Balehari  Kudrat Wasiya
Tera Unt Na Jai Lakhia
This is the splendid building of Gurdwara Baru Sahib being built with the co-operation of devotees.
Raj Jogi Sant Attar Singh Ji Maharaj
Fragrance

This land has always been in need of the godmen, for the protection of humanity, elevation of spiritualism and acquiring knowledge of Almighty for peace of mind. Since the creation of the Universe, such great and holy persons have been coming to this world from time to time for putting the human beings on the right path. They themselves sang the hymns of the God and appealed others to do the same. Sri Guru Ram Dass Ji said in Vadhans ki var mahala 4, Paori:

Gurmukh Prahlad jap har gat pai
Gurmukh Janak har nam liv lai
Gurmukh Bashist har updesh sunai
Bin Gur har nam na kinhe paya mere bhai
Gurmukh har bhagat har aap lahai

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From the time of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, there have been Gursikhs who have devoted their entire lives in propagating His hymns. The Gurus blessed such men and deputed them to spread the message of the Almighty.

Saadh ki mehma bed na janel
Jeta suneh teta bakhyaaneeh
Saadh ki upma teh gun te door
Saadh ki upma rahi bharpoor
Saadh ki sobha ka nahi unt
Saadh ki sobha sada beunt
Saadh ki sobha ooch te oochi
Saadh ki sobha mooch te moochi
Saadh ki sobha saadh ban aai
Nanak saadh prabh bhed na bhai

(Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji, Page 272)

It is beyond the words to describe the services rendered to humanity by such sages. India, particularly the land of the Punjab has a special place in its spiritual contribution to the world. Bhagat Kabir, Sheikh Farid and many more sages have blessed this land. Sant Baba Attar Singh’s name is among those great men who devoted their lives for the great cause of humanity in the recent past. He blessed Sant Teja Singh and ordained him to carry on the mission of spreading Guru Nanak’s message to the world. Before his demise, Sant Teja Singh laid the foundation of Attar Hari Sadhu Ashram, Gurudwara Baru Sahib and established Kalgidhar Trust.
Raj Jogi Sant Attar Singh Ji Maharaj

He was born to Mata Bholi in village Cheema, District Sangrur (Punjab) on Chet Sudi one Samat 1923 Bikrmi. When asked to attend a school he said, “I shall get the real education”. He got himself recruited in the army in Jeth 1940 Bikrmi. On a marriage proposal he said the God had not willed that. He took Amrit from the Jatha of Baba Jodh Singh and served Baba Ji devotedly. He left army without notice and travelled from Bannu Kohat to Hazoor Sahib on foot and there he enjoyed silent devotion to the Almighty for two years. He travelled from Hazoor Sahib to Rishi Kesh on foot and in the way in the thick forest a lion bowed at his feet and left the place. In the thick forest of Rishi Kesh he sat in “samadhi” on the bank of a fountain and at night a lion visited him and left.

He walked to Paonta Sahib and from there accompanied Sant Ram Singh to Sialkot. After spending several years in His devotion, he went to village Cheema to meet his mother Bholi Ji. After getting her blessings, he took to continuous singing of hymns at Nanaksar Cheema where now stand a grand Gurdwara. Soon he came to know that his mother is interested in his marriage, he slipped to Sialkot. He was summoned to the army because he was not discharged from the army as yet. The Commandant refused to discharge him. Sant Ji told him that he has joined the service of the Lord and is no more willing to serve any master other than Him. Colonel personally checked at mid-night and found him sitting in “Samadhi” and worshipping the Almighty continuously for three days without taking any food. The Colonel was very much moved by this and he discharged him from the army. He enjoyed reading of Guru Granth Sahib at Shahan Di Dheri for nine months. After visiting Panja Sahib he sat three times in “Samadhi” at Kanohe Di Jhangi and worshipped God first for 40 days, then for 6 months followed by one year at a stretch where countless persons visited him for his blessings. Then he did whole reading of Guru Granth Sahib in a single sitting. Bhai Vazir Singh and Mai Bhag Bhari devotedly served him during this period. Baba Khem Singh Bedi, after seeing Padma Rekha on his sole, said that Sant Attar Singh Ji will be a great king or an Avtar. He meditated while squatting at the sand of Looni during the month of June and drenched the sand with his sweat. He showed the right path of life to many persons of Pothohar area (now in Pakistan) by inducing them to sing sacred hymns.

