

ਯਰਜਨ ਕਾਇਆ ਪਲਟਿਕੈ ਮੂਰਤਿ ਹਰਗੋਬੰਦ ਸਵਾਰੀ॥

ਗੁਰੁ ਸਮ ਕੋਇ ਨਾ ਦੀਨਾ ਨਾਥ

THERE IS NO PROTECTOR OF THE
POOR AND MEEK
EQUAL TO SRI GURU HARGOBIND
SAHIB JI

Kavi Bhagat Singh Ji

GURGADHI DIHARRA

SRI GURU HARGOBIND SAHIB JI

ਦੋਹਰਾ । ਤਿਸੁ ਗੁਰ ਕੇ ਪਰਗਟ ਭਯਾ ; ਹੀਰੋਇੰਦ ਗੁਰਿ ਆਇ ।

Dohra - In the house of Guru Arjan Dev Ji, came Sri Guru Hargobind Ji
ਜਗਤ ਉਧਾਰਨ ਕਾਰਨੇ ; ਜਨਮੁ ਧਰਾ ਜਗ ਆਇ । ੪੫ ।

the sole purpose of Sri Guru Hargobind Ji's birth is to liberate the entire world
ਮਾਨੁਹੁ ਜਗ ਮੇਂ ; ਗੁਰ ਕੀਯਾ , ਖੜਗ ਮੇਂ ਰੇਤ ਖਿਯਾਰ ।

All shall believe that Sri Guru Hargobind Ji loved the sword to serve justice
ਤਰਕਨੁ ਮੈਤੀ ਜੁੱਧ ਕੀ ; ਰਾਖੀ ਮਨੁਮਾ ਧਾਰ । ੪੬ ।

Sri Guru Hargobind Ji engaged Himself in fierce battles with Moghuls for the sake of protecting the meek
ਦੇਗ ਤੇਗ ਦੋਨੋ ਗਹੀ ; ਰਾਜ ਜੋਗ ਦੁਇ ਕੀਨ ।

Sri Guru Hargobind Ji practiced free-kitchen (charity) and temporal power (righteousness), He ruled
with sovereignty whilst remaining in Oneness.

ਜੋਗ ਤੇਗ ਦੋਨੋ ਕੀਏ ; ਉੱਤਮੁ ਪਦਵੀ ਜੀਨ । ੪੭ ।

Sri Guru Hargobind perfectly merged spirituality and worldly affairs, attaining the supreme state.

(Ref: Das Gur Katha by Kavi Kankan 17th Century – Darbari Kavi of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji)



GURU ARJAN DEV JI'S ARREST

Guru Arjan Dev was framed by Chandu (a minister in Jahangir's court) who was a close associate of Baba Prithi Chand (elder brother of Guru Arjan Dev Ji) with false allegations.

King Jahangir also had biased thoughts on the house of Guru Nanak as recorded in his autobiography, the 'Tuzak-e-Jahangiri'.

Guru Arjan Dev Ji's arrest warrant was issued by the court and an army battalion was sent to arrest Guru Ji.

Guru Arjan Dev Ji said, "Please inform the emperor that I will go personally to Lahore"



PROPOSITION

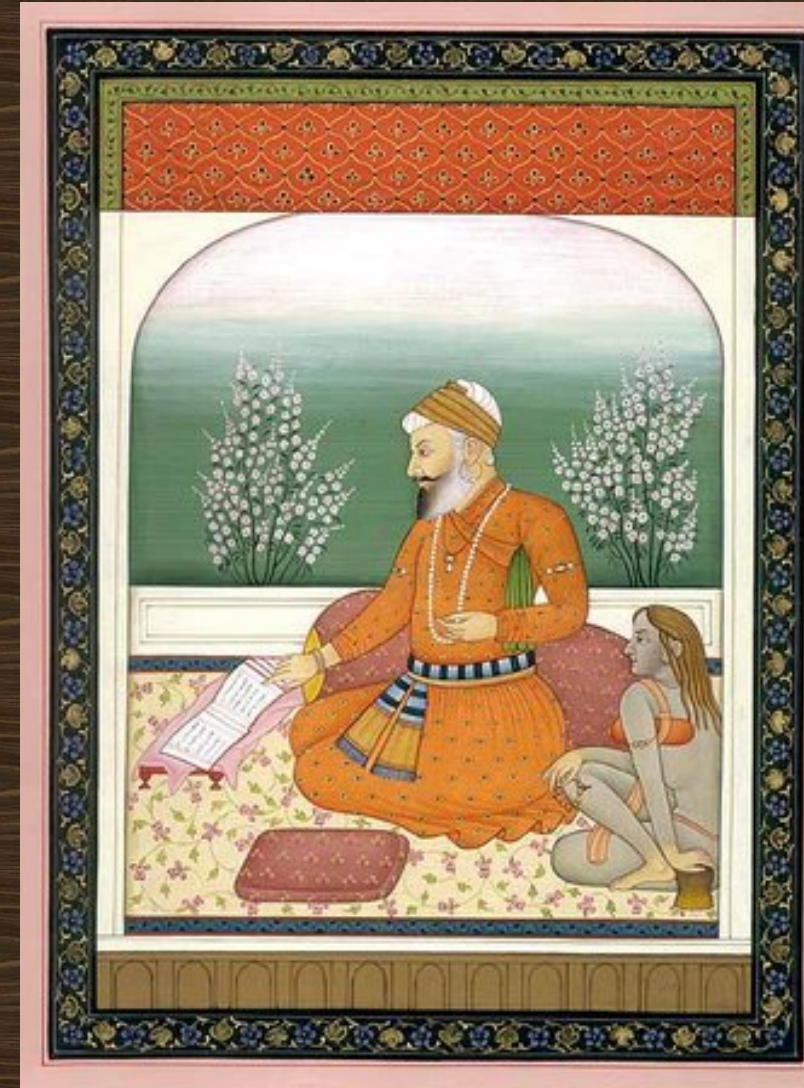
Guru Arjan Dev Ji knew that His time to merge into His formless form was near

He went into a room and sat near Sri Adi Granth (Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji).

Guru Ji instructed Baba Buddha Ji and Sri Hargobind Ji to join him there.

Bhai Gurdas Ji also came along with Sri Hargobind Ji.

Sri Hargobind Ji sat near Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji



SELECTION

Guru Arjan dev Ji while looking at Sri Hargobind Ji said, “The time has come for you to be strong and show your capabilities. Baba Buddha Ji, please advise Sri Hargobind Ji to act as a great warrior and leader.”

Guru Ji then asked for Baba Buddha Ji’s opinion in selecting the next Guru, Baba Ji answered,

“Sri Hargobind Ji has your light in him. He will definitely be a very strong and brave warrior. He is very well trained in warfare and the enemies will fear him. He also has a great capability of a spiritual leader. At the present moment, the warrior caste has lost their strength and the enemies have become very powerful. Whenever this kind of evil situation has arisen, you have taken birth to rescue the weak from the clutches of the evil people.”



Bhai Gurdas Ji then spoke, “Baba Buddha Ji is a great soul. He has served all the previous Gurus right from Guru Nanak Dev Ji and has obtained blessings from all the Gurus. Whatever he has uttered has always come to pass. The first five Gurus were saintly and they advocated peaceful means to end strifes and difficulties in the lives of people, but now the time has come for a change. The Guru must be competent in the use of weapons and his Sikhs also have to be trained to acquire these skills. The Sikhs will have to fight wars to protect the meek, maintain their glory and dignity. They must stand up and fight against the tyrant Mughal Sultanate. At this moment there is no other who can stand up to them. The house of Guru Nanak is the only hope of the people for justice and peace.”

BHAI GURDAS



ਪੂਰਨ ਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਬਿਬੇਕ ਆਪਾ ਆਪ ਪ੍ਰਗਾਸ ਹੁਇ ॥

The absolute transcendent and immanent Almighty has Himself manifested in the form of Guru Hargobind.

ਨਾਮ ਦੇਇ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਏਕ ਗੁਰ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਬਖਾਨੀਐ ॥੧॥੭॥

Almighty and Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji may hold two (2) different names but in reality, are the same.

(Kabitt Bhai Gurdas Ji- 7)

GURUSHIP

Guru Ji got up and performed the ceremony in which he transferred the 'jot' to Sri Hargobind Ji who was **9 Years 11 months and 9 days** of age at that time.

