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BATTLE OF SIRSA & SEPARATION

6 Poh 1761 Bikarmi
(1704 CE)

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY



6TH POH 1761 (1704CE) – LEAVING ANANDPUR

- Guru Ji along with Sikhs and His family open the fort's door to leave at 12am.
- As the night was coming to an end the Mughals and Hill Rajas came to know that Guru Ji has vacated the fort.
- The twenty-two (22) Pahari Rajas Army of 300,000 with the Mughal army of 1,000,000 forces under the command of the governor of Lahore: Zabardast Khan and Sirhand: Wazir Khan.
- They immediately betrayed the promise and dispatched their army to hunt and kill Guru Ji along with all the Sikhs.
- Guru Ji instructed all to move quickly.



SHAHI THIBI - BHAI UDHE SINGH

- Baba Ajit Singh stayed back with an army of 50 Sikhs in order to stop Mughals midway before reaching Guru Ji. He was able to stop the huge army with minimum resources.
- Guru Ji heard the noise and Bhai Udhe Singh (s/o Bhai Mani Singh Shaheed) asked for permission to go back and help Baba Ajit Singh. Guru Ji gave him his blessing as he was never returning.
- Bhai Udhe Singh took over the command and ask Baba Ajit Singh to join Guru Ji. Baba Ji refused.

- Bhai Udhe Singh

ਗੁਰੂਜੀ ਪ੍ਰਲੋਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰਇਓ,
ਮੇਰੀ ਬਾਂਹ ਫੜਨੀ, ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸਰਨ ਹਾਂ।

Guru Ji help me in the afterlife. Hold my arm, I am in your sanctuary.

Guru Ji said,

ਜਹਾਂ ਮੋਹਿ ਬਾਸਾ ਰਖੋ ਤੋਹਿ ਪਾਸਾ।

ਸਰਦਾਰੀ ਸੌਂਪੀ, ਧਰਤੀ ਦਾ ਰਾਜ ਭੋਗ ਕੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਵਿਚ
ਸਮਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਸੂਖ ਭੋਗੇਗਾਂ।

Where I reside, you shall too. I have bestowed sovereignty upon you. After you have ruled on this earth, you may come back to me and be in in bliss.

Bhai Uday Singh Ji is sent by Guru Ji to replace Baba Ajit Singh Ji. Bhai Uday Singh continues the fight at Shahi Tibbi. He fights with such valour that he stops the advance of the enemy for 12 Gharia (4.8 hours). More than 125,000 enemy forces are killed.

BHAI JIVAN SINGH RANGRETE

- Bhai Jivan Singh desired to join the forces and release Baba Ajit Singh while riding with Guru Ji.
- Guru Ji immediately told Bhai Jivan Singh to join Bhai Udhe Singh.
- Bhai Jivan Singh Ji said,

ਗੁਰੂਜੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਹਿਰਦੇ ਦੀ ਬੁਝ ਲਈ ਹੈ ਆਪ
ਆਗਿਆ ਬਖਸੀ, ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਏਨੀ ਹਿਮਤ ਦੇਨੀ ਕੇ ਬਾਬਾ
ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਨਦੀ ਤੱਕ ਪਉਚੋਣ ਦੀ ਅਗੇ ਆਪਜੀ ਜੋ
ਚਾਹੋ ਸੋ ਕਰੋ।

*Guru Ji you have read my mind. Guru Ji grant me
enough strength to send Baba Ajit Singh to the river
bank and you may do whatever you wish upon that.*

- Baba Jivan Singh Ji managed to persuade Baba Ajit Singh to return to Guru Ji



6 POH 1761 (1704CE) –SIRSA RIVER BANK

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji along with His family and Sikhs travelled in the early hours for about 14 km from Anandpur Sahib to the Sirsa River Bank.

Guru Ji then instructed his Sikhs to sing Asa Di Vaar.

Upon completion, loud noise of approaching army approaching was becoming obvious and a signal person conveyed a message to Guru Ji that Mughal army along with Hill Raja forces are approaching.



BATTLE OF SIRSA

- Bhai Uday Singh continues the fight at Shahi Tibbi. He fights with such valour that he stops the advance of the enemy for 12 Gharia (4.8 hours). More than 125,000 enemy forces are killed.
- The Mughal forces were under the command of Jebardast Khan and Wazir Khan.
- Bhai Udhe Singh's quiver was exhausted.
- He held his Sri Sahib and fought valiantly. Though he was surrounded yet he was untouchable and at last hundreds of bullets were fired upon him.
- Bhai Udhe Singh's body was shattered yet he stood his ground till the last bullet went through his forehead and he fell.



