

# Welcome

## Governor Gadgil

Our joy and happiness know no bounds to find you among us and we the inhabitants of village PALDI, in general and the members of MAYO FAMILY in particular extend our hearty welcome to you.

A noble cause always needs a noble soul for its support. A philanthropic, the late Sardar Mayo Singh, a beloved resident of this village had a noble idea to establish a hospital in the memory of his wife because the latter had expired for want of medical attention. The foundation stone of this building, which is a monument to his benevolence was laid by an illustrious son of the land, Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, and it is also a matter of pride that on its completion it has today been inaugurated by a valiant fighter for freedom, Shree N. V. Gadgil, Governor of the Punjab.

We pray that its doors now opened by you to the sick and suffering persons may remain always open to them.

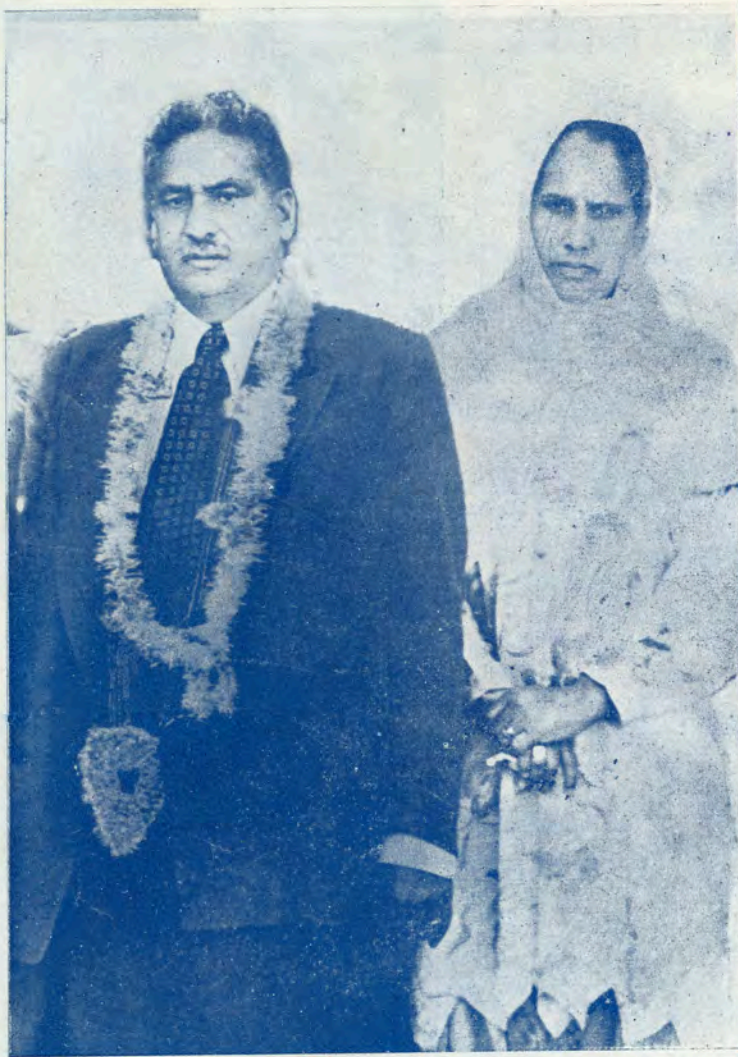


Sh N. V. GADGIL  
Governor of Punjab



Magnificent view of the newly built building of 'S. Mayo Singh Primary Health Unit,' Paldi

## A Dream Comes True



Late S. Mayo Singh and his wife late Sardarni Bishan Kaur on their last visit to India

Late S. Mayo and his wife, Sardarni Bishan Kaur had come on a visit to their home land in 1952. While at Paldi, the birth place of late Mr Mayo, Mrs Mayo fell ill and died soon after, due to lack of medical attention. Mr Mayo had loved his wife in the old proverbial way of Shah Jahan and his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Moved by the loss Mr. Mayo decided that he would build a hospital at Paldi so that no one else's dear one should loose his/her life in the same way.

