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MASTER'S SATSANG PROGRAM

A WARM WELCOME

This Information Guide presents key highlights from the website www.vancouverprogram.org. If you have questions or suggestions during the event, please contact the Information Table sevadars.

Wednesday, July 24th & Thursday, July 25th, 2024

SCHEDULE (both days)

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| Gates open: | 5:30 am |
| Hall opens for seating: | 6:00 am |
| Family Area opens: | 6:00 am |
| Shabads start at: | 8:30 am |
| Please be seated by: | 9:15 am |
| Satsang begins: | 10:00 am |
| Satsang finishes by: | 11:30 am |
| Site closes: | 2:30 pm |

- **Use Buses to Help Traffic Flow:** It is highly recommended Sangat use buses for transportation to the Vancouver Study Centre to ease traffic.
- **Priority Access for Bus Riders:** Sangat arriving by bus will have priority access for seating, entry, exit, and receiving packed lunch bags. This may result in filling the main Satsang Hall with bus-riding Sangat.
- **Stay Tuned for Bus Info:** Further details on buses and registration will be provided later.

Saints are an ocean of love and devotion. Their being is in the Word – a priceless treasure that no worldly wealth can buy. When you go to them, drink deep of their love and devotion, and merge in the same Word.



**NO LEFT TURNS AND NO STOPPING
TO DROP-OFF ON THE HIGHWAY (176TH ST.)**

MAIN GATE ACCESS

The Study Centre driveway is right-in right-out only. All traffic approaching and leaving must be travelling North on 176th St.

PARKING AND EXIT

No vehicles may be left overnight. When entering and exiting the site, please follow sevadar directions. Please consider carpooling with friends and family. We request you not park in the neighboring streets as it causes inconvenience to our neighbors.

WELCOME & GENERAL INFORMATION

INVITED AREA – Residents of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Yukon Territory, and the Northwest Territories are invited to attend the Vancouver Satsang Program. No one from Western Canada may attend the Toronto Satsang Program. Anyone outside of these provinces is not allowed to attend Vancouver Satsang Program.

SATSANG PROGRAM – Each day there will be a spiritual discourse beginning at 10:00 am, followed by a question-and-answer session.

ARRIVAL TIME – Please do not arrive at the site prior to 6:00 am. Earlier arrival may cause safety and traffic hazards. There will be no facilities available for the comfort of the sangat until the gates are open. Please give your kind understanding and allow proper time for the sevadars to arrive and prepare the site. Those who have arrived early will not be admitted into the Hall until the posted opening time.

SEATING – The sangat must be seated by 9:15 am. People who would like to be seated together should arrive together. Reserving or holding seats for others will NOT be permitted. For the safety and comfort of all, please cooperate with sevadars.

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATIONS – There will be simultaneous translation from Punjabi into English and English into Punjabi. Designated seating areas in the Hall with headphones have been arranged for this purpose. Please note that there is limited seating in these areas so seating will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – After the discourse, there will be a question-and-answer session. Those who wish to ask a question of the Master will be selected through a random draw each day before satsang. The selection area will open at 7:30 am and close at 8:30 am, after which the selection will take place. If you wish to ask a question, find your seat, and then come to the question-and-answer selection area at the back of the Hall. If you are not selected, you must return to your seat. Once the selection is complete, no one may join the question-and-answer line.

Question and Answer Guidelines – The Dera has asked that the following information be provided with regard to questions:

- Questioners must be 18 years of age or older.
- Questions should be short and precise.
- Only one question should be asked.
- Questions should be spiritual in nature and not about personal, financial, health, family, or political problems.
- Questions should not be asked on behalf of others.
- Long notes, poems or letters should not be read, nor should there be any singing of shabads or songs.
- Do not interrupt the Master while he is answering your question; let him finish speaking before responding.

There should be no clapping during the questions and answers or at any other time during the program. Please respect the privacy of those asking questions and do not turn to look at the person asking a question.

RESTRICTED ITEMS – Mobile phones, smart watches, pagers, cameras, binoculars, laser pointers, MP3 players including iPods, audio video recorders, electronic games or any other electronic items **MUST NOT** be brought into the premises (Hall, Family Area and surrounding areas). Any such items brought to the site must be deposited with sevadars. Photography and audio/video recording using any electronic device including mobile phones is not permitted anywhere on the property. Large bags and purses (measuring over approximately 6" x 9") and food and drinks (other than water) will **NOT** be permitted inside the Hall. Please note that all bags are subject to inspection either upon entry to the Hall or Family Area.

NOTE TAKING – It is the Master's wish that we take full advantage of his presence and not spend time and attention taking notes. You are kindly asked to refrain from taking notes during satsang and question and answer sessions. The taking of notes and passing of such notes to others by any means, including the Internet, is strongly discouraged.

DROP OFF, PARKING, AND EXIT – **A quick entry to the site is available for quick drop-offs and pick-ups. No left turns and no stopping to drop-off on the highway (176th St.).** Shuttle buses will be available for the elderly and those with special needs from remote parking areas, closer to the satsang hall. Please be patient when exiting the site and follow the instructions of the sevadars. **Taxis will be available after satsang. It is suggested that departing flights should be booked with departure time at least 6 hours after the end of the program.**

TRANSPORTATION – Shuttle buses from certain hotels and long-distance charter buses may be arranged, please see the Hotel Shuttles and Charter Buses pages on the website for additional details.

ATTENDING SATSANG WITH CHILDREN – Children 10-15 years of age are permitted to attend satsang with a parent or guardian. Children under 10 years of age must go to the Family Area accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please see the Family Area page on the website for additional information. 16-18 year olds may attend satsang.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Assistance will be provided for those with special needs. When you arrive, please follow the signs for Special Needs drop off and parking. The Centre is unable to provide medical equipment, such as wheelchairs or walkers for personal use. **Please bring what you need.** Please refer to the Special Needs page for additional information and the Special Needs Application.

FOOD – The sangat will be served tea and cookies before satsang and a lunch bag after satsang that will contain 1 wrap, fruit, a juice box, and a cereal bar will be available for purchase. You may also bring your own lacto-vegetarian food.

ATTIRE, PERFUME, SCENTS, SMOKING AND PETS – Due to rough ground and long distances from parking areas, flat walking shoes are advised. The meeting Hall is open air. It can be cold in the morning and temperatures can heat up quickly. As a courtesy to others, clothing should be modest and appropriate for the occasion. Please be considerate of others with health issues (allergies, asthma, etc.) and avoid wearing any perfumes or other scents. No smoking in any form, including e-cigarettes and e-pipes, is allowed on the satsang property. No pets other than certified service animals are allowed on the satsang property.