



SANT NIRANKARI MISSION

Washington DC Metropolitan Area Spiritual Center

4501 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly Virginia 20151

Combined Sewadal Camp SNM Washington DC and SNM New York Centers Saturday Jun 18th, 2022

Sant Nirankari Mission Washington DC Sewadal was blessed to have the opportunity to host a joint sewadal camp for Washington DC center. and New York center. Though the actual event was on June 18, 2022, congregation members (sewadal and non sewadal) started preparations many days in advance and worked late hours to do sewa (selfless service).

Sewa started at the bhavan on Wednesday, three days in advance. Saints joyfully gathered at the bhavan on weekdays despite busy schedules and set up the bhavan for the event, set up game area, and help in prepping langar (community meal). The event was scheduled from 9 AM to 5:30 PM including breakfast, lunch, evening snacks and dinner langar.

The sewa of planning the whole event was done weeks before the actual day. Numerous sewadal members volunteered to plan activities, organize games, presentations, skits, hymns, and even speeches related to the importance of Sewadal and the honor of having received a sewadal vardi (sewadal uniform).



On the day of the event, Saturday, Washington DC sewadal gathered at the Bhavan at 8 am sharp and prepared for the arrival of the New York saints in a bus and personal vehicles.

Upon arrival of the New York bus and vans, Washington DC saints gathered outside near the entrance of the bhavan and welcomed the New York saints with devotional hymns and enthusiasm. The Camp activities started after New York sewadal had breakfast.

The main event started with Hardev Bani shabad, followed by blessings from New York center Coordinator In-Charge (Pramukh) Rev. Paul Chellani Ji. The itinerary then continued with sewadal Prathna Geet followed by a presentation on proper sewadal uniform for both male and female sewadal members according to SNM guidelines by Washington DC saints Res. Anita Kundal ji and Res. Andy Sapra ji.

Sewadal PT exercise was then conducted followed by a refresher on the marching(parade) song. New York Shikshak Res. Sudhir Sidhu Ji and Washington DC Shikshak Res. Aman Randhawa Ji explained in detail sewadal cautions and had everyone practice. Res. Bhupinder Michera Ji, Sanchalak sewadal Washington DC center was continuously checking and correcting sewadal positions.





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After the lunch break, we were fortunate to have multiple skits performed by sewadal members. Washington DC performed a skit on how company of saints can change person's attitude towards life. New York sewadal members performed skit on understanding and importance of sewa. Washington DC bal sangat sewadal members beautifully performed a skit on these of "Sewa Koi Chhoti Hai Na Sewak Koi Chhota Hai. Roop Ho Kaisa Dhang Ho Kaisa Sewa, Sewa Hoti Hai".

We also heard devotional hymns and poems. Res. Hansraj Ji, Sewadal Sanchalak New York center shared important pointers and guidelines on Sewadal activities. Washington DC saints then presented an interactive quiz with sewadal to help remind all of Sant Nirankari Sewadal rules and regulations.



We then had teas/snacks break and continued the event outdoors where saints had organized games like tug of war, three-legged race, sack race (for bal-sewadal) and more that encouraged teamwork.

After the games all saints proceeded to gather indoors for a Guru Charcha session. During this time, we got to hear thoughts and prayers from different saints. Rev. Maya ji shared a beautiful hymn on devotion, and we received blessings from Washington DC Coordinator In-Charge (Pramukh) Rev. Prem (Kamal) Dadlani Ji. After him the final discourse from the stage by New York Coordinator In-Charge (Pramukh) Rev. Paul Chellani Ji.



All activities were completed on time as the New York bus had to leave in the evening. Around 5:45 pm saints all gathered downstairs in the langar hall for dinner (langar) and afterwards wished New York saints a safe travel back as their bus and vans departed.

SNM Washington DC center was extremely blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve New York saints as well as learn from each and every one of them. We had over 110 sewadal members in attendance. From this event, saints learnt the value of Sewadal uniform and the importance of selfless service. With Her Holiness Satguru Mata Ji's blessings, we are very fortunate to have had such a successful event and look forward to hosting more joint sewadal camps in the future.

Yashpreet (Mehak) Randhawa - Washington DC, June 2022