Here Mata Bholi Ji came to meet him. She accepted his appeal to serve the people for the rest of her life. Both Bramhgyani’s (Baba Attar Singh and Baba Sham Singh) met each other at Amritsar. During Samat 1958-1962, he constructed Gurdwara Sahib, Mastuana. Here Sant Gulab Singh and Sant Bishan Singh did voluntary service. Principal Niranjan Singh Mehta of Khalsa College, Amritsar met Sant Ji. He came to Lahore in Samat 1962. Principal Niranjan Singh took Amrit from Sant Ji and adopted a new name, Teja Singh (Sant Teja Singh Ji).
In 1906, he opened a school in Mastuana and Sant Teja Singh dedicated his life to Sant Attar Singh Ji. With the blessings of Sant Attar Singh Ji, Sant Teja Singh left for England, America, Canada, Japan and Malaya where he got Gurdwaras constructed and propagated Gurbani. Sant Attar Singh Ji toured the whole of India and made 12 lakh people to take Amrit and lead the life shown by Guru Gobind Singh. He was pioneer in holding sikh educational conferences and opened a number of schools and colleges. Accepting the request of Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya, he laid the foundation stone of Banaras Hindu University College in Samat 1971 (1914 AD).

In summer 1982 (1925 AD) he laid the foundation stone of Nanaksar Tirath in village Cheema (District Sangrur). He completed the construction of Guru Kashi Damdama Sahib in Samat 1983 (1926 AD). He breathed his last at Mastuana (District Sangrur) on 19 Magh Samat 1983 (1 February 1927)

Jion jal meh jal aye Khatanan
Tion joti sang jot samana

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Sant Teja Singh Ji Maharaj
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He was born to Mata Ram Kaur on 14 May 1877 in village Ballowali, District Gujranwala, Punjab (Pakistan). His father S. Rullia Singh was a doctor in Central Jail, Lahore. He was sent to an English school. He passed his B.A. from Govt. College, Lahore. He did LLB from Law College, Lahore in 1900. In 1901 he passed M.A. by standing first in the Punjab University, Lahore. He started legal practice at Gujranwala but considering it a profession of telling lies he left it. He competed for the job of Assistant Superintendent, North India Salt Department and stood first in this All-India competition. He served this Department from 1902 to 1904. Production of salt was a government controlled enterprise and poor people were debarred to produce salt to meet their both ends meet. This frustrated him and he left the job and wanted to join some educational institution to teach. He joined Khalsa College Amritsar as Vice-Principal in 1904 AD as per desire of Sundar Singh Majithia. He became the principal of this college in 1905. In 1905 he took “Amrit” from Sant Attar Singh Ji and changed his name from Niranjan Singh Mehta to Teja Singh. He studied Gurbani under his patronage and devoted his life to the mission of Guru Nanak-Guru Kalgidhar. As per wishes of Sant Attar Singh Ji he preached sikhism in Europe, America and Canada and spread the message of Guru Nanak. As desired by Sant Attar Singh Ji he got technical education from these countries so that on his return he can start a college of spiritual knowledge at Mastuana to propagate the principle of work and worship among sikh children. In August 1905 he joined Cambridge University (England) for his PhD. For the first time in the history of this University he brought round the authorities to let him tie turban according to the sikh religious tenets. He also studied in University College, London up to 1908 and after that he got admission to Teachers’ College, Columbia University, New York. Afterwards he got his A.M. degree from Harvard University (USA) in 1911. During this period, he opened a sikh Dharamshala in London in 1910 and attended a conference of all religions in Church of Chicago in Berlin and there he delivered a lecture on sikh religion. In 1912-13 he got Gurdwaras constructed in America and Canada of these, Stockton, in California and Victoria BC in Canada are the most famous. In 1912 he established the Pacific Coast Khalsa Diwan Society in Canada. He pleaded with the Government for those Indians who were being ordered by the Government to leave the country and won the legal battle. In America he met Baba Baisakha Singh, Baba Jawala Singh and other members of the Gaddar Party and motivated them for the struggle of free India.

(From 1913 to 1916, under the patronage of Sant Attar Singh he devotedly served at Guru Sagar Sahib Mastuana (Sangrur) and enjoyed meditation. He

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established Khalsa High School, Kallar in Rawalpindi district (Pakistan) and patron-aged it. He did a distinguished service as Principal of Guru Nanak Khalsa College from 1917-1919. He accepted the principalship of Teachers College, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, when Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya requested for his services. According to the wishes of Sant Attar Singh Ji, he returned to Mastuana as Principal of the Akal College and in 1923 he took over as Principal of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Gujranwala. After getting Sant Ji’s blessings, large number of people took Amrit, thus providing peace to the disturbed minds of the masses.

