



### Shri Amritvaani Satsang Chalis Diwaseey Maha Yagya

Pujya Swami ji observes multiple Chalisa, a pledge to do something for a consecutive period of 40 days, during the year. The most notable among these is the Amritvaani Chalisa or Amritvaani Chalis Diwasiya Mahayagya which is a discourse on the holy scripture of Shri Amritvaani ji, written by Swami Satyanand ji Maharaj, over a period of 40 days. The first Chalisa starts on Jan 1 of each year, where Pujya Swami ji welcomes the New Year by chanting the name of the Almighty. The Chalisa then goes on for 40 days and finally culminates into huge celebrations and festivities on February 10, which happens to be the birthday of Pujya Swami ji. During the Chalisa, all the discourses start with the recital of Shri Amritvaani ji followed by bhajans and pravachans. Fire has been considered a source of power and purity in Hindu religion. Hence, during this Yatra, Swami ji carries the holy jote (light), that was lit by Param Pujya Gurudev Prem Nath ji Maharaj and has been burning continuously for several decades, to various places across the Patiala city. The jote darshan is considered to be one of the most sacred activities by Swami ji's disciples and is a cause of great fervor and festivities. The welcome of the jote in the houses of the disciples is marked by huge fanfare and is akin to Diwali celebrations with the bursting of crackers and lighting the streets and houses. Of course this refers to times before swami arrived in the USA.



During the course of yatra, the holy jote resides on a Rath (chariot) which is pulled turn by turn by the seekers. As the Rath moves along, chants and recitals of the Lord's name fill the entire neighborhood environment. Recital of shlokas and aarti by Swami ji takes place before the jote is put on the chariot after Vishraam (rest) and after it is taken off the chariot for Vishraam. For the entire period of 40 days, Pravachans by Swami ji are discoursed in the presence of the holy jote. The yatra pans across the entire city and is covered by Swami ji on foot irrespective of the distances involved. The daily yatra culminates with the distribution of prasaad by Swami ji himself. Swami ji aims to spread the name of the God and educate people about the Lord's divine powers through this yatra. In line with his pragmatic approach, Swami ji often quotes poems by the famous Indian freedom fighter Ramprasad Bismil in his satsangs during the 40-day period. These poems, highlighting Bismil's never ending love for his motherland, his unwavering

determination to achieve his goal, and his fearless attitude, provide a more contemporary context to the seekers. They set an example for the youth to follow and lay out the values to abide by. Multiple such yatras have been undertaken by Swami ji both in India and the USA.