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GURGADHI
SRI GURU TEGH
BAHADUR SAHIB JI

JOTI JOYT
SRI GURU HARKRISHAN
SAHIB JI

"Sri Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji, the son of Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji then passed on the Guruship to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji"

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji



SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY



ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰੁ ਸਤਿਗੁਰੂ,

ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਕੇ ਰੂਪ।

*Tegh Bahadur the True Guru is the obvious
 form of Almighty Himself*

ਅਜਰ ਜਰਿਓ ਦੁਖਨਿ ਹਰੇ,

ਅਕਥ ਕਥਾ ਆਨੂਪ॥੩॥

*He bears the unbearable, perishes sins and the
 praises of His discourses are beyond expression*
 (Gurmukh Perakash by Sant Gurbachan Singh Ji Khalsa Bhindrawale)

Childhood



- ❖ Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji's childhood had an inclination to be silent and meditative.
- ❖ His childhood was spent with prominent Sikhs like, Bhai Gurdas Ji, Baba Buddha Ji and Baba Bidhi Chand Ji. He was tender hearted and compassionate.
- ❖ He used to spend all of his time in the congregation of the Guru and learning.

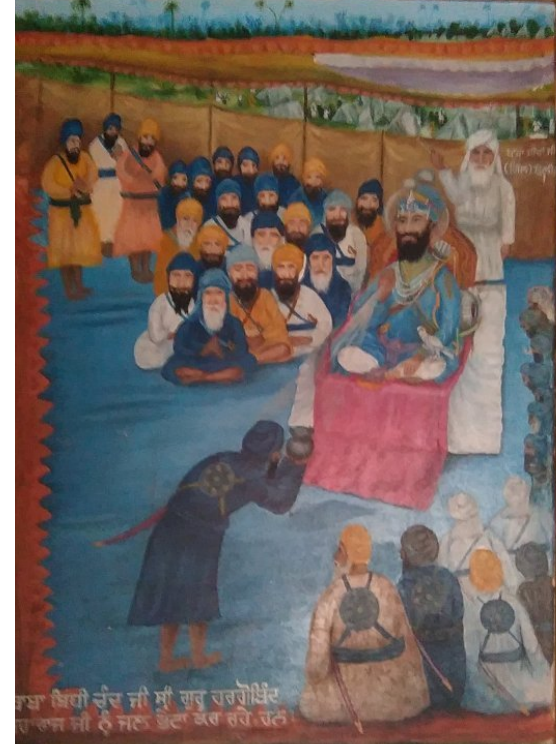
Respect of Guru Sahib

Whenever Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji came to Darbar Sahib, He would step in softly with his eyes looking at the ground in modesty. Thus he would bow down to the Guru's feet.

He would then sit calmly for hours and never have an eye-to-eye contact with Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji as a sign of respect.

Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji received his gentle son with words of affection and seated him by his side and sometimes lifted him up on to his knee.

Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji had an eager passion in learning. He used to be very active and energetic in completing the task given to him. His education started at a very young age in accordance to the tradition of the Guru's house.



Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji - Scholar-Saint-Soldier

He was trained to become a scholar, a poet, a musician and a soldier. He studied languages, poetry, history and arithmetics under the tutelage of Bhai Gurdas Ji and Baba Buddha Ji.

He had an in-depth knowledge of Persian, Gurmukhi, Sanskrit and Arabic Language.

Extensive military training was given to him by Baba Bidhi Chand Ji.

At the tender age of 12, He became an accomplished horseman and marksman. It was then He started joining his Father, Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji in full-scale military training.



A Quite Nature

- ◆ Mata Nanki Ji's thoughts on her son Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji were;
 - ◆ Tegh Bahadur Ji does not have interest in worldly affairs
 - ◆ No interaction with Sangat, he prefers to be in solidarity.
 - ◆ Although He stays quite but He has a strong mindset.
 - ◆ He stays in deep meditation at all times.

Besides all the above Mata Ji was surprised why her husband, Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji respects Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji the most amongst all the other prince?