In 1932, he undertook the construction of Gurdwara Nanaksar Cheema, Sangrur (Punjab) whose foundation was laid by Sant Attar Singh Ji. During the period 1940-47 he preached Gurmat particularly in Lahore and Peshawar area. He advised the sikhs of these areas to migrate to the present Punjab and the adjoining states as he was having some apprehension about the uprooting of the people of these areas. He motivated the College students in 1949 to take to the mission of Guru Nanak. Those students who showed deep interest in this mission were taken to Gurdwara Paonta Sahib for teaching of Gurbani and Sikh Philosophy. In 1954 he went to different countries of African continent to propagate Gurmat Parchar and forewarned Hindus and Sikhs of Uganda to migrate to some other countries as they would be banished from that land in the near future and so did it happen during the regime of Idi Amin. In 1955, he went to Malaya and Singapur to propagate the message of Guru Nanak and in 1956 he attended 8th World Conference for Religious Harmony in Japan where he delivered a lecture on “The way to establish permanent peace.”

On July 27, 1956 he formally inaugurated the Gurdwara at Baru Sahib. During the inaugural prayers, he emotionally requested the Akalpurkh to bestow his grace on the Trust so that it grows and carries His message of holy life and brotherhood of humanity. In 1957 he visited America and Canada to explain the way of spirituality to the West. During 1959-60 another function of Akhand Path was held at Baru Sahib when he induced the congregation to follow the tenets of Sikhism, preach the same to all persons wherever they can. During 1961-63 he toured the whole of India for the same mission. He received his call from the Almighty on July 3, 1965 at Nanaksar Cheema.

Suraj kiran milai jal ka jal hua Ram
Joti jot rali sampuran thia Ram

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By laying the foundation stone of Gurdwara Baru Sahib in 1956, Sant Baba Teja Singh Ji as per wishes of Sant Baba Attar Singh Ji had revealed this unknown place of the Khalsa.

Sant Ji said this place would be a centre of the Sikhs in the Kalyug like a small seed of a Banyan it would become a huge “tree” one day. Similarly, the children of the Khalsa and Gursikhs by singing hymns and reciting gurbani, by making obeisance to Guru Nanak Dev and Guru Gobind Singh, by merging their individuality in the Almighty and getting salvation from life-cycle will provide calmness to the troubled minds of the people. They will also help the humanity in getting rid of the ever-increasing worldly desires by bringing them closer to the God, as per saying of the Guru “Jagat jalanda rakh laiy aapni kirpa dhar”. They will themselves taste the nectar and help the earthly human beings to quench their thirst by tasting the nectar which is available in abundance.

It so appears that this beautiful and attractive piece of land (Gurdwara Baru Sahib) had been brought by the gods from the paradise and placed amidst the hills.

Around the land of meditation of the Gurdwara Sahib there are beautiful green-clad hills, a number of cool fountains, beautiful valleys, zig-zag pathways; all these natural things bring the people of the oven-hot world into this cool and green valley of peace.

The nature of the creator is visible all around the Gurdwara Sahib. The tall trees look like the guards posted by the gods around this land.

The intoxicating cool breeze in the morning, the lulling sound of tree-waves unknowingly attracts the minds of the devotees towards the Almighty and helps them to take a dip in the nectar-tank and to feel refreshed and satisfied.

First sight of the rising sun in the early morning, light-golden rays coming from the pale-red sun through the dense clusters of the tree-leaves when reach the bodies of the devotees they exclaim “God! thy creation is great”. The minds get merged in the beauty of the nature and get closer to the creator of this Universe.

“Balehari kudrat wasiya, tera unt na Jai Lakhia”— the mind wants to express its gratitude to the nature.

“Mawli dharti mawliya aakaas, 
ghat ghat mawliya atam pragas”

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The earth appears to be blossomed and the mind, too, blossoms.... Everywhere, in every thing and in every mind God may be witnessed and one sees God in every particle of the environment.

This piece of land is situated at a height of 4000 feet above sea level and the climate is very pleasant - neither too hot nor too cold.

According to the sayings of Sant Ji many great men had meditated at this place in the past which had made this place very holy. It helps in giving solace to the disturbed minds which voluntarily start singing hymns and go in for meditation.

For these reasons, Sant Ji made this place known to the people. He did meditation for a long time here. After performing many Akhand Paths and praying to the 10th Guru, he made a prediction:

"From this place, as in future, the followers of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji will propagate sikhism in foreign lands. They will induce the masses to follow the path shown by Guru Nanak and will create an atmosphere of Satyug. It will be on the same pattern as Bhikshus of Budh religion, after getting religious enlightenment from Nalanda University (Bihar) spread Budhism everywhere, from Tibet to Japan.

"Sunhi ardas swami mere sarab kala ban ayi Pargat bhai sagle yug antar, Guru Nanak ki vadyai"

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Bhai Sahib Bhai Vir Singh also subscribed to the views of Sant Baba Teja Singh Ji. When these two great men met at Dehradun, Bhai Vir Singh requested Sant Teja Singh Ji to start this project as early as possible so that Guru Nanak’s teachings may be spread in the world at the earliest possible.