CROSSING SIRSA RIVER - PERVAR VICHORA

- Sirsa River was flowing heavily eroding its banks with its icy cold water and the cold winter breeze did not stop Guru Ji to instruct everyone to jump in and cross over to the other side.
- Guru Ji's along with Baba Ajit Singh, Baba Jujhar Singh and 40 Sikhs were drifted towards Kiratpur
- Mata Gujar Kaur along with Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh drifted elsewhere
- Mata Sunder Kaur, Mata Sahib Kaur and Bhai Mani Singh were drifted further south.



BATTLE OF SIRSA

- Bhai Jiwan Singh Ji (Jaita Ji) and 700 Sikhs fights the enemy from Shahi Tibbi till the River Sirsa till their last drop of blood. Bhai Jiwan Singh fights at the banks of River Sirsa for 4 hours. All the 700 Sikhs attain Shaheedi.
- Bhai Jivan Singh stopped the forces at the bank of Sirsa to allow Guruji and the sikh forces to cross over. He was also surrounded and ultimately shot.
- Bhai Alam Singh informed Guru Ji that all the defending Sikhs has already attained their martyrdom on the bank of Sirsa.
- Bhai Daya Singh and Bhai Dharam Singh requested Guru ji to proceed.



BHATA SAHIB

- Guru Ji arrived at Bhata (brick - kiln) during the day.
- Guru Ji asked for a place to rest and the villagers jokingly pointed at the burning kiln.
- Guru Ji raided His horse and by the touch of the hoof of Guru's horse the red hot brick kiln (Bhatha) instantaneously cooled down. Guru came down and sat to comb His hair, Here Guru buried his broken hair into the melted cement.
- Bhai Daya Singh along with other Sikhs were sent to Chamkaur.
- Guru Ji was then invited by Nihang Khan to his fort and stayed the whole day



MALIKPUR – BHAI BACHITTAR SINGH

- Bhai Bachitar Singh Ji along with 100 Sikhs fights the enemy from Sirsa River till Malakpur deterring forces and all the Sikhs attain Shaheedi. Bhai Bachitar Singh was fatally wounded and is brought to Kotla Nihung (now Rupnagar).
- Bhai Bachittar Singh Ji was was lifted by Baba Ajit Singh to Nihang Khan's fort at Kotla Nihang Roop Nagar.

Note : Bhai Bachittar Singh was the great warrior who fought single handedly with a war trained elephant during the Anandpur's fort siege.



KOTLA NIHANG & BIBI MUMTAZ

- Guru Ji was invited by Nihang Khan to his fort and stayed the whole day and they asked for a gift, Guru Ji gave a Sri sahib, katar and rhino-hide shield.
- Guru left the fort at 12pm towards Chamkaur. Alam Khan guided until Lakhmipur.
- Someone tipped Mughals kotwal Jaffar Ali Khan, they raided Nihang Khan's fort and they came to search.
- They search the whole fort till the last room where Bhai Bachittar Singh was placed and he told that it was his daughter, Bibi Mumtaz and her husband's room. The guards did not inspect the room.
- Nihang Khan's daughter served Bhai Bachittar Singh till his last breath a day after. She lived ascetic life by embracing Bhai Sahib as her husband till 131 years of age.



- Guru Ji along with 35 Singhs, 5 injured and 2 Sahibzade reaches Boor Majra where Guru Ji has a shower.
- It was at Boor Majra where Guru Ji was notified on the new reinforcements sent from Delhi under Khawaja Mardood with 1 million forces.
- This village is located 7 miles from Chamkaur.
- Guru Ji camped here to rest for the night and consumed water.
- A Turk came and informed that 1 million allied forces are searching Guru Ji.
- The same night 5 wounded Sikhs also came and gave the same news.
- Guru Ji stayed here for the night.

BOOR MAJRA VILLAGE



6 POH 1761 (1704CE), EVENING ACROSS SIRSA RIVER

Mata Gujar Kaur (Mata Gujri Ji) took a different route, thus She was separated from Her family but She managed keep her two younger grandsons: Baba Jorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji with her.



6 POH 1761 (1704CE), NIGHT

AT KUMA'S RESIDENCE

While Mata Ji was walking towards Village Kheri, a Muslim devotee of Guru Gobind Singh, Kuma invited Mata Ji and Sahibzade to rest for night and bless him the seva.

