ਕਬਿੱਤ।

ਗੁਰੂ ਅੰਗਦ ਅਪਾਰ ਸਦ ਆਪ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਤੁਮ, ਏਕ ਨਿਰਬਿਕਾਰ ਮਹਾ ਰੂਪ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸੀ ਹੈਂ। ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਲਿਵਲੀਨ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਗਿਆਨ ਸੁਖ ਸਿੰਧ ਸਭੂ, ਮਹਾ ਬਖਸ਼ਿੰਦ ਗੁਰ ਆਪ ਅਬਿਨਾਸੀ ਹੈਂ।

Kabit – Guru Angad is beyond the worlds as He is the Almighty Himself, who is the Form of One free from all vices, greatest form and life within all.

He remain immersed in love, the wisdom of ultimate and the ocean of all happiness, the greatest forgiver and unperishable.

ਅਜਰ ਜਰਨ ਵਾਰੇ ਰੂਪ ਰੰਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਰੇ, ਸਤਿ ਚੇਤਨ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਜਗ ਚਿਤ ਕੇ ਬਿਲਾਸੀ ਹੈਂ। ਗਿਨੇ ਨਬ ਬੀਚ ਤਾਰੇ ਤਾਰੇ ਗੁਰਸਿਖ ਭਾਰੇ, ਗਿਨੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਇ ਸਾਰੇ ਨਮੋਂ ਸੁਖ ਰਾਸੀ ਹੈਂ॥੩॥

He endures the unendurable, His form and love is beyond endurance, He is the ultimate truth, the animated power of the world and the bliss within the hearts of the entire creation.

Although one can attempt to count the stars in the sky but the ones who are liberated by Guru Angad Dev Ji cannot be counted therefore let's all of us prostrate before Guru Angad Dev ji as He is the treasure of all happiness.

(Gurmukh Perkash by Sant Gyani Gurbachan Singh Ji Khalsa Bhindrawale)



SAVIOUR OF ENDURANCE

Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji, since childhood was of staunch faith, devotion and earnest. He was the embodiment of virtues and one born with

Divine wisdom and generosity. He was a humble and obedient servant as a loyal Sikh and embodiment of virtues. Guru Angad Dev Ji followed the principle of benevolence to serve and love human beings; and to uphold the broad concepts of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He is unparalleled in exercising the virtues of obedience and humanitarianism. He taught people the importance of benevolence, generosity and compassion. Just a single glimpse of Him would end a person's vices and sufferings.

(Ref: Life of Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji by SGGS Academy)



DESCENDANTS

Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji's birth name was Lehna and His bloodline goes back to Raja Manu in Sat Yug and Raja Dasrath in Threta Yug.

He belongs to Khatri caste

His lineage is known as Trehan which originated from Lachman's son named Takh.

Raja Dasrath has four sons Ram Chander Ji (the avatar of Treta Yug), Bharat, Lachman, Shatrugan who were the rulers and warriors.

As time passed through, Guru Angad Dev Ji's greatgrandfather Baba Suraj Mal Ji became a businessman and permanently resided in Mangowal District of Gujerat.





SETTLEMENT

Bhai Lehna's (Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji) grandfather, Baba Kirat Mal Ji was married in a small settlement called 'Mette Nageh' also known as Matte Dhi Serai which is located about nine miles from Mukatsar in the district Faridkot

Baba Kirat Mal Ji often visited Matte Dhi Serai during his business trip. Later he settled down in Matte Dhi Serai permanently.

This village was destroyed in 1398 during the Temur occupation and thereafter during

Babur's reign.





BABA PHERU MAL JI

Baba Kirat Mal Ji was blessed with four sons;

- 1. Baba Rajani Ji,
- 2. Gurya Mal Ji,
- 3. Baba Pheru Mal Ji (Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji's Father)
- 4. Arthi Mal Ji.

Baba Pheru Mal Ji lived in Matte Dhi Serai where he obtained his education. Baba Ji was very intelligent and mastered the art of accounting.

He was a very generous, God loving soul, truthful and always served saints and the needy.





SETTLEMENT

A marriage was arranged between Baba Pheru Mal Ji and Mata Sabrai Ji (also known as Mata Daya Kaur Ji).

