<u>Advisory - Note for Celebration of Bhandara of Param Guru Huzur Sahabji Maharaj-</u> February-2024.

Bhandara of Param Guru Huzur Sahabji Maharaj will be Celebrated in various Branches in India and Abroad on Sunday 25th February, 2024 during afternoon session at Fields (with Video Transmission). Bhandara week will be celebrated in Dayalbagh from 23.02.2024 to 27.02.2024.

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, 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 25th February, 2024 for Seva. Those with cough, cold, and fever, and / or symptomatic cases will not come to Dayalbagh at all. As advised in Sabha's letter dated 18.04.2022, 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 and helmet, observing hand-hygiene and social distancing norms. <u>They must bring their Branch Identity Cards or Biometric Cards.</u>

- 2. Permitted Satsangis & Registered Jigyasus for **February, 2024 Bhandara:** shall include those from **a)** U.P. Radhasoami Satsang Association (excluding Roorkee, Agra, Lucknow, Varanasi, and Allahabad District Satsang Associations) **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 zone are permitted to sell their products in the fields, without disturbing the field work during Bhandara week, for which detailed guidelines are being issued separately by Secretary, Satsangis Central Social Welfare Society.
- 4. Dayalbagh residents and other local residents would <u>not</u> 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 other local residents are advised to cook Bhandara meal at their respective homes.
- 5. Offering of Bhent by Initiated Satsangis is scheduled on Monday 26th February, 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.8, 500/-.
 - III. Satsangis who have been permitted to visit Dayalbagh as per para 2 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 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).
- 6. (a) Initiation of Jigyasus (with UID and completed Biometrics) of the permitted zones, who are desirous of Initiation and come for Bhandara, Agroecology-cum-Precision Farming activities fulfilling the criteria of para 1, would be considered during February, 2024 Bhandara. Jigyasus desirous of receiving Updesh can be permitted to stay longer with due approval of the 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. *Branch Secretaries should 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 day's field work attendance (both sessions) is mandatory for Updesh of Sumiran Dhyan and Bhajan applicants, who are desirous of taking Updesh at Dayalbagh in physical mode.

- 7. Sale of Pothis and Chyavanprash shall be arranged as per Norms for permitted Satsangis/Jigyasus.
- 8. Doctors/paramedic staff/others in Saran Ashram Hospital should take proper care and ensure 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

21.02.2024 (Wednesday) – Arrival of Updesh Applicants - forenoon **22.02.2024 (Thursday)** – Arrival of Satsangis of permitted Zones.

Date & Day Timing	Satsang & Field work		Paying 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
23.02.2024 (Friday)	Morning 03.45 a.m.		Holy Section & General Section for Initiated Ladies	For Students & Superman Children along with one parent		
	03.45 p.m.			(preferably mothers)		
24.02.2024 (Saturday)	Morning 03.45 a.m. Evening 03.45 p.m.		Holy Section & General Section for Initiated Gents	For Students & Superman Children along with one parent (preferably fathers)		
25.02.2024 (Sunday) Bhandara Day	Bhandara Day - Programme					
	1.		Aarti & Field Work			03.45 a.m.
	2.	2. Bhandara & Sale				As per Norms
	3. Evening Satsang & Field work					03.45 p.m.
26.02.2024 (Monday)	Morning 03.45a.m. Evening 03.45 p.m.		General Section 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. a) Jigyasu ladies, girls & boys below 15 yrs, Superman Children with Mothers/Lady Guardians. 10.00 a.m.to 11.00 a.m. b) Jigyasu Gents & Boys above 15 yrs, Superman Children with fathers/Gent Guardians.	For Students & Superman Children along with one parent (preferably mothers)	Offering of Bhent/Online Bhent by Initiated Satsangis of permitted Zone	
27.02.2024 (Tuesday)	Morning 03.45 a.m. Evening 03.45 p.m.					Zonal Satsang as per Norms.
28.02.2024 (Wednesday)	Departure of Satsangis.					

Dayalbagh, Agra.

Date: 15th December, 2023

(Prem Das Satsangi) Secretary

Radhasoami Satsang Sabha.

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