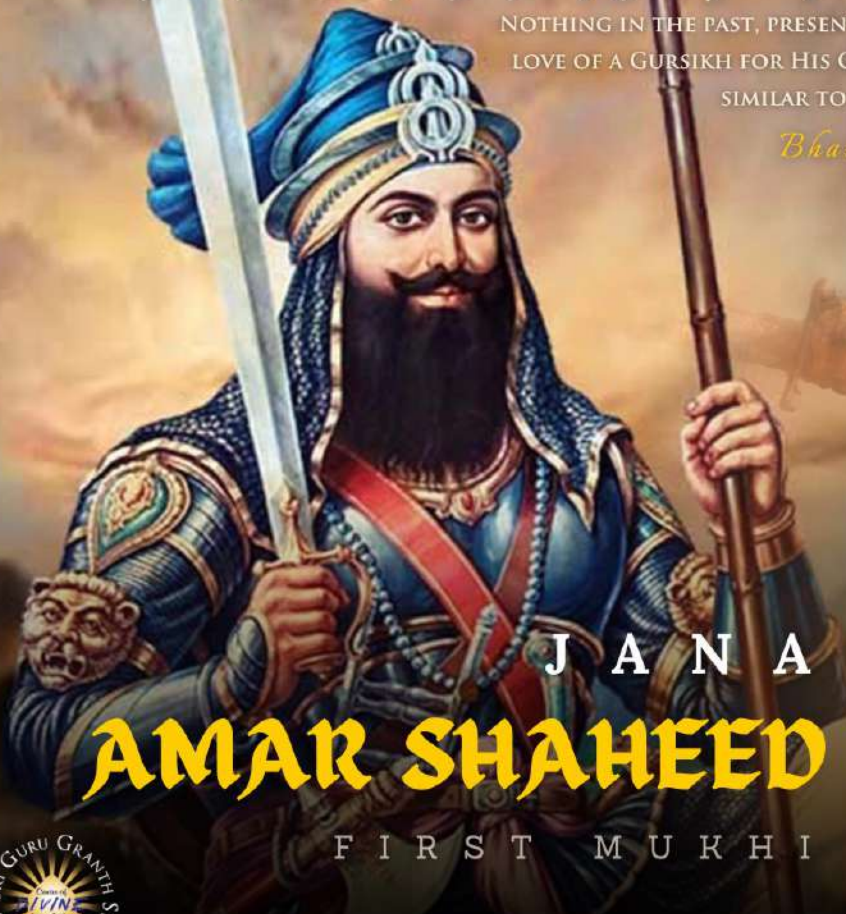


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NOTHING IN THE PAST, PRESENT OR EVEN THE FUTURE CAN BE EQUAL TO THE LOVE OF A GURSIKH FOR HIS GURU. NO ONE CAN PERFORM EVEN ONE STEP SIMILAR TO THE WAY OF GURMUKHS.

Bhai Gurdas Ji



JANAM DIVAS

AMAR SHAHEED BABA DEEP SINGH JI

FIRST MUKHI DAMDAMI TAKSAL

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY



LINEAGE



PROPHECY



Bhai Bhagta Ji and Mata Jeoni Ji were a wealthy couple who had everything except for a child.

Once, while Bhai Bhagta Ji was waiting for his labourer to come, he met a Saint who offered himself, to give assistance and assemble the sugarcane rollers.

Bhai Bhagta Ji with humility declined his offer and instead served him with fresh corn breads made by Mata Jeoni Ji. The Saint was pleased with the service and he performed an 'Ardas' before Guru Ji to fulfil their desire of a child.

The Saint then said,

ਸਾਡੀ ਗੱਲ ਤੂੰ ਸੁਣ ਧਿਆਨ ਲਾ ਕੇ
ਜਨਮੇ ਪੁੱਤ ਤਾਂ ਦੀਪ ਉਸ ਨਾਮ ਰੱਖੀ।

Now listen to me carefully, Almighty will bless you with a son and name him 'Deep'.

(Ref: Jeevan Baba Deep Sing –Gurdeep Singh Kanwal)

The Saint continue, “ He will be a great warrior and will make your lineage to be proud of Him. He will shine as light for the country and community.” Saying this, the saint disappeared.



BIRTH



As time passed, Almighty blessed Bhai Bhagta Ji and his wife with a child - the Saint's words came to pass.

With the Blessings of Almighty, on 14 Magh 1739 Bk. (1682AD) at the village Pahuvind, before dawn, a child was born in Bhai Bhagtu Ji's house and was named 'Deep'.

