

Tribute to our Ancestors vis-à-vis: Questions regarding Daya Ram Pandit and Tota Ram Pandit raised by Researcher from Howard University, USA.

## Tribute to Elders Especially by Rattan Lal Raina

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**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2010 1:34 AM

**Subject:** Re: Questions regarding Daya Ram Pandit and Tota Ram Pandit

### HAPPY DEEPAWALI TO YOU ALL.

We have realized that we need to Study / Find & furnish the full information pertaining to our respected ancestors, their achievements, sacrifices for needy, within our families and outside. Also subsequently that of their children late Baigash Ji, his brothers / sister. This is the time when we need to do research on their deeds, which are unparallel and not possible in the present age. They have been selfless and we can write thousands of pages if we exert to remember from time to time. This information will be helpful to our new generations for doing research on the selfless qualities. It is not the education or position at their . working but it is something more quality wise which makes all of us .to be proud of them

Let me write a few lines to refresh my memory about their activities:-

**Respected Baigash Ji** was highly respectable educationist who created interest in his brothers to get proper education, honesty and sincerity.

**Respected Baisab** was highly social , helpful , selfless, who got settled mostly all the daughters of our families. Many daughters of our families got best matches & inlaws, more than their expectations .He was the chief instrument to build career of our many children.

**Respected Bobjee**, I know he has really helped his sister many time out of way financially or otherwise, in need. There are thousands of incidents to his credit where he helped people.

**Respected Baitoth** has always taken care of his family members, their relatives and neighbors. He would come to my home , nearly 6kms away to treat my people and even my neighbors free of charge. He has treated my Grand Mother for years. His work was selfless..

**Respected PranToth** had managed to clean water Tanks & roads of many villages wherever he was working as Development Officer. Even today the people of those places praise his deeds.

**Respected Bengashi** was always helpful to general public. Once in winter, her neighbour was ill, had no water. She bought water for them from a tap, nearly half a mile, which had not frozen in snow. Like that there are so many incidents, she did selflessly.

I remember, my father **Late Sh. Sham Lal Raina**, matriculate was very efficient in his work to the extent that after his death, his company circulated his **self made calculation chart** for calculations to their working staff members.

Similarly some can write thousands of pages on the selfless activities of **Respected Kakni and others too**.

However we need to do "**research on the deeds of our ancestors**" as well as that of the **present generations** irrespective of one's qualifications / Business.

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**Sent:** Thu, 4 November, 2010 1:23:52 PM

**Subject:** Re: Questions regarding Daya Ram Pandit and Tota Ram Pandit

**Dear All,**

**Let us at the outset we convey our Hearty Diwali Greetings.  
The joys you like the very best. These are the things we wish  
you for now and always too. Amen!!!!**

Next coming to the subject. The query raised by

"Researcher at Harvard University" has given ample proof to demonstrate the very existence in the History.

I know all of "us people" are respectful, generous, magnanimous in showering praise when asked about our ancestors tracing from **Mr. DAYA RAM PANDIT** (LS: 1778-1858 AD), who made a humble beginning at *Rainawari (Zeelankar), Srinagar, Kashmir (J&K State)*. All of them now have an identity through <http://www.mattoo.co.in/>, which is worth appreciating. Their existence has now been fully documented in the History. Immense Thanks to **Baigash Ji / Pita Ji (Respected Rugh Nath Mattoo)**, who has been instrumental to give us a trace of the former Generations / Ancestors of Mattoo Clan, which has now grown into Nine Generations and easily traceable at <http://www.mattoo.co.in/>.

Well I thank all of you for an instant response. (Bai Ji's matured response has been the best as always) Though I knew the answer well, but I wanted your reaction, not only on the question / subject asked for but also on the very existence of <http://www.mattoo.co.in/>. Therefore, through this mail, May I advise you to help updating your **xcl sheets in Individual Family Descendants** for motivating the next generation to keep the tempo on no matter whether you visit "FaceBook" daily or not. Documenting even your achievements through **Bio-Data** would be welcome and shall be uploaded on <http://www.mattoo.co.in/> for any future retrieval at any given point of time in future.

I leave at that and **more on hearing from you on the subject.**

Thanking you with best regards, faith and good-will, Yours sincerely,

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**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 10:43 PM

**Subject:** Re: Questions regarding Daya Ram Pandit and Tota Ram Pandit

Sir,

Let us be bold to accept the real truth and do not unnecessarily discuss on this subject. We know that they are different like my class fellow Mr. Jawahar Lal Nehru.

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**From:** Natural Resources India Foundation (NRIF) <[info@nrif.org.in](mailto:info@nrif.org.in)>

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**Subject:** Fw: Questions regarding Daya Ram Pandit and Tota Ram Pandit

Dear All,

**MOST IMMEDIATE / urgent**

Would any one of you like to give any clue on the Question asked for Your reply back would be highly appreciated.

Thanking you with best regards, faith and good-will,

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Questions regarding Daya Ram Pandit and Tota Ram Pandit

Dear Shri RP Mattoo,

I am a **researcher at Harvard University**, working on the cultural history of the Indian subcontinent. Among my interests is the rise of Persian literature among Hindus, especially Kashmiri Pandits. I recently saw an illustrated Persian manuscript of the Ramayana, calligraphed by Tota Ram Pandit, in the library of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, USA. Since then I have also found references to many illustrated manuscripts produced by Tota Ram Pandit and his father, located, for instance in Patiala, and the National Museum, Delhi.

While searching for information about Tota Ram Pandit, I came across your website, and genealogy in which you mention Daya Ram Pandit and Tota Ram Pandit as your ancestors. Are these the same people as the scribes and illustrators for the many manuscripts that bear their name? Did they work for the Kohinoor Press, Lahore? If so, I would like very much to learn more about them.

Many thanks and best wishes,

**Supriya Gandhi**