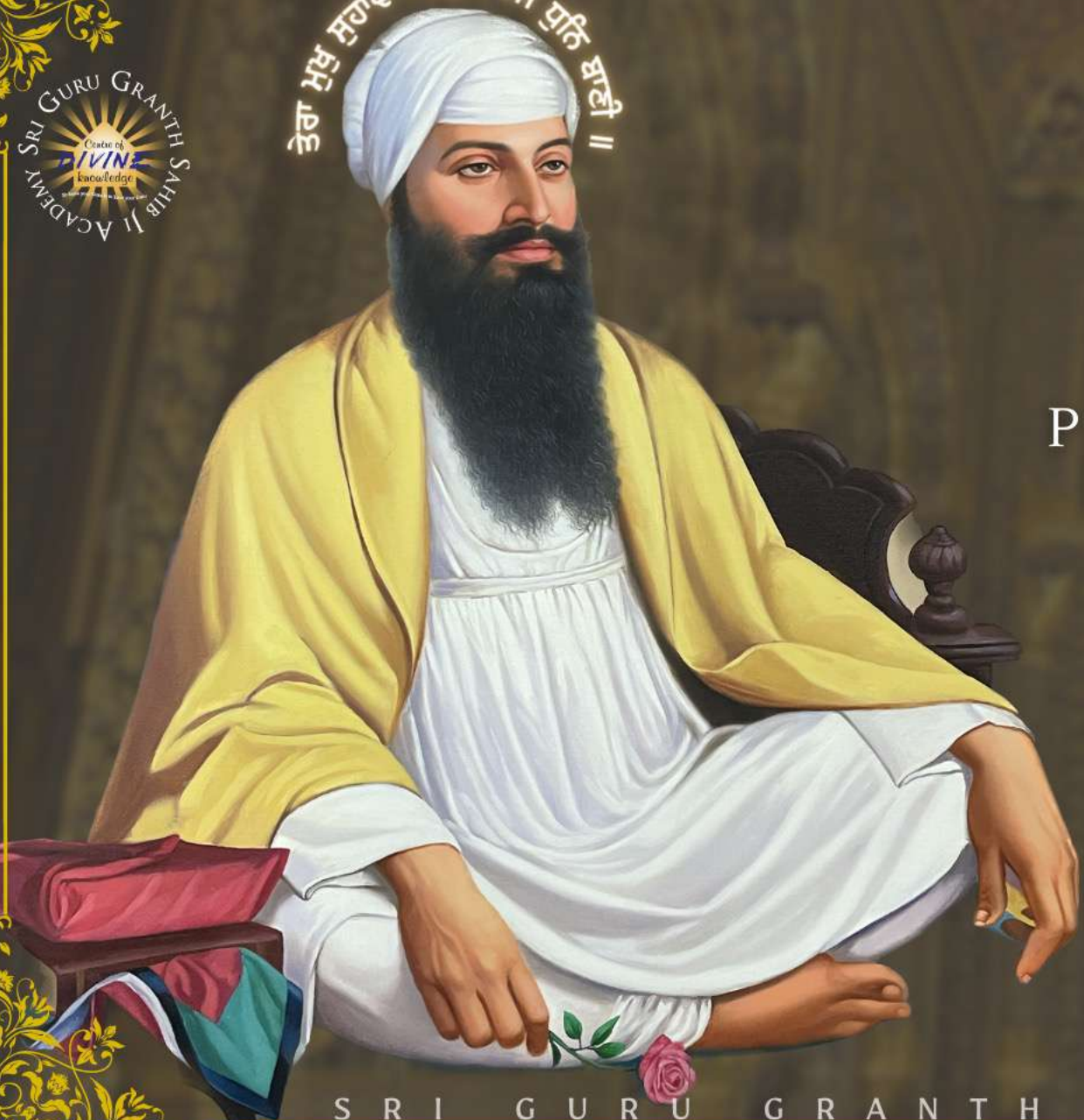


ਤੇਰਾ ਮੁਖੁ ਸੁਹਾਵਾ ਜੀਉ ਸਹਜ ਧੁਨਿ ਬਾਣੀ ॥



ਪਰਤਖੁ ਦੇਹ ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਸੁਆਮੀ ਆਇ ਗੁਪਿ ਪੇਖਣ ਭਰਣੈ ॥

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗੁਰੂ ਸੇਵਿ ਅਲਖੁ ਗੁਣਿ ਜਾ ਕੀ

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਰਾਮਦਾਸੁ ਤਾਰਣ ਤਰਣੈ ॥੧॥

ਕਤਕ ਵਦੀ ੨, ੧੫੯੧ ਬਿਕਰਮੀ (੧੫੩੪ ਈ)

P E R K A S H D I H A R R A

S O D H I S U L T A N

SRI GURU
RAM DASJI

KATAK VADI 2
1591 BIKARMI (1534 CE)



ਤੂ ਸ੍ਰੀਗੁਰੁ ਚਹੁ ਜੁਗੀ
ਆਪਿ ਆਪੇ ਪੁਰਮੇਸੁਰੁ ॥

Sri Guru Ram Das Ji, You are the True Guru who enlightened the creation throughout the four ages (Sat Yug, Tretha Yug, Duapur Yug & Kal Yug) and You are not other than Waheguru Himself.

(Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Ang 1406-14, Sewaiye Mahