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MIRI PIRI DIWAS

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ਦੋਹਰਾ । ਤਿਸ ਗੁਰ ਕੇ ਪਰਗਟ ਭਯਾ ; ਹਰਿਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਗੁਰਿ ਆਇ ।

ਜਗਤ ਉਧਾਰਨ ਕਾਰਨੇ ; ਜਨਮ ਧਰਾ ਜਗ ਆਇ । ੪੫ ।

Dohra - In the house of Guru Arjan Dev Ji, came Sri Guru Hargobind Ji the sole purpose of Sri Guru Hargobind Ji's birth is to liberate the entire world

ਮਾਨਹੁ ਜਗ ਮੇਂ ; ਗੁਰ ਕੀਆ , ਖੜਗ ਸੋਂ ਹੇਤ ਪਿਆਰ ।

All shall believe that Sri Guru Hargobind Ji loved the sword to serve justice

ਤੁਰਕਨ ਸੇਤੀ ਜੁੱਧ ਕੀ ; ਰਾਖੀ ਮਨਸਾ 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 ਭੋਗ ਦੋਨੋਂ ਕੀਏ ; ਉੱਤਮ ਪਦਵੀ ਲੀਨ । 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)



THE GREAT GURU

ਸੱਚਾ ਤਖਤ ਸੁਹਾਯੋ ; 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 ; ਕਹੋ 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 ਅੰ 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)



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.



17 Harh 1663 (1606 CE) was the day, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji adorned 2 swords and incorporated the Miri into the Piri merging the the two powers.

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

‘Pir’ means sainthood 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 sainthood. Whereas, Tegh means sword where it symbolises dignity, power and sovereignty.

MIRI – PIRI DIWAS



A NEW ERA OF PERFECTION

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.



DAILY ROUTINE

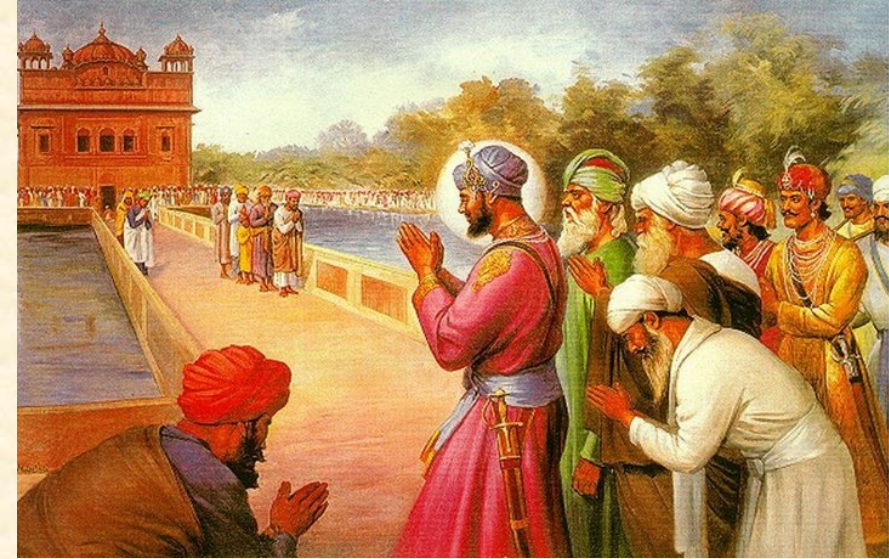
Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji would arise during the ambrosial hours and would get the blessings of Mata Ganga Ji by bowing down to her.

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.”

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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

ਖੱਗ 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)

**TWO SWORDS-
MIRI & PIRI**



SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY