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THE MONTHLY BULLETIN OF
GURDWARA SRI GURU SINGH SABHA – HOUNSLOW

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Vaisakhi

☞ Religious Significance

Birth of the Khalsa: In 1699, the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, gathered followers at Anandpur Sahib. He challenged volunteers to sacrifice their lives for their faith, leading to the initiation of the Panj Piare (the "Five Beloved Ones") and the formal establishment of the Khalsa—the body of initiated Sikhs.

☞ Traditions & Celebrations

Nagar Kirtan: Vibrant street processions featuring spiritual hymns, Aprtial arts (Gatka), and floats carrying the Sikh holy scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib

Gurdwara Services: Families visit their local temple to pray and listen to readings. A key tradition is the ceremonial cleaning and replacement of the Nishan Sahib (the Sikh flag).

Langar: Volunteers prepare and share free community meals, embodying the Sikh values of Seva (selfless service) and equality.

Harvest: For many, it remains a celebration of the spring harvest (Rabi crops) observed with folk dances.

The Five Beloved Ones

- ☞ **Daya:** Kindness
- ☞ **Dharam:** True Religion
- ☞ **Himmat:** Strength against Evils of Mind
- ☞ **Mohkam:** Strong Mindedness
- ☞ **Sahib:** Oneness with God

The Five Ks – The Sikh Identity

- ☞ **Kesh**
- ☞ **Kanga**
- ☞ **Kara**
- ☞ **Kachera**
- ☞ **Kirpan**

April 2026 Programmes

Apr 02	Puranmassi
Apr 09	Birthday Sahibzade Jujhar Singh Ji
Apr 12	Monthly Dialogue (Dr Hardial Singh – Sikhi & Universe)
Apr 14	Vaisakhi – Birth of The Khalsa
Apr 14	Sangrand
Apr 16	Guru Angad Sahib Ji Jyoti Jot
Apr 16	Guru Har Krishan Ji Jyoti Jot
Apr 17	Mussia
Apr 18	Guru Angad Sahin Ji Parkash
Apr 18	Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Parkash
Apr 19	Vaisakhi 5Km Run @ Osterley Park





Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha

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DAILY OPENING TIMES

Gurdwara: 4:00am to 8:00pm Main Office: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Matrimonial: 10:00am to 1:00pm – Closed on Bank Holidays.

Library: Tuesdays & Sundays 11:00am to 1:30pm

Matrimonial Service Contact: 0208 814 6701 or Apriages@sgss.org

	Monday-Saturday (Exc Tues)	Tuesday	Sunday
4:00am			Parkash
5:00am			Nitnem
6:00am			Simran
6:30am			Asa Di Var
7:45am			Ardas
8:00am			Akhand Path/Sehaj Path Bhog; Sukhmani Sahib
9:00am			Kirtan
9:45am			Ardas
10:00am	Kirtan	Kirtan	Youth Kirtan
10:30am		Katha	
10:45am			
11:00am	Katha	Sukhmani Sahib Path	Kirtan
11:30am			Ardas
12:00pm			Katha
12:30pm		Ladies Kirtan	Kirtan
1:00pm			Kirtan
2:00pm		Ardas	Ardas
6:00pm			Rehraas
6:30pm			Kirtan
7:00pm			Katha
7:30pm			Ardas
8:00pm			Sukhasan

Gen Secretary's Report

Dear Sangat Jee

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਿਹ!

WaheGuru Ji Ka Khalsa; WaheGuru Ji Ki Fateh!

This month we commenced with a workshop on a very sensitive concern of all parents **"My child is out of my visibility between 9am-4pm. How can I protect him/her?"**

A lecture and a well attended workshop were held, as a part of Gurdwara seminars on 'Grooming, Child Exploitation & Radicalisation'. This is an epidemic affecting our Sikh Community. These workshops will continue every first Sunday of the month - Pall S Bhamra of VOICE.

We were also blessed with the kirtan

As supporters of the Nanakshahi calendar, the Gurdwara also celebrated the Nanakshahi New Year with an Akhand Path concluding on 14th March - a

strong presentation by Dhadi Jatha Jasmer Singh Batth was enjoyed by the sangat



On the last Sunday of the month, Dr Asma Qadri (Professor of Punjab University Lahore) presented a special lecture on the 1st Pauri of Japji Sahib in a very enlightening dimension.

Estate update – The DfE confirmed on the 24th March that there will be no development on the adjoining land (209-213 Hanworth Road); The Gurdwara will be meeting the DfE team, local MPs and the Council representatives, hopefully before the local elections..

Purchasing of a neighbouring property is progressing with completion expected in the next 6 weeks.

Projects

The 'Main Kitchen' was handed over by the contractors (Oasis Group) on 26th Mar, followed by an official opening ceremony on 27th Mar. A nagging list of works that need to be addressed are being collated before the final payment.

Approved projects and Improvement works to deliver our services include:

- ⦿ HVAC system - Started
- ⦿ Starlink Broadband – Internet services
- ⦿ Toilets & Washrooms

We look forward to the Sangat support and cooperation.

Forthcoming Events –

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
Khalsa Way, Off Alice Way, Hounslow TW3 3UD



TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL 2026
11:00AM-MIDDAY

NISHAN SAHIB
SEVA

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
Alice Way
Hounslow TW3 3UD



AMRIT SANCHAR
TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 2026

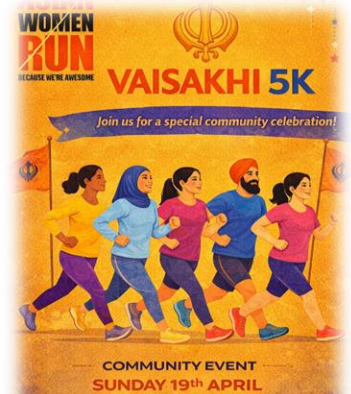
KAKKARS PROVIDED
PLEASE ARRIVE WITH FULL KESHI ISHNAAN



4:00pm – Gurdwara SGSS Hounslow
Information: Giani Karnail Singh Jee, SGSS – Gurdwara will provide Kakkars

