a great revolution – to which those who were here will bear witness – to tell you a great truth.” (Sant Kirpal Singh, “Your Life Should Show Criteria”, Sat Sandesh May 1974)

March 21 – April 15. The Ruhani Satsang/Manav Kendra camp at the Kumbh Mela, **Hardwar**, was well attended especially during Satsangs. Sant Kirpal Singh held the National Unity Conference in Hardwar and presided over the meeting in which leaders of half a million sadhus sat together for the first time. They resolved that all holy men should go far and wide to spread the message of national integration. (Love, Light and Life)

April 2. The Bhandara for Baba Sawan Singh was held at Manav Kendra, **Dehra Dun**, during which Kirpal Singh related incidences from His Master’s life.

May 15. Sant Kirpal Singh issued a general Circular on the Unity of Man, clarifying the purpose of the World Conference held in February, especially for those of his followers who had not been able to attend.

July 26 – 28. *Rashtriya Sant Samagam* (National Assembly of Saints) organised by Sant Kirpal Singh in Delhi. The event was inaugurated on July 26 by Shri Kedar Nath Sahni, Mayor of Delhi.

July 27. Evening session in remembrance of the 117th birth anniversary of Baba Sawan Singh.

July 29. Sant Kirpal Singh gave His last initiation sitting during which 1.087 souls received the gift of Holy Naam.

August 1. Sant Kirpal Singh addressed members of the Indian Parliament (being the first spiritual leader to be honoured with this invitation), speaking about the spiritual path, and explaining the purpose of Sawan Ashram, Manav Kendra, His visit to the Kumbh Mela, and of the Unity of Man Conference.

August 15. India’s Independence Day. Sant Kirpal Singh’s last Satsang Talk in Hindi, Sawan Ashram, Delhi, on the importance of human independence.

August 17. The last Darshan Talk in English to disciples from outside India was held on the roof terrace just outside Master’s bedroom, at Sawan Ashram, Delhi. The following question and answer session was concluded by the Master saying “Go Jolly”.

August 20. Sant Kirpal Singh gave His last Darshan – a brief glance from His bed.

August 21, 6.55 p.m. Sant Kirpal Singh Ji Maharaj withdrew His attention from His body for the last time.

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