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SANGAT, PANGAT

Then we have *sangat* and *pangat*. *Sangat* is the congregation whereunder Satguru's blessings we get together. *Pangat* means the line of diners at the community kitchen. There we get the first lesson in *sewa* when we look after the shoes of the *sangat* and offer them cold drinks, cleanse the utensils, serve food and water to the diners, who sit in a line irrespective of caste, creed, or social status. Free feeding of the needy has become an integral part of Sikhism. It is called *langar*. In short, we are enjoined upon to have enough to distribute to all who asks.

Satguru's commands are very clear in this respect :

Eat, spend, and share

ਖਾਵਹਿ ਖਰਚਹਿ ਰਲਿ ਮਿਲਿ ਭਾਈ ॥

It will not exhaust but ever grow.

ਤੋਟਿ ਨ ਆਵੈ ਵਧਦੇ ਜਾਈ ॥

In *Sukhmani* the fifth Satguru says :

By Whose Grace thou eatest all delicacies.

ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਛਤੀਹ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਖਾਹਿ ॥

Bear that Master in mind.

ਤਿਸੁ ਠਾਕੁਰ ਕਉ ਰਖੁ ਮਨ ਮਾਹਿ ॥

By Whose Grace thou appliest scent to thy body.

ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਸੁਗੰਧਤ ਤਨਿ ਲਾਵਹਿ ॥

Meditate on Him and attain salvation.

ਤਿਸ ਕਉ ਸਿਮਰਤ ਪਰਮ ਗਤਿ ਪਾਵਹਿ ॥

By Whose Grace thou livest in comfortable abode.

ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਬਸਹਿ ਸੁਖ ਮੰਦਰਿ ॥

Reflect on Him in thy mind for ever.

ਤਿਸਹਿ ਧਿਆਇ ਸਦਾ ਮਨ ਅੰਦਰਿ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou enjoyest family life and comforts.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਗ੍ਰਿਹ ਸੰਗਿ ਸੁਖ ਬਸਨਾ ॥
 Utter His Name night and day.
 ਆਠ ਪਹਰ ਸਿਮਰਹੁ ਤਿਸੁ ਰਸਨਾ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou enjoyest love and luxuries.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਰੰਗ ਰਸ ਭੋਗ ॥
 Nanak meditate on Him alone Who is worthy of worship.
 ਨਾਨਕ ਸਦਾ ਧਿਆਈਐ ਧਿਆਵਨ ਜੋਗ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou wearest silks.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਪਾਟ ਪਟੰਬਰ ਹਢਾਵਹਿ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou hast healthful and gleaming body.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਆਰੋਗ ਕੰਚਨ ਦੇਹੀ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou obtainest thy precious body.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਪਾਈ ਦੁਲਭ ਦੇਹ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou ridest horses and elephants.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਅਸੁ ਹਸਤਿ ਅਸਵਾਰੀ ॥
 O mind ! forget not ever that Lord.
 ਮਨ ਤਿਸੁ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਕਉ ਕਬਹੂ ਨ ਬਿਸਾਰੀ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou getest orchards, wealth and territories,
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਬਾਗ ਮਿਲਖ ਧਨਾ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou hast lovely figure,
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਤੇਰਾ ਸੁੰਦਰ ਰੂਪੁ ॥
 By Whose Grace thou obtainest glory.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਤੇਰਾ ਪਰਤਾਪੁ ॥
 By Whose Grace all thy works are accomplished.
 ਜਿਹ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ਤੇਰੇ ਕਾਰਜ ਪੂਰੇ ॥
 Feel His Presence ever in mind.
 ਤਿਸਹਿ ਜਾਨੁ ਮਨ ਸਦਾ ਹਜੂਰੇ ॥