



# Science of the soul - New Zealand

## Master's Satsang Program

to be held at the

Science of the Soul Study Centre New Zealand

315 Ihumatao Road, Māngere, Auckland 2022

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 10:00 am**

Gates open at:	6.00 am
Main Hall and Family Area Opens:	7:00 am
Announcements:	7:30am, 9am
Question & Answer Selection:	8.00-8.30am
Shabads Begin:	8:00 am
Satsang/Question & Answer	10.00 am (but may begin earlier)
End of Question & Answer:	11.30am
Site Closes:	12 Noon

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

For safety reasons, we discourage early morning queuing, as early arrivals may create hazards. Facilities will not be available until the gates open at 6 AM, and the main hall opens at 7 AM. Those arriving before this time will need to remain in their cars. **THE FRONT SECTION OF THE HALL WILL STRICTLY BE RESERVED FOR THOSE COMING BY BUS.** There is no advantage to arriving early by car.

## USING BUSES TO HELP TRAFFIC FLOW

To minimize traffic disruptions and respect our neighbours and local authorities, we are introducing a **bus riding system** BOTH for sangat staying in Auckland homes AND those staying in hotels. This system has been successfully used in other international centres like Toronto and Vancouver, and we are confident it will work here too.

## PRIORITY ACCESS FOR BUS RIDERS

Bus riders will have priority access for seating, entry, exit, and snack pack purchases. This may result in the front section of the hall being occupied by those arriving by bus. If necessary, sangat may use their own vehicles, but carpooling is strongly encouraged due to limited parking and to minimise disruption to local communities.

## PARKING & DEPARTURE

Please park as directed by sevadars. Allow an extra 20 minutes to walk from the car park and take your seat in the Satsang Hall. When leaving, be patient, as many cars will be exiting at the same time.

## SEATING

Sangat must be seated by 9 AM. Those wishing to sit together should arrive together, as reserving or holding seats for others will NOT be permitted. For the safety and comfort of all, please cooperate with sevadars.

## RESTRICTED ITEMS

Photography, audio/video recording, and the use of any electronic devices—including mobile phones, smartwatches, cameras, and binoculars—are strictly prohibited within the premises (Satsang Hall, Family Area, and surrounding areas).

**Any such items must be deposited at the Mobile Deposit Zone.** Large bags will NOT be allowed inside the Satsang Hall. These must be left at your accommodation, in your vehicle (at your own risk), or deposited at the designated station at the Satsang Centre. Drink bottles, small snacks, and personal medication will be allowed inside the auditorium. All bags will be subject to inspection upon entry.

## NOTE-TAKING

As per the Master's wish, sangat is encouraged to focus fully on his presence rather than taking notes. Please refrain from notetaking during satsang and question-and-answer sessions. Sharing notes, whether in person or online, is strongly discouraged.

## DROP-OFF, PARKING, AND EXIT

For those dropping off or picking up sangat without attending the satsang programme, a designated quick entry/exit route will be available at the Satsang Centre. Please be patient when leaving and follow the instructions of the sevadars.

## MAIN GATE ACCESS

At the entrance of the Satsang Centre, the Traffic Management Team will be directing vehicles. It is important that all drivers follow their instructions to ensure smooth traffic flow.

## BOOKS, AUDIO, AND VIDEO SALES

Sant Mat books and photographs will be available for purchase in the BAV Sales area before and after satsang. Both cash and eftpos will be accepted for the payments.

## ATTENDING SATSANG WITH CHILDREN / FAMILY AREA

Children under 10 years of age **MUST** stay in the Family Area, accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 years or older. Children aged 10 to 12 may either stay in the Family Area or attend the Satsang Hall but **MUST** always be accompanied by a parent or guardian in either location.

The Family Area will be open from 7:00 AM until the end of the satsang programme. Once inside, parents or guardians will not be permitted to leave until the programme concludes. Please see your secretary for further details. Car parking passes will be available for those with children under 3 years of age.

## WEATHER & CLOTHING

Auckland's weather in June is Cold, Windy and Wet. Please dress appropriately for the conditions. Be prepared for exposure to rain or direct sunlight while on-site. Due to the long walking distances from parking areas, flat walking shoes are recommended. As a courtesy to others, clothing should be modest and appropriate for the occasion.

## SNACK PACK

A snack pack is available for \$4. It includes one apple, one muesli bar, one small water bottle, and one small juice carton. Coupons are currently on sale at local centres. While coupons will also be available on the day, sangat is encouraged to purchase them in advance to avoid long wait times.

## ACCESSIBLE CAR PARKING

Accessible car parking will be available, but a special car pass is required. This pass must be displayed on your vehicle's window so that Parking Sevadars can direct you to a suitable space. To apply for an Accessible Car Park Pass, please see your secretary for details.

Additionally, please bring any personal medications you may need, as the First Aid Team does **NOT** carry pharmaceutical medicines.

## ACCOMMODATION FACILITY

Accommodation will be available upon request for out-of-Auckland sangat. For more information, please contact your local secretary.

## LOST & FOUND

Lost or found items can be reported, dropped off, or collected at the Information Desk.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Anyone over 18 years may have an opportunity to ask Babaji a question through a lottery/ballot system. Upon arrival, those wishing to participate will be directed to a designated room where the ballot will be drawn at 8:30 AM. Seats in the hall cannot be reserved before the selection process. Once the selection is complete, no one else will be allowed to join the question-and-answer queue. For full details, please contact your local secretary.

## REQUESTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There should be no clapping at any time during the programme. Please respect the privacy of those asking questions and avoid turning to look at them.

## SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATIONS

A designated seating area with headphones will provide simultaneous translation from Hindi/Punjabi to English and English to Hindi. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The summary of the **Shabad** will be translated, followed by a long pause to allow the audience to immerse themselves in the melody and reflect on its profound meaning. There is no need to adjust headset volumes during these pauses.

## PERFUME, SCENTS, AND SMOKING

Please be considerate of others with health sensitivities (e.g., allergies, asthma) by avoiding perfumes and strong scents. The entire satsang property is a no-smoking zone.

## INFORMATION DESK

An Information Desk will be set up on the grass area along the path to the auditorium/Satsang Hall. It will provide an area map, restaurant guide, accommodation guide, newsletter, and programme brochure for your convenience. Sevadars will be available to assist with any enquiries.

## FIRST AID

Qualified sevadars will be available to provide minor medical assistance and first aid. This service will only be available during the hours when the Centre is open. Sangat is advised to bring their own medications and manage their own medical needs.

## MEDICAL RESOURCES

Those requiring medications or special diets should bring an adequate supply with them, as the Centre will not provide any medications or prescriptions. Individuals with diabetes, blood sugar concerns, or allergies are encouraged to carry the necessary supplies to manage their condition.

## LEAVING THE SATSANG CENTRE

As it may take time for cars to exit the property, please be prepared to wait patiently on the grounds. Due to potential traffic delays, it is recommended that departing flights be scheduled at least 4–5 hours after the programme ends.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

To maintain a good relationship with the local community and authorities, sangat is requested to be kind and courteous to each other, the sevadars, local authorities, and neighbouring residents.

**Please respect the Satsang premises by using the garbage and recycling bins provided. Water stations will be available throughout the site. Non-vegetarian food and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited at the Centre. Smoking is also not permitted anywhere on the premises.**