Foreword

(By Anant Parvaah Trust U.K.)

Master Joginder Singh Ji devoted his entire life to the practice of Naam Abhiyaas (meditative remembrance of the Divine Name) and to the profound study and research of Gurmat. It would have been difficult to find a Gurmat-related publication of his time that was not already in his personal collection. Reading, collecting, preserving, and carefully maintaining religious magazines, journals, books and newspapers was one of his greatest passions.

In 1940, after retiring from his position as Secretary of Sri Darbar Sahib, Tarn Taran, he chose not to return to his ancestral village of Barundi. Instead, he moved to the nearby village of Saholi, where he lived with his close friend, Master Jaswant Singh Ji, for several years. During this period, he established a library named "Anant Parvaah Pustakalaya Akal Kutiya." Unfortunately, after a fire damaged part of the collection, he remarked that, since it was no longer ‘Akal Kutiya’ (the timeless abode), it had become ‘Kaal Kutiya’ (the abode of death).

The seal that was originally used to stamp the books in that library has now been adopted as the official logo of Anant Parvaah Trust U.K.

Master Joginder Singh Ji served as a teacher at Gursar Sudhar for approximately thirty-two years. Alongside his teaching career he devoted himself to the study and research of Gurbani. Through years of dedicated work, he prepared manuscripts on nearly twenty different Gurmat subjects.

Following his retirement in 1958 he established a printing press in Ludhiana. While the press was intended to support his family's livelihood, it also fulfilled another lifelong aspiration which was to publish the manuscripts he had spent years preparing.

His first book, Gurmat Guhaj Ratan, was successfully published and in 1964 preparations were well underway to print his second work, Sunje Ghar Ka Pahuna. However, before its publication was completed Akal Purakh called him to his eternal presence and on 3 July 1964, Master Joginder Singh Ji departed this world to rest at the Guru's Lotus Feet.

Following his passing, his wife, Bibi Sharan Kaur Ji, together with their eldest son, Master Narinder Singh Ji, ensured that Sunje Ghar Ka Pahuna was printed without delay so that it could be presented to the Sangat during the final Bhog ceremony. On that occasion both published books, along with the remaining stock of publications in their home were freely distributed among the Sangat so they could benefit from them.

The remaining publishing work, however, came to an unavoidable halt and the printing press eventually had to be closed.

Time continued to pass. Bibi Sharan Kaur Ji left for her heavenly abode on 14 November 1970. Their son, Tejinder Singh, who had assisted in the printing press, had emigrated to England in 1963. Their younger son, Bhupinder Singh, also moved to England when he reached adulthood, while their youngest son, Surinder Singh, tragically lost his life in a road accident. Their daughters also married and settled with their respective families.

The responsibility for the entire family fell upon the eldest son, Master Narinder Singh Ji, who continued to reside in the ancestral village. His son, Charan Kanwal Singh and daughter, Navdeep Kaur, eventually also settled abroad. In accordance with the Divine Will, Master Narinder Singh Ji too passed away on 4 April 2022. Following his death, his wife, Bibi Sukhjit Kaur, joined their children abroad leaving the family home completely vacant.

Among the family's inheritance was a priceless Gurmat legacy. This included Master Joginder Singh Ji's original research manuscripts, the research work of his son Master Narinder Singh Ji, puratan shastars and numerous books and personal letters connected with Bhai Sahib Bhai Randhir Singh Ji. Recognising their immense historical and spiritual value, Bhai Bhupinder Singh and Bhai Charan Kanwal Singh carefully preserved the entire collection and brought it safely to England. Today, these precious materials are safeguarded by Anant Parvaah Trust.

Another important development occurred in 2021.

Bhai Rashpal Singh of Bradford, England, had independently been researching the lives of the early members of the Akhand Kirtani Jatha. While tracing the history of Master Joginder Singh Ji's family, he met Master Ji's son, Bhai Bhupinder Singh, in Birmingham during July 2021. They continued meeting on numerous occasions, but after Master Narinder Singh Ji's passing in April 2022, they gained access to the remarkable historical collection preserved within the family home. Witnessing this extraordinary archive greatly deepened Bhai Rashpal Singh's enthusiasm and commitment to preserving this invaluable heritage.

In summary, from August 2022 until 2026, Bhai Bhupinder Singh, Bhai Charan Kanwal Singh, and Bhai Rashpal Singh met on many occasions to examine every manuscript and historical document in detail. They also sought the advice of several knowledgeable individuals. It was ultimately decided that all the original handwritten manuscripts would be carefully edited, professionally typed in Panjabi and published digitally so they could once again reach the wider Sangat.

By the Guru's grace this vision has now become a reality through the launch of this website in the service of the Sangat.

In his article "Guru Gian / Khalas Gian," Master Joginder Singh Ji explains the meaning of true Guru-given knowledge (Tatt Gian or Khalas Gian). He writes at length about those who have genuinely attained this divine wisdom and explains that the only means of acquiring such knowledge is through the True Guru. Knowledge that is devoid of the Guru's light, however impressive it may appear, is described as mere ignorance and yields no spiritual benefit. Likewise, those who claim spiritual knowledge without first submitting themselves to the True Guru remain trapped in ego, ultimately increasing their spiritual impurities through pride in their own intellect and actions.

Inspired by these teachings, this Trust seeks to gather, preserve, and share authentic Gurmat writings, lectures, katha, kirtan, and other resources that faithfully reflect the principles of Gurmat. Our sincere hope is that this humble effort by Anant Parvaah Trust U.K. will be accepted by the Sangat and will assist seekers in gaining a deeper understanding of the Guru's true wisdom.

Finally, Anant Parvaah Trust U.K. expresses its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this project. We especially thank Bibi Kamaljit Kaur for typing the Punjabi manuscripts; Bhai Amrinder Singh for developing the website; Dr Mohan Singh for carefully restoring Master Joginder Singh Ji's puratan shastars; Master Ji's granddaughter, Bibi Jeevanjot Kaur and great-grandson, Bhai Jasjot Singh, for their dedicated work in digitising and organising the collection. Through their tireless efforts, this project has been successfully completed.

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