Guru Ji circumambulated three times around Sri Hargobind Ji and then bowed at His feet to signify that he was the next Guru.

Upon completing the above, Guru Arjan Dev Ji requested Baba Buddha Ji to place the ceremonial mark (tilak) on Sri Hargobind Ji's forehead.

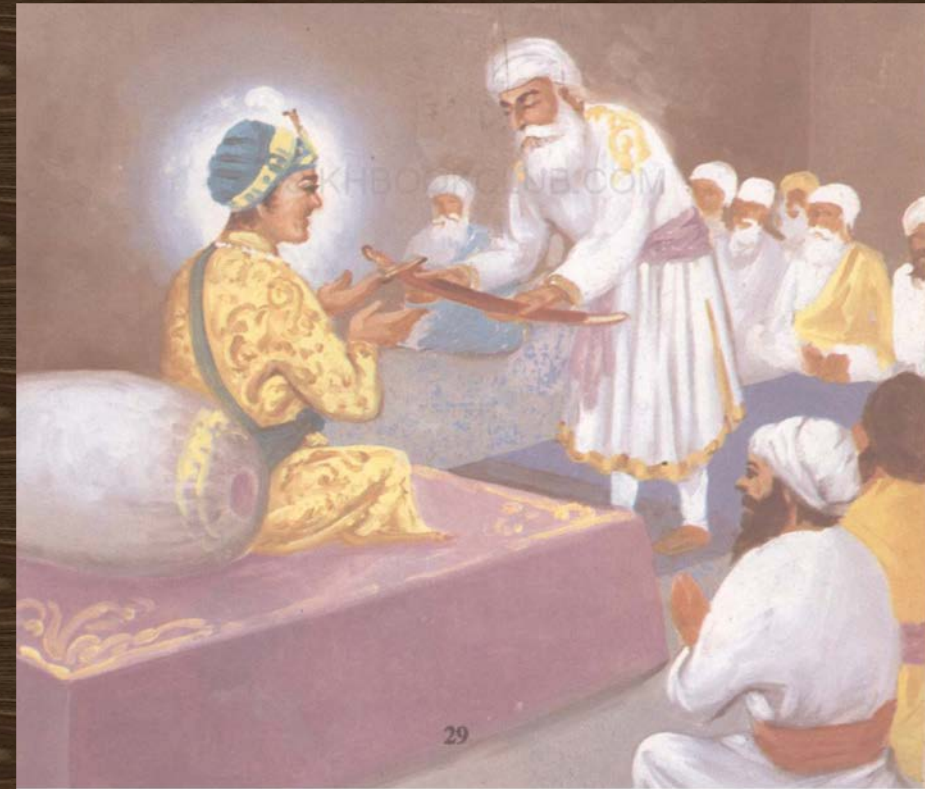
Baba Buddha Ji had been performing this ceremony for all the earlier Gurus.

It was **Jeth Vedhi 8, 1663 (Bikermi), 15th May 1605 A.D.**

ਦੀਨ ਦੁਨੀ ਦਾ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹਾਂ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਅਡੋਲਾ।

Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji is the king of spirituality as well as temporality and is in fact irremovable emperor of all the kings.

(Bhai Gurdas Ji Vaar 39 Pauri 3)



THE GREAT GURU

ਸੱਚਾ ਤਖਤ ਸੁਹਾਯੇ ; ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰ ਪਾਇਕੈ ।

The inauguration of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji as the 6th Guru- the embodiment of truth, makes the true throne look resplendent

ਛਬ ਬਰਨੀ ਨਹਿ ਜਾਇ ; ਕਹੇ ਕਿਆ ਗਾਇਕੈ ।

His splendour is beyond the amalgamation of words, what can I sing to praise Him further

ਰਾਵਿ ਸਸਿ ਭਏ ਮਲੀਨ ; ਸੁ ਦਰਸ ਦਿਖਾਇਕੈ ।

Looking at Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji's radiance, even the moon and sun looks dull

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰ ਤਖਤ ਬਿਰਾਜੇ ; ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਧਿਆਇਕੈ ।

Sri Guru Hargobind Ji sat on the throne while His mind is fixed on Almighty

ਮੀਰ ਅਬਦੁਲ ਐ ਨਥਾ ; ਜਸ ਕਹੇ ਬਨਾਇਕੈ ।

Minstrel Mir Abdul and Nath Mal compose and sing the praises of Sri Guru Hargobind Ji

(Ref: Mir Abdul and Nath Mal – Minstrels of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji)



SUMMARY OF THE 6TH GURU NANAK – SRI GURU HARGOBIND SAHIB JI

GURUSHIP

Jeth Vedhi 8, 1663 (Bikermi), 1605 A.D. at Kothri Sahib, near Akal Takht.

