

Advisory – Note for Celebration of Bhandara of Param Guru Huzur Maharaj – 2023

Bhandara of Param Guru Huzur Maharaj will be Celebrated in various Branches in India and Abroad on **Sunday 31st December, 2023 during afternoon session at Fields (with Supervised Video Transmission)**. Bhandara week will be celebrated in Dayalbagh from **29.12.2023 to 02.01.2024**.

1. All Satsangis and registered Jigyasus (with UID & completed biometrics) of the permitted Zones, who are fit and without **symptoms of cough, cold and fever and as certified by a registered practitioner of Modern Medicine and / or Ayush (with registration number) and additionally examined by Saran Ashram Hospital, can come to Dayalbagh on the occasion of Bhandara on 31st December, 2023 for Seva. However, those with cough, cold, and fever and symptomatic cases will not come to Dayalbagh at all.** (As advised in Sabha's letter dated 18.04.2022 i.e. *anyone found to be suffering from these symptoms shall be asked to return immediately and all Branch members of that particular Branch shall be debarred from visiting Dayalbagh till further notice*).

Before and during travel and even afterwards, they must observe all precautions - such as, wearing mask, helmet and observing hand-hygiene and social distancing norms. They must bring their Branch Biometric UID Cards - failing which they would not be permitted to enter inside Dayalbagh.

2. Permitted Satsangis & registered Jigyasus for **December, 2023 Bhandara:** shall include those from **a) Delhi, Maharashtra & Gujarat Radhasoami Satsang Associations, Shimla District Satsang Association, Dayalbagh Radhasoami Satsang Association of Australasia (DRSAA) b) Residents of Dayalbagh/ Sabha Members/ Employees/Sewaks/Part time Sewaks of Sabha & Societies- their spouses and Children (with their spouses) and their dependant Children. c) Members of Holy Families d) Regional Presidents with their spouses and Regional Secretaries** only are permitted to attend the Bhandara in Dayalbagh.
3. Exhibition of Dayalbagh Manufactures **would not be held** at Dayalbagh on this occasion. However, Mahila Associations of Branches of the permitted Zones are permitted to sell their products in the fields, without disturbing the field work during first two days of Bhandara week, for which detailed guidelines are being issued separately.
4. Dayalbagh residents/others would **not** be distributed meals from Dayal Bhandar on the occasion of Bhandara except those who regularly take meals from Dayal Bhandar and any Satsangi/Jigyasu or their families who might have arrived at Dayalbagh. DB residents who are non-regular diners of Dayal Bhandar and all others are advised to cook Bhandara meal at their respective homes.
5. **Offering of Bhent by Initiated Satsangis is scheduled on Monday 01st January, 2024.** Bhent limits applicable will be as follows:
 - I. Initiated Satsangis registered in **Satsang Branches in India** can offer Bhent with a minimum of Rs.15/- and maximum of Rs.3, 000/-
 - II. Initiated Satsangis registered in **Satsang Branches Abroad (permitted zone)** may offer Bhent with a minimum of Rs.150/- and maximum of Rs.7, 500/-.
 - III. Satsangis who have been permitted to visit Dayalbagh as per para 1 of permitted zones would be allowed to offer Bhent as per schedule, **wearing masks, observing hand hygiene and social distancing norms. Use of helmets is mandatory.**
 - IV. However, other Satsangis of permitted Zones who are not coming to Dayalbagh would be allowed to offer Bhent online through NEFT/RTGS to the designated Branch account operated by the Branch Secretary plus two other Satsangis. Those who are unable to transfer the amount electronically can offer cash to the Branch Secretary. The Branch Secretary would check each of such receipts to ensure that the amount of Bhent collected at the Branch is as per the guidelines. It would be remitted in a single transaction by NEFT/RTGS to Sabha and a summarized list as per Form A would be submitted to facilitate reconciliation by Sabha. The particulars of Sabha's account have already been communicated to the Regional Presidents who may be contacted for the purpose **(Schedule and process will be informed separately)**.