14 Apr 2026 – Vaisakhi Programme:

- 9:30-10:00am Bhog Akhand Path
- 10:00-11:00am Kirtan Bhai Karnail Singh Ji
- 11:00-12:00pm Seva Nishan Sahib Chole de
- 12:00-1:00pm Katha Giani Amritpal Singh Ji Ludhiana wale
- 1:00-2:00pm Kirtan Bhai Sukhvinder Singh Ji Bombay wale
- 2:00-3:00pm Kirtan Dhadi Jatha Nirmal Singh Jethuwal
- 3:00-4:00pm Kirtan Bibia Da Jatha Hounslow
- 4:00-5:00pm Katha Giani Nirmaljit Singh Ji
- 5:00-6:00pm Kirtan Youth Jatha Hounslow
- 6:00-6:30pm Path Rehras Sahib
- 6:30-7:10pm Kirtan Bhai Karnail Singh Ji
- 7:10-7:50pm Katha Giani Amritpal Singh Ji
- 7:50-8:30pm Kirtan Bhai Sukhvinder Singh Ji followed by Ardas & Sukhasan



Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
MONTHLY DIALOGUE

SIKHI, THE BIG BANG, THE BLACKHOLES & BEYOND



Dr Hardial S Dhillon
 A founder member of Multi-Faith Centre and a Sikh Advisor to the University of Derby and SACRE; He has been a Chair of Religious Resources and Research Steering Committee of the University of Derby (1992-99) which saw the culmination of MFC. His interests include Sikhi and Science – an area he has lectured on and published several articles on it.

Join him @ the Monthly Dialogue

Sunday, 12th April 2026 – 2:00pm @ The Academy, SGSS Hounslow
 Khalsa Way, off Alice Way, Hounslow, TW3 3UD

There will also be a lecture on 'Sikhi & The Universe' By Dr Hardial S Dhillon on Sunday 12th Apr in the Exhibition Hall, along with a 5km 'Vaisakhi Fun Walk' At the Osterley Park on Sunday 19th April

Event Bookings: During March 2026, the services performed were:

Weddings	1	School visits	9
Sukhmani Sahib Path	24	Funerals	11
Sehaj Path/Akhand Parth	12	Trips/Lectures	3

Treasurer's Report (March 2026):

Income	£136,506.93
Expenditure	£110,998.67 (plus £102,917.81 Kitchen Refurbishment project)

With the increase in utility and other costs, bheta service charges were reviewed over the last 6 months and an increase in some areas were proposed to take effect from 1st April 2026.

Further info can be obtained by contacting khalsa@sgss.org

To enable us to continue supporting the sangat, we are happy to discuss your needs.



GURDWARA EDUCATION PROGRAMME



<u>Panjabi Regular Classes</u>	Tuesday	6:00pm-7:30pm	Classrooms
	Sunday Session I	10:00am-11:30am	Classrooms
	Sunday Session II	11:30am-1:30pm	Classrooms
<u>Panjabi GCSE</u>	Sunday	11:00am-1:00pm	Classrooms
<u>Panjabi 'A' Level</u>	Sunday	9:00am-11:00am	Library
<u>Panjabi for Adults</u>	Saturday	9:00am-10:30am	Classrooms
<u>English for Adults</u>	Tuesday	10:00am-12:10pm	Classrooms
	Wednesday	10:00am-12:10pm	Classrooms
<u>Gurmat Gian (Adults)</u>	Sunday	11:30am-12:30pm	Surgery Room
<u>Computer Training</u>	Tue, Wed, Thur	9:30am-11:30am	Library
<u>Religious Education for the Young (4-6 year olds)</u>			
	Sunday	1:00pm-2:00pm	Library

Gurdwara Activities & Support Services



Below are listed some of the many Gurdwara activities and support services.
Full details can be viewed from our website www.sgss.org

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

Chair Yoga for Seniors
Every Monday & Tuesday

Chair Yoga
for seniors
over 60

Monday 2:00-3:00pm
Tuesday 2:00-3:00pm

CHAIR
YOGA
for
SENIORS
OVER 60

New Building Classroom I

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

SIKH CHAPLAINCY SERVICE



Available as required and when required




Regular visits to

- Hospitals
- Prisons
- Heathrow Airport (as requested)

We deliver services to the Sikh community (and wider communities if requested) and Chaplaincy Departments at these sites, as well as guidance on issues concerning the Sikhs in the habitat.

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

Stretch, Strengthen, Pilates, Yoga
Keeping Healthy - Exercise

Tuesday: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Please bring your Yoga mat
Instructor: Charlene
For further information & bookings
Turn up at the session

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

COMPUTER Training Classes

No Previous Experience necessary
All Ages Welcome

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am-11:30am

Computer Basics

- Internet
- Email
- Web Browsing
- Online Forms
- Online Shopping
- Online Banking Services

Intermediate Tools

- Word Processing – Word
- Spreadsheets – Excel
- Presentations – Powerpoint
- Using Tablets & Mobile devices
- Wireless Setup
- Downloading applications (Apple Store, Google Play)



Apple Store Google Play

Further information & bookings, contact Main Office or email:
ict@sgss.org

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

Yoga

Ladies
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30pm-11:30pm

Gents (Coming Soon) – Please register your interest in the Office
Monday & Friday: 9:30am-11:30am

Instructor: Amarjeet K Maan
For further information & bookings
Turn up at the session

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE



CRIME REPORTING HUB

HATE CRIME don't be a victim REPORT-IT



CRIME REPORT



CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

Gurdwara SGSS Hounslow is an approved 'Crime Reporting Hub'
If you have experienced any form of a crime and want to report it in confidence, please speak to the General Secretary who will advise you.

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

CHILDREN YOUTH SAFETY GROOMING AWARENESS

EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN
A Sikh Community Seminar on
GROOMING & CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
and RADICALISATION affecting the Sikh Community
This is an EPIDEMIC affecting family and friends.
Make time to attend with family and friends.
Join us @ the Monthly Dialogue
2-3pm @ The Academy, SGSS Hounslow
03300 577 007
24 Hour Free Helpline

INFORMATION DESK & WORKSHOP:

Every FIRST Sunday of the month

Information Desk: 10am-2pm

Workshop: 2:30pm



Bullying, Social Media & Grooming

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

KIRTAN CLASSES

Kirtan, Tanti Saaz, Harmonium & Tabla Classes



Junior/Senior Diplomas

Tanti Saaz – Monday (4:00-5:00pm)
Friday (6:00-8:00pm)

Tabla – Monday (5:00-6:00pm)
Thursday (5:00-6:30pm)

Harmonium – Monday (6:00-7:00pm)
Thursday (5:00-6:30pm)

Offering expert tutuons with an opportunity to study the Sikh Sacred Music

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

LIBRARY

Opening Times

Tuesday 11:00am-1:30pm

Sunday 11:00am-1:30pm

Children's Story Time
Sundays

11:30am-11:45am

1:00pm-1:15pm

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PANJABI Classes

Tuesday session

6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday sessions

Session I 10:00am-11:30am

Session II 11:30am-1:00pm

For further information & bookings, contact the Main Office

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
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Gurbani Santhiya Class

Monday & Tuesday for Adults

Wednesday for Children

5:00-6:00pm

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DASTAR Tying Classes



Every Sunday 12:00pm-2:00pm

@ SGSS Hounslow

Contact Office: Azad Singh
Harinderjit Singh

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
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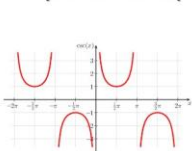
TUTORIAL SERVICES

Mathematics, Physics, Accounting +

EVERY SUNDAY 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Tutors are Sikh graduates from Top UK Universities

If you are an experienced teacher or tutor, please join us:



For further information & bookings, contact
Barinder Sandhu – Barinder@sgss.org
Randeep S Sooin – Randeep.soin@gmail.com

Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow
SUPPORT SERVICE

Dnh Advice Surgery

Every Friday 11:00am-3:00pm

Provides help, advice, information & support
with a wide range of problems to people of all ages and background.

