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PERKASH DIHARRA

# SRI GURU AMAR DAS JI

ਵੈਸਾਖ ਸੁਦੀ

VAISAKH SUDI

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੧੫੨੬ ਬਿਕਰਮੀ

1526 BIKARMI  
(1469CE)

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY



ਕਥਿੱਤ –

ਜਗਤ ਕੇ ਕੀਆ ਪਾਰ ਗ੍ਰੀਬਾਂ ਨੇ ਲੀਆ ਉਬਾਰ, ਕਾਮ ਕ੍ਰੋਧ ਦਿਤੇ ਮਾਰ ਅਮਰ ਦਿਆਰ ਜੀ।

Merciful Guru Amar Das Ji liberated the entire world, saved the poor and vanished lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego

ਰਾਜੇ ਆਏ ਬਨੇ ਦਾਸ ਪ੍ਰੇਮੀ ਸਦ ਸਿਖ ਪਾਸ, ਭਗਤੀ ਪਰੇਮ ਵਾਸ ਅਜਰ ਅਪਾਰ ਜੀ।

Kings came to His sanctuary and became His servants, beloved Sikhs were always with Him. Guru Amar Das Ji remained obliged to passionate devotion as He endures the unendurable and is beyond all boundaries.

ਦੈਤ ਤੇ ਭਰਮ ਚੱਕ ਪੰਗਤਿ ਬਿਠਾਈ ਇਕ, ਆਪ ਰੂਪ ਸਾਰੇ ਤੱਕ ਕੀਆ ਤੈਂ ਪਿਆਰ ਜੀ।

He perished doubt and illusion and He made all to sit equally on the floor. He, the form of Almighty was seen by all and He loved all equally.

ਧੰਨ ਗੁਰੂ ਅਮਰ ਜੀ ਰੂਪ ਹਰਿ ਅਜਰ ਜੀ, ਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਬੋਧ ਸਗਰ ਜੀ ਨਮੋ ਸੁਖ ਵਾਰ ਜੀ ॥੪॥

The glories Guru Amar Das Ji is none else than Almighty Himself, He is the ultimate wisdom of the Creator and all happiness are sacrificed upon Him.

(Gurmukh Perakash by Sant Gyani Gurbachan Singh Ji Bhindrawale)

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# SUMMARY



**FATHER**

**Baba Tej Bhan Ji**

**MOTHER**

**Mata Lachmi Ji (Roop Kaur Ji)**

**GRANDFATHER**

**Baba Har Ji**

**GREAT GRANDFATHER**

**Baba Bishen Das Ji**

**GREAT GREAT  
GRANDFATHER**

**Baba Ram Narayan Ji**

**FATHER-IN-LAW**

**Baba Gopal Das Ji (Dewi Chand Ji)**

**MOTHER-IN-LAW**

**Mata Jaswanti**

**LINEAGE**

**Bhalle of Khatri caste**

**DATE OF BIRTH**

**Friday, Vaisakh Sudhi 14, 1526(B) – 5<sup>th</sup>  
May 1469 A.D**

**PLACE OF BIRTH**

**Basarke, District Amritsar**



# BASARKE

- There was a village called Basarke which was about thirteen (13) kilometres south-west from Cherta in Amritsar district. A good-natured man named Bhai Ram Narayan migrated with his family to this village.
- He belonged to the Khatri social order and was well known for his good reputation and religious background. His origin was from the Bhalle lineage which originated from Ram Chander Ji's (The Prophet of Treta Yug) young brother by the name of Bharat. (Ref: Mahima Perakash, Gur Pernali & Kavi Gulab Singh Ji.)
- During Guru Amar Das Ji's time, this village was very large which included Kotli Mie and Kotli Naseeb. Within this village, there is a large lake, Bibi Amro Ji's memorial and Guru Amar Das Ji's Well that was built to fulfil the villager's water needs. – (Ref: Parbat Meran by Principal Satbir Singh)