The Plead of Mata Nanki Ji



- ◆ One day while Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji was at His residence, Mata Nanaki Ji took the opportunity to address her concerns;
- ◆ “Dear Guru Ji, Tegh Bahadur is our youngest son who has a very pure character. Our elder sons are matured and are capable of handling all the household affairs very diligently. They deal with all the Masands and nobody knows Tegh Bahadur as He always chooses to be in solitary and remain quiet. However, I have noticed that You highly respect Him and I am wondering the reason behind it. Please enlighten me.”



Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji's Blessings

Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji smiled and while looking at Tegh Bahadur Ji said,

“You need to know that He possesses the endurance to bear the worst and He is the house of all virtues. There is no one equivalent to him now and never will be in the future. This is why He deserves to be respected.

Now listen to the second reason, His son will be a great saint-soldier.

His glory would be incomparable and shall bring all the tyrants to their end. He would engage in the most challenging battles the world will ever witness. He will glorify Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Name further and shine it all over the world. He will be a great saint whose influence will consistently shine eternally upon this world and the world beyond. He shall be the leader of both the temporal and spiritual powers in the world.

Therefore, Tegh Bahadur is respected as He would have an incomparable son with great splendour.”



The Guruship Boon



- ◆ After Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji blessed Sri Guru Har Rai Ji with Guruship, Mata Nanki Ji was worried for Sri Tegh Bahadur as her other son Baba Ani Rai had abandoned all the worldly affairs.
- ◆ One day after serving Guru Ji with delicious food, Mata Nanki Ji pleaded for Sri Tegh Bahadur ji while Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji was wiping His hands with a small towel. He folded the towel and said while dropping it on Mata Nanki Ji's laps,

“Our son Tegh Bahadur is destined to be the 9th Guru and His son, our grandson will be the 10th Guru after Him.”

Relocating to Bakala



- ❖ Just before Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji went into 7 days of solidarity, He told Mata Nanki Ji to stay in her parental village Bakala together with her youngest son, Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji and her daughter-in-law, Gujri Ji.
- ❖ At Bakala, Bhai Mehra, a rich and devoted Sikh of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, offered His house to Mata Ji. This house was built for Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, who stayed there for some time.

- ◆ Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji inaugurated His youngest grandson, Sri Har Rai Sahib as the 7th Guru on **Chet Sudhi 13, 1695 Bikermi (1638 CE)** .before merging into His formless form on **Chet Sudhi 5, 1695 Bikermi (1638 CE)**
- ◆ Guru Har Rai ji, passed on the Guruship to His younger son, Sri Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji at Kiratpur Sahib- **Ketak Vedi 9, 1718 Bikermi (1661 CE)**



Glorious Guruship of Sri Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji



The two and half years of Guru Har Krishan Ji's Gurship can be divided into two distinct periods. The first period of his Gurship began on 8th November 1661 A.D, the day he was installed the Eighth Guru of the Sikhs and he stayed mostly at Kiratpur during this period. People flocked from distant places like Patna, Dhaka, Kabul, Peshawar praying for His blessings. The second period covers His time liberating and vanishing contagious diseases in Delhi.

Panjokhra Sahib

- Sri Guru Harkrishan Sahib left Kiratpur Sahib to visit Delhi on the invitation and requests from King Jai Singh of Jaipur.
- While on the way, the Guru blessed countless of them who He met and one of them was Chhaju Ram at Panjokhra Sahib.
- A arrogant Pandit by the name of Lal Chand doubted Guru Ji. He said, “Lord Krishan Ji is an Avtaar (prophet) who was full of knowledge. In the greatest state of knowledge, He created Bhagvad Gita. You have kept your name even greater than His and you are sitting on a throne. You are proclaiming yourself to be a Guru. I have many questions regarding the Bhagvad Gita. You have to answer all my questions; otherwise your name would not appropriate.”
- Guru Ji replied, “If I answer all your questions your doubts may remain and you may say that I am very fortunate to be born as the son of Guru Har Rai Ji and might have been given the most finest divine knowledge. Please search for a person of your choice and bring him to me. He will answer all your questions.”



➤ Listening to Guru Ji, Pandit Lal Chand went to the town and approached a mute, deaf and totally illiterate person who delivered water from house to house. His name was Chhajju Ram.