Due to some losses in business Baba Pheru Mal Ji started working with Tahkt Mal who was the owner of 60 to 70 villages.

Tahkt Mal was blessed with seven sons and one daughter, Mata Phirayi Ji (also known as Sabrai Ji and Nihali Ji). Baba Pheru Mal Ji's accepted her as his sister. Mata Phirayi Ji was then married to Choudhry Mahema of Khehrian De Khadur. (Ref:Mahima Perkash)





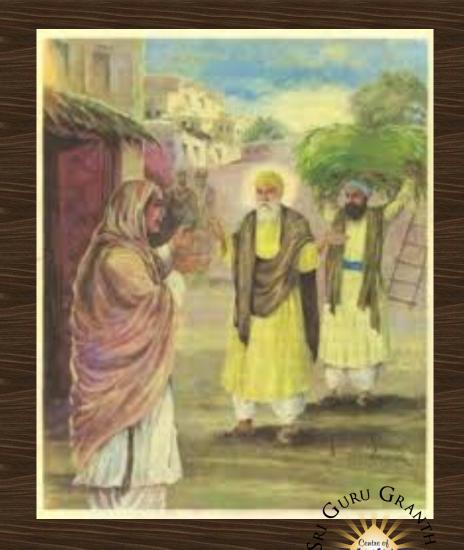
PROPHESY

Guru Nanak Dev Ji visited Khadur and stayed in Mata Phirayi Ji's house during his first Udasi (journeys). Baba Pheru Mal Ji who was on a business visit to Khadur Sahib served Guru Nanak Dev Ji selflessly. While blessing Baba Pheru Mal Ji, Guru Nanak Dev Ji said,

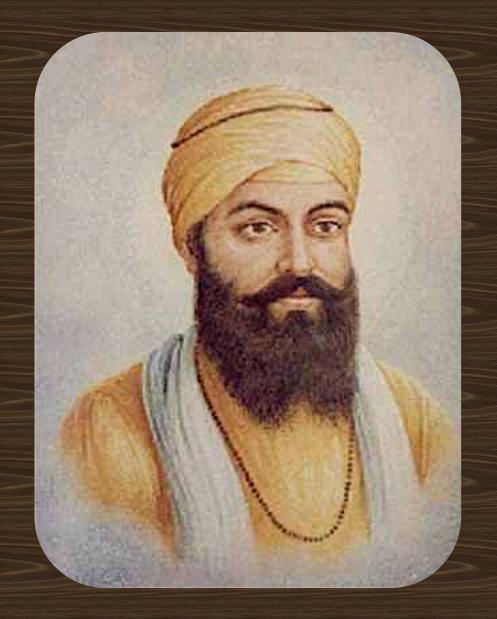
"a blessed soul shall be borne in your home and will then be the next Guru".

While Guru Nanak Dev Ji was getting ready to leave Mata Phirayi Ji's house, Mataji requested Guru Ji to stay on for a while and Guru Ji replied,

"Why a while? I shall stay here for a very long time in my second form. Reserve this bed, I will sit on this bed in the form of the second Guru".



PERKASH



Baba Pheru Mal Ji stayed in Matte Dhi Serai. In due time a baby boy, a heavenly gift of goodness, was born to his wife. With loving fondness, he named the baby 'Lehna' which means the receiver of divine grace.

Guru Angad Dev Ji (Bhai Lehna Ji) was born in Matte Dhi Serai (Nageh Dhi Serai), in the Ferozepur district in Punjab, on Saturday, Vaisakh Sudhi 1, 1561 (Samvat Bikarmi), 23rd April 1504 A.D.



Birth of Guru Angad Dev J Five centuries ago, there lived a m named Pheru Mal in the village M merchant known for his honesty. H Pheru Mal was married to Bibi Da Kaur (In-laws name). She was know

TRULY A BLESSING

The birth of the child was a divine blessing and a joyous occasion for the parents to celebrate. There were festivities and merry-making on the birth of Bhai Lehna.

Villagers of Matte Di Serai gathered to congratulate the family. As was the custom of the time, sweets and alms were distributed freely by the parental family.

Baby Bhai Lehna was pre-ordained with Godly worship and was adored by all because of his saintly qualities.

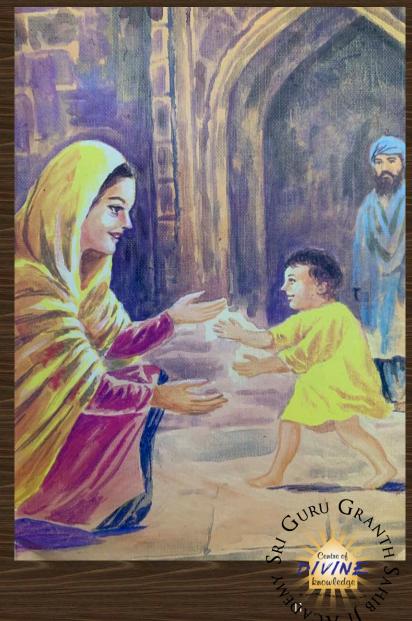


THE BODY OF GRACE

His two elegant arms seemed to represent compassion and forgiveness. One of His prominent virtues was His ever calm and mild nature that brimmed with insurmountable patience and tolerance equal to none.

His two stately legs, like pillars, seemed to support friendship and contentment. He had an adorable face and a loving heart, with little ears that were conditioned to hear only the good and not the evil. He was adorable.

Baby Bhai Lehna had beautiful eyes, which were capable of observing and meditating. His shapely head was blessed with intelligence and wisdom. The holy congregation (sadh-sangat) graced and adorned the auspicious occasion with their endearing presence and blessings.



Bhai Lehna was the only son of his parents and was brought up with immense love and affection. His mother doted on Him. She wanted Him to be a religious person. For that reason, she would narrate short stories to her son from divine scriptures which inspired Bhai Lehna to develop the thirst for internal peace and quest to attain Almighty.

Every night, His mother would tell Him stories of religious role models and carefully answer inquisitive questions from her child. This kind of up bringing made Bhai Lehna an eager and curious child to learn more about spirituality.

Bhai Lehna was a lively, loving and polite child. He was very talented in his childhood. He used to gather children of His age group and play with them. He was keenly interested in wrestling with his mates. In His childhood, Bhai Lehna would enjoy serving the needy and hungry people with food and attend religious discourses.

Under close supervision of His mother, Bhai Lehna grew up to be a man of extremely religious inclination. He devoted himself to learn more and more about His faith and started practicing a virtuous life.

CHILDHOOD





EDUCATION

Baba Pheru Mal Ji was an educated and well-respected person in the community. He was well versed in Persian and trained in the accounting profession. He wanted to provide the best education for his son so that He might reach great heights in His life. He provided opportunities for good education to his son, Bhai Lehna Ji. This influence is reflected in His Bani as Guru.

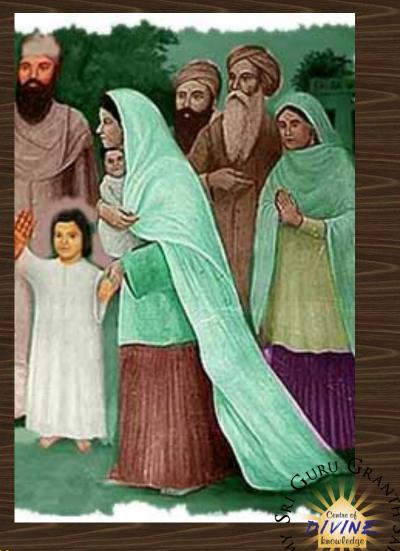
The Bani of Guru Angad Dev Ji illustrates that He had in-depth knowledge of ancient scriptures and other subjects like religion, arithmetic, Sanskrit, and Gurmukhi scripts.



PIOUS NATURE

Bhai Lehna Ji was a pious and devout person from childhood. Bhai Lehna Ji developed great love, reverence and faith in the Almighty. He was attracted and fascinated from childhood to embrace truthful living.

He started sharing his food, clothing and toys with fellow friends. As years passed His belief in the Almighty became more and more intense.



LIVELIHOOD

With the passage of time, Bhai Lehna started going to His father's shop and helped him in the family business. His father trained Him as a shop keeper. When Baba Pheru Mal was satisfied, he set-up a small business for his son who by then had cultivated an interest in the profession. The family business flourished day by day.

After finishing His basic education, Bhai Lehna Ji started taking more interest in the family business. At that time, Bhai Lehna Ji's parents were not aware that their son would one day be revered as the second Guru of the Sikhs. They didn't know that people would serve Him and nations would honour Him.





MARRIAGE

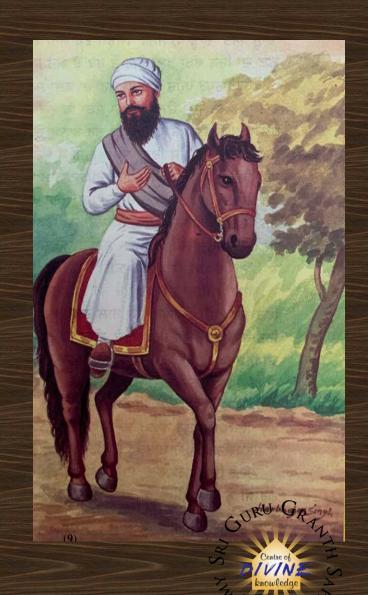
The wedding proposal was made by Mata Phirayi wife of Choudhry Mahema of Khadur to the daughter of a wealthy Khatri family, Baba Devi Daas and Mata Bhirai Ji (also known as Karam Devi).

The marriage entourage (Janj, Baraat) used camels, horses and bullock carts as a means of transportation. It took three days to reach Khadur where the marriage congregation rested in the house of Mata Phirayi and then proceeded to Bhai Devi Das's residence.

The entourage (Janj) was accompanied by Baba Bhai Lehna Ji's father, grand father, his three uncles (Baba Rajani Ji, Gurya Mal Ji, and Baba Arthi Mal Ji), relatives and family friends. At the time of marriage, Bhai Lehna Ji was fifteen (15) years of age and Mata Khivi was thirteen (13).

The wedding took place on the 15th March 1578 (November, 1521 A.D.) in Sanghar which is four (4) kilometres from Khadur. The village is now called Theh and a new village stands in its place.

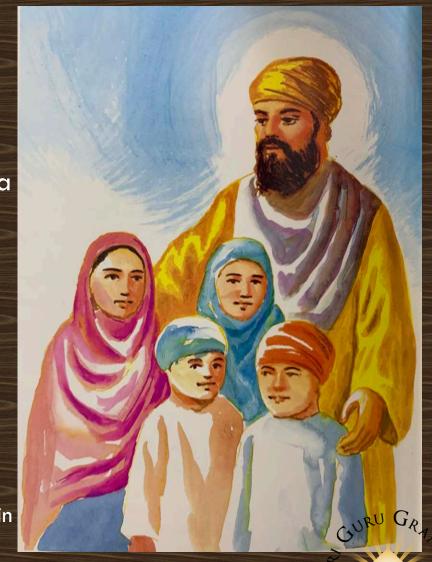
Note: Mahan Kosh – Bhai Kahan Singh Nabha wrote 1576 Bikarmi (1519 A.D.); Gurbani Path Darshan by Sant Gurbachan Singh Bhindranwale -Saturday 16th Magh 1576 Bikarmi (1519 AD)



CHILDREN

- 1. Three years after marriage, Mata Khivi gave birth to a son Bhai Dasu on Wednesday, Harr 12, 1581 Bikarmi (1524 A.D.).
- 2. Eight years after the first son, Mata Khivi gave birth to a daughter on Saturday, Bhadro 3, 1589 Bikarmi (1532 A.D.) who was named Bibi Amro.
- 3. Three years later, Baba Bhai Lehna Ji was blessed with another daughter Bibi Anokhi on Monday, Megar 5, 1592 Bikarmi (1535 A.D.), and
- 4. Two years later Bhai Datu was born on Saturday, Poh 16, 1594 (1537 A.D.).

(Note: Bansawalinama by Kesar Singh Chibbar - Bhai Dasu in 1581 Bikarmi (1524 A.D.), Bibi Amro in 1583 Bikarmi (1526 A.D.), Bibi Anokhi in 1592 Bikarmi (1535 A.D.) Bhai Datu was born in 1594 (1537 A.D.).



MIGRATION TO KHADUR SAHIB

One day a group of notorious raiders attacked the village of Matte Dhi Serai, looting and destroying it! They threatened and forbade anyone to reside there anymore. Bhai Lehna left the ruins of His village and came to reside in the Khadur village. This was the village of His wife and He stayed in Khadur for several years.

The village folks of Khadur were mainly devotees of Devi Durga. Bhai Lehna Ji's father-in-law Baba Devi Daas was appointed the leader of the devotees who consistently organized and led the group once a year to pay homage to Devi Jewala (Durga).

After Baba Devi Das passed away, Bhai Lehna Ji was appointed by the villagers to take over as their leader.

Although Bhai Lehna Ji was not a Devi Jewala's (Durga) devotee He did not want to disappoint the villagers after their great loss. Bhai Lehna Ji was a very soft spoken, humble, committed and obliging person by nature





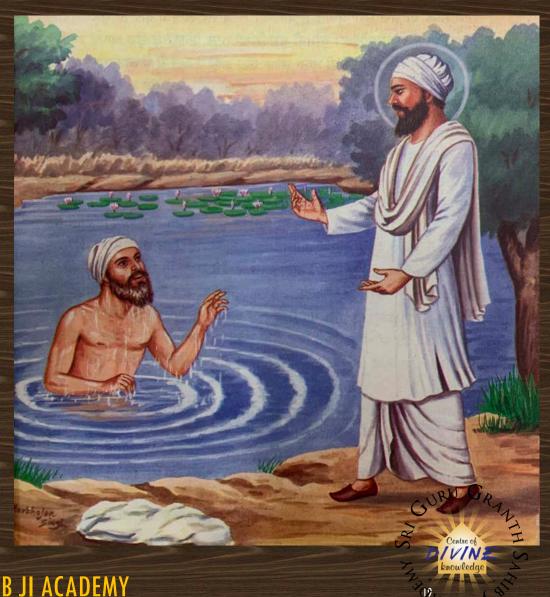
AWAKENING

A devotee of Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Bhai Jodh Ji) also lived in the same village. He used to read the verses of Gurbani daily passionately.

One day early morning Bhai Jodh were reciting `Asa Di Var' (Pauri 21) with great enthusiasm, Bhai Lehna Ji heard the recitation.

Bhai Lehna Ji was thrilled and His inner self was aroused.

Hearing such a powerful recitation, Bhai Lehna Ji's heart was awakened and his thirst for divine quest was quenched. He felt he was missing something very special.

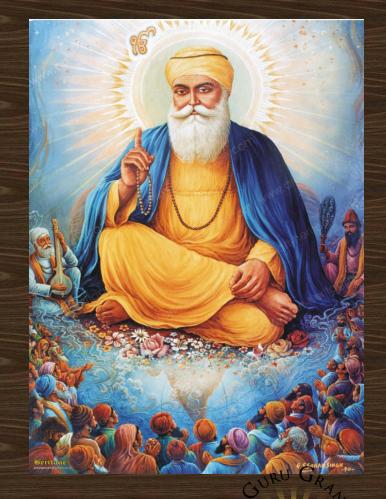


QUEST TO MEET GURU NANAK DEV JI

Bhai Lehna called out to the Sikh and asked, "Can you tell me who is the composer of these Gurbani shabads (hymns) you were reciting so passionately?" The Sikh replied, "Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who is my Guru. I am His devotee and I always read His Gurbani."

The Gurbani of Guru Nanak Dev Ji left a lasting impression on the mind of Bhai Lehna Ji. He had felt so peaceful upon hearing the verses that He contemplated and decided to embrace Guru Nanak Dev Ji as His Guru.

Bhai Lehna Ji sought more information on Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He found out that Guru Nanak Dev Ji was a noble teacher of divine knowledge. He thought, "Since Guru Ji will not be coming to our village, I shall go and see Him myself."



MEETING SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI IN KARTARPUR

Bhai Lehna Ji is 35 years younger than Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

In 1532 CE, he detour to Kartarpur to meet Guru Nanak for the 1st time.

Guru Nanak Himself came forward to guide Bhai Lehna Ji to Kartarpur.

Bhai Lehna Ji who had no idea what Guru Nanak Dev Ji looked like, asked Guru Ji as though talking to a stranger, "I have come in search of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, can you tell me where He is staying?"

Hearing Bhai Lehna Ji's request, Guru Nanak Dev Ji answered, "Come follow me, I shall take you to see Guru Nanak Dev Ji, about whom you have so lovingly inquired." Saying those kind words, Guru Nanak Dev Ji walked ahead of Bhai Lehna Ji, while Bhai Lehna Ji followed behind, on his horseback.

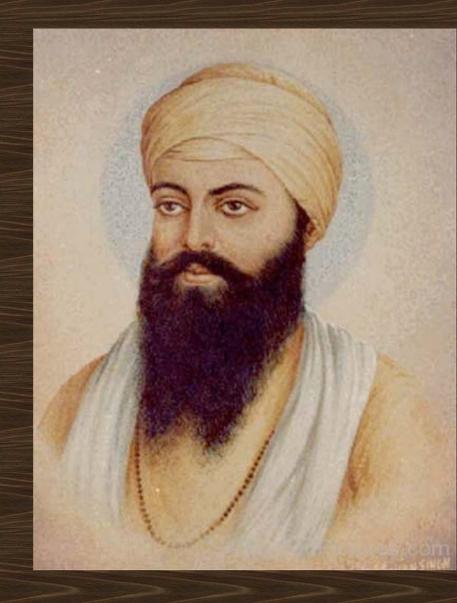


BHAI LEHNA — SRI GURU ANGAD DEV JI

Bhai Lehna Ji served Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji for 7 years. His selflessness in serving Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was extraordinary as all the godly virtues were obvious from His character.

Becoming the 2nd Guru, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji bestowed the highest honour to Bhai Lehna by naming Him Angad (the limb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji) thus He become Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Himself.

Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji is truly the Saviour of Endurance and blessed the world as the 2nd Guru Nanak in his physical form for 12 years 6 months 14 days



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Guru Nanak created Guru Angad Dev Ji from his limbs as the waves are produced by Ganges out of itself. Embodied with deep and sublime attributes, Guru Angad Dev Ji was known by Gurmukh as the form of the imperceptible supreme soul (Paramatma). He himself is bestower of pleasure and pains but remains always without any blot. The love between the Guru and the disciple was such that the disciple became Guru and the Guru disciple. It happened in the same manner as tree creates fruit and from fruit is created tree, or as father becomes happy over son and son feels happy in obeying the orders of father. His consiconsness merged into word and the perfect transcendental Brahm made him see the imperceptible (Almighty). Now Guru Angad got established as (the extended form of) Baba Nanak.

Baba Pheru Mal Ji Sri Guru Angad De FATHER MOTHER Mata Sabrai Ji (Daya Kaur Ji) GRANDFATHER Baba Kirat Mal Ji FATHER-IN-LAW Baba Dewi Das Ji (Bhagwan Das Ji) MOTHER-IN-LAW Mata Bhirai Ji (Karam Dewi) LINEAGE Trehan of Khatri caste DATE OF BIRTH Saturday, Vaisakh Sudhi 1, 1561(B) - 23rd April 1504 A.D PLACE OF BIRTH Matte Ki Serai (Nage Dhi Serai), Ferozpur WEDDING Saturday, Magh 16, 1576 (Bikermi) - December 1519 A.D MAHAL (WIFE) Mata Khivi Ji Born : Thursday, Magh 11, 1563 (January 1506 A.D) Jothi Joth: Wednesday, Vesakh 4, 1639 (April 1582 A.D) Total Age: 76 years 3 months **CHILDREN** Baba Dassu Ji (1524), Dattu Ji (1532), Bibi Amro Ji (1535) & Anokhi Ji (1537)

GURUSHIP

6th October 1539 A.D. at Kartarpur (5 days before Guru Nanak Dev Ji Dev Ji Jothi Joth) Assu Vedhi 5, 1596 (Bikermi) SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY

