

# Tribute to Un-forgettable Brothers of Mattoo Clan

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S/ Shri Prem Nath Mattoo & Shyam Lal Mattoo, in middle as they looked in mid 1920's



Picture on either side, as they looked before their passing away or leaving this mortal body  
(Consisting of 5 elements viz. Water, Air, Earth, Sky, Fire)

- **SHRI SHYAM LAL MATTOO: (1907-1972): Second Son of 4<sup>th</sup> Generation of Mattoo Clan and S/O Shri Ram Chand & Smt. Radha Mal**
  - He was a teacher, ambitious to become contractor, left State Govt. service. Initiated to become Civil Contractor and constructed many buildings, houses in Srinagar, Kashmir and Jammu city. House constructions became his hobby and he motivated one and all to possess one's own house within and outside his family members.
  - He took a leading role, to construct a **Bharav Mandir** near Batmaloo, Sinagar, in the vicinity of Narsihgarh and Balgarden.
  - He also motivated Mr. Gobindjoo Bhan, the then Civil Engineer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation to donate a Statue of "Lord Shankara" for the Bharav Mandir.
  - He also constructed a **Dharmshala** at the same **Bharav Mandir**, in memory of his parents.
  - He was leading philanthropist and a social worker of his times. He helped many parents to marry girls not only among his relations, contacts, within and outside the community, including Muslims both in the cities of Srinagar, Kashmir and Jammu. Examples to quote, he found the best Sons-in-law for the Mattoo Clan viz. Mr. Shambu Nath Razdan, Dr. & Prof. Chuni Lal Kaboo; Prof. K L Ganju; Prof. M L Ganju; Prof. Moti Lal Dhar; Mr. Bal Kishen Raina to name a few.
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- **SHRI PREM NATH MATTOO: (1916-2003): Sixth Son of 4<sup>th</sup> Generation of Mattoo Clan and S/O Shri Ram Chand & Smt. Radha Mal.**
  - He was a graduate from then Punjab University and joined the J&K State Govt. in early 1930's in the Community Development and Panchayti Raj System. He worked as Block Development Officer, District Planning Officer before being conferred as a Civil Servant as KAS (Kashmir Administrative Service) of the J&K Govt.
  - He was then brought to the Civil Secretariat and posted as Under Secretary to Govt. of J& K Govt. and later promoted as Deputy Secretary to Govt. of J&K Govt. in the General Department (Trainings). He has been instrumental to shape the future of many young talented and brilliant boys and girls of all the three provinces (Kashmir; Jammu and Ladhak) by nominating and arranging their Loan Scholarship for admission to the Technical Colleges affiliated to the Central, State and Deemed Universities spread over in different States & UT's of India in most prominent disciplines viz. Engineering; Medicines, Animal Husbandry and other Special Courses. Most of the nominated trainees have risen to the level as Head of the Departments of their respective faculties.
  - He was also a close associate of the then a great Social Reformist of his times, Mr. Kashu Bandu.

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- **SHRI PREM NATH MATTOO:** "While in service, he became an active member of Prajapita Bramha Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhalya (PBKIVV), a spiritual organization<sup>1</sup>; and having a having actively helped them conduct their programme in different districts of J&K and establish their base in Srinagar, later, as a local Centre in his own house, then at 26, Bal-Garden, Srinagar, Kashmir.
- He along with his wife, Rupa Mattoo, was one of the first couple from Kashmir Valley to act as torch bearer for and on behalf of PBKIVV in the Kashmir Valley.
- Progressively his passion for the spirituality increased and chose to spend some years of the later part of his life in the close proximity of the Ashram at Abu Road, Mot Abu, District Sirohi, Rajasthan.
- The spiritual activities stood him in good stead and culminated in the transformation of his personality and perceptions of life."

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<sup>1</sup> PBKIVV, World HQ. Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India, having over 8,500 centers, spread over in 130 countries of the globe. The organization is affiliated to the Department of Public Information (DPI) of the United Nations as Non-Government Organization (NGO). It also holds General Consultative status in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and UNICEF.