Initiated Satsangis of Foreign Regions, eligible to attend Bhandara, but unable to come to Dayalbagh due to Covid-19 restrictions may offer Bhent amount online into the Bank account of their Regional Association. The Regional President, after checking of the Bhent list sent by the Branch Secretaries, may accept this Bhent in their Bank account for use at the Regional level.

6. **(a)** Initiation of Jigyasus (with UID and completed Biometrics) of the permitted Zones who come for Bhandara and Agroecology-cum-Precision Farming activities and who fulfill the criteria of para 1, and are desirous of Initiation, would be considered during December, 2023 Bhandara. Jigyasus desirous of receiving Updesh can be permitted to stay longer with due approval of the Jt. Secretary, Sabha.

(b) For Second Updesh (Bhajan-Initiation/Revision) – Please note that this will be given through supervised Video-Conferencing mode/Physical mode and transmitted from Dayalbagh. *The Branch Secretaries may ensure that all applications for Sumiran*

Dhyan/Bhajan/ Revision with related papers reach Initiation Section, Dayalbagh, atleast one month prior to the date of Bhandara.

(c) Four days field work attendance (both sessions) is mandatory for Updesh (Sumiran Dhyan)/Bhajan applicants, who are desirous of taking updesh at Dayalbagh in physical mode.

7. Sale of Pothis and Chyavanprash shall be arranged **as per Directions for permitted Satsangis/Jigyasus.**

8. Doctors/paramedic staff/others in Saran Ashram Hospital should take proper care and protection against COVID-19 (Corona Virus) and Hospital premises should be regularly sanitized. Dr.S.K.Satsangi, MO I/c Saran Ashram Hospital should strictly enforce the instructions for preventive and other requirements pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic as have been circulated to Regions.

Summarized Programme

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| 27.12.2023 (Wednesday) - Arrival of Updesh Applicants - forenoon |
| 28.12.2023 (Thursday) - Arrival of Satsangis of permitted Zones. |

| Date & Day Timing | Satsang & Field work | Sabha Meeting | Paying of Obeisance Holy Section/General Section at Pawan Smritalaya 09.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. | Bal Satsang Darshan Visits 09.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. | Offering of Bhent 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. | Zonal Satsang |
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| 29.12.2023 (Friday) | Morning 03.45 a.m. | | Holy Section & General Section for Initiated Ladies | For Students & Superman Children along with one parent (preferably mothers) | ---- | ---- |
| | Evening 03.45 p.m. | | | | | |
| 30.12.2023 (Saturday) | Morning 03.45 a.m. | As per Directions | Holy Section & General Section for Initiated Gents | For Students & Superman Children along with one parent (preferably fathers) | --- | ---- |
| | Evening 03.45 p.m. | | | | | |
| 31.12.2023 (Sunday) | Bhandara Day - Programme | | | | | |
| | 1. | Aarti & Field Work | | | | 03.45 a.m. |
| | 2. | Bhandara & Sale | | | | As per Norms |
| Bhandara Day | 3. | Evening Satsang & Field work | | | | 03.45 p.m. |
| 01.01.2024 (Monday) | Morning 03.45 a.m. | General Section 09.00 a.m. to 10.00a.m. a) Jigyasu ladies, girls & boys below 15yrs, Superman Children with Mothers/Lady Guardian. 10:00 a.m.to 11.00 a.m. b) Jigyasu Gents & Boys above 15 yrs Superman Children with fathers/Gent Guardian. | | For Students & Superman Children along with one parent (preferably mothers) | Offering of Bhent/Online Bhent by Initiated Satsangis of permitted Zone | --- |
| | Evening 03.45 p.m. | | | | | |
| 02.01.2024 (Tuesday) | Morning 03.45 a.m. | ---- | | | ---- | Zonal Satsang as per Norms. |
| | Evening 03.45 p.m. | | | | | |

03.01. 2024 (Wednesday)

Departure of Satsangis.

Dayalbagh, Agra.
Date: 25.10.2023


Jt. Secretary
Radhasoami Satsang Sabha.

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Radhasoami Satsang Sabha.