

PROFILE OF SHRI MAHANT DEVENDRA DASS JI MAHARAJ



Swami Vivekanand National Awardee 2011, Shri Mahant Devendra Dass is the tenth Shri Mahant of Shri Guru Ram Rai Darbar Sahib, Dehra Dun, a 345 year old, philanthropic & religious organization. Shri Maharaj Ji is an ascetic, a missionary, dedicated to the society. His ultimate objective is, do maximum good of the maximum number, irrespective of caste, creed, race, religion, region or social status. Besides consolidating existing institutions Shri Maharaj Ji started a Medical College in 2002 and a University in 2017.

Under the dynamic, visionary & charismatic leadership of Shri Maharaj Ji, Shri Darbar Sahib is rendering spectacular services in the field of education, medical education, health and social welfare. Under his patronage, Shri Guru Ram Rai Education Mission and Shri Guru Ram Rai University provide quality education and excellent medical care to lakhs of people, especially low income group and weaker section of society at nominal cost & free education to single girl child, wards of Army Martyr and Covid-19 affected families. More than one lakh students are studying in the 122 educational institutions being run under the ambit of Shri Guru Ram Rai Education Mission and Shri Guru Ram Rai University. Shri Maharaj Ji is the Chairman of the Mission and Chancellor of SGRR, University.

Shri Darbar Sahib is a unique blend of tradition & modernity. In order to swim with the current, Shri Guru Ram Rai Institute of Technology & Sciences and Shri Guru Ram Rai Institute of Medical & Health Sciences with its 1500 bedded teaching hospital have made technical, medical education and adequate health care accessible and affordable to all sections of society particularly low income group and deprived classes.

A versatile genius Shri Maharaj Ji renders valuable service to the society in diverse fields. His contribution to the society as an environmentalist, promoter of games & sports and a philanthropist serving the poor generously by giving financial assistance, running a community kitchen (langar) and helping the victims of natural calamity has been par excellence.

Vigorous efforts have been made to maintain heritage building of Shri Darbar Sahib, its surrounding and the rare mural painting on its walls.

As an environmentalist massive plantation in all the institutions and on barren land has been initiated by Shri Maharaj Ji.

A detailed plan is in process for the rejuvenation of very old tea garden and orchard. This will have a favorable effect on the environment and the eco-system of Doon valley.

Shri Mahant Devendra Dass Ji is a keen lover of games and sports. Liberal assistance is given to the state government and the HNB Garhwal University for organizing various tournaments. Promising sports women/men are motivated by giving generous help.

All possible assistance is given to the victims of flood, earth quake and other natural calamities in the country.

Shri Guru Ram Rai Darbar Sahib provides free lodging to the devotees as well as visitors in a big inn available at Shri Jhanda Sahib. Clothing at free of cost is provided to the poorest of the poor. Financial assistance is regularly given by Shri Maharaj Ji to needy students, widows, sick people, saints, monks and also for the marriage of the daughters of the poor people.

Free treatment is given to a large number of people in need through health camps organized in the city, hilly and far flung areas of Uttarakhand and rural areas of its neighboring states.

Fee concession is generously provided to the needy students from primary to university level.

Shri Maharaj Ji is earnestly propagating organic farming on the land owned by Darbar Sahib and elsewhere to avoid excessive use of fertilizers, chemicals, pesticides and weedicides. The ultimate objective is to improve the quality of the life of the people.

A cowshed has been constructed to provide shelter for around 200 cows including the abandoned and stray cows. In addition to it shelter for stray animals like dogs is also being maintained.

Realizing the gravity of Covid-19 pandemic Shri Maharaj Ji acted promptly and made significant contribution in relief and rescue operation such as food to thousands of stranded visitors, labourers, needy during lockdown. Many schools and institutions were made quarantine centres. Services of 1500 bedded multispeciality hospital and health professionals was extended to the Uttarakhand Government. Awareness programmes were also conducted to protect masses from Covid-19 pandemic.

The best in nature grows in silence. Shri Maharaj Ji, is always busy in his endeavor to achieve the objective of making an ideal society thus helping in Nation building. Since Shri Maharaj Ji is pervading and pervasive, his divinity energizes all members of Shri Guru Ram Rai family to realize his dream.