➤ With Guru Ji's blessings Chhajju was made from being deaf and mute to speak the intrinsic meanings of Gita.

➤ Pandit Lal Chand's pride and vanity was shaken from the roots. This amazing phenomenon was so awe inspiring that the whole congregation was dumb founded. Pandit Lal Chand was speechless for a long time. Chhajju Ram went on reciting the meanings of Bhagvad Gita chapter after chapter.

➤ At last, the Pandit fell on the feet of Guru Ji and became His Sikh by drinking the nectar from Guru Ji's feet (Charnamrit).

Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji's Glance



Journey to Delhi



- After staying for a night, Guru Ji proceeded towards Delhi and met a representative of King Jai Singh to whom Guru Ji re-emphasised that he will not at any cost see Aurangzeb and the sole motive for Him to visit Delhi is to bless the Sangat.
- The message of Guru Ji's arrival spread like fire in Delhi and all the Sangat was lining up by the road to welcome Guru Ji. The crowd was lining up in thousands on the path leading to King Jai Singh's Palace where Guru Ji was to stay.
- Upon having the glimpse of Guru Ji, King Jai Singh was in bliss and he prostrated on the feet of Guru Ji and welcomed Him into his palace. Beautiful carpets and beds were made ready for Guru Ji.

- Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji had instructed Sri Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji to never meet Aurangzeb before His Joti Joyt.
- Keeping in mind the words of His father, Guru Ji vowed to never meet the emperor and to not even bless him with His glimpse.
- King Jai Singh humbly requested Guru Ji on his intention to visit Aurangzeb and Guru Ji again told him that He will not like to see him.
- When Jai Singh came before Aurangzeb and told him on Guru Ji's arrival, Aurangzeb immediately got ready gifts and sent a messenger with a message on when will Guru Ji meet him.
- Guru Ji replied to the messenger that he has no intention of meeting him and neither should he as he has already met Baba Ram Rai and that shall suffice.

Guru Ji's vow



Curing the citizens of Delhi

- While Guru Ji was blessing the congregation in Delhi, an epidemic of Cholera was at large in Delhi.
- Those who came to Guru Ji and drank from the pool of nectar blessed by Guru Ji's feet had their diseases vanished.
- The news of this spread throughout and Guru Ji made all the initiatives to reach the maximal number of people.
- King Jai Singh got a reservoir constructed, the water of which was sanctified by prayers and by the divine touch of the Guru. People with faith and devotion sought this water and felt inwardly changed. Whoever drank from the pool had their diseases vanished.
- Shortly after, another epidemic of smallpox came upon the people of Delhi. That too was healed by Guru Ji.



Baba Ram Rai's Jealousy

- One day in the court of Aurangzeb, discussions took place on the wellbeing of the citizens and the disease being vanished since the arrival of Guru Harkirshan Sahib Ji.
- An eyewitness minister who saw Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji was praising Guru Ji and the whole court applauded the goodwill which has been shown by Guru Ji.
- Ram Rai who was seated within the court felt threatened on the arrival of his younger brother that all the attention was now being shifted to Guru Ji and slowly, Guru Ji will gain enough influence to make him null.
- He feared that Guru Ji might influence Aurangzeb and all the wealth which has now been directed to him will be then shifted to Guru Ji thus he decided to utter harsh words through which Guru Ji shall merge in the formless.
- During the second day of Aurangzeb's court assembly, the discussion about the greatness of Guru Har Krishan Ji took place again and Aurangzeb himself praised Guru Ji for His noble intentions and efforts in uplifting the community without any discrimination.



Ram Rai's Curse

Hearing the praise of Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji from Aurangzeb, Sri Ram Rai Ji burnt in the fire of jealousy. In the assembly hall he announced, “The one that you all are praising, He is of no use as He is young and small. The small pox disease has been deadly especially for children. There is no way an infected child could survive therefore He (Guru Ji) will also be infected by the small pox disease which will last till His last breath and He will leave His body soon.”



One day, while Guru Ji was seated amongst his Sikhs, Gurbaksh Masand inquired on the proceedings in the court and upon narrating the whole incident, Guru Ji replied

“Dear beloved Sikhs, if I don’t say anything now, my Sikhs will think that I am a nobody and wonder why Guru Har Rai Ji made me the next Guru? I better say something otherwise they will conclude that their present Guru does not have the same spirit as the previous Gurus. I have not even met Aurangzeb and still Sri Ram Rai is burning in the fire of jealousy. For as long as he is alive he will always burn in the fire of jealousy. In his mind he will want a big family and children that are praise worthy. He will keep trying for a child by marrying many but he will never succeed. He will never have a son and will lead a very solemn life. He will never experience the happiness of having a son. His death will be so miserable that he will not even know how he died. He tells people about their death but he himself will not know about his own death. He will have to bear these three miserable facts. Nobody will ever be able to free him from this unpleasant situation, even if they tried. For me, there is no difference between life and death. This body is perishable. What is alive must die. My brother has a bad character and now he is getting punished for it. I did not do this for my self it is for him to learn a lesson.”

Guru Ji's Prophecy



➤ Note: Ram Rai was burned alive while still in meditation (Samadhi) by his wicked masand Gurbaksh and his accomplices.

Eagerness of Aurangzeb

- The eagerness within Aurangzeb increased as the day passed. One day, he decided to send his prince who was around the age of Guru Ji and his highest ranking officer with a request to bless him with Guru Ji's glimpse.
- Before the young prince along with the officer followed by their guards reached Guru Ji, Guru Ji had placed a veil before him.
- The officer presented bag full of gold jewelleries and a plate full of Dinars before Guru Ji and requested for the approval. Guru Ji again denied but being the house of compassion decided to send him a Shabad which would be His last message to the emperor.
- Guru Har Krishan Ji asked his Diwan Dargah Mal to write the following hymn and also send its Persian translation:



The Shabad to Aurangzeb – The True Glimpse of the Guru

ਕਿਆ ਖਾਧੈ ; ਕਿਆ ਪੈਧੈ ਹੋਇ ॥

What good is food, and what good are clothes,

ਜਾ ਮਨਿ ; ਨਾਹੀ ਸਚਾ ਸੋਇ ॥

if the True Almighty does not abide within the mind?

ਕਿਆ ਮੇਵਾ , ਕਿਆ ਘਿਉ ਗੁੜੁ ਮਿਠਾ ; ਕਿਆ ਮੈਦਾ ਕਿਆ ਮਾਸੁ ॥

What good are fruits, what good is ghee, sweet jaggery, what good is flour, and what good is meat?

ਕਿਆ ਕਪੜੁ , ਕਿਆ ਸੇਜ ਸੁਖਾਲੀ ; ਕੀਜਹਿ ਭੋਗ ਬਿਲਾਸ ॥

What good are clothes, and what good is a soft bed, to enjoy pleasures and sensual delights?

ਕਿਆ ਲਸਕਰ , ਕਿਆ ਨੇਬ ਖਵਾਸੀ ; ਆਵੈ ਮਹਲੀ ਵਾਸੁ ॥

What good is an army, and what good are soldiers, servants and mansions to live in?

ਨਾਨਕ , ਸਚੇ ਨਾਮ ਵਿਣੁ ; ਸਭੇ ਟੋਲ ਵਿਣਾਸੁ ॥੨॥

Guru Nanak says without the True Name, all this paraphernalia shall disappear. ||2||

King Jai Singh Tries to Check on Guru Ji

Once, while sitting in the court, Aurangzeb looked at Jai Singh and said that Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji is being praised by the whole Hindustan but does he really have any miraculous powers? Jai Singh replied that he wished not to try as the consequence could be detrimental but as the emperor had requested, he will try.

After a lengthy discussion with his wife, Jai Singh said; “Tomorrow Guru Ji will be coming to our palace. Get all the queens and servants together. Make them wear beautiful clothes and decorate them with lots of jewelry. The jewelry should have studded stones and diamonds which glitter. They all must look beautiful. You are my beloved queen and I love you the most. You must be simple. Wear old clothes and do not decorate yourself with any jewelry. Sit in a corner on the ground, away from all the other queens. You must contemplate in your mind that you want Guru Ji to come and sit in your lap and that you will then bow to him and give him all the gifts. Guru Ji will be able to read your mind. Tomorrow morning all this should be done. Meet Guru Ji with lots of love and faith in your heart. You are very lucky to get a chance to meet Guru Ji.”



