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Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula Way

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We are very pleased to extend this invitation to you to participate in the unveiling of the **Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula Way** street sign on September 18, 2022 at the corner of 94th Ave. and 150th Street in Queens, NY.

11:00am **CEREMONY** at the Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula, 93-37 150th St, Queens, NY 11435
12:00pm **UNVEILING** of STREET SIGN at the corner of 94th Street and 150th Street in Queens, NY

The first Arya Samaj temple-organizations in New York City were established in the 70's. In the course of time, there were four major Arya Samaj temples in New York City – Arya Samaj USA, Arya Spiritual Center, Arya Samaj New York, and Arya Samaj Bronx. In 2003, there was a fourth such organization that was established and it was called *Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula*, *NA, Inc.* Dr Satish Prakash founded the Gurukula, and, in this task, he was vigorously supported by a group of some dedicated Arya individuals.

The Gurukula operated initially from within a basement environment until a huge building was acquired in late 2002 at 93-37 150 Street, Jamaica, Queens, NY, 11435.With best wishes and tremendous manual and fiscal help coming from a host of individuals, the building, initially ***an entertainment club*****,** was renovated to operate as a Vedic Educational and Cultural Center The Commanding Officer of the 103rd precinct was extremely happy that we have acquired this building and it will be converted to an ***Educational, Cultural Center and Temple***. With much fanfare and with ritual chants and songs, the Gurukula-Center was finally declared open on September 19, 2003, the actual 50th birthday of the founder Acharya, Dr Satish Prakash.

The charter of Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula in New York commissions its members to teach and render assistance to mankind in accordance with the principles of Arya Samaj and its founder, Rishi Dayananda Saraswati. While the motto of the Arya Samaj is *Making All Mankind Noble*, the motto of the Gurukula is *Lessening Human Suffering – Educating Human Minds*. In pursuit of these mottos, we at the New York Gurukula:

1. Manage multiple online and in-person language and literature classes.
2. Conduct Sunday-morning spiritual sessions which is streamed across the globe on YouTube.
3. Mold the minds of youngsters through annual camps, seminars, and workshops.
4. Write, publish, and distribute books containing moral instructions.
5. Provide food and drink to those in need and during local disaster.
6. Engage in humanitarian work by distributing money, clothes, and food to the disadvantaged.

The Gurukula has been recognized for its outstanding community and humanitarian activities in New York and Guyana by the President, Attorney General. New York Consulate of Guyana and the Mayor of Georgetown.