CHILDHOOD



Since the tender age of five, Deep helped his father with work. His body was muscular and healthy. At the age of 10–12 years old, Deep started playing ‘Kabaddi’ and took-up wrestling. The children of his age respected him as their Leader. He used to look after the fields and water them from the well.

Bhai Bhagtu Ji did not even require workers to help him as Deep was competent enough in handling the job. Bhai Bhagtu Ji wanted Deep to develop love for the Guru, so he started to teach Gurbani to Deep. Deep started to recite/memorise Gurbani, and his Love for Gurbani increased.

DESIRE TO BE A KHALSA

The news of the first Amrit Sanchar reached Pahuvind. Deep got to know about it and was overjoyed to hear this. He was 17 years old, and without any further delay, informed his parents about his desire to partake in taking Amrit.

Listening to this, Bhai Bhagtu Ji and Mata Jeoni Ji were extremely pleased. Bhai Bhagtu Ji also decided to take along his pending Dasvand to Guru Ji on a bullock cart and for the elderly, he offered his other bullock cart for the needy and Deep rode on a horse.

Deep was given the requirements of bringing two Kecharas, one Kirpan, one Kangga, one Karra, to keep unshorn hair and tie a Dastaar.



MEETING SRI GURU GOBIND SINGH JI

On the fifth day of their journey over, they reached Anandpur Sahib. after completing a journey of 220km via Hoshiarpur in April 1700CE.

Upon reaching Anandpur Sahib, without delay, Deep went to get Guru Gobind Singh Ji's glimpse and prostrate in front of Guru Ji.

When Deep went to prostrate in front of Guru Ji, his eyes were fixed on Guru Ji.

Guru Ji smiled and said, "What is your name?"

He humbly replied, "Oh True Guru, Deep."



KHANDE BHATE DA AMRIT

On the morning of Vaisakhi, Bhai Bhagtu Ji, Mata Jeoni Ji and Deep along with other Sikh Sangat were blessed with Amrit from the Panj Pyare (Guru Gobind Singh Ji was within the five).

When all three of them were baptised with Amrit, their names were changed to Bhai Bhagat Singh, Mata Jiwan Kaur and Deep Singh. Now they were wearing a Chola and a Kirpan.

Once the whole sanggat had taken Amrit from Guru Ji, Guru Ji then explained the Sikh Code of Conduct. Guru Ji said, "A Sikh should keep the five Kakaars (Kes, Kachera, Kangga, Kirpan and Karra) at all times. A Sikh should never remove any hair from their body, stay away from Tobacco, Alcohol and never eat meat. A Sikh should not see a woman with a bad eye, the Sikh should never worship graves and idols. Constantly Remember The Guru's Bani in your heart at all times and share what you have with others."



STAYING BACK

Deep Singh wished to go back as he had the urge to stay with Guru Ji, he was eager to learn from Guru Ji, to be educated by Guru Ji and be well versed in weaponry. His desire to stay was declined by his parents as he was their only child and they wished to get him married.

Deep Singh could not refuse his parents' proposition but before leaving he asked his parents to allow him to meet Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Upon seeing Guru Ji, Deep Singh fell at Guru Ji's feet and expressed his desire to stay.

Guru Ji held and raised Deep Singh with both His hands and embraced him in His arms. Guru Ji then said to Bhai Bhagat Singh and Mata Jiwan Kaur, "Dear respected Sikhs, you may return to your village but leave Deep Singh with me as he will be highly regarded as the source of knowledge who will enlighten millions of lives till the end of the world. He will also be a great warrior, like no other."



BLESSINGS BY SRI GURU GOBIND SINGH JI

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji said,

ਅਸਾਂ ਰਖਣਾ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਪਾਸ। ਕਈ ਕੰਮ ਇਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਰਾਸ।

I want to keep him (Deep) with me here in Anandpur as he is going to complete many important tasks. (Ref: Thakur Singh)

ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਪਕੜ ਬਾਹੋਂ ਨਾਲ ਪਿਆਰ ਦੇ ਪਾਸ ਬਿਠਾਇਆ ਏ।

ਦੇ ਕੇ ਥਾਪੜਾ ਕਿਹਾ ਸਾਬਾਸ ਬੇਟਾ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਫੇਰ ਸੁਣਾਇਆ ਏ।

ਸਿਖਾ ਜਾਉ ਨਾ ਕਰੋ ਖਿਆਲ ਕੋਈ ਪੁਤਰ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਅਸਾਂ ਬਨਾਯਾ ਏ।