All-knower Guru Ji

- All knower Guru Ji knew about this and He wasn't pleased with the devotion and decided to lock himself in a room.
- Knowing this, Jai Singh came with barefoot from his house to Guru Ji's residence and sat at the door begging for few hours. At last, Guru Ji opened the doors.
- When Sri Guru Har Krishan Ji came in, everybody with folded hands greeted Guru Ji. All the other queens did not stand up as instructed. They were quietly sitting and admiring Guru Ji. Guru Ji went and sat among the queens. Holding a staff which was made of flowers in his left hand he kept hitting all the queens one by one on their right hand and kept saying, "This is not the leading Queen." Hitting all of them Guru Ji moved forward and said, "None of them is the leading Queen."
- Guru Ji said, "Clothes and jewelry are very beautiful". After uttering these he went behind the queens. Observing this Jai Singh and his young Queens were surprised; all their effort in creating the drama which they acted was in vain. Guru Ji kept on walking towards the corner where the premier Queen was seated in servant attire quietly with her face facing down.
- Guru Ji came to her; still she did not look up. Guru Ji said, "From all the queens you are the main queen."



Jai Singh knew that Guru Ji is not pleased with his actions and he humbly served Guru Ji and expressed his desire to become a Sikh.

Guru Ji said to Jai Singh,

“...The mind of the ones who are grasped by doubt always remains inconsistent in the state of faith and doubt. They are egoistic by proclaiming themselves great just like the top of mountain is higher than ground but the water (in the form of love) cannot be contained at the peak of the mountain. Therefore, how will ever the crops (form of service) grow, the fruit (salvation) can never be obtained and the contented bliss will never be experienced even in the dreams. What more can be said to you, contemplate and realize Dear Raja’.”

Sermon to Jai Singh

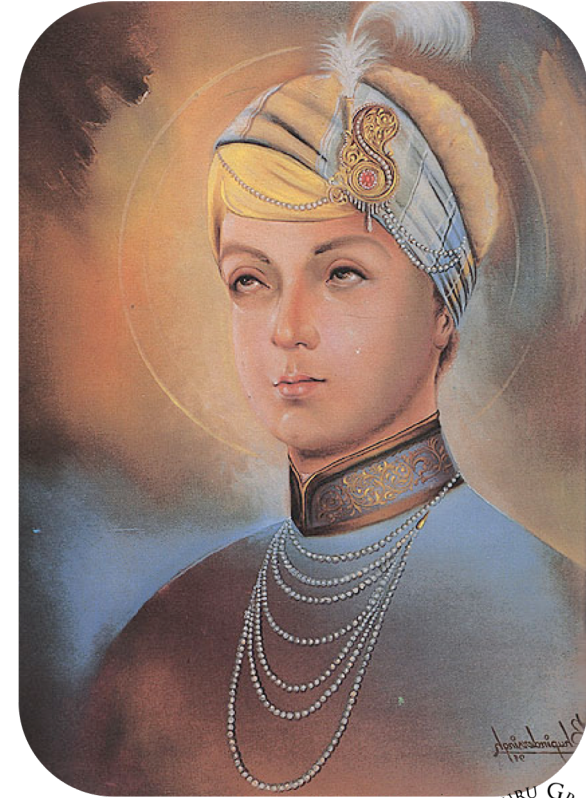


The Saviour

- Knowing that the news of Guru Ji's miracles in identifying the queen will again spread in town and more people will come with the intention to see these, Guru Ji decided to leave the palace and camp on the outskirts of Delhi.
- While staying there, Guru Ji started having fever and the news of this reached Jai Singh who the next day arrived and saw Guru Ji lying on a bed with a white sheet over his body and face.
- Jai Singh respectfully removed the sheet from Guru Ji's face and placed his forehead on Guru Ji's feet. The Sikhs who were there narrated that Guru Ji first developed fever and then rashes appeared on Guru Ji's body, to which he requested Guru Ji to regain his health and bless the sanggat.
- Guru Ji advised Jai Singh to remain in Almighty's will.



