Bio- Harbans Virdee

-: Birth 14th Nov- 1951, in village Saila Klan (mother’s village) Distt, Hoshiarpur, Punjab

-: At the age of 14 came to London.

-: Married at a very young age to Sumitra.

-: Daughter, Nita and son Rakesh

-: At the age of 23 became section Supervisor in Canadian Company

-: Treasurer of Bhartya Buddhist council UK 1973

**-:**1976Founded**Ambedkar Buddhist Association W. London**(now Buddha Dhamma Association)

-: President, **Federation 0f Ambedkrite and Buddhist Originations UK (**in the year of Ambedkar birth century 1991-1994)

-: Presently **International Co-ordinator** for FABO

-: Member of the advisory committee, **‘Bhartya Boudh Maha Sabha’** formed by Babasaheb Dr,Ambedkar.

-: 1993 Visited Mumbai, Delhi with UK team to present **Bheem Ratan awards** for the dedication in Ambedkar Mission

-: 1993 Visited Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur as **President of FABO**, again in 2006 on Golden Jubilee and in Oct 2022, accompanied by middle grandson of Babasaheb Dr.Ambedkar, **Bheem Rao Ambedkar**

-: 1994 visited **Columbia University** USA with UK team to install Baba Sahib’s statue, again on the occasion of Babasaheb Received degree 100 years ago.

-: 1997 Dhamm Yatra of Boudh Gaya, Sarnath, Rajgreh, Nalanda, Kushinara, Shravasti, Lumbani, Kapulvastu and Lukhnow

-: 1999 constructed Sanghmitta Vihara (on land owned by my wife and myself), Satnampura, Phagwara, Punjab to flourish Buddhism. Management committee is running the Vihara.

2020: Founder Member of **Dhamma Waves to Flourish Buddhism around the globe .**

-: Bought 3 Bigha Land near to Jetvan, Shravasti. Purchased with the cost of over 40 Laks, by me and my wife. First and only one Bhikkhuni training centre in India. Now organised by Mahatheri Dhammamegha form Nander, Maharashtra. 17-18 Samnaries are getting training.

-: April 2008 Bought a large land on the Main Road from Chennai to Pondicherry Kell Kaverpet, Teh, Panruti to construct Buddhist school and Budddha Vihara. Purchased by my wife and me.

-: Participated in 2006 at the inauguration of Takshsila Maha Vihara, G.T.Road, Ludhiana, Punjab. Room No 1 was donated by myself and my wife. I was a member of management team established Takshila Maha Vihara

-: 1st book was written “BODHI KIRNA” Punjabi published on Buddh Purnima 2001. Up to date written over one Dozen books on Buddhism and Babasaheb’s mission mainly in Punjabi and translated 3

-: Written Numbers of articles on Buddhism, Babaaheb’s mission and stories relating to our society

-: Very close contacts with Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar’s family, Late Bhagwan Das, L.R.Balley, Surinder Ajnat, K.C.Sulekh, Waman Meshram, All India Bhikkhu Sangha, World Buddhist fellowship Ect Ect

-: Countries visited-: Sri Lanka 3 times Thailand 6 times, Singapore 5 times, Malaysia 3 times, New York, USA twice, Nepal, Greece, Portugal, Malta, France 3 times, Italy 3 times, Belgium 2 times, Germany, Spain twice, Austria most travelled states in India are Tamil Nadu and Maharahtra, to flourish Buddhism and Babasaheb’s mission.

-: Travelled all over India regarding Dhamma and Baba Sahib’s mission.

-: November 2010 along with 18 Buddhist from UK and 3 form Punjab organised Dhamm Yatra of all Buddhist pilgrims

-: 30th September 2011 resigned from section Manager position in London, to flourish Buddhism full time all over the world

-: October 2011 along with 4 Indians went to Thailand to become a Bhikkhu for three months. In Cheever I went to Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Gandhi Nager, Baroda, Bhaonager in Gujarat, Kuala Lampar, Malysia after three months disrobed at Takshsila Maha Vihar, G.T.Road, Ludhiana, Punjab

-: 23rd May 2016 Awarded by Thai King’s Guru “outstanding Buddhist Leadership”.

Oct 2011 Had High ordination in Thailand.

-: Wife Sumitra was born in a Sikh family now a staunch Buddhist. Fully supported by the wife

-: Want to make PARBUDDH BHARAT as desired by my master Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar

-: I will flourish Buddhism till my last breath

**With Metta**

**Harbans Virdee**