AGE AT GURUSHIP

9 Years 11 months 9 days

TOTAL AGE,

42 years 9 months 19 days

TIME AT GUR GADHI

32 years 10 months 12 days

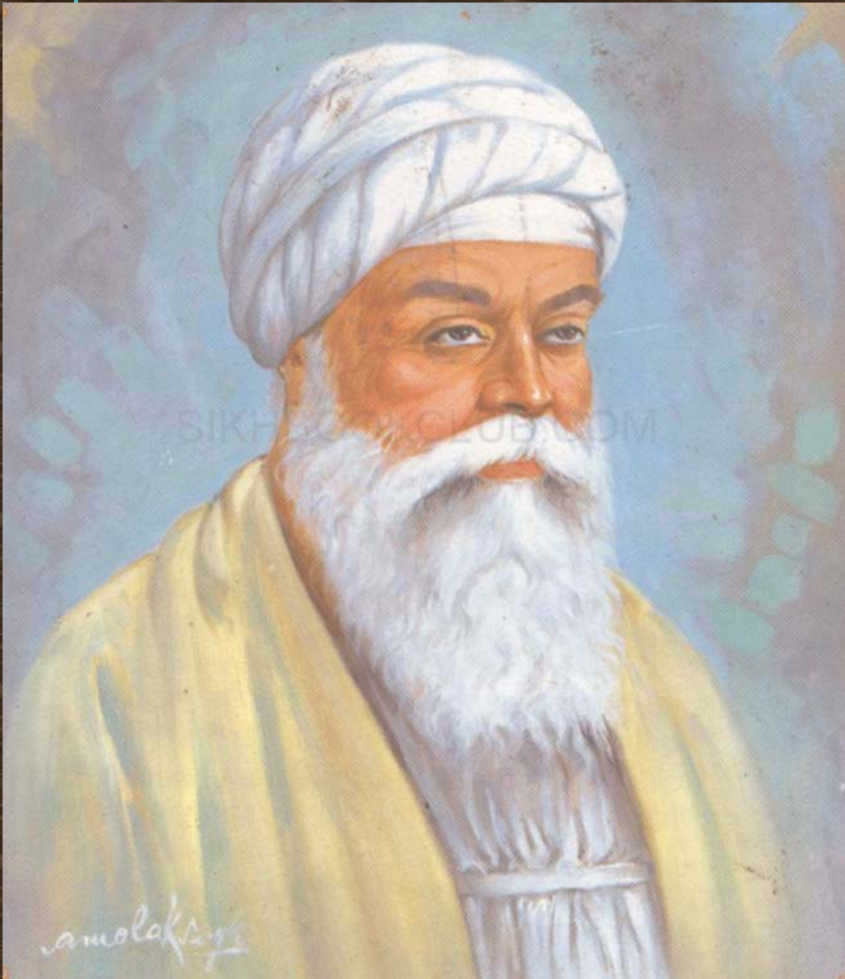
REGIMES

- Emperor Jahangir (1605-1627 A.D.)
- Emperor Shah Jahan (1627-1658 A.D.)

CONTRIBUTION IN GURBANI Added tunes to 9 out of 22 Vars (Ballard)



CONCERN



Baba Buddha Ji was taken aback by the Guru's action and said,

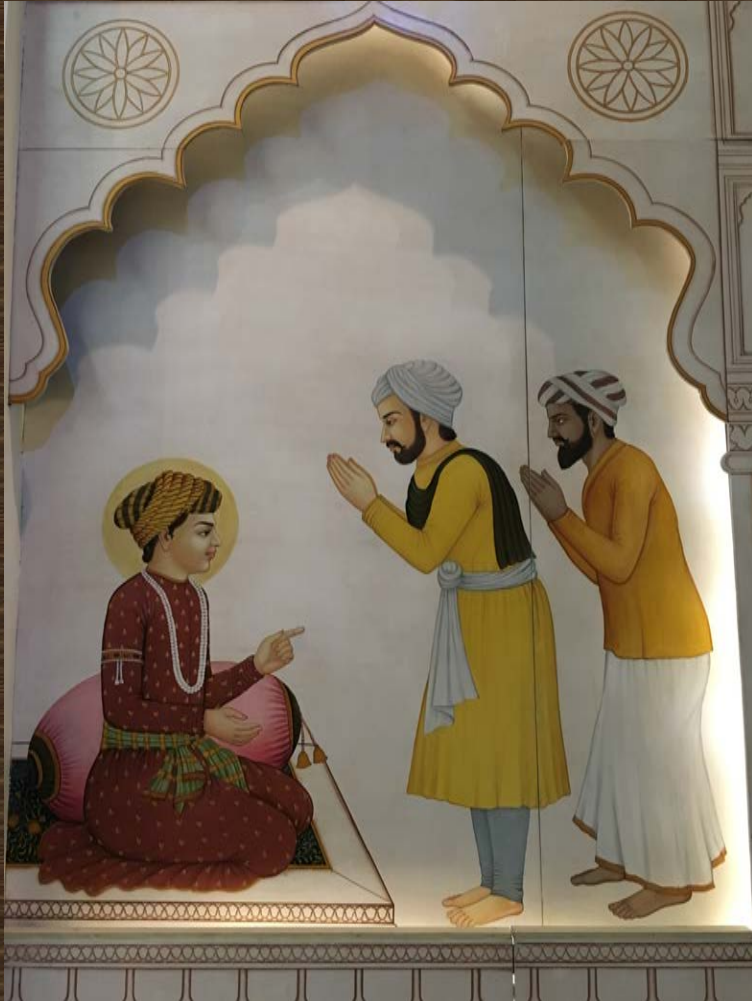
“Why have you performed this ceremony now? It is only performed when You are going to and merge into your formless form. You are the light of hope for all your devotees. You have guided thousands of people to the path of spirituality. They have followed the path and many of them have been enlightened. People come from all parts of the country just to have a glimpse of you. You have taken the human birth just to guide people on the right path to spirituality. You are also the pillar of support for your family. Enemies from all sides surround them. They need your support very much. You know very well that whatever has happened is Chandu's doing. He has instigated the emperor to take action against you.”

FATE

Guru Ji answered, "Actually, I will be merging into my formless form in Lahore and I will go there just as it is destined. Sri Hargobind Ji is fully capable and skilled to take over my duties. He will protect the people's rights. The Mughals will be responsible for my death. Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji blessed them to rule but now the time has come to reduce their strength. This is the only way to achieve that aim. Please don't worry about the consequences when I am gone, as the Guru's house can never be destroyed. Almighty's blessings are with us and no one has the power to annihilate us. The Mughals will be proved wrong and they will eventually lose all their powers."



DECLARATION



Guru Arjan Dev Ji then told Sri Hargobind Ji to sit on the spiritual throne. Baba Buddha Ji placed the 'tilak' on his forehead and was thus ordained as the next Guru of the Sikhs.

Guru Arjan Dev Ji instructed them saying,

“Please declare to the Sanggat that Sri Hargobind Ji is their Guru now. Don't keep it a secret. Tell them to accept him just as they had accepted me. That is my wish and whoever accepts it will be blessed with happiness and peace. After I have left this place, please call all the Masands and the Sanggat and have a grand celebration to mark this occasion. Announce to the Sanggat that Sri Hargobind Ji is the present guru and will be the pillar of support for his people.”