Mata Kishan Kaur



➤ Mata Kishan Kaur Ji saw her son, Guru Harkrishan Sahib in this condition and was overcome with sorrow.

➤ Guru Ji consoled his mother by saying,

“What Waheguru (Almighty) has planned only that will happen. We can try as much as we can but what is supposed to happen will happen. If it is not supposed to be then it will not be. Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s Guruship is the ultimate truth and it will always remain. You are my mother and it’s not fitting for you to act in this manner. Just like other people you are getting attached. You must always stay in Waheguru’s (Almighty’s) will. The materialistic world is false. It is not real because it is temporary. An intelligent person will not have attachment to worldly materials. Everybody is going to leave this world, some earlier and some later. This is how it has been, similar to a river that flows continuously. One who is born will definitely die. Take it as Waheguru’s play and it will remove your pain.”

➤ Listening to her son’s words, tears started rolling down her cheeks. Looking at her son’s body she went into deep thoughts.

It was the 14th day of the Sudi phase of the month of Chet, 1721 Bikarmi (1664 A.D.) at Gurdwara Bala Sahib on bank of Jamuna River, Delhi.

Guru Ji was preparing to leave the mortal body. The sangat was sad as Guru Ji's physical condition was deteriorating. Guru Ji opened His eyes and bestowed His blessed glimpse on all his sewaks (devotees) whenever they came to do sewa (selfless service)

Guru Ji ordered that Masand Gurbaksh Mal (Guru Ji's representative, preacher and collector of tithes and offerings) as well as other Sikhs be informed of Guru Ji's desire to leave and that they may come and meet Guru Ji for the last time. Listening to this, Sikhs were saddened and broke down. This message was delivered to Guru Ji's mother and others. Everyone was saddened and heartbroken when they heard the news. Masand Gurbakhs Mal was also very upset and cried.

Sikhs from all over Delhi came for Guru Ji's final darshan they were all disheartened with solemn faces, all were quiet and their visions were locked to have a glance of Guru Ji's beautiful face.

Preparing to Merge Into The Formless Form



The 9th Guru Inauguration

The Sun was setting down in the west; It was evening.
Continuously Sikh Sangat from all over the country was coming and going back after having Guru Ji's glimpse.

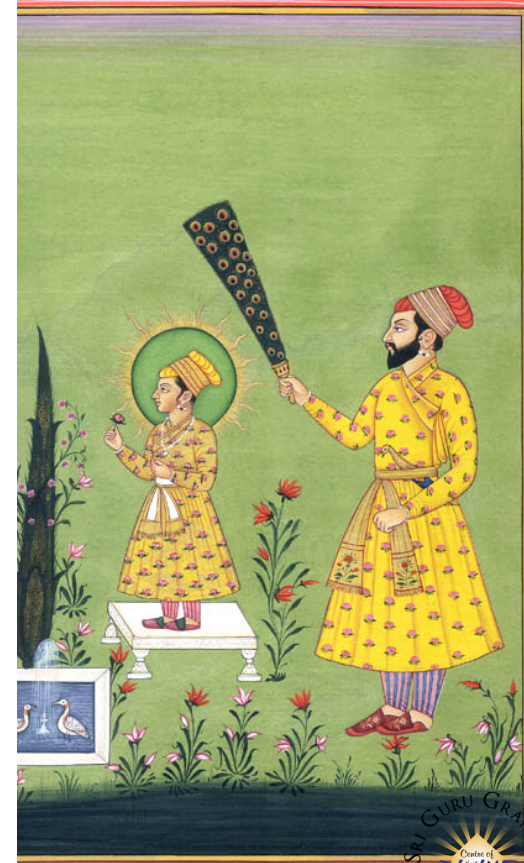
Guru Ji understood the Sikhs' desire to know the next Guru. Guru Ji said '*Baba Basey Gram Bekale, Sakal Sangat Aap Sembale*'. "The 'Baba' who is residing in the village Bakala, will be the next Guru and He will be responsible to lead the whole Sikh Sangat"