The job was entrusted to the Paldi Village Committee appointed by Mr Mayo and D C. Hoshiarpur. Three years passed but no progress could be made upto 1955, when Mr Mayo died in Canada. His death was they say again due to separation of his beloved wife. In early 1956 Captain Peshora Singh moved the Mayo family to fulfil the wish of their late father which he could not achieve during

his life time. The Mayo family entrusted the job to Captain Peshora Singh who worked out his plan to donate the land and Rs. 100,000 - to the Punjab Govt who in turn would build and run the hospital at Paldi naming it as "Sardar Mayo Singh Civil Hospital, Paldi". After repeated meetings and discussions with the Chief Minister, the sanction of the Govt for the Hospital on above conditions were obtained. Foundation stone of the hospital was laid by Sardar Partap Singh Kairon on 19th May' 1957. As a goodwill gesture the Red Cross Society donated Rs. 25,000/- to add a maternity Wing to the hospital and its foundation stone was laid by Sardarni Partap Singh on the same day. Later in order to obtain further aid, the Hospital has now been converted into Primary Health Unit of which the hospital will still form part and it will now be known as "Sardar Mayo Singh Primary Health Unit PALDI".

# A Life Sketch of Late S. Mayo Singh

S. Mayo Singh was born at Village PALDI (Hoshiar pur) in 1890 in a poor Rajput family. While in his sixteenth year, in 1906, he went to Canada in search of some work. There he started off as a labourer. After sometime he alongwith others, established co-operative farming which was soon wound up. Gradually he worked out his way and built up the most successful timber operation on Vancouver Island known as Mayo Lumber Co, Ltd“ which included Sawmill, Logging and seasoning operations at McKay Lake near Duncan.

He had utmost love for his motherland. He returned to India in 1925 and got married in a Rajput family. His wife Sardarni Bishan Kaur was a very charming lady. He returned to Canada the same year.

In Canada he was known as MODEST ‘SANTA CLAUS’ and one of the best known EAST INDIANS IN CANADA due to his philanthropies down the years of his life. He never sought publicity for his gifts. Following, amongst a long list, benefitted from Mr Mayo :-

St. Joseph’s Hospital Victoria Canada, Royal Jubilee Hospital Victoria (Canada), King’s Daughter’s Hospital Duncan Canada, General Hospital in Ladysmith Canada, General Hospital Nanaimo Canada, Queen Alexandra Solarium Mill Bay, Children Aid Society Canda, BC Protestant Orphanage, Canada. He built a covered walk from the Nurses’ Home to St. Joseph’s Hospital and it was known as “MAYO WALK”. Denoted a 154 feet douglas fir flagpole for Beacon Hill Park Lookout. On his and his wife’s birthdays he used to denote blankets, linen and 1000 lbs. of turky etc. to every hospital for patients. In India;

Rs. 75,000 to Anandpur Sahib for building a Sarai. Approximately Two Lakhs to educational institutes in Doaba. Rs. 85,000 to Mahilpur College for Sardarni Bishan Kaur Hall. Rs. 1 Lakh and land worth Rs. 10,000 for Hospital at PALDI, and many other totalling about 9 Lakhs in all.

He got his two sons and one daughter married in India. He founded a village in Canada and named it PALDI after the name of his birth place in India, Distt. Hoshiarpur. Sardar Mayo Singh died in Canada in 1955 leaving behind four sons and two daughters.

S. Partap Singh  
Kairon, Chief  
Minister, Punjab,  
conveying his  
gratitude for  
Mayo Family in  
Canada through  
Captain Peshora  
Singh of Janglian.



## Living Members of Mayo Family

### *Daughters :*

Sardarni Joginder Kaur (Jindo),  
wife of Sardar Karnail Singh Saroya.

Miss Gloria Mayo.

### *Sons :*

S. Rajinder Singh Mayo,

S. Mohinder Singh Mayo,

S. Jogindar Singh Mayo,

S. Bhupinder Singh Mayo.

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