Information & Support includes benefits, eg Universal Credit, PIP, DLA, AA, Housing, Council Tac, etc

For further information & bookings, contact
Gurdwara Office – Ashi Dhillon



Gurdwara Activities & Support Services

Activity	When	Time	Where
Santhiya (SGGS recitation)	Mon	4:45-6:00pm	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Santhiya (SGGS recitation)	Tue	5:00-6:00pm	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Santhiya (SGGS recitation)	Wed	4:45-6:00pm	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Gurmat Gyan I	Sun	10:00-11:00am	Surgey Room
Gurmat Gyan II	Sun	11:30-12:30pm	Surgey Room
Simran Amitvela	Fri	6:00-6:30m	Main Darbar
Kirtan, Tabla & Harmonium (3)	Mon	4:30-6:00pm	1st Fl New Bldg
Harmonium	Tue	10:00-12:00pm	1st Fl New Bldg
Tabla (1)	Thu	5:30-7:30pm	1st Fl New Bldg
Kirtan & Harmonium (2)	Thu	5:00-7:00pm	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Gurbani Kirtan - Raj Academy	Fri	6:00-8:00pm	1st Fl New Bldg
Ladies Fitness	Tue	9:30-11:00am	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Ladies Fitness	Wed	9:30-11:30am	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Ladies Fitness	Thu	9:30-11:30am	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Ladies Fitness - Pilate	Tue	2:30-3:30pm	2nd Fl Main Bldg
Chair Yoga Classes (Mixed Over 60s)	Mon	2:00-3:00pm	Classroom
Chair Yoga Classes (Mixed Over 60s)	Tue	2:00-3:00pm	Classroom
Gatka Martial Arts	Thu	6:00-8:00pm	Foyer New Bldg
Taekwondo Korean	Mon	6:00-8:00pm	Foyer New Bldg
Football (5-15 years)	Sat	9:00-11:00am	Indian Gymkhana
Computer Training	Tue	9:30-11:30pm	Library New Bldg
Computer Training	Wed	9:30-11:30pm	Library New Bldg
Computer Training	Thu	9:30-11:30pm	Library New Bldg
English for Adults (ESOL) - Qualify if on Income Support o	Tue	10:00-12:10pm	Academy New Bldg
English for Adults (ESOL) - Qualify if on Income Support o	Wed	10:00-12:10pm	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi (4-6 years)	Sun	1:00-2:00pm	Library
Panjabi GCSE	Sun	11:00-1:00pm	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi for Adults	Sat	8:45-10:15am	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Session I Grp I Beginners	Sun	10:00-11:30	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Session I Grp II Intermediate	Sun	10:30-11:30	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Session I Grp III Pre-GCSE	Sun	10:30-11:30	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Session II Grp I Beginners	Sun	11:30-13:00	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Session II Grp II Intermediate	Sun	11:30-13:00	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Session II Grp III GCSE	Sun	11:30-13:30	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Grp I Beginners	Tue	6:00-7:30	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Grp II Beginners	Tue	6:00-7:30	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi Grp III Intermediate	Tue	6:00-7:30	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi 'A' Level	Sun	09:00-11:00	Academy New Bldg
Panjabi speaking	Sun	11:00-11:30	Academy New Bldg
Tutions (Science, Maths)	Sun	10:00-4:00pm	Academy New Bldg
Kirtan Simran (last Saturday of Month)	Sat	4:00-5:00am	Main Darbar
Naam Simran Nirmolak Jatha (2nd Saturday of M	Sat	4:00-5:00am	Main Darbar
Katha in English (Sun following Sangrand)	Sun	11:15-12:00pm	Main Darbar



ਸਿੰਘਾ ਪੁਰ ਦੇ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਮੇਹਰਬਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਇਕ ਬਹੁਤ ਸਤਿਕਾਰਯੋਗ ਸੱਜਣ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਘਟਨਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਮਿੱਤਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਤੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਕ ਵਾਰੀ ਅਸੀਂ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਦਵਾਰਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਦਰਸ਼ਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਉਥੇ ਗਏ। ਜਨਰਲ ਅਯੂਬ ਖਾਨ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰਪਤੀ ਸਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਦਿਨ ਸ਼ਾਮ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਚਾਹ ਤੇ ਬਲਾਇਆ। ਜਦ ਅਸੀਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਆਲੀਸ਼ਾਨ ਬੰਗਲੇ ਤੇ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ ਅਤੇ ਡਰਾਇੰਗ ਰੂਮ ਵਿਚ ਦਾਖਲ ਹੋਏ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਵਾਲੀ ਦੀਵਾਰ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਹੈਰਾਨ ਰਹਿ ਗਏ। ਉਸ ਉੱਪਰ ਪੇਂਟਿੰਗ ਵਿਚ ‘ੴ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ’ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ। ਨੀਚੇ ਦੋ ਫ੍ਰੇਮ ਲਟਕ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ। ਇਕ ਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿਚ ਤੇ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਤੇ ਉਰਦੂ ਵਿਚ ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ।