ਇਹਦਾ ਜਸ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਬੜਾ ਹੋਸੀ ਅਸਾਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਅਮਰ ਕਰਾਇਆ ਏ।

Guru Ji held Baba Deep Singh Ji by his arm and sat made him beside. Guru patted him and said well done son and told Bhagar Singh, 'Sikha, you may return home and never to be worried about Deep Singh as I have made him my son, his praises will shine over the world and I made him eternal.' (Ref: Prasang Baba Deep Singh Shaheed by Buta Singh)



DAILY ROUTINE



Bhai Deep Singh would wake-up during the ambrosial hours, take a bath, perform his daily prayers (Nitnem) and join Guru Ji's Durbar for Asa Di Vaar.

After Asa Di Vaar, Bhai Deep Singh would listen to the sermons given by Guru Gobind Singh Ji with full love and affection. After serving breakfast, he would begin his classes of Gurmukhi, Sanskrit, Braj, Farsi and Arabic.

He would then devote his time to Martial Arts/Shastar Vidiya training for the entire day.

Whenever there was free time, he would find a way to do selfless service.



ESCORTING MATA SUNDAR KAUR AND MATA SAHIB KAUR JI



Before leaving the Anandpur fort in 1704, Guru Gobind Singh Ji assigned Bhai Mani Singh and Bhai Deep Singh to escort Mata Sundar Kaur and Mata Sahib Kaur to Delhi. Baba Deep Singh's age was 22 years old.

A safe passage was found from the fort and throughout the journey to a Gursikh's house in Delhi, whose name was Bhai Jawahar Singh.

Bhai Deep Singh Ji left Delhi a few days after to find the whereabouts of Sri Gobind Singh Ji. He stopped at Pahuvind to meet his parents on the way.

After sometime, Bhai Deep Singh found out Guru Ji was in 'Lakhi' forest and without wasting any time, got ready to head to that destination. Guru Ji sent his messenger Bhai Sher Singh to inform Bhai Deep Singh to meet Guru Ji in Sabo Ki Talwandi.



MEETING SRI GURU GOBIND SINGH JI IN DAMDAMA SAHIB

When Bhai Deep Singh finally got to meet Guru Ji he fell at Guru Ji's feet. He then lowered his eyes and said, "Maharaj, I travelled far away from You and I couldn't serve you. All the other Singhs became martyred in the battlefield and I am here alive."

Guru Ji replied - **"Have faith, my Sikh. Your need is yet to come, as the future is very dark. You are going to give Amrit to Sikhs and make them fearless Lions, this is why I sent you and Bhai Mani Singh to Delhi. I knew that the Mughals and Hill Rajahs would break their oaths and attack us. All the Sikhs were destined to be Martyrs."**

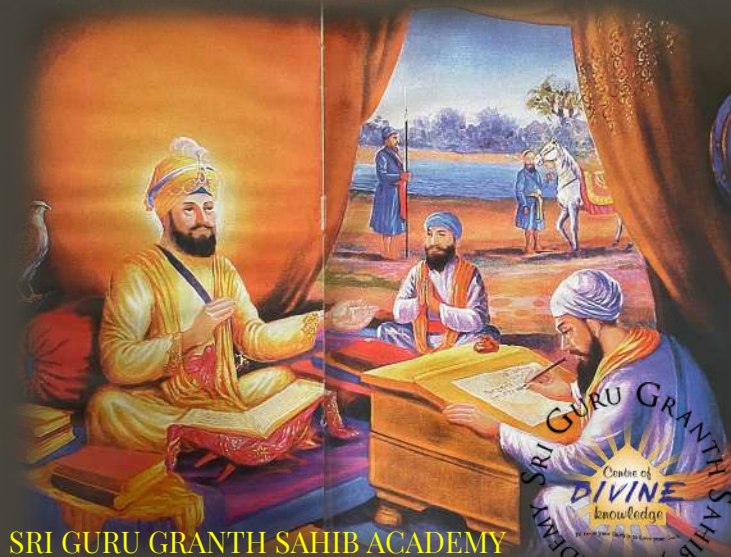


CONTRIBUTION IN DAMDAMASAHIB

After the battle of Muktsar Sahib in 21 Vaisakh, 1762 Bk. (1705 CE), Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj reached Damdama Sahib-Sabo Ki Talwandi here Guru ji compiled Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji.

