

RECOGNITION OF RENOWNED POET JANAB SHRI AZAD JULLUNDHARY

A multi language Shiromani poet and community's very well known honorable personality Janab Shri Azad Jullundhary Sahib was honored by the FIJI RETIREE CLUB ASSOCIATION on October 26th, 2008 in the Golden Peacock Banquet, 3681 Prelate Blvd , Fremont , California . Many prominent leaders, businessmen and

respected residents of the area gathered in the hall at 6:00 in the evening. The following members of the club arranged this colorful program. Shri Des Raj Sandhu, Shri Dev Raj Sandhu, Shri Mulkh Raj Damaria, Shri Sohan Singh Damaria, Shri Hardev Singh Sandhu, Shri Ram Murti Saroay, and Shri Teja Singh Khara. The well-known speakers, CPA Shri Amrik Chand Lakha, Shri Ram Murti Saroay and Shri O.P. Balley spoke very highly of Janab Shri Azad Jullundhary for his literary and community services. Shri Balvir Thind, a follower of Sahib Shri Guru Ravidass Ji and Dr. Ambedkar helped a lot to make this program successful. This program was very well-organized started at 6:00pm and ended at 11:00 pm with music and poetry of Janab Azad Jullundhary. Janab Shri Azad Jullundhary was born on January 12th, 1933 in village Bara Pind, District Jalandhar, Punjab. He passed his high school from Ramgarhia High School. Phagwara (Kapurthala) Punjab in the year 1948

with best student award from Maharaja Kapurthala Shri Jagjit Singh Ahaluwalia and Giani Zail Singh, Minister of Education and revenue in Pepsu. He joined central Govt. of India in the year 1950 while staying in New Delhi. Janab Azad Sahib was/is the member of many Literary and religious organizations. He wrote songs for films as well as for private singers. He wrote many Geets and Gazals for Sufi societies and ashrams. Wherever he was needed, he was there for community service. He wrote almost 20 books of poetry in different languages

In the year 1978, he retired from Indian Govt. Service and settled permanently in California, USA along with his wife, Late Gurmeet Kaur, daughter Kusum Azad and

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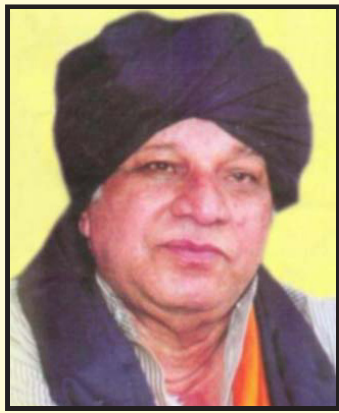
son Mr. R. K. Azad. In the USA he is also helping many literary and religious societies. He, with Giani Jang Singh Jee established a Punjabi Sahittrust in the year 2008, which is working very well with the help of Dr. Gurmeet Sidhu, a Chief Editor of the Trust. He was honored with Shiromani Kavi in the year of

1999 by the Punjabi Sahit Sabha, Bay Area and Milpitas of California. He started writing poetry at the age of eleven and still writing at 75. Instead of going for higher

education in technology, Shri Azad Ji opted art, culture and literature which he is using mostly for community services. He is a very good counselor if anybody talks to him about the adverse circumstances in his/her life. On 13th December, 1997 he wrote a very good English poem on Christmas Eve and New Year and sent to Mr. Bill Clinton at that time, President of the USA. After three weeks on January 8th, 1998, Mr. Bill Clinton sent a wonderful letter to Shri Azad Jullundhary from White House which I am reproducing here. Janab Shri Azad Jullundhary Sahib is an idol of many young students. Miss Hena Kaur Rai, grand daughter of Late Sardar Ratan Singh Jee Rai, (who was a best friend of Azad Ji) has written a beautiful essay regarding Janab Azad Ji and sent along with application form for further studies. I

am also reproducing that essay here. It is not possible to say or describe the literary and community servicesby Shri Azad Jullundhary in a few pages. There is a long history of 70 years of community services behind. He is writing his autobiography, a book of at least 500 pages, which will be available to the readers in the year 2009. So, it was a pleasure meeting with Mr. Azad Jullundhary at his residence. I have learned a lot from him and glad to have a well known and knowledgeable personality on this planet not only in one community but he is proud of all communities. I prey to the Almighty for long life of Janab Shri Azad Jullundhary Ji, so that he may continue writing and serving the community in future also.

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