ਸਾਡੀ ਰਸਮੀ ਗਲ ਬਾਤ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਈ ਪਰ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਨਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਬਲ ਇਛਿਆ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਗਲ ਬਾਤ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਰੋਕ ਕੇ ਅਯੂਬ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਛ ਗੀ ਲਿਆ। “ਜਨਰਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਜੇ ਆਪ ਇਜਾਜ਼ਤ ਦਿਉ ਤਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਨਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ।” ਇਕ ਮਿੰਟ ਚੁਪ ਰਹਿ ਕੇ ਉਹ ਬੋਲੇ, “ਯਿਹ ਹਜ਼ਰਤ ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਕਾ ਕਲਾਮ ਹੈ ਔਰ ਇਸੀ ਕਲਾਮ ਕੀ ਬਦੌਲਤ ਹੀ ਆਜ ਮੈਂ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰਪਤੀ ਕੇ ਰੁਤਬੇ ਪਰ ਪਹੁੰਚਾ ਹੂੰ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ, “ਮੈਂ ਐਬਟਅਬਾਦ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਤ ਸੀ। ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਨਲਾਇਕ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਹਰ ਰੋਜ਼ ਕਲਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਮੇਰੀ ਪਟਾਈ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਸੀ ਇਕ ਦਿਨ ਮੈਂ ਸੋਚਿਆ ਅਜ ਸਕੂਲ ਨਹੀ ਜਾਣਾ। ਰਸਤੇ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਗੁਰਦਵਾਰਾ ਸੀ। ਲੁਕਣ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਮੈਂ ਉਥੇ ਚਲਾ ਗਿਆ। ਉਹ ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਜਾਣਦੇ ਸੀ।” ਉਹਨਾਂ ਪੁਛਿਆ, “ਜੂਬੇ, ਅਜ ਕਿਥੇ ਫਿਰਦਾ ਹੈਂ? ਤੈਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਵਕਤ ਸਕੂਲ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।” ਮੈਂ ਜੁਆਬ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਅਜ ਸਕੂਲ ਨਹੀ ਜਾਣਾ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਥੇ ਹਰ ਰੋਜ਼ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਮਾਰ ਪੈਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਅਤੇ ਹਰ ਰੋਜ਼ ਮਾਰ ਨਹੀ ਖਾ ਸਕਦਾ। ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ, ਜੇਹੜੇ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਬਚਿਆਂ ਵਾਂਗ ਪਿਆਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਸੀ, ਨੇ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਗੋਦ ਵਿਚ ਬਿਠਾਇਆ, ਪਿਆਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਤੇ ਸਮਝਾਇਆ ਕਿ ਪੁੱਤਰ, ਅਜ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਦ ਤੈਨੂੰ ਕਦੀ ਮਾਰ ਨਹੀ ਪਵੇਗੀ। ਇਕ ਕਾਗਜ਼ ਤੇ ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਲਿਖ ਕੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਤੇ ਕਿਹਾ, ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਤ ਜਾਇਆ ਕਰੋ। ਇਹ ਬਾਬੇ ਨਾਨਕ ਦਾ ਕਲਾਮ ਹੈ।

ਲਉ, ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਪੜ੍ਹੋ ਤੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਜਾਉ। ਤੈਨੂੰ ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਮਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਵੇਗੀ। ਮੈਂ ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਪੜ੍ਹਿਆ ਤੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਚਲਾ ਗਿਆ। ਅਜ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਦਿਨ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਮਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਈ। ਬਸ ਫਿਰ ਮੈਂ ਹਰ ਰੋਜ਼ ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਤ ਤੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਚਲਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ। ਉਸ ਦਿਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਦ ਮੇਰੀ ਕਦੀ ਪਿਟਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਈ।

ਵਾਰਸ਼ਿਕ ਪ੍ਰੀਕਸ਼ਾ ਕੇ ਦਿਨ ਆ ਗਏ। ਮੈਂ ਫਿਰ ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪਾਸ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਅਰਜ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰੋ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਪਾਸ ਹੋ ਜਾਵਾਂ। ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਜੂਬੇ, ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਦਾ ਕਲਾਮ ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦਿਤਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ, ਇਸਦਾ ਸਹਾਰਾ ਨਾ ਛੱਡਣਾ। ਫਿਰ ਜਿਸ ਮਨਜ਼ਲ ਤੇ ਭੀ ਪਹੁੰਚਣਾ ਚਾਹੋਗੇ, ਪਹੁੰਚ ਜਾਓਗੇ। ਬਸ ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇ ਇਸ ਕਲਾਮ ਦੇ ਸਹਾਰੇ ਮੈਂ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰਪਤੀ ਦੀ ਪਦਵੀ ਤਕ ਪਹੁੰਚਿਆ ਹਾਂ।

ਸਨ ੨੦੦੦ ਈ. ਵਿਚ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਵਾਰੀ ਫਿਰ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਜਾਣ ਦਾ ਅਵਸਰ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਲਾਹੌਰ ਦੇ ਬਾਜ਼ਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਘੁਮ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਜਨਰਲ ਅਯੂਬ ਖਾਨ ਦੀ ਦੱਸੀ ਹੋਈ ਘਟਨਾ ਯਾਦ ਆ ਗਈ। ਮੈਂ ਇਕ ਕਤਾਬਾਂ ਦੀ ਦੁਕਾਨ ਤੇ ਗਿਆ ਤੇ ਜਨਰਲ ਅਯੂਬ ਦੀ ਜੀਵਨ ਕਥਾ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਮੰਗੀ। ਉਥੋਂ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਆਤਮ ਕਥਾ ਮਿਲ ਗਈ। ਪੁਸਤਕ ਨੂੰ ਧਿਆਨ ਨਾਲ ਪੜ੍ਹਿਆ ਤਾਂ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਮੇਹਰਬਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਦਸੀ ਗਲ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਹੋ ਗਈ।

ਮੂਲ ਮੰਤਰ ਚਮਤਕਾਰ

ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਵੀ. ਪੀ. ਮੈਨਨ ਜੋ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਵਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਰੂਸ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਦੂਤ ਭੀ ਰਹਿ ਚੁਕੇ ਹਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਆਤਮ-ਕਥਾ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਦ ਉਹ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਬਾਰ ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰੀਖਿਆ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਆਏ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਉਥਾਲ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਦਵਾਰੇ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਰਾਤ ਠਹਿਰੇ। ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਗਰੰਥੀ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਆਦਰ/ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਪੂਰੀ ਅਪਣਤ ਜਤਾਈ। ਸਵੇਰੇ ਜਦ ਤਿਆਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਜਾਣ ਲਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਭਾਈ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਹਾ, “ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਆਪ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਆਸ਼ੀਰਵਾਦ ਦਿਓ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਪਾਸ ਹੋ ਜਾਊਂ”। ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਕਾਗਜ਼ ਤੇ “ੴ ਸਤਿਗੁਰਪਰਸਾਦਿ” ਲਿਖ ਕੇ ਦੇ ਦਿਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦਾ ਇਹ ਮੰਤਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਹਿਰਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਵਸਾ ਲਵੋ ਤੇ ਜਦ ਭੀ ਕੋਈ ਆਪੱਤੀ ਜਾਂ ਕਠਨਾਈ ਆਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਤ

ਲਿਆ ਕਰੋ, ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰਨਗੇ। “ਰਬ ਜਾਣੇ ਉਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੀ ਜਾਦੂ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਮੈਰੇ ਰੋਮ ਰੋਮ ਵਿਚ ਝਰਨਾਹਟ ਛੇੜ ਗਈ।”

“ਜਦ ਮੈਂ ਪ੍ਰੀਖਿਆ ਹਾਲ ਵਿਚ ਪੁਜਾ ਤਾਂ ਪੇਪਰ ਦੇਖਦੇ ਹੀ ਮੈਂਨੂੰ ਪਸੀਨੇ ਆਉਣ ਲਗੇ। ਫਿਰ ਮੈਂਨੂੰ ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦੱਸੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੰਤਰ ਦੀ ਯਾਦ ਆਈ। ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦਾ ਨਾਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਪਰਚੀ ਤੇ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ “ੴ ਸਤਿਗੁਰਪਰਸਾਦਿ” ਪੁੜਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਪੇਪਰ ਲਿਖਣਾਂ ਅਰੰਭ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਲਿਖਦਾ ਹੀ ਚਲਾ ਗਿਆ। ਫਿਰ ਜੋ ਨਤੀਜਾ ਆਇਆ ਉਹ ਹੈਰਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਧੰਨਵਾਦ ਕਰਨ ਗਿਆ ਤੇ ਪੁਛਿਆ ਕਿ ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਕੇੜਾ ਐਸਾ ਚਮਤਕਾਰ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਹੈ। ਬਾਬਾ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ, “ਬੇਟਾ, ਜੀਵਨ ਭਰ ਇਸ ਮੰਤਰ ਦਾ ਸਹਾਰਾ ਨਾ ਛੱਡਣਾ, ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕਦੀ ਭੀ ਤੇ ਕਿਤੇ ਭੀ ਨਿਰਾਸ਼ਾ ਦਾ ਮੂੰਹ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇਖਣਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ।” ਮੈਂ ਅਜ ਤਕ ਕੋਈ ਭੀ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੋਵੇ “ੴ ਸਤਿਗੁਰਪਰਸਾਦਿ” ਨਾਲ ਓਰੰਭ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਹਰ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਫੜੇ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ।”

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ।

ਭਗਤ ਧੰਨਾ ਜੀ (੧੪੧੫ - ੧੪੭੫) Bhagat Dhana ji

Jagtar Singh Thethi

ਭਗਤ ਧੰਨਾ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਜਨਮ ਰਾਜਸਥਾਨ ਦੇ ਟਾਂਕ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਦੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਧੂਆਨ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਗ੍ਰੀਬ ਜੱਟ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਇਆ। ਬਾਕੀ ਕਿਸਾਨਾਂ ਵਾਂਗ ਆਪ ਸਾਰਾ ਦਿਨ ਖੇਤੀ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਵਿਚ ਖੱਚਤ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਪਰ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਦੀ ਉਸਤੱਤ ਵਿਚ ਅਥਾਹ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਨਾਲ ਜੁਟੇ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ। ਇਸੇ ਸਿਦਕੀ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਨੇ ਧੰਨਾ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਪੱਥਰ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਅਕਾਲਪੁਰਖ ਦੇ ਦਰਸ਼ਣ ਕਰਵਾਏ। ਸਾਦਾ ਦਿਲ ਤੇ ਨੇਕ ਸੁਭਾ ਵਾਲੇ ਧੰਨਾ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਪੰਡਤ ਦੇ ਕਹੇ ਤੇ ਪੱਥਰ ਨੂੰ ਭਗਵਾਨ ਸਮਝਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਭੋਗ ਲਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ। ਬਾਰ ਬਾਰ ਇਹੀ ਕਹਿਣ ਲਗ ਪਏ ਕਿ ਜਦ ਤਕ ਭਗਵਾਨ ਭੋਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਲਾਉਣਗੇ ਉਹ ਭੀ ਕੁਝ ਸੇਵਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਨਗੇ।



ਭੋਲੇ ਭਾਲੇ ਭਗਤ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਦਰਿੜ ਧਾਰਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਪਰਵਾਨ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਭਗਵਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੱਥਰ ਦੇ ਟੁਕੜੇ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਠਾਕਰ ਦਾ ਰੂਪ ਧਾਰਨ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੋਗ ਲਗਾਣਾ ਪਿਆ। ਧੰਨਾ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਅਹਿਲ ਨਿਸਚੇ ਦੀ ਜਿਤ ਹੋਈ ਤੇ ਸਹਿਜ ਸੁਭਾ ਇਸ ਲਾਮਿਸਾਲ ਪਰਾਪਤੀ ਸਦਕਾ ਉਹ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਵਿਚ ਮਗਨ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਭੋਲੇ ਭਾਇ ਮਿਲੇ ਰਘੁਰਾਇਆ। (੩੨੪ ਅੰਗ)

ਵਡਭਾਗੇ ਭਗਤ ਧੰਨੇ ਦੇ ਰਚੇ ੩ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਰਾਗ ਆਸਾ ਤੇ ਧਨਾਸਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਮਿਲਦੇ ਹਨ। ਗੁਰੂ ਗਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਪੰਨਾ ੬੬੫ ਤੇ ਰਾਗ ਧਨਾਸਰੀ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਇਸ ਤਰਾਂ ਹੈ:

ਗੋਪਾਲ ਤੇਰਾ ਆਰਤਾ ॥ ਜੋ ਜਨ ਤੁਮਰੀ ਭਗਤਿ ਕਰੰਤੇ ਤਿਨ ਕੇ ਕਾਜ ਸਵਾਰਤਾ ॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥
ਦਾਲ ਸੀਧਾ ਮਾਂਗਉ ਘਇ ॥ ਹਮਰਾ ਖੁਸੀ ਕਰੇ ਨਿਤ ਜੀਉ ॥
ਪਨੀਆ ਛਾਦਨ ਨੀਕਾ ॥ ਅਨਾਜ ਮੰਗਉ ਸਤ ਸੀ ਕਾ ॥
ਗਉ ਭੈਸ ਮਗਉ ਲਾਵੇਰੀ ॥ ਇਕ ਤਾਜਨਿ ਤੁਰੀ ਚੰਗੇਰੀ ॥
ਘਰ ਕੀ ਗੀਹਨ ਚੰਗੀ ॥ ਜਨ ਧੰਨਾ ਲੇਵੇ ਮੰਗੀ ॥