Kuma's hut was in Jhal-Jharian at shore of Sirsa River at village Chak Dhera Dhe Pattan.

Mata Ji and both young Sahibzade was offered a bed while Kuma was guarding the whole night.

During the night the army was searching for Guru Ji and His family





ਚੌਪਈ -

ਇੱਕ ਸੱਕਾ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਤਹਿ ਆਗੀ ॥
ਤੁਰਕ ਜੋਰ ਤਹਿ ਜਨਮ ਵਟਾਹੀ ॥
ਕੁੰਮੇ ਤੇ ਕੀਮਾ ਤਹਿ ਕੀਨਾ ॥
ਤਿਸਹੀ ਕੈ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਬਾਸਾ ਲੀਨਾ ॥

ਕ੍ਰਿਤ ਭਾਈ ਦੁੱਨਾ ਸਿੰਘ - ਪੰਨਾ ੨੨ (ਚਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦੇ - ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਦਮ)

Choupai: There was one staunch Hindu Kuma Maski (Karmu) who was forcefully converted to Islam by Moghul and his name was changed to Kima (Karim Bakhs Machi), Mata Gujar Kaur stayed a night in his house.
Note: Kuma was a boatman who had a boat on which he use to ferry across satluj river

- Kuma brought food for Mata Ji and Sahibzade from Lachumani, a Brahmin Lady from a neighboring town. She was a widow who used to serve travelers and remain engrossed in Almighty's devotion. She also spared some warm clothing.
- Kuma slept outside and the whole night, he sat appreciating Mata Ji and sahibzade who used to stay in a beautiful palace but today, They were going through hardships for the sake of the world. He went into deep meditating while reciting Dhan Sri Guru Gobind Singh.

GANGGU BRAHMIN

- Ganggu who was a cook in Anandpur Sahib for 22 years.

ਏਕ ਲਾਲ ਜੋ ਮਿਲ ਹੈ ਆਈ। ਤਉ ਹਮਰੀ ਸਭ ਬਿਧਿ ਬਨ ਜਾਈ॥
ਮਗ ਮੇਂ ਸੱਕਾ ਮਿਲਯੋਂ ਸੁ ਜਾਂਕੋ। ਤਿਸ ਪ੍ਰਤਿ ਪੁਛਯੋ ਨਾਮ ਸੁ ਤਾਂ ਕੋ॥

Ganggu's greed drived him to take the hardship of Mata ji as an opportunity as though he has found a ruby to attain all his worldly quests. He inquired the whereabouts of Mata ji from the circle of friends.

- Ganggu came to Kuma's hut and offered Mata Ji and Sahibzade to stay in his house at Village Kheri.
- Ganggu promised to find the whereabouts of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and to guide them there as soon as the situation improves.

ਮਾਤਾ ਜੀ ਕੋ ਸੀਸ ਟੇਕ ਤਬ ਏਹੁ ਕਹੀ॥
ਚਲੋ ਹਮਾਰੀ ਮਾਤ, ਨੇਤ ਬਿਧਿ ਯਹ ਸਹੀ॥
ਤਬੈ ਭਈ ਪ੍ਰਸੰਨ ਮਿਲਯੋ ਤਹਿੰ ਆਇਕੈ॥
ਪੂਛੀ ਸਗਲੀ ਬਾਤ ਕਹੀ ਸਮਝਾਇਕੈ॥

Ganggu (with intention to loot) came and prostrated before Mata Gujar Kaur while praying, 'Let's go my mother and this is most appropriate act for now. You will be delighted to meet your separated family'. Mata Ji asked Ganggu the plan to reach Ropar which cunningly he answered (in order for him to loot the wealth that was in Mata j's possession.



BLESSING LACHUMI MAI & KUMA

ਦੋਹਰਾ

ਦੁਇ ਮੋਹਰ ਕੀ ਆਰਸੀ, ਪੰਚ ਚੂੜੀਆਂ ਸਾਥ ॥
ਤਿਸਹੀ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਨੀ ਕੋ ਦਈ, ਜੋ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦ ਵਹੁ ਖ੍ਰਾਤ ॥
ਰੁਪਯਾ ਪਾਂਚ ਸੈ ਤਿਸ ਦਯੋ, ਕੀਮਾ ਨਾਮ ਜੁ ਆਹਿ ॥
ਤਿਨਹੂੰ ਜੋ ਮਸਤਕ ਟੇਕ ਕੈ, ਲੀਨਾ ਤਬਹਿ ਉਠਹਿ ॥

Before leaving Kuma's Hut, Mata Gujar Kaur gave gold jewelry with inlaid reflective mirrors worth two gold coins and five (5) gold bangles to the Brahmni (Mai Lechumi) who prepared and offered food.

500 rupees were given to Kima who bowed to Mata Ji and accepted the blessing.



CROSSING RIVER & GANGGU'S GREED

- Mata Ji, Sahibzade and Ganggu (along with a mule) sat on Kuma's boat.
- Kuma rowed his boat across the Satluj river.
- He parked the boat below a tree at Chak Dhera. The tree still exist untill today.
- Kuma walked along with Mata Ji for some distance and kept watching till they went beyond his sight.
- Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji was riding on the mule while Mata Gujar Kaur Ji cuddled Sahibzada Fateh Singh.
- Throughout the journey, Ganggu's eyes were glued on the bag of gold coins which came along with Mata Ji from Anandpur Sahib



ਸੋਰਠਾ

ਦੁਸਟ ਚਿੱਤ ਭਰਮਾਇ, ਮਾਤਾ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਇਹ ਕਹੈ ॥
ਤੁਰਕ ਜੋ ਉਤਰੇ ਆਇ, ਰੋਪੜ ਤੀਰ ਜੁ ਯਹ ਸੁਨੀ ॥
ਹਮਰਾ ਚਾਰਾ ਨਾਹਿ, ਜੋ ਤੁਮਰੇ ਮਨ ਸੇ ਕਹਉਂ ॥

ਆਗੇ ਧਰਹੁ ਨ ਪਾਇ, ਲੇ ਜਾਹਵਿੰਗੇ ਪਕਰਿ ਤੁਮ ॥

The wicked's (Ganggu) mind was influenced by intense greed and he said to Mata Ji, "Turks have all arrived close to Ropar and its beyond my control now. Therefore do not put forward even a step otherwise they will arrest you".

Note: Mata Ji wanted to proceed to Ropar as she knew that Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and Sikh were all there.

TO KHERI – GANGGU'S HOUSE

ਦੋਹਰਾ

ਤਬ ਮਾਤਾ ਬਿਲਖੀ ਭਈ, ਜਿਉ ਜਾਨਉ ਤਿਉ ਕੀਨ ॥
ਤਬ ਦੁਸ਼ਟਾਤਮ ਯਹ ਕਹੀ, ਮਮ ਗ੍ਰਿਹਿ ਚਲਉ ਪ੍ਰਬੀਨ ॥

ਕ੍ਰਿਤ - ਭਾਈ ਦੁੱਨਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਹੰਡੂਰੀਆ

Mata Gujar Kaur Ji then told Ganggu to carry on with the most appropriate action. Ganggu then suggested to immediately go to his house (in Kheri).

ਹੁਤੋ ਮਸੰਦ ਨੀਚ ਇਕ ਪਾਪੀ। ਬਿਪ ਬੰਸ ਚੰਡਾਰ ਸੁ ਖਾਪੀ।
ਰੋਪਰ ਤੇ ਵਹੁ ਰਾਹੁ ਭੁਲਾਈ। ਨਿਜ ਪੁਰ ਕੋ ਲੈ ਗਯੋ ਕਸਾਈ।
ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦੇ ਦੇਉ ਕੁਮਾਰ। ਤੀਜੇ ਦਾਦੀ ਸਾਥ ਨਿਹਾਰ।

There was a lowly wicked sinner, although born as a Brahmin but deeds of a Chandal (one who cremate bodies). The butcher detoured from Ropar towards his village taking along Mata Gujar Kaur Ji and two young Sahibzade.



Note: I accordance to Bhai Vir Singh Bal:
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ਜੋਰਾਵਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਫਤੇ ਸਿੰਘ ਗੁਜਰੀ ਮਾਤਾ ਸਾਥ।
ਕਾਈਨੌਰ ਕੇ ਤਲ ਕੇ ਵਸੇ ਏਕ ਪੁਰ ਰਾਤ ॥

ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਗਰ - ਭਾਈ ਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਲ - ਪੰਨਾ ੧੨੪ (ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ)

Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh along with Mata Gujar Kaur stayed on the bank of Lake Kainor, Morinda District for one night (on the way to Kheri)

