



EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN A BIG TREE LIKE ME FALLS?
COME CHECK OUT THE SIKHTOONS
EXHIBIT IN NEW YORK CITY TO FIND OUT

The Big Tree Is Calling You

Jagmohan Singh

November 2009 -the twenty-fifth year of injustice is to pass in a few days. But November is not just a month. It is linked with 1984 and is part of the consciousness, not just of the victim families alone, but of the entire Sikh community -the silent ones who do not show it, as well as the vocal ones, who give expression to the collective angst and anger.

Living through such agony and pain, is not an easy experience, and if you happen to be a victim survivor, it is even more difficult. Vishavjit Singh has experienced November 1984 and lives it every day. He brings it out on a canvass in the form of Sikhtoons, poking fun at those who have been making fun of the Sikhs since decades, giving graphic representation to the yearnings of the Sikhs and not letting go any opportunity to look within the community too.

At a recent commemoration meet organized by the Sikh Forum, the

veteran social and political leader Jaya Jaitley, who along with others had worked relentlessly through the Nagrik Ekta Manch during the dark days of November 1984, said, "if that massive pain that continues to bother us to this day can generate creativity within us, we will be able to relieve ourselves and the next generation from distress and that would be our contribution to reconciliation and peace." In putting together his exhibition of exclusive cartoons, especially focused on 1984, Vishavjit Singh has done just that. He is the "Jew" among Sikhs, who wants to keep memories alive.

So, take your families along, especially children and let them know their legacy, let them know and then tell the world that forgiveness is a trait of the Almighty but forgetfulness is a trait of the doomed. And we as a people are unwilling to forget.

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VISHAVJIT SINGH
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