

SURREY KHALSA DAY PARADE

ATTENDANCE TOPS 300,000 AT 17TH ANNUAL SURREY KHALSA DAY PARADE

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SURREY, BC - Guests of all cultures and religions came together this sunny Saturday to celebrate a peaceful, family-oriented day full of performance, live music, and decorative floats. The Surrey Khalsa Day Parade is the largest Vaisakhi parade outside of India, and had a record attendance of over 300,000 people, according to the Surrey RCMP.

This year's procession featured 19 floats representing local Sikh schools, community groups, humanitarian organizations, as well as the most important float in the procession that carries the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh holy scripture).

"This was a great day and we are very proud to have hosted such a successful event. I can also say that a core objective of today was about drawing attention to universal human rights, and that was achieved. Our community is passionate about seeking justice for all and ensuring the right of self-determination", says Moninder Singh, spokesperson for the Gurdwara Sahib Dasmesh Darbar, organizers of the event.

As always, the festivities were volunteer-driven and exemplify the pride and enthusiasm of the Sikh community in sharing their rich culture and history with the City of Surrey, and its surrounding communities. The organizers thank all attendees for their participation and look forward to an even bigger celebration in 2016.

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