According to the initiative and desire of Sant Baba Attar Singh Ji, the Kalgidhar Trust with the co-operation of sikh community, is making efforts to complete the following projects:

1. To make extensions to the present Gurdwara building

The devotees throng this place in large numbers on the occasions of religious congregations. The hall being made is so spacious as to accommodate 1000 persons. For this purpose the construction of new building of the Gurdwara has been started which, with the grace of God and co-operation of sikh community, will be completed soon.
Mai badhi such dharamsal hai,
Gursikhan ladda bhal ke

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2. Bunge (rest house) for devotees

At present there are only six rooms and two bath rooms. Keeping in view the increasing inflow of devotees day by day it is felt that there should be at least 150 more rooms in this Gurdwara for which the devotees have already started making efforts.

3. Guru Ka Langar (free community kitchen)

At present the kitchen is not only small but also kacha. The devotees have decided to make a bigger and a pucca building for the Guru Ka Langar.

Other Projects Being Undertaken include:

1. Self-sacrificing Volunteers

According to the wishes of Sant Baba Attar Singh Ji self-sacrificing volunteers will emerge from this place, who will dedicate their lives for the sacred utterances of the Gurus, enjoy the lofty flights in spiritual skies and spiritual pleasures and will dedicate their lives in the preaching of Guru Nanak's mission for the welfare of the humanity.

Tan man dhan sabh saup Gur ko
Hukam maniye paiye

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2. Gurmat Vidyalya (School of Sikh Religious Teachings)

A school for sikh religious teachings will be opened here, in which the young trainees will be taught sacred Gurbani so that they may be able to read Guru Granth Sahib correctly and in smooth flow and, also, they may deliberate on the Gurbani. Sikh musicians will be employed for teaching the students in the singing of Gurbani in ragas so that these students may go abroad and solace the distressed minds by singing sacred hymns.

3. Home for the aged persons

A home for the stay of aged persons is being constructed here. Any old person, or any one retired from service, can stay there and enjoy the recitation and singing of sacred hymns, merging their individuality with the Universe and make their lives purposeful. Boarding and lodging arrangements will be made for them.

Dekh Farida Jo thia darhi hoee bhoor
Aggh nera aiya pichha rahia door

(Page 1378)

Sheikh Farid in his above couplet reminded the aged persons to recite the name of God at this last stage of the life.
4. Spiritual Camps
Efforts will be made to hold short-term spiritual camps for the benefit of those who are in service or in other professions so that they may be able to perform their duties with refreshed minds and devotion to the humanity.

5. Hospital
For the health care of devotees, a hospital will be opened which will be run by highly qualified doctors.

6. Library
Efforts are being made to open a big library here which will serve as an ideal place of study for the students and scholars.

For the completion of above-mentioned projects the Trust, the devotees may donate according to Sikh tenets, one-tenth of their hard-earned money. By doing so, they will get the blessings of Waheguru.

Satgur ki seva safal hai
Je ko kare chit lai

Waheguru Satgur ki seva safal hai
Je ko kare chit lai

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Routes for reaching Gurdwara Baru Sahib

(The Gurdwara lies on the Nahan-Bagthan-Baru (Machher)-Rajgarh-Solan road.

From Nahan, a bus leaves in the morning at 7 a.m. and reaches Baru (85 km) by noon. For people coming from Delhi, Ambala side, this route suits best. A second bus leaves Nahan at 3 p.m. to reach Baru at 8 p.m.

From Solan, the morning bus (8.30 a.m.) goes to Rajgarh (45 km) and then reaches Baru (25 km) by noon. Another bus in the afternoon (3.50 p.m.) goes from Solan which halts at Khairi (2 km short of Baru which is a pleasant walk along the river, Giri). Solan is 75 km from Chandigarh and frequent buses are available for it. For Nahan frequent buses are available from Ambala as well as Chandigarh via Kala Amb.

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Santau ki karaj aap khloya Har kam karawan aaya Ram
Dharat suhawi tal suhawa vich amrit jal chhaya Ram
Amrit Jal chhaya puran saaj karaya sagal manorath poeray
Jay jay-kar bhaya jag antar laathey sagal visooray
Puran purkh achut abinasi jas ved purani gaiiya
Apna bird rakhya parmesar Nanak naam dhiyaya

On this sacred land (Tapo-Bhoomi) the holy-souls get together
To celebrate the birth anniversary of the Khalsa on the Baisakhi
Day every year by listening to the singing of sacred hymns
(Gurbani), concentrating their attention at the feet of Lord
(Waheguru), and taking a dip in the holy tank as thanks giving
to the Almighty. Besides, every year from 1-3 July the Saadh
Sangat Celebrate the annual anniversary of Sant Teja Singh Ji
Maharaj.
GUIDE MAP TO GURDWARA BARU SAHIB

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Solan
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Khairi Barukhala
Chandigarh
Nahan

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