Remarks by Ashook Ramsaran at Unveiling of Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula Way on Sep 18, 2022

Firstly, congratulations on the 19th anniversary of Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula and the 9th birthday of founder Dr Satish Prakash. Continued best wishes.

Today, we are honoring the tremendous community service of Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula, an outstanding religious and cultural institution serving the needs of so many people, young and not so young -- over the years, and recognized internationally for its enormous contributions and positive impact towards the betterment of people's and the vitality of communities. This celebration brings enormous pride and joy to founders, board and staff, and all those who know Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula.

I am privileged to have been requested to lead a well-organized committee to apply for this street co-naming and work through the long and tedious process to a successful achievement – which we are witnessing today. Thanks to my team members: Shri Khrishan Naraine, Pandita Dr. Nicole Bissessar, Renuka Jurakhan and Patricia Jordan-Langford – as well as my coordination with Dr. Dhanpaul Narine of Trimurti (whose birthday is today) and Naro Balli of Arya Center. Their individual and collective zeal, enthusiasm, focus and commitment enabled me to coordinate their superb efforts to get this done. It was a long process but certainly worth the effort.

In the process, I feel blessed to have made some wonderful, new friends from the Gurukula.

I am especially grateful to City Council Member Natasha Williams, who believed in this from the onset and championed the application through all the City Council hearings to finally become law. Her hard working staff have been so supportive: Ashley, Rasha, Kathleen, Everton, Anne-Marie: Their regular updates, follow-ups, prompt responses, friendliness and helpful attitude – thank you all.

It's a day of celebration and reflection. My very best wishes to Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula, its board and executives for continuing the vision and aspirations of Maharshi Dayananda in service to people.

New York City recognition is: **MAHARSHI DAYANANDA GURUKULA WAY**

NOW - I am pleased to **present this 142-page dossier** to Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula. It is the complete compilation of all the documents used during the application process, submittals, meetings notes, correspondences, all the letters of support, signatures, hearings, testimonies, and approvals. This dossier consists of very valuable information for historic purposes, a keepsake for the Gurukula library.

I request Mr. Khrishan Naraine to receive this book.

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Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula

Street Co-naming Ceremony for
Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula Way

September 18, 2022 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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11:00 - 11:02 Introduction of Master of Ceremony - Deacon Oswald Derrick Durgana

11:02 - 11:04 Opening Prayer by MDG-NY Purohits

11:04 - 11:06 National Anthem will be sung by Neil and Nolan Sukhra, USA flag raised by Pta. Dr. Nicole Bissessar

11:06 - 11:08 Om Kaa Jhandaa Bhajan for Street Co-naming sang by Pta. Amrita Singh, Samaj Flag Raising by Pt. Jagdish Sukhu *(p. 198 Atma Geet)*

11:08 - 11:12 Opening Address by His Excellency Dr. Irfaan Ali, President of The Republic of Guyana presented by Dr. Tara Singh

11:12 - 11:17 Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati Tribute by MDG-NY Drama Group

11:17 - 11:19 Bhajan *Eeshwar Me Dhyaan Dharnaa* by Singer Sevika Beharry

11:19 - 11:21 Recognition of Organizations by MDG-President Mr. Khrishan Naraine

11:21 - 11:23 Recognition of Business Support by Pta. Dr. Nicole Bissessar

11:23 - 11:25 Remarks by Hon. Borough President Donovan Richards

11:25 - 11:30 Remarks by Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America President Bhuvnesh Khosla

11:30 - 11:33 Remarks by IDC President & Street Naming Committee Chair Mr. Ashook Ramsaran

11:33 - 11:45 Remarks by Councilwoman Hon Nantasha Williams

11:45 - 11:50 Final Vote of Thanks by Deacon Oswald Derrick Durgana

11:50 - 11:53 Closing Prayer & Shaanti Paath by Pt. Jagdish Sukhu

11:53 - 12:00 Procession to Street

12:00 - 12:10 Unveiling of Street Sign

12:10 - 12:15 Meal Time Prayer by Pt. Yudhistir Harrindranauth

12:15 - 1:00 Procession back to The Gurukula where Complimentary Lunch, Refreshments & Dessert will be served.