Guru Ji uttered "Bring a whole coconut and five paisa. Gather and ask all the Sangat to sit closer. A great Guru will emerge in this world causing the fakes to flee and hide. Under the guidance of this Guru (Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji) not thousands, not hundreds of thousands but millions will attain salvation. Like the mother earth the Guru will be filled with endurance and He will be a great benefactor (par-upkari) like the sun and the moon. He will initiate Sikhi even to the most wicked and they will attain a respected level in society (spiritually). They will accomplish the impossible after they embrace Guru Ji lotus like feet."



Aurangzeb visits

- Aurangzeb had given a strict command to let him know whenever Guru Ji departs from His body and not to cremate till he has seen Guru Ji's form.
- When the news of Guru Ji's merging with formless reached him, he immediately got ready and departed towards the site where Guru Ji was.
- Upon reaching, Aurangzeb saw Guru Ji's body covered with a white cloth and he requested a Sikh to remove the cloth from Guru Ji's face. The Sikh who had no other choice lifted the cloth slightly when Aurangzeb had the glimpse of hell. He felt that the earth has cracked and within it are many dreadful scenes.
- He couldn't control himself and collapsed
- He immediately left feeling extremely weak after gaining back his consciousness.



Guru Ji's body was bathed with beautifully scented water. Then Guru Ji's body was dressed in beautiful robes and covered with fragrant flowers. A bier platform was made and Guru Ji's body was placed on it. The platform was decorated with beautiful flowers.

Bhai Gurditta Ji, Diwan Dargah Mal, Raja Jai Singh and Kanwar Ram Singh were the pall bearers.

They reached a place called Tilokheri, on the banks of Jamuna River now known as Gurdwara Bala Sahib. Sandalwood was collected and placed very neatly on the ground. A funeral pyre using the sandalwood was prepared as Japji Sahib was recited. With much sadness they brought down Guru Ji's body which they were carrying on their shoulders and laid it on the funeral pyre. As was the tradition, ghee was put on Guru Ji's body. The final Ardaas (prayer) was read by Bhai Gurditta Ji before the pyre was lit.

It was a Wednesday, Chet Sudi 14, 1721 (Bikrami), (6th April 1664 A.D). Guru Ji's physical age was 7 years, 8 months and 2 days old



Sri Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji

DATE OF BIRTH: Savan Vedi 9, 1713 Bikermi, Thursday,
14th July 1656 AD

PLACE OF BIRTH: Shish Mahal, Kiratpur Sahib, Ropar

GURUSHIP: Kiratpur Sahib- Ketak Vedi 9, 1718 Bk (1661CE)

AGE AT GURUSHIP: 5 years, 2 months, 12 days

TOTAL AGE: 7 years, 8 months, 2 days

AGE AT GUR GADHI: 2 years, 5 months, 20 days

JOTHI-JOT DAY: Chet Sudi 14, 1721 Bikermi, 6th April 1664
A.D

JOTHI JOT PLACE : Bank of Jamuna River, Gurdwara Bala
Sahib, Delhi



Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib

Ji's 26 Years in Bakala

- ◆ 26 years in Bakala, Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji spent His time in meditation and contemplation.
- ◆ He got a basement constructed in the house and spent most of his time there in intense meditation.
- ◆ He also kept in touch with the outside world through some devoted Sikhs who would visit him periodically and apprise him of the events happening with the Sikhs and the community.
- ◆ Kirpal Chand (Mata Gujri's brother), who served in Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji's army in Kiratpur, occasionally visited Bakala and updated Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji.



Guruship of the 9th Guru

It was **Chet Sudhi 14, 1721 (Bikermi), 1664 A.D.**

A Sikh brought the Guruship insignia (*whole coconut, five paisa (cents) & Kirpan*) on a golden tray. Guru Ji then placed the tray and did a 'Parkerma' (circumambulation) around the tray placed on an altar and then stood with folded hands as if someone was present there in front of him.

