

## **Translation of the message from the Akal Takht:**

Today, across the world, the human race is being severely affected by the Corona Virus. Regardless of whether it has spread naturally or unnaturally, this disease has sent persons in many countries into the mouth of death. The world is completely terrified because of this virus. In accordance with their principles, Sikhs desire the betterment of all. For this reason it is an important duty for Sikhs to help all of humanity at this time of danger. For this reason, the carrying out of the below directives should be made certain:

- 1) In accordance with “the Guru’s donation box (golak) is the mouth of the destitute” Sikh organizations and Gurdwara management committees across the world should come forward to assist those in need in their respective regions (langar, medicines, necessary items, etc.). Specifically, gurdwara funds should be generously spent to assist international students.
- 2) If needed, Gurdwara Sarai’s should be prepared for the purpose of quarantining.
- 3) The instructions of governments and health departments should be followed and beyond the usual daily program, for the next two weeks, gurdwaras should postpone any large programs.
- 4) Every Sikh family should stay in their homes, recite Gurbani, pray to Akal Purakh for the upliftment of all, and remain in self-quarantine.
- 5) There is no place for superstition and fallacy in the Sikh faith and so every Sikh should stay free from superstition and fallacy and in every situation maintain full faith in Akal Purakh Vahiguru.

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