

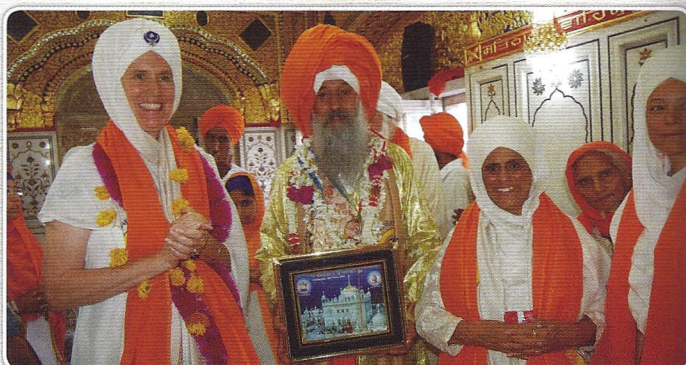
# Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa Honored at Takhat Hazur Sahib

Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa, Ambassador of Sikh Dharma and Chairman of Guru Ram Das Sikh Mission of America (New Mexico), along with a group of over 60 members from Sikh Dharma International and the International Khalsa Council from the USA, Canada, Mexico, France, Germany and other countries, visited Hazur Sahib to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gurta Gaddi Day. On this day (October 30, 1708), Guru Gobind Singh Ji (the Tenth Guru of the Sikhs) gave the Guru ship over to *Siri Guru Granth Sahib Ji* and proclaimed that henceforth this holy book would be the living Guru for the Sikhs. The 300 years of Gurta Gaddi were celebrated in Hazur Sahib as one of the last major events in the lives of the Sikhs. Over half a million people gathered at the site to celebrate this historic event.

Apart from receiving a traditional Robe and Dastar (turban) on October 26, Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa was also honored at the Takhat Hazur Sahib on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with a robe, sword, turban, garland, *prasad* and a picture of Takhat Hazur Sahib at a ceremony inside the main Gurdwara at the Hazur Sahib Takhat. This is one of the highest honors a Sikh can get at the Hazur Sahib Takhat.

Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh, along with Sikh Dharma International, undertook the construction of a *Niwas* (Guest House) in the name of 'Yogi Bhajan' at Hazur Sahib and announced that he would undertake the construction of guest houses at all the five *Takhats* in India in the name of Yogi Bhajan. Further, he added that he would organize a Yogi Bhajan Award in Delhi and a Yogi Bhajan Golf Tournament to keep the legacy of Yogi Bhajan alive. He asked for the cooperation of Sikh Dharma International in these noble endeavors.

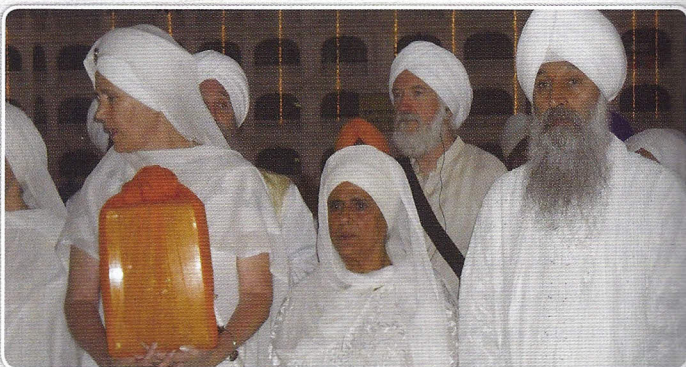
On October 31, 2008 Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa was presented with a Gold Medal by the British High Commissioner, Sir Richard Stagg at the latter's residence in New Delhi.



Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa was bestowed with a *Sivopao Dastar*, Sword and a picture of Takhat Sri Hazoor Sahib Nanded by Meet Jathedar Giani Jotinder Singh. Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh is flanked by Sardarni Guru Amrit Kaur (at left) and Bibiji Dr Inderjit Kaur.



Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa after the ceremony with Bibiji Dr Inderjit Kaur, Sardar Gurtej Singh, Dr Balkar and a group of American Sikhs.



Pictured before the *Kalgi* (Plume) presentation at Takhat Sri Hazoor Sahib by Sikh Dharma International, are Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa, Bibiji Dr Inderjit Kaur and Sardarni Guru Amrit Kaur Khalsa.



Singh Sahib Giani Kulwant Jathedar Takhat Sri Hazoor Sahib shows a picture of the *Kalgi* (Plum) to Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa and the *sangat* at an exclusive function held at Kusum Hall, Nanded.