

# Fremont Gurdwara sets Bench-mark for seniors



also blessed all those who thought and worked for the new facility. S. Harbhajan Singh Dhillon of village Sursinghwala said the new committee has done so much in just 15-16 months and many tasks had been lingering for so many years earlier. Supreme Council's senior member Bha Jaswinder Singh Jandi thanked the senior members of the sangat for their encouraging words. Bhai Harjot Singh Khalsa said they were making efforts to carry along all sections. So while care was being taken to create new facility for the elderly, camps were being organised to get the children to the gurdwara and help them reconnect with the Sikh way of life.

He said the best things would happen if everyone joins in the good work rather than spending time in making allegations.

Senior council member Bhai Nirmal Singh Khalsa, Union City Commissioner Garry Singh, gurughar's senior vice president Bhai Hardev Singh Pradhan, assistant treasurer Bibi Gurmit Kaur Chhina, former IAF officer Malkit Singh Dhaliwal and S. Sandhu thanked the Sikh sangat. Elderly Sikh leader and well known businessman Dr Jagtar Singh Sandhu and chairman of the membership committee Dr Gurmel Singh Dhaliwal inaugurated the benches.

Ever since the Gurdwara Sahib at Fremont has become a hub of community's religious, political and cultural life, a large number of senior citizens used to wish for a more accommodative place where they can spend time with each other and discuss some of the issues. Now, thanks to some dedicated souls and efforts of young and enterprising Sikh community members, the Gurdwara sports new benches for these senior citizens.

The owner of the firm which has made these benches was honored at the gurdwara as he also showed an egalitarian spirit and advanced a \$1,000 discount, thus extending a gesture of goodwill to the community.

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Dedicated community member Bhupinder Singh, owner of the A-1 Interiors made his contribution by helping with cement etc. He had earlier also helped in raising the hall in memory of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale.

Baba Bikkar Singh, who often takes the lead in doing langar sewa, hailed the step to install new benches and said the elderly members of the sangat needed this facility. In any case, he said, it was after all only the duty of the younger people now to take care of the seniors.

Elderly leader Baba Harbant Singh



Bibi Sull and Mr Lopez addressing the sangat

## Firm officials seek sangat's support for bailout

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In an initiative aimed at garnering support to save the well known Japanese company Lumi which is currently facing a crisis due to the ongoing recession and threats of being moved out, closing down or shedding jobs, Sikh community member Bibi Balbir Kaur Sull, a senior advisor of the firm, and the company's employee union president Ron Lopez visited the Fremont gurdwara to seek sangat's signatures

on a petition.

The petition is meant to argue for either a bail out or other measures to save the firm lest a large number of employees lose their jobs or the firm is moved out of Fremont city, thus causing a huge loss.

More than 1500 people have signed the petition to be sent to President Barack Obama. Bibi Sull and Mr Lopez addressed the sangat and briefed about the possible losses in case the firm is forced to shut down.

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