The great task commenced in 23 Savan, 1763 Bk. (1706 CE), Bhai Deep Singh was given the task to prepare the pen and ink for Bhai Mani Singh ji who was scribing (just like Gurdas Ji during Guru Arjan Dev Ji's time) while Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji uttered the complete Aad Granth entirely by memory.

Guru Sahib also included the Seloks of his Father 'Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji' - this Saroop is known as the 'Damdami Bir' and upon whom the Guruship was bestowed by Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1708 at Nanded.



GURBANI KATHA BY GURU GOBIND SINGH JI

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, would utter Gurbani in the morning and the same is scribed by Bhai Mani Singh Ji.

The written Gurbani in morning will be then read by Bhai Mani Singh Ji and Guru Ji will explain the meanings including the explanation of pronunciation thus Bani scribed, would be confirmed and corrected by Guru Ji in the evening.

The first day Guru Ji completed Jap Ji Sahib, 9 Shabads of Rehraas (in Kartarpuri Bir by Guru Arjan Dev Ji has only 5 Shabads) and Sohila

Forty-eight (48) Sikhs were fortunate to listen to the Gurbani pronunciation and meanings of Gurubani directly from Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Bhai Mani Singh Ji and Bhai Deep Singh Ji would write down the meanings for their own knowledge, they would then clarify what they didn't understand with Guru Ji immediately.

This task took 9 months, 9 days and 9 Gharis (1 Ghari = 24 minutes) and completed on Katak Sudi Purnamasi, 1762 Bk. (1705 CE)



THE AKHAND PATH

In the year 1708, six days before Guru Gobind Singh Ji merged into His Formless Form (Jothi Jyot) an Akhand Path was organized at Hazoor Sahib, Nanded.



ਸਤਿਗੁਰਾਂ ਦੱਖਣ ਦਿਸਾ ਜਾਨੇ ਸੇ ਤੀਨ ਦਿਵਸ ਪਹਿਲੇ
ਭਾਈ ਮਨੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇ ਬਚਨ ਹੋਆ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ
ਲੈ ਆਈਏ ਅਸਾਂ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਕਰਾਨਾ ਹੈ ।

Three (3) days before departing to Deccan, Satguru Gobind Singh Ji instructs Bhai Mani Singh Ji to bring over the Sri Granth Sahib so that an Akhand Path can be performed

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THE AKHAND PATH



The akhand path was done by 25 Sikhs (5 Pathi, 5 Jap Ji Sahib reciters, 5 Chob Berdar, 5 Chaur Sewa and 5 incense Sewa)

The five (5) Pathi (Reciters of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji) Baba Deep Singh, Baba Gurbaksh Singh, Pyare Bhai Dharam Singh, Bhai Santokh Singh & Bhai Har Singh

Guru Gobind Singh Ji listened to entire recitation of Akhand Path in one sitting.



BABA DEEP SINGH AS ONE OF THE 5 PYARA DURING THE GURUSHIP TO ETERNAL FORM



On Katak Sudi 2, 1765 Bikarmi (1708 AD), Guru Ji inaugurated Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji as the eternal Guru of this world in Abchal Nagar, Nanded in the presence of Panj Pyare-

Baba Deep Singh, Baba Gurbaksh Singh, Pyare Bhai Dharam Singh, Bhai Santokh Singh & Bhai Har Singh

whereas Shaheed Bhai Mani Singh was sitting behind Sri Guru Granth Sahib doing Chaour Sewa

BABA DEEP SINGH & BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR

When Guru Gobind Singh Ji assigned Baba Banda Singh Bahadur towards Punjab, Guru Ji wrote Hukamnamas, this included one to Baba Deep Singh Ji also.

Upon reading the Hukamnama, Baba Deep Singh notified all the Singhs of 'Lakhi Jungle' that the time has arrived to fight the tyrants.

Baba Deep Singh joined Baba Banda Singh Bahadur from 1708 to 1715CE, this marked one of the greatest victory in Samana and Sirhind.

During this expedition Baba Deep Singh along with Baba Banda Singh Bhadur stayed for three months in Anandpur Sahib where he use to do Katha of Gurbani during morning and evening Divans.

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur was awestruck when seeing Baba Deep Singh's knowledge, bravery and respected him as 'ਅਣਖੀ ਬਲੀ ਯੋਧਾ'.





BABA DEEP SINGH SCRIBED SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI

In 1716CE, Baba Deep Singh Ji returned Sri Damdama Sahib, where scribed Four Saroops of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

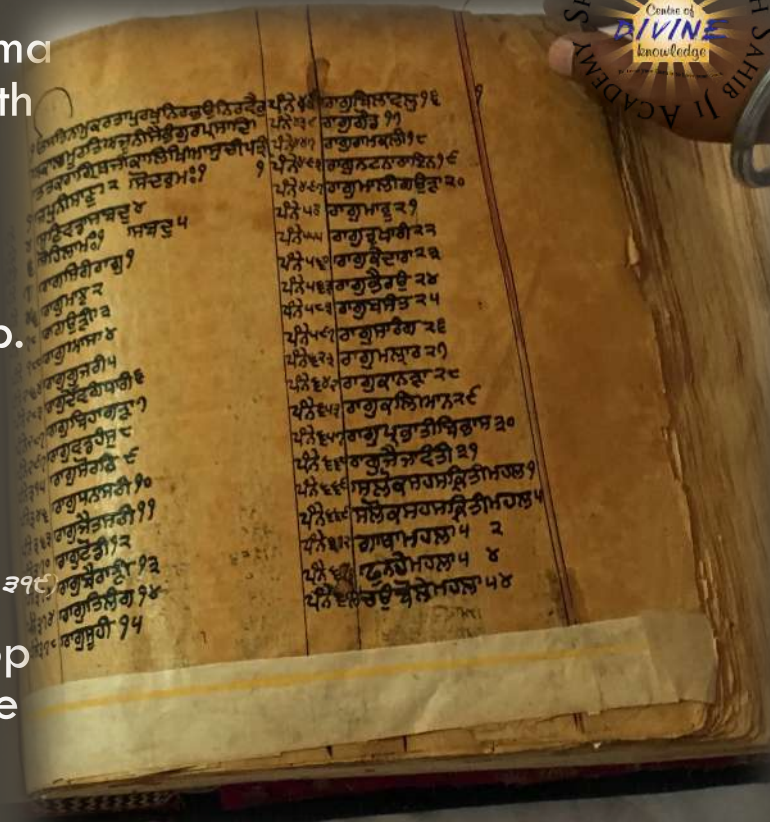
The Saroops were then placed at Sri Akaal Takht Sahib, Takht Sri Harmandir Patna Sahib, Takht Sri Hazur Sahib and Takht Sri Keshgarh, Anandpur Sahib.

**ਔਰ ਚਾਰ ਤਿਸ ਪਰਤੈ ਭਾਏ । ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਲਿਖਾਏ ।
ਇਕ ਅਕਾਲ ਬੁੰਗੇ ਇਕ ਪਟਨੇ । ਤ੍ਰਿਤੀ ਹਜ਼ੂਰ ਦਯੋ ਹਿਤ ਪਠਨੇ ।
ਚੜ੍ਹਥ ਰਖਯੋ ਦਮਦਮੇ ਚਾਹਿ । ਬਡ ਬਾਬੇ ਇਹ ਚਾਰ ਸਦਾਹਿ ।**

(ਪੰਥ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼, ਸਫਾ ੩੧੮)

Later, Baba Ji scribed Sri Guru Granth Sahib's Saroop in the Arabic script and sent the Saroop to the Middle East.

Baba Ji also scribed few copies of Sri Dasam Granth Sahib



RESTORING THE SANCTITY OF SRI HARMANDIR SAHIB

In 1740, when the news came to Baba Deep Singh that Massa Rangar (Zakriya Khan's appointed Governor for Amritsar) has desecrated Sri Harmandir Sahib by smoking, drinking and bringing in women dancers into the complex.

Baba Deep Singh called upon Sikhs to see the end of Massa Rangar and His regime.

The brave warriors, Sukha Singh (Marri Kamboke), and Mehtab Singh (Mira Kotia), with folded hands pleaded, "Baba Ji, give this service to us. Bless us so that we can bring his head to your feet." Baba Deep Singh replied, "Dasam Pita is always with people who do good deeds. Do not feel alone, Dasam Pita - Guru Gobind Singh Ji will be with you." Sukha Singh and Mehtab Singh brought back Massa Rangar's head.



ਭਾਈ ਸੁਖਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਮਹਿਤਾਬ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰੀ ਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ
ਮਾਸਾ ਰੰਗਾਰ ਦਾ ਸਿਰ ਲਾਏ ਕਰਨ। ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬੋ ਤਾਂ ਪਿਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਭੈ।



ESTABLISHED JALLANDHAR UNDER SIKH RULE & CONQUERED SIALKOT

The Sikhs under the command of Baba Deep Singh, defeated Nasar Din who was sent by the Governor of Lahore to attack Jalandhar and helped Adeena Begh retain his Governorship. Later, Adeena Begh together with Amin Khan (Governor of Sialkot) started killing the Sikhs.

Sikhs under Baba Deep Singh Ji's command attacked back in Jalandhar, this led to Adeena Begh and his army fleeing away from Jalandhar. Jassa Singh Ahluwalia was then declared the new Governor of Jalandhar.

The Sikh army (under Baba Deep Singh) surrounded Sialkot and defeated Amin Khan together with his large army, he was killed in the war when encountering with Baba Deep Singh Ji.



AHMAD SHAH ABDALI

Abdali with his army came to Delhi and looted all the treasure and abducted young girls to be sold in streets of Kabul (during the Third Battle of Panipat)

Baba Deep Singh along with his horsemen attacked Abdali near Karnal, released all the captured girls and took back the looted treasure in order to preserve the country's treasure.

Baba Deep Singh was impressed in seeing courage of the Sikhs - who were mightier than the Moghuls.

In Lahore, Abdali was confronted and his army was defeated by Sikh army under the command of Jassa Singh Ahluwalia. Abdali then planned to destroy Sri Harmandir Sahib which was known to him as the source of strength for the Sikhs.



ATTACK ON SRI HARMANDIR SAHIB JI



Abdali appointed Taimur as the Governor of Lahore and asked him to go to Guru Ka Chak (Amritsar).

He ordered Taimur to fill the Amrit Sarovar with sand and kill all the Sikhs.

Jahan Khan was given the responsibility by Taimur to desecrate the Sarovar and had took a large army with him. During the initial attempt, 30 Sikhs (under Baba Gurbaksh Singh) stood to defend the Sarovar against the large army - the Sikhs were Martyred after killing 300 Afghans.

In the year 1757 CE, Jahan Khan the commander-in-chief of the Durrani (Afghan) under Ahmed Shah Abdali attacked Sri Harmandir Sahib and desecrated it.

The Sarovar was filled with debris and the fort of Ram Rauni destroyed.

THE CALL OF DUTY

The news reached Baba Deep Singh Ji in Sri Damdama Sahib, Baba Deep Singh Ji prepared an army of Sikhs to advance into Amritsar.

ਕਬਿਤ ॥ ਗੁੱਸੇ ਵਿਚ ਅਹਿਮਦ ਸ਼ਾਹ ਨੇ ਸੱਦੇ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਸਾਰੇ , ਕਹਿੰਦਾ ਹੁਨੈਂ ਗਾਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੱਲਾ ਕਰਵਾ ਦਿਓ ।

In anger Ahmed Shah called upon his generals and said, "Call all the Muslim warriors to attack,

ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਨਹਾ ਕੇ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਮਰ ਹੁੰਦੇ , ਪੂਰ ਦਿਯੋ ਤਾਲ ਉਹਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਮਿੱਟੀ ਪਾ ਦਿਓ ।

Amritsar, where the Sikhs become immortal by bathing in its pool. Fill their pool up.

ਹਰੀ ਮੰਦਰ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਸਿੰਘ ਟੇਕਦੇ ਨੇ ਮੱਥਾ ਆ ਕੇ , ਦੱਬ ਕੇ ਬਰੂਦ ਥੱਲੇ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਉਡਾ ਦਿਓ ।

Blow their Harmandir where they prostrate by placing gunpowder.

ਅੜੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੋਈ ਫੇਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਅੱਗੇ ਆ ਕੇ , ਮਾਰ ਮਾਰ ਸਾਰੇ ਹੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਚੋਂ ਭਜਾ ਦਿਓ ।

Only then will these Sikhs run from me and kill each one of them and banish them from Punjab forever.

Prasang Lalkar Sahib – Gurcharan Singh Gohalwar

Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Academy



SRI AKHAND PATH



When the news of the discretion (Beadbi) of Sri Harmandir Sahib reached to Baba Deep Singh by Bhai Bhag Singh, Baba Ji prepared to leave for Amritsar from Sabo Ki Talvandi where they were stationed by Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Baba Ji together with the Singhs decided to avenge the Beadbi of Darbar Sahib and punish the criminals.

Before departing an Akhand Path was performed

ਸੁਨਿ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਾਠ ਅਖੰਡ ਕਰਾਯੋ । ਹਮਨ ਕਰਯੋ ਕੰਗਨਾ ਬੰਧਵਾਯੋ ।

Akhand Path was performed by the Singhs and thereafter, preparations for the Shaheedi Jatha was done.

ਕਹਯੋ ਸਭਾ ਮੈ ਸਿਰ ਜੋ ਦੈ ਹੈ । ਸੰਗ ਹਮਾਰੇ ਸੋ ਅਬਿ ਥੈਹੇ ॥੧੩॥

Baba Deep Singh Ji said to the congregation, "Whoever who is willing to sacrifice their head, come along with me."

*Baba Deep Singh Ji's call for
Sikhs*

Baba Deep Singh Ji said,

“We are going to marry death to protect our holy shrine ‘Sri Harmandir Sahib’. Whoever wishes to join the procession, should be ready to accept death and the ones who are not ready, there is no need to follow us. We have to free Harmandir Sahib and other shrines of Amritsar.”

THE LINE OF COURAGE

Upon reaching Tarn Taran, there was an army of around 10,000 Sikhs with Baba Deep Singh Ji.

They first bathed in the Sarowar of Tarn Taran, after this they bowed down and did an Ardaas.

When Baba Ji came out of Tarn Taran, he marked a line on the ground with his Khanda and said,

ਜਿਨ ਜਿਨ ਹੋਣਾ ਹੋਇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕਲਗੀਧਰ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਮੁਰੀਦ ।
ਨਾਲ ਅਸਾਡੇ ਚਲਿਆ ਆਵੇ ਧਰਮ ਹੇਤ ਸਿਰ ਭੇਟ ਚਵਾਵੇ

“The Sikhs who are ready to be martyred in the love discipleship of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji come with me to offe your head”

(Ref: Lala Dhani Ram Chatrik-Prasang Baba Deep Singh)

Baba Ji then said, “those who are ready to sacrifice their life step over this line and those who are not ready, do not step over.” All the Singhs stepped over and none of them returned back.



THE WAR

Baba Naud Singh Ji, Sardar Dyal Singh, Sardar Balwant Singh and other warriors were with Baba Deep Singh Ji now. All of them were wielding weapons on their horses.

Jahan Khan, who captured Amritsar, got to know that a Sikh Army under the command of Baba Deep Singh are on their way to Amritsar. Jahan Khan immediately sent an army of 40,000 to stop the Sikhs.

Upon seeing the Sikh Army, Jahan Khan started sweating. Abdali became terrified of the Sikhs and escaped back to Kabul.



THE WARFARE

Jahan Khan made a 'Chakarview' (a tactical warfare by which a specific form is created to trap the opponent army) and his plan was to surround the Sikhs.

But to their surprise, Baba Deep Singh Ji who had fought many battles knew how to break the circle.

Baba Ji sent a battalion with Baba Naud Singh to attack from the right and another battalion - Sardar Dyal Singh to attack from the left.

Baba Deep Singh and Sardar Balwant Singh were awaiting to attack after the Chakarview had been broken. Baba Naud Singh and Sardar Dyal Singh attacked in such a way that all the Afghans Chakarviews had shattered and they were forced to retreat.



THE WAR (1)

ਦੋਹਰਾ। ਚਲੀ ਤੇਗ ਇਤ ਬੇਗ ਸੇ ਦੋਹੋਂ ਕੇਰ ਬਲ ਧਾਰ।
ਉੱਤਰ ਗਏ ਸਿਰ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਕੇ, ਪਰਸ ਪਰੇ ਇਕ ਸਾਰ॥੫੬॥

Dohra: The sword swung swiftly from both sides (Babaji & Jahan Khan) In a split second both had themselves decapitated

ਚੋਪਈ। ਢਿਗ ਤੇ ਇਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਖ ਕਿਹੋ। ਪ੍ਰਣ ਤੁਮਾਰਾ ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਿਹੋ।
ਗੁਰ ਪੁਰ ਜਾਏ ਸੀਸ ਮੈਂ ਦੇ ਹਉ। ਸੋ ਤੇ ਦੋਏ ਕੋਸ ਇਸ ਠੈਹੋਂ ॥੫੭॥

Choupai: A Sikh nearby call upon Babaji and said, 'Deep Singh uphold your vow'. 'You have vowed to offer your head in Amritsar which still 2 koh (approximately 5km) away from here'

ਸੁਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਨਿਜ ਪ੍ਰਨ ਸੰਬਾਰਾ। ਨਿਜ ਸਿਰ ਬਾਮ ਹਾਥ ਨਿਜ ਧਾਰਾ।
ਦਾਹਨੇ ਹਾਥ ਤੇਗ ਕੋ ਧਾਰਾ। ਵਜਨ ਜਾਹੇ ਥਾ ਸੇਰ ਅਠਾਰਾ।੫੮।

Listening to the Sikh, Baba Ji stood to fulfil His vow , He placed His severed head on His left hand. In the right He hold his sword which was 18 Ser in weight

(Ref: Panth Perakash Chapter 50 by Gyani Gyan Singh Ji)



THE WAR (2)

ਲਰਤ ਕੋਂਦ ਤੁਰਕ ਮਨ ਸੰਗੇ। ਔਰ ਸੁਧਾ ਸਿਰ ਚਲਿਉਨ ਸੰਗੇ।

ਗਰਜਤ ਤਰਜਤ ਤਨ ਅਨ ਨਿਆਈ। ਤੁਰਕ ਚਲੇ ਭਗ ਡਰ ਅਗਵਾਈ।੫੯।

The headless body of Baba Deep Singh continued confrontation with enemies heading towards Sri Harmandir Sahib Amritsar. Baba Ji's body was roaring while making His way through the Turks who were terrified and rushing out of the battlefield.

ਜੱਟ ਸਰਾਇ ਮਹਿਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤਯੋਂ ਹੀ। ਮਾਰਿ ਸੱਤ੍ਰਗਨ ਜੂਝਯੋ ਜਯੋ ਹੀ।

ਲਰਿਓ ਕਬੰਦ ਤਾਜਿ ਕਾ ਭਾਰਾ। ਢਿਗ ਚਾਟੀ ਵਿੰਡ ਗਿਰਉ ਜੁਝਾਰਾ।੬੦।

Mahit Singh Sarai a Jat was decapitated as well and he fought just like Baba Deep Singh with His head on his palm. Baba Deep Singh kept on going through the Tirk forces and fell near village Chatti Vind.

(Ref: Panth Perakash Chapter 50 by Gyani Gyan Singh Ji)

PERSEVERANCE



As the battle grew fierce, the Sikhs pressed the Pathans backwards, this resulted to a number of Pathan generals being killed.

As Baba Deep Singh Ji was cutting through the enemy, a sword strike decapitated Baba Ji.

Baba Ji without wasting a second, carried his head on his left palm and continued annihilating the enemy forces with a Khanda in his right hand.

Seeing this, the enemy started to retreat in disbelief.



BEYOND LIFE



ਹੋਏ ਹੈਰਾਨ ਦੁਰਾਨੀ ਰਹੇ। ਹੋਏ ਭੈ ਭੀਤ ਚਲੇ ਭਗ ਵਹੇ।
ਇਮ ਭਾਤ ਫਰਕਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੁਰੇ। ਪਹੁੰਚ ਜਥੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਚਕ ਮੁਰੇ।
ਤਬ ਇਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਏਸ ਇਯਾਚਾ ਯਨਹਿ ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪ੍ਰਣ ਕਿਉ ਸਾਚਾ ।
ਗੁਰਪੁਰ ਤੀਰ ਰਾਮਸਰ ਆਏ । ਯਹਿ ਸੁਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਤਹਾ ਬਰਾਏ ।
ਨਿਜ ਸਰ ਨਿਜ ਸੂਧਲ ਪਰ ਧਰਕੇ । ਫਤਿਹ ਗਜਾਈ ਉਚ ਉੱਚਰਕੇ ।

The Turks distance themselves from the Sikhs as they were wonderstruck and frightened with the incomparable spirit of the Sikhs. The Singhs continued to march forward towards Amritsar. When they reach close to Amritsar, a Singh told 'Great is Baba Deep Singh Ji who have fulfilled his vow' upon listening to these words Babaji stood and rested His head towards Sri Harmandir SahiB and applaud Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh before resting in Guru Sahib's feet.

MARTYRS IN THE BATTLE OF AMRITSAR 1757

The leaders who were martyred in this battle besides Baba Deep Singh Ji were:-

- Baba Naudh Singh Ji at Chabbe Village
- At Manji Sahib
 - Sardar Akhar Singh
 - Sardar Sant Singh
 - Sardar Sajjan Singh
 - Sardar Hira Singh
 - Sardar Nihal Singh
 - Sardar Bahadar Singh

A total of 88 Singhs attained Shaheedi along with Baba Ji from a total number of 5000. The cremation of these Singhs was done at Guru Ka Bagh, Amritsar.