ਕਿਸੇ ਭੀ ਭਗਤ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਦਲੇਰੀ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਦੁਨਿਆਵੀ ਲੋੜਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੂਰਤੀ ਲਈ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਤੋਂ ਇਤਨੀ ਜ਼ੋਰਦਾਰ ਮੰਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਹੋਣੀ ਜਿਨੀ ਕਿ ਭਗਤ ਧੰਨਾ ਤੇ ਕਬੀਰ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਭੁਖਾ ਬੰਦਾ ਭਗਤੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ। ਭੁਖ ਦੀ ਅੱਗ ਦਾ ਸੋਕ ਮਨ ਅਤੇ ਆਤਮਾ ਤੇ ਮਾੜਾ ਅਸਰ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕਬੀਰ ਜੀ ਤਾਂ ਭੁਖ ਤੋਂ ਤੰਗ ਆ ਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਾਲਾ ਭਗਵਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਤਿਆਰ ਹਨ।

ਪਵਿਤਰਤਾ ਦੇ ਪੁਸ਼ਪਾਂ ਨਾਲ, ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਭਿਜੇ ਪਰਵਚਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ, ਸੱਚ ਰੂਪੀ ਸੁਚਮਤਾ ਨਾਲ, ਸਿਦਕ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਿਰੜ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਕਾਲਪੁਰਖ ਦੀ ਤਨੋਂ ਮਨੋਂ ਅਰਾਧਨਾ ਵਿਚ ਲੀਨ ਹੋਏ ਭਗਤ ਧੰਨਾ ਜੀ ੬੦ ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਉਮਰ ਭੋਗ ਕੇ ੧੪੭੫ ਨੂੰ ਪਰਲੋਕ ਸਿਧਾਰ ਗਏ।

Vaisakhi is a day of celebrations for people of the Panjab and it is mostly held on the first day of Vaisakh. This year it will be celebrated on 14th April. Traditionally, this has been a time of the year when wheat, the main crop of the season, is ready to be harvested and farmers look forward to the reward for their hard labour. So on this day they express their feelings of satisfaction and happiness. In agrarian India, this day is happily celebrated in other states too, as well as abroad, wherever the people of Panjab have settled.

At this time of every year, Vaisakhi is especially remembered as the **birth of the Khalsa**. After several battles with the Mughals and the hill Rajahs, with only a band of devoted Sikhs untrained for battle, Guru Gobind Rai wanted his Sikhs to be well versed in warfare, courageous and eager to aid the suppressed as a religious duty. On 30th March 1699, Guru Sahib organised and addressed a huge congregation at Anand Pur Sahib, where a large tent had been erected. Guru Sahib conveyed a strong message of his divine mission – instilling self confidence and courage in his followers, and as warriors ever ready to fight for the faith and righteousness. After an inspirational sermon Guru ji emerged from the tent and lifting his unsheathed sword, is reported to have said in a thunderous voice “My dear Sikhs, this sword of mine wants to taste the blood of a Sikh. Is there anyone amongst you who is willing to lay down his life?”.



The whole congregation became frightened at such a foreboding call. No-one stood up and the call was repeated in a louder voice, twice more. At last one Bhai Daya Ram, a Khatri of Lahore, rose with the dignity of folded hands and offered his head. He was led inside the tent by Guru Sahib and the congregation heard the powerful sound of a sword swung swiftly and the ‘thud’ sound of a body falling to the ground. A stream of fresh blood was seen flowing out at the bottom of the tent. The Sikhs present were quite sure that Bhai Daya Ram had been sacrificed.

After a while Guru ji came out of the tent with his sword smeared with blood and said in a loud thunderous voice “Is there another true Sikh ready to give me his head?”. Some of the congregation lost their nerve and started leaving the gathering. On repeating the call twice more, another Sikh, Bhai Dharam Das, a Jat Sikh of Delhi, stood up and offered his head. He too was led inside the tent and again the sound of a sword and that of a body falling to the floor were heard. Guru ji’s call to the congregation took place five times. The following three Sikhs then each offered their head on that day to Guru Sahib: Himmat Rai, a water-carrier from Jagannathpuri, Muhkam Chand, a washerman from Dwarka, and Sahib Chand, a barber from Bidar, Karnatka. Five devoted Sikhs from different areas of the country, different strata

of society and different ancestral castes became the beloved Sikhs of the Guru. They were of the mould that Guru sahib envisaged all his Sikhs to be.

Everyone in the congregation was by now in a panic state. They believed that Guru ji had slaughtered all the five persons in the tent. They had seen blood draining out from under the tent. They started running around and leaving the congregation. Then suddenly they saw in front of them all the five Sikhs leaving the tent, dressed alike, being led by Guru ji, his sword sheathed and face beaming with joy and satisfaction.

Guru ji seated them in a semi circle in the Veer Assan, around a steel vessel. After reciting five banis, Amrit was prepared by stirring the water in the vessel with a khanda and administered to the five. They were called the Panj Piaray, meaning the Guru ji's five Beloved Ones. They were given the names Bhai Daya Singh, Bhai Dharam Singh, Bhai Himmat Singh, Bhai Mohkam Singh and Bhai Sahib Singh.



Guru Gobind Rai then made a unique gesture in world religious history. He requested the Panj Piaray to initiate him. Guru Sahib took the Amrit and was thenceforth known as Guru Gobind Singh. The huge significance of this is that Guru Sahib (in common with all Sikh Gurus) did not want himself to be seen as an intermediary between his devotees and God. In a demonstration of true equality between devotee and Guru, we see how Guru ji, at critical junctures during future conflicts, would listen to the strategic advice given by five Khalsa.



During this first historic Vaisakhi day in 1699 more than seventy five thousand devotees took Amrit and joined the Khalsa brotherhood. It was miraculous that ordinary people from the street were baptised and turned into men as brave as lions. All had adopted the epithet Singh meaning lion or brave person. On this day the ladies who took Amrit were give the epithet Kaur, meaning princess. A huge majority of people had been transformed into a unique kind of martial race, ever ready to face tyrants and outlaws. It was indeed a revolutionary time!

These days Vaisakhi celebration starts in the Gurdwaras, with the morning Akhand Path Bhog, then after Kirtan and Katha, a Nagar Kirtan is held, in the nearby streets. During this, a congregation led by the Guru Granth Sahib on a float at its head, moves through the main streets while Kirtan verses are sung. In the evening they engage in deep-mala, or fireworks.

