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Edmontonians hear Guru in Toronto

On Remembrance Day weekend, forty-five Edmontonians, ten being members of Divine Light Mission Club, chartered a plane to Toronto to attend the annual Hans Jayanti Festival where Guru Maharaj Ji would be making his first large public appearance in over a year.

The purpose of the festival was to tell the public about the meditation known as "Knowledge" which Maharaj Ji says he is freely giving.

The two day program was held at the International Centre and was attended by over seven thousand from across North America and other parts of the world.

Besides the discourses given on how to receive the "Knowledge" and its practicality in human life, the message of Guru Maharaj Ji was also

portrayed through music of all types, dance and a rock opera. All these functions were co-ordinated and performed by people who had received his meditation.

Members of Yosamadi Sam's Bluegrass Band from Edmonton were chosen as one of the five groups from across North America to play at the festival.

During the daytime, music by the various groups was played and discourses on the meditation were given by devotees of Guru Maharaj Ji until the evening when Maharaj Ji himself and his wife (known as Durga Ji) came to the standing-room only hall in order to speak.

The first night, Guru Maharaj Ji opened with a tribute to his Father and Guru in whose honour the festival was being held.

Guru Maharaj Ji referred to

his father as the first one to sow the seed of "Knowledge" to a large number of people. Both nights Maharaj Ji stressed the need he saw for all of mankind to understand the reason for our being alive and living on this planet.

On the second night, he spoke about the routine of everyday living which he said gives man no real feeling of peace within.

Guru Maharaj Ji then spoke of an experience of "Perfection" which is available to every human, and commented that the question that he was most often asked, was, "Guru Maharaj Ji, how can you make people so happy?" and his reply: "And it's like so beautiful because they're asking me and I know the answer, and the answer is this "Knowledge", which makes everybody happy."

His wife Durga Ji spoke on how the meditation can calm the mind and allow one to enjoy life to the fullest.

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