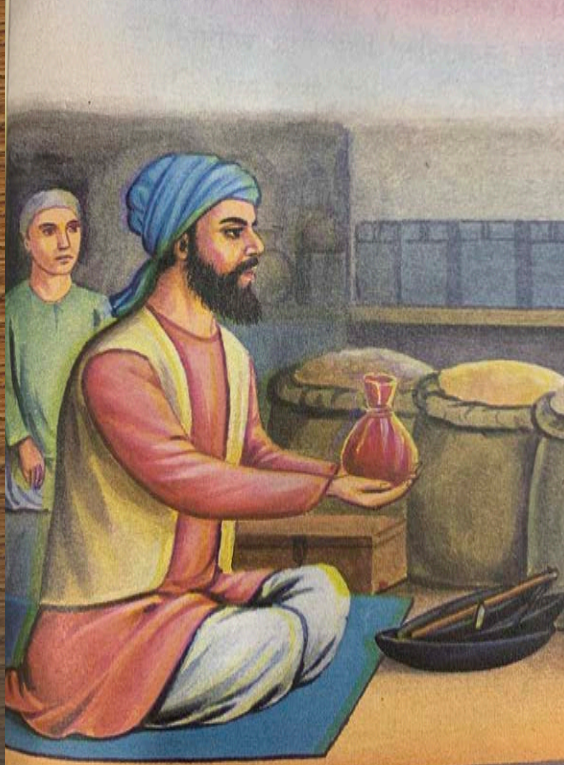
# GRAND PARENTS

- Bhai Bishen Das was a sweet-spoken and a virtuous person. He performed devotion and after striving for a few years, he became a successful business man.
- Bhai Bishen Das was blessed with a son who was named Har Ji.
- Har Ji was raised in a holistic environment and after getting married to Bibi Milwali (who was a very wise lady), he migrated to Gillwali on the periphery of Amritsar near to Lahore.
- Har Ji started trading raw grain and his business was very successful and he became wealthy. Bhai Har Ji was blessed with a son, who was named Tej Bhan Ji (Tej Mal).



*Ref: Bansavalinama: Charan 3, Gurbertap Suraj Granth Ras 1, Ansu 7 –  
Churamani Kavi Santokh Singh Ji, Panth Perakash – Gyani Gyan Singh Ji*

# PARENTS



- Bhai Tej Bhan Ji was married at a young age to Mata Lachmi Ji also known by the name of Mata Roop Kaur, Lakho Ji, Lakhmi Ji and Sulakhani Ji .
- After a few years, Bhai Har Ji returned to his village Basarke with his wife after leaving behind his son (Tej Bhan) to take over his business in Gillwali. Bhai Har Ji started the same business in Basarke where he was again successful. After living a righteous life, Bhai Bishen Das passed away in Basarke and Bhai Har Ji, his son took his remains to Hardwar to rest them in the Ganga River. However, while Bhai Har Ji was in Hardwar, he also passed away.
- The responsibility of the business thus came upon Baba Tej Bhan. By nature he was a very contented and pious person. He found it difficult to manage the large business. Baba Tej Bhan Ji returned to his village in Basarke leaving behind the business in Gillwali and the entire family business was scaled-down to a small retail shop in Basarke but he never gave up

# PERKASH

Sri Guru Amar Das Ji was born in Basarke village, Amritsar district, Punjab on Friday, Vaisakh Sudhi 14<sup>th</sup>, Samvat Bikarmi 1526, (5<sup>th</sup> May 1469 A.D.)

(Reference: Gurbertap Suraj Granth-edited by Bhai Vir Singh, Philosophy of Sikh Dharam by Dr. Sher Singh, Gurbani Path Darshan- Sant Gyani Gurbachan Singh Khalsa Bhindranwale.)

Note: Some 20<sup>th</sup> century historians are of the opinion that Baba Amar Das Ji was born in the year 1536 Bikermi (1479 A.D.). - Reference - The Sikh Religion Vol II – Macauliffe, Gurburan Nirnei - Historian Karam Singh, A Short History of the Sikhs-Teja Singh & Ganda Singh and The Sikhs-Khushwant Singh)

However, there is no dispute over the month and day.



# SIBLINGS

Guru Amar Das Ji was the eldest and he had three younger brothers

- **Bhai Isher Das** was a very knowledgeable person and he was blessed with a son who became the greatest scholar in Sikh Religion, known as Bhai Gurdas Ji who composed Vaaran and Kabit. He was selected as the first writer of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji by Guru Arjan Dev Ji. His remarkable work (Vaaran & Kabit) was honoured by Guru Arjan Dev Ji as the Key to understand Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. He served four (4) Gurus (Guru Amar Das Ji, Guru Ram Das Ji, Guru Arjan Dev Ji and Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji) and was blessed with the darshan (darshan) of eight (8) Gurus (Guru Angad Dev Ji to Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji).
- **Bhai Khem Rai Ji** was a humble person and his son was Saawan Mal Ji who was given the task by Guru Amar Das Ji to go to Haripur and bring back timber for the construction of houses in Goindwal.
- **Bhai Manak Chand** was a much respected person as he was very hard working and he continued with the inherited family business. His son Bhai Jasoo Ji was married to Guru Angad Dev Ji's daughter Bibi Amro Ji and she introduced Guru Nanak's house to Baba Amar Das Ji. She was the turning point in Baba Amar Das Ji's life. According to Trumpp and Abdul Latif – Bhai Manak Chand was very poor as he had only one horse on which he loads his trading materials and moves from one village to another therefore it was a great noble act of Guru Angad Dev Ji by getting his daughter to be married to his son.





## APPEARANCE

ਗੁਰੂ ਆਮਰਦਾਸ ਪੂਰੇ ਪੁਰਸੋਤਮ ਸਤ ਸੰਗਤ ਗੁਰੂ ਪਾਰ ਉਤਾਰੇ

Guru Amar Das Ji is the most supreme among the perfect ones, through His true company countless has liberated.