ADVISE

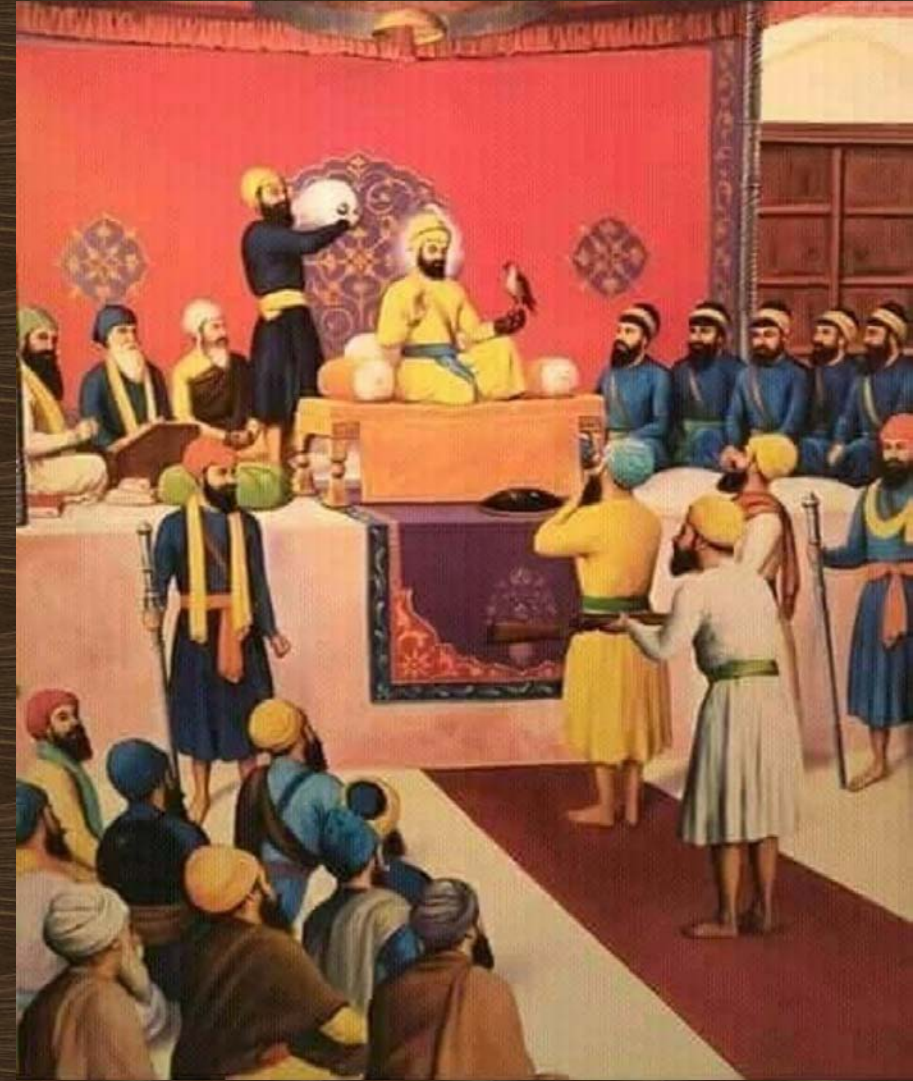
Later Guru Arjan Dev Ji spoke to Sri Hargobind Ji giving Him advice,

“Please remain calm even under intolerable conditions. Show tolerance and restrain in your actions. Use your intellect to win over the enemy. Never use or show off your great spiritual powers. You must follow the examples set by our forefathers. They rendered help to many devotees but never showed their powers off. If things are not working the way you want, don’t lose your calm. Remain calm and look for the solution of any problem.

Form a habit of waking up in the ambrosial hours of the morning (three hours before sunrise). Take your bath and then sit in meditation and sing the praises of Almighty. Always remember that this world is false and the only true thing is your Atma (real-self), which is indestructible. Remain connected to the Sangat.”

Sri Hargobind Ji was moved to tears listening to his father’s advice. He stood in front of Guru Ji with his head lowered and said,

“You are the creator of the world and also the cause. I accept your decision and will follow the advice you have given me.”



MIRI & PIRI

The concept of Miri-Piri laid by Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji can be understood as follows;

‘Pir’ means saintlihood and ‘Miri’ denotes sovereignty. The sequence has been placed as such that saintlihood is mentioned first and then temporal making it clear that the prerequisite to bear arms is knowledge and spirituality.