Vaisakhi is mainly celebrated in Anandpur Sahib, Amritsar, Mukatsar, Kartar Pur Sahib and other historic gurdwaras in India, as well as abroad, where the Sikh diaspora have settled.

Sikh Assisted Apriages

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Bank Transfer: Account Name 'Sri Guru Singh Sabha Hounslow',
Sort Code 20 96 55 and Account No. 00859095.

Enquiries: In person or by telephone (020 8814 6701): Monday – Sunday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Email: matrimonial@sgss.org

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The current list of our matrimonial partners appears below

Males

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Ref No	Birth Year	Academic Qualifications	Present Employment	Height
3343	1992	BSC Mathematics	Business Owner - Trucking	5' 11"
3344	1989	BA History & International Relations	Corporate Banker	6' 00"
3345	1994	BA Geography	Law Enforcement	5' 05"
3346	1990	Bsc Maths Finance and Economics	Platform Architect	5' 10"
3347	1988	BSc Accounting	Project Manager	5' 10"
3348	1987	Chartered Accountant	CFO - Finance Director	5' 09"
3349	1993	Master of Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical	6' 03"
3350	1996	MSc Investment Management	Investment Analyst	5' 10"
3351	1984	BSC Computing	Heating Engineer	5' 10"
3352	1992	Masters- Finance & Accounts	Management Accountant	5' 11"
3354	1999	MA Law (Cambridge)	Solicitor- Slaughter & May	5' 06"
3355	1991	BSc Economics Chartered Accountant	Economist	6' 02"
3356	1986	MBBS MRCGP	Doctor GP	5' 10"
3357	1993	Business BA Hons	Company Director	5' 07"
3358	1982	BENG	Technical Pre sales Consultant	5' 09"
3359	1995	Msc Science	Project Manager	5' 10"
3360	1988	BSc Maths	Chatered Accountant	5' 10"
3361	1995	PHD Clincial Medicine	Post Doctoral Researcher	5' 11"
3362	1994	B Eng Civil Engineerig	Principal Structural Engineering	5' 08"
3363	1989	MSc Financial Maths	Software Consultant	5' 10"
3364	1988	BA Business Law	Senior Business Manager	5' 09"
3365	1987	BSc Finance & Accounting	Financial Analyst	6' 00"
3366	1997	Level 3 Engineering	Vechicle Technician	5' 08"
3367	1998	BSC Hons Computer Science	Senior Data Scientist	5' 08"
3368	1994	Diploma	Finance Admin	6' 00"
3369	1994	BA Econ & Politics MSc Real Estate	Corporate Investments	5' 11"
3370	1993	BSc Maths and Economics	Senior manager at Deloitte	6' 03"
3371	1992	BA (Hons) Product Design & Interaction	BA Reflight Specialist	6' 00"
3372	1979	BSC Manufacturing Engineering & Transport Manager CPC	HGV Driver	5' 10"
3373	1992	LLB Hons (Law)	Solicitor	5' 08"
3374	1991	BSc Computing and IT	Analyst	5' 08"

Ref No	Birth Year	Academic Qualifications	Present Employment	Height
3375	1988	BA Hons MBA International Business	International Business	5' 11"
3376	1992	Diploma	Supervisor at British Airways Engineering	5' 08"
3377	1987	BA Business Law and Management	Solicitor	5' 10"
3378	1988	BA Hons Finance, ACCA Chartered Accountant	Finance Manager	5' 09"
3379	1991	BSc Building Surveyor	Retail Manager	5' 10"
3380	1990	Chartered Accountant	Accountant	5' 08"
3381	1995	Undergraduate Biomedical Science	Operations Supervisor	5' 08"
3382	1993	Chartered Accountant	Finance Lead	5' 11"
3383	1999	BA Hons	Civil Service Fast Stream	6' 02"
3384	1990	B.Sc Hons Computer Science	Software Engineer	6' 00"
3385	1990	LLB Hons DIP PFS	Financial Adviser	5' 06"
3386	1989	CFA	Investment Management	6' 00"
3387	1994	ACA Trainee	ACA Trainee	5' 11"
3388	1994	Master of Technology	Support Advisor	6' 00"
3389	1994	BSc Hons Economics	VP Finance	5' 11"
3390	1993	BSC Civil Engineering	Senior Technical Coordinator	5' 06"
3391	1992	Economics Degree	Finance Business Partner	5' 08"
3392	1993	BA Business Management (Hons)	Logistics & Operations Specialist	5' 08"
3393	1994	Accounting & Finance	Civil Servant	5' 08"
3394	1984	BA Econ and CIMA	Financial Controller	5' 09"
3395	1995	BSc Computer Science	IT Assistant	6' 01"
3396	1998	MSc International Business	Transactional HR and Payroll	5' 08"
3397	2000	BA Economics & Maths	Government Economist	6' 01"
3398	1990	MSc Investment Management	Analyst in Asset Management Company	6' 01"
3399	1991	Mechical Engineer	HGV Driver	5' 08"
3400	1989	BA in Hospitality	Store Manager	5' 11"
3401	1992	BSc Hons Financial Mathematics	Project Manager	6' 01"
3402	1999	BMBS Medical Degree	Doctor	6' 02"
3403	1994	MBBS	GP	5' 08"
3404	1995	Masters in Information Systems	Business Manager	5' 08"
3405	1985	MSC - Masters in Science in Technology	IT Team Leader	5' 08"
3406	1993	BDS, MPharm	Dentist	5' 10"
3407	1994	MBChb	Doctor	5' 10"
3408	1992	MBChB MRCS	Hospital Doctor	5' 09"
3409	1984	BSc Pharmacology	Ambulance Driver	5' 11"
3410	1992	MMBS ChB	Doctor - Consultant	6' 01"
3411	1988	Own Property Business	Company Director -Own Business	5' 10"
3412	1992	Pharmacist, Dentist	Dentist	5' 08"
3413	1992	BSc (Hons) MBBS	Hospital Doctor	6' 02"
3414	1994	Diploma in Accountancy	Own Business Director - Haulage	5' 11"
3415	1985	PhD	Director at Pharmaceutical	5' 09"
3416	1988	BSc Computer Science	IT Team Leader	5' 07"
3417	1988	BSc Honours Business and Economics	Civil Servant	5' 07"
3418	1997	BSc Business Manager	Senior Property Management	6' 05"
3419	1982	BSc Hons computer	Software Engineer	5' 05"
3420	1996	BDS	Dentist	5' 09"
3421	1999	LLB Law	Police Officer	6' 00"
3422	1998	MBBS	Doctor	6' 03"
3423	1996	Bsc (Hons) Mathematics, Statistics & Business	Financial Strategy Associate	5' 08"
3424	1998	Bsc Mahematics, Msc Management	Data Analyst	6' 00"
3425	1977	Diploma	Customer Services	6' 01"
3426	1991	Msc Business and innovation	Project Manager	6' 00"
3427	1991	Advance Diploma	Aircraft Engineer	5' 11"
3428	1986	BA Hons in Business Management	Machine Operator	5' 11"