*(Sarab Loh Granth)*



- Bhatt Kal Sehar wrote in Gurbani that Baba Amar Das Ji (Guru Amar Das Ji) had a handsome physical appearance with a divine mark (Padham) on His right hand, His face had extraordinary glow with all the sustaining power (Sidhi) of the world and all eighteen miraculous powers (Ridhi).
- Kavi Santokh Singh wrote in Gur Pertap Suraj Granth that Baba Amar Das Ji was short in height, had beautiful eyes which sharp ends, His lips were red like radish pods, His neck was like a shell (sankh), He had beautiful hair and His beautiful long arms reached His knees. These were the signs of a highly spiritual person. He had a tough and a strong body which served Guru Angad Dev Ji for twelve years at the elderly age of 72.

# CHILDHOOD

- Baba Amar Das Ji was educated by his father at home. At a young age, he started assisting his father in business. He sat in the shop the whole day helping in whatever way he could. Once in a while he went out with his friends to play and whilst playing, he would emphasize on the importance of practicing a truthful and honest life. Whenever he saw a needy person, he would bring him along to his house to offer food and clothing.
- Baba Amar Das Ji had no fascination for worldly materials. He remained focused and would spend entire nights in the Almighty's meditation. Whenever any saint or a group of saints came to the village he would insist they stayed as long as possible. He would arrange for the lodging and serve them with devotion



*(Ref: Panth Perakash – Gyani Gyan Singh Ji, Mahima Perakash)*

Although the historians are silent about Baba Amar Das Ji's formal education that was based on the vast body of hymns (Gurbani) compiled in Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, there was no doubt that Guru Amar Das Ji was well-versed in scriptures, religious philosophies and the spiritual wisdom.

The ease and lucidity with which He referred to other religions, their philosophical postulates and rituals can be seen in His compositions where His credentials as a man of profound learning are established. Early in His life, He must have acquired working knowledge of languages and calculations that helped Him as a trader who purchased and sold commodities in the village.

## EDUCATION



# FAMILY

## WEDDING

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Magh 1557 Bikermi (19<sup>th</sup> January 1500 A.D.)

## MEHAL (WIFE)

Mata Ramo Ji (also knowns as Mata Mansa Devi)

Born : Friday, Chet, 1542 (March 1485 A.D.)

Jothi Joth : Monday, Poh 17, 1628  
(31<sup>st</sup> December 1571 A.D.)

Total Age : 86 years 9 months

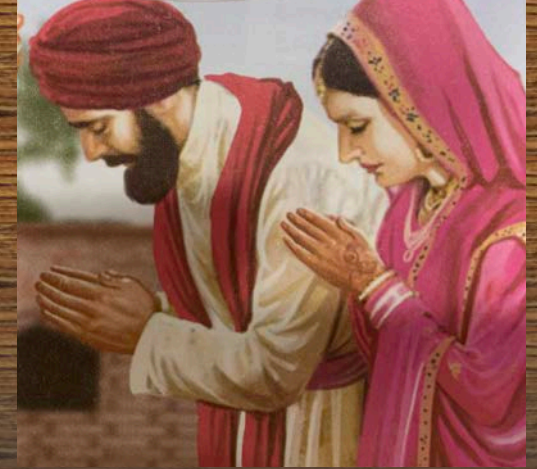
## CHILDREN

Bibi Dhani Ji & Bibi Bhani Ji, Baba Mohan Ji, Mohri Ji



# MARRIAGE

- While focussing on Almighty's meditation Baba Amar Das Ji avoided any discussion initiated by His parents about marriage. Therefore, all His three (3) younger brothers got married before Him.
- After a few years of explaining about the importance of household life in performing religious acts and achieving goals of a human life, Baba Amar Das Ji agreed to get married. His marriage took place in the village of Sanakkhatra which is located twenty miles south from Sialkot and 10 miles east from Pasrur Nagar. He was married to Bhai Gopal Das (also known as Devi Chand) and Mata Jaswanti's daughter Mata Ramo Ji (also named as Mansa Devi) on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Magh 1557 Bikermi (19<sup>th</sup> January 1500A.D.).
- Mata Ramo Ji was a very strong hearted person and an epitome of selfless service. She always complemented Guru Amar Das Ji's intelligence and endurance. She was never upset and never said anything that would hurt another person.
- *(Ref: Panth Perakash – Gyani Gyan Singh Ji, Sri Gurdwara Darshan – Gyani Thakur Singh Ji (Printed December 1923)*



# CHILDREN

Baba Amar Das Ji was blessed with two (2) daughters and two (2) sons.

- The eldest was **Bibi Dhani Ji**.
- Mata Ramo then gave birth to another daughter **Bibi Bhani Ji** on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Magh 1591 Bikermi (13<sup>th</sup> December 1534 A.D.).
- After two years, Mata Ramo Ji gave birth to a son **Baba Mohan Ji** on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> Vesakh 1593 (18<sup>th</sup> April 1536 A.D.) and
- Three years later, Baba Amar Das Ji was blessed with another son **Baba Mohri Ji** on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> Savan 1596 (21<sup>st</sup> July 1539 A.D.) .

*Ref: Sri Gurdwara Darshan – Gyani Thakur Singh Ji (Printed Decemeber 1923), Bansavalinama – Bhai Kesar Singh Chibbar & Parbat Meran – Principal Satbir Singh*

