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Vaisakhi on Parliament Hill

MP Ruby Sahota looks forward to celebrating Vaisakhi on the Hill

05/04/2016 – Ottawa, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is excited to open the doors of Parliament Hill to celebrate Vaisakhi with her fellow Parliamentarians, Brampton North constituents, and Canadians. Preparations have been underway for months and the big day is just around the corner.

The celebration will begin on Saturday April 9th 2016 with the non-stop, continuous recital of the Guru Granth Sahib from beginning to end in Centre Block. The Akhand paath will conclude Monday morning followed by Kirtan, and langar served by MPs. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to attend.

In the evening, a Vaisakhi Cultural Reception will take place, featuring the musical talents of Satinder Sartaj and a Bhangra performance by a local Toronto group. The evening will conclude with Punjabi music and dancing.

"This is the first time we are celebrating Vaisakhi, here in the Canadian Parliament, on such a large scale" said MP Ruby Sahota. "I am looking forward to sharing my culture, traditions and language with my fellow Parliamentarians and all Canadians."

Sikh's have a growing presence on the political scene in Canada. With this past election, Punjabi became the third most spoken language by Members of the House of Commons. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Cabinet consists of more Sikh minister's than the Cabinet in India.

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