This concept has also been utilised by Guru Gobind Singh Ji multiple times under the similar context but as a different name where Miri= Tegh and Piri= Degh. The Degh and Tegh are Persian words, meaning kettle and the sword respectively. Degh literally mean cooking-pot where it symbolises the free kitchen (Langar) and saintlihood. Whereas, Tegh means sword where it symbolises dignity, power and sovereignty.



A NEW ERA

Upon sitting on the throne, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji requested the Sikhs to bring weapons and horses as their offerings along with the Youth to dedicated themselves to the Guru and form an army.

At first, 52 young men presented themselves and Guru Ji appointed them as His personal bodyguards.

Being motivated by looking at these 52 brave men, 400 more joined the Guru's Army.

Guru Ji then gave the responsibility of 100 men each to Bhai Bidhi Chand Ji, Bhai Paira Ji, Bhai Jetha Ji and Bhai Pirana Ji respectively as Generals.

Other than the formation of an army, Ballads were sang in the Darbar of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji to motivate the Sikhs through sagas of great warriors.

Minstrels were asked to write such ballads that would ignite a warrior spirit in anyone who hears them.



THE GREATEST GURU — SRI GURU HARGOBIND SAHIB JI

ਗੁਰੂ ਹਰਿ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਆਂ ਸਰਾਪਾ ਕਰਮ ਕਿ ਮਕਬੂਲ ਸੁਦ ਜੁ ਸਕੀ ਓ ਦਜਮ ॥੮੧॥

Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji is the form of blessings. Because of whom, the unfortunate and withered ones have been accepted into the court of Almighty.

ਫਜ਼ਾਲੇ ਕਰਾਮਸ਼ ਫਜ਼ੂ ਅਜ਼ ਹਿਸਾ ਸ਼ਿਕੋਹਿਸ਼ ਹਮਾ ਫਰਾਇ ਕਿਬਰੀਆ ॥੮੨॥

His blessings are more in number than the pebbles and stones in this whole world. His glories and splendour are that of the Almighty Himself.

(Ref: Ganjnama Bhai Nand Lal Ji)



ESTABLISHMENT OF AKAL TAKHT

The construction of Akal Takht began on the day of 5 Harh 1663 Bikarmi (1606 AD) in which Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji Himself laid down the foundation stone.

The throne was built only by the hands of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, Baba Budha Ji and Bhai Gurdas Ji and was completed in 20 days.

Guru Ji then addressed the Sangat saying, **“From today onwards, you are only supposed to bow down to the true throne of Akal (Almighty) and not any other false worldly throne.”**

Bhai Gurdas Ji was given the duty of ensuring the Conduct at Akal Takht as a caretaker.



DAILY ROUTINE

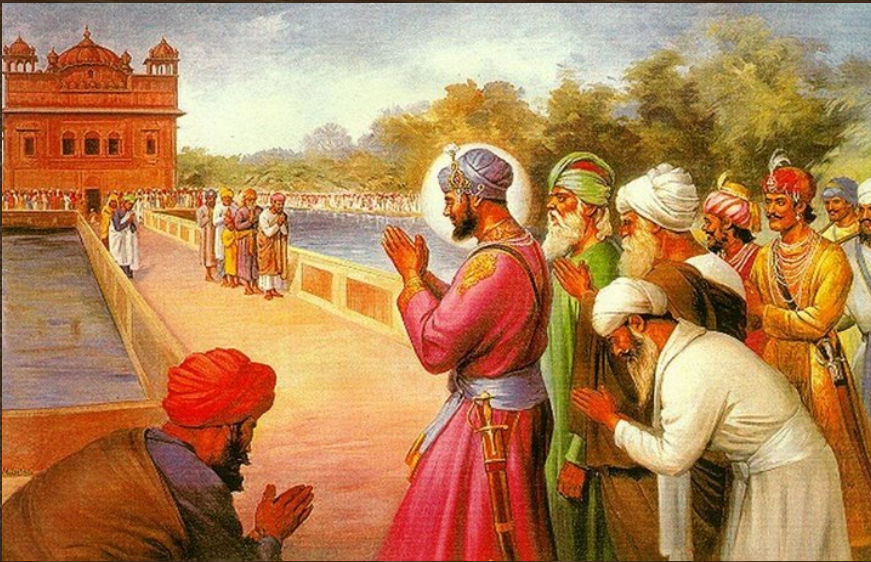
Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji would arise during the ambrosial hours and would get the blessings of Mata Ganga Ji by bowing down to her.

Guru Ji would then bathe and sit down to meditate. An order was given to all Sikhs that no one is to interrupt while Guru Ji is in meditation. Upon meditating, Guru Ji would enter the Darbar and listen to the kirtan of Asa Di Vaar.

After completion of Asa Di Vaar, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji would Himself perform a discourse (Katha) after which Anand Sahib would be read and Karah Parshad distributed.

Kirtan would start right after and Guru Ji would walk out to have His meal after the 3rd Chownki. Guru Ji would rest for approximately 1 hour 36 minutes and then leave for hunting along with 400 horseback warriors.

In the evening, Guru Ji would sit on the throne, listen to everyone's requests or problems and issue edicts to solve any issues. After this, Guru Ji would then go to Sri Darbar Sahib and listen to kirtan during the Sodar Chownki. Guru Ji would sit till the 5th Chownki of Kanrha and then rest upon completion of Sohila Sahib.



SERMON TO SIKHS — TRUE WARRIORS



“It is better to die as a warrior than to die as a slave. Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji has started a revolution by sacrificing Himself for the sake of truth and justice. We will bring this revolution forward to its success and we shall do this not by dying but by destroying the tyrants. These tyrants do not understand the value of peace and therefore, every one of you should light a fire within yourselves that will burn this false kingdom down to its ashes. You are the warriors of this faith and you will have to face these false kingdoms; The truth shall always prevail. Those who fight for income are never steadfast in faith and are afraid of death unlike you; you will always be victorious. Today, I have adorned weapons and so will you in the near future. Only be afraid of Almighty and remain steadfast in the belief of destroying the tyrants. Do not have any respect for the Mughal Sultanate as they earn their living through the blood and sweat of others.”

SERMON TO SIKHS — INDEPENDENCE



“This Kingdom is weak compared to the strength each and every one of you possess. The most they can do is kill you but what difference would that make to one who has already accepted the fact that everyone is going to die one day. The only difference is that one who dies to uphold the truth is forever remembered in this world. It is not me who is starting this revolution but Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji had done this years ago. Jahangir’s ancestors were never the residents of this land who had started committing sins back then. Looking at the atrocities Babur was committing, Guru Ji had said that it is right if a warrior fights another warrior but there is no reason for a warrior to kill or rather attack another who is unarmed and helpless.

From today onwards, you are not under the rule of anyone as you shall be the protectors of the needy. The Guru will always be by your side and therefore, think of yourself as the army of the Guru; Fight against oppression. Have the belief that your life belongs to the house of Guru Nanak.”

TWO SWORDS- MIRI & PIRI

ਦੋ ਤਲਵਾਰੀ ਬੱਧੀਆ, ਇਕ ਮੀਰੀ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਪੀਰੀ ਦੀ ।

Sri Guru Hargobind Ji adorned two swords introducing the concept of saint-soldier

ਇਕ ਅਜਮਤ ਦੀ, ਇਕ ਰਾਜ ਦੀ, ਇਕ ਰਾਖੀ ਕਰੇ ਵਜੀਰ ਦੀ।

One Sword of glory (Piri-Spirituality), one of Sovereignty (Miri) and both to protect the believers

ਹਿਮਤ ਬਾਹਾਂ ਕੋਟ ਗੜ੍ਹ, ਦਰਵਾਜਾ ਬਲਖੁ ਬਖੀਰ ਦੀ।

His arms possess the strength of defeating millions of forts and His intellectual ability shatters the strongest doors of knowledge possessed by the greatest known scholars.

ਨਾਲ ਸਿਪਾਹੀ ਨੀਲ ਨਲ, ਮਾਰ ਦੁਸ਼ਟਾਂ ਕਰੇ ਤਰੀਰ ਜੀ।

He had the most faithful soldiers like Neel and Nal, Guru ji stripped the tyrants off their powers

ਪੱਗ ਤੇਰੀ, ਕੀ ਜਹਾਂਗੀਰ ਦੀ।

What is Jahangir's turban (sign of honour & power) compared to Yours?

(Ref: Mir Abdul and Nath Mal – Minstrels of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji)