Guru Har Krishan Ji knew that Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji choose to remain anonymous therefore Guru Ji told Baba Gurditta Ji to come forth and softly whispered to him to deliver the tray of Gurship and put on the tikka (insignia) on Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji's forehead as the 9th Guru Nanak, who was in Bakala.



Note: Baba Gurditta Ji was the great great-grandson of Baba Buddha Ji and not to be confused with the eldest Sahibzadey of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji.

22 Gurus in Bakala

- ❖ Since Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji mentioned that the next Guru is in Bakala without naming Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji,
- ❖ All the ones from Sodhi clan who were from lineage of Gurus took this as an opportunity to proclaim themselves as the next Guru. Baba Dhir Mal came along with Kartarpuri Bir (Sri Aad Granth) to Bakala.
- ❖ The Sikhs were longing to meet their True Guru. There were twenty-two (22) self-proclaimed Gurus which caused much confusion.
- ❖ The town was flooded with Sikhs from all over seeking the glimpse of the True Guru.



The Prayer



- ❖ Makhan Shah was among the dedicated Sikhs. He was a rich merchant who used to do trade and travel by sea.
- ❖ Once, his ship with approximately 100 sailors on board was stranded due to rough sea in an adverse weather condition with high possibility of sinking.
- ❖ After all efforts failed, Makhan Shah with folded hands did an Ardaas and promised to offer 500 gold coins once the ship arrives safely.
- ❖ The ship got washed off ashore and all his crews and goods was unharmed.



Search for the True Guru

- ◆ Upon his arrival, Makhan Shah was eager to meet the Guru and fulfil his promise .
- ◆ He travelled to Bakala with his family to meet the 9th Guru but was shocked that there were 22 Sodhis competing with each other claiming to be the Guru. He knew that only the true Guru heard his Ardaas would be aware of his promise to donate 500 gold coins.
- ◆ He visited all the fake Gurus and offered 2 gold coins but sadly non of them claimed the promised amount
- ◆ After asking around he was told to visit Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji as there were no other left in Bakala.



The Saviour

- ◆ Makhan Shah came to visit Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, upon his arrival Guru Ji said, “Dear Sikh, fulfil your promise now as Guru Nanak saved your ship in the sea. Guru will always be with you.”
- ◆ Makhan Shah was overwhelmed to discover the True Guru, he instantly offered 500 gold coins and requested Guru ji manifest Himself to the world.
- ◆ Guru ji refused as this would cause unrest among the other Sodhis and said whoever attempts to manifest Him will have his face blacken in disgrace.



Sikh for the Guru - Guru Ladho Re

Makhan Shah begin to visit Guru Ji on a daily basis and decided to declare the 9th Guru to the Sangat and had a robe stitched overnight for Guru Ji.

He then went into the kitchen and rubbed his hands underneath a pan to collect the black residue. He then rubbed it all onto his face to fulfil Guru Ji's condition. Makhan Shah went to the attic and announced in a loud voice said "Guru Ladho Re....",

Dear Sangat! Please listen, the great Guru has been found. Clear all doubts and frustrations of the mind and quickly come and meet your true Guru."

Thus, the Sikhs were overjoyed to receive their great Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.



Epitome of Mercy



- ❖ Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji is an idol of contentment and peace.
- ❖ Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji is a bestower of happiness. Guru Ji had a thick long beard. Guru Ji revealed himself to the Sikh Sangat because of the love and faith of his Sikhs had for him.
- ❖ At this moment, Guru Ji was seated on the throne majestically, just like a true King of the Universe. Two Sikhs took the responsibility to wave the ceremonial whisk upon Guru Ji. They were waved beautifully on both sides of Guru Ji.



Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji



GURUSHIP

Chet Sudhi 14, 1721 (Bikermi) 1664 AD
sent from Delhi to Bekala through Baba
Gurditta Ji (6th place of Baba Buddha Ji)

**AGE AT
GURUSHIP**

43 Years 5 months 24 days

TOTAL AGE,

53 years 7 months 15 days

**TIME AT
GURGADHI**

10 years 7 months 9 days

REGIMES

Emperor Aurangzeb (1658-1707 A.D.)