Ref No	Birth Year	Academic Qualifications	Present Employment	Height
3429	1995	BA Law	Police Officer	5' 11"
3430	1995	B Eng Aeronautical Engineer	Aerospace Engineer	6' 03"
3431	1991	MSc Finance	Digital Analyst	6' 00"
3432	1990	Masters in Economic and History	Civil Servant	5' 11"
3433	1993	BA Graphic Design	Graphic Designer	5' 10"
3434	1991	BSc Economics	Risk Consultant	6' 01"
3435	1997	BA Accounting and Financial Info Systems	Finance Specialist	5' 08"
3436	1995	Level 4 Motor Technician	Team Leader - McLaren Motorsport	5' 11"

Females

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Ref No	Birth Year	Academic Qualifications	Present Employment	Height
9633	1989	BMBS RCG	GP	5' 03"
9634	1998	BSc Maths & Economics	Corporate Banker	5' 06"
9635	1998	MSc Engineering	Geologist	5' 05"
9636	1996	Masters in Political Science	Recruitment Consultant	5' 02"
9637	1991	MSC	Psychologist	5' 03"
9638	1999	BA Business Management	Marketing & Communications coordinator	5' 06"
9639	1993	CACHE Level 5 Dip. Nursery Nurse	Early Years Educator	5' 00"
9640	1992	AAT Level 4	Finance Officer	5' 00"
9641	1988	BA Politics and Int Relations	Teacher	5' 05"
9642	1991	Degree in Psychology	HR Employee Benefits Advisor	5' 06"
9643	1989	Studying Undergraduate Degree Open Degree	Supervisor in College	5' 02"
9644	1995	BA Finance and Accounting	Accountant International Bank	5' 04"
9645	1997	MBChB	Trainee GP	5' 06"
9646	1997	LLB	Para Legal	5' 06"
9647	1994	Business and Finance Degree	Senior Finance Analyst	5' 07"
9648	1992	MPham	Lead Pharmacist	5' 02"
9649	1996	BSc Diagnostic Radiography	Senior Radiographer NHS Band 6	5' 03"
9650	1993	BA Hons - Early childhood studies	Sales Assistant	4' 11"
9651	2000	BSC Biomedical Sciences	Student	5' 03"
9652	1986	MSc Economics	Business Owner	5' 04"
9653	1988	Bsc Economics	Senior Policy Manager	5' 01"
9654	1994	MBBS, MSC	NHS Doctor	5' 06"
9655	1987	BSc CIPFA	Accountant	5' 03"
9656	1978	Solicitor LLB	Solicitor	5' 02"
9657	2000	MBChB	Doctor	5' 04"
9658	1997	BSc Optometry	Optometrist	5' 04"
9659	1987	LLB LLM Barrister (BVC)	Barrister	5' 06"
9660	1990	BSc Accounting and Finance	Global Director	5' 03"
9661	1977	Political Science	Business Administration	5' 07"
9662	1999	BSc Economics	Financial/Credit Analyst	5' 05"
9663	1994	BA Hons Graphic Design	Digital Designer	5' 06"
9664	1995	Masters in Human Rights Law	Ministry of Justice	5' 03"
9665	1993	LLM	Solicitor- Ernst & Young	5' 06"
9666	1994	MSc Biomedical Science	NHS Laboratory	5' 06"
9668	1994	MBBS	Medical Doctor	5' 07"
9669	1995	MBBS	Pharmacy Assistant - Trainee Doctor	5' 01"
9670	1995	BSC Medical Science & Postgraduate Finance	Director - JP Morgan	5' 08"
9671	1997	BSc BioChemistry MSc Computer Science	Software Consultant	5' 01"
9672	1988	MSc	Pharmacist/Aurvedic Practitioner	5' 08"
9673	1989	MBChB	NHS Hospital Doctor	5' 08"
9674	1992	BA Literature & Creative writing	Higher Education	5' 03"
9675	1991	Level 4 in Early Years	Deputy Manager in Private Nursery	5' 01"

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9676	1997	BA Science Business Management	Shop Manager - Family Business	5' 00"
9677	1996	Foundation Degree	Safety Engineer	5' 04"
9678	1986	LLB Law (Hons)	Finance Consultant	5' 06"
9679	1988	BSc Pharmacology	Process Scientist	5' 09"
9680	1989	LLB Hons	Solicitor	5' 03"
9681	1986	MSC Criminology	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5' 04"
9682	1987	BA Education	Deputy Head	5' 07"
9683	1985	BA Film Studies	Camera & Optics Technician	5' 07"
9684	1993	DDS Dentist	Dentist/Clinical Director	5' 08"
9685	1988	MSc	Physician in NHS	5' 03"
9686	1991	BA Hons GDL LPC LLM Law	Solicitor	5' 03"
9687	1994	Accounting Apprenticeship	Senior NHS Administrator	5' 05"
9688	1995	LLB (Hons)	Operational Manager	5' 05"
9689	1989	LLB Hons	Solicitor	5' 03"
9690	1986	MSC Criminology	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5' 04"
9691	1987	BA Education	Deputy Head	5' 07"
9692	1985	BA Film Studies	Camera & Optics Technician	5' 07"



Autumn Term	Start date	Last Day		Start date	Last Day
Tuesday	02/09/25	21/10/25	Half term	04/11/25	16/12/25
Saturday	06/09/25	25/10/25	Half term	08/11/25	20/12/25
Sunday	07/09/25	26/10/25	Half term	09/11/25	21/12/25

Spring Term	Start date	Last Day		Start date	Last Day
Tuesday	06/01/26	19/02/26	Half term	24/02/26	24/03/26
Saturday	10/01/26	14/02/26	Half term	28/02/26	28/03/26
Sunday	11/01/26	15/02/26	Half term	01/03/26	29/03/26

Summer Term	Start date	Last Day		Start date	Last Day
Tuesday	14/04/26	19/05/26	Half term	02/06/26	14/07/26
Saturday	18/04/26	23/05/26	Half term	06/06/26	18/07/26
Sunday	19/04/26	24/05/26	Half term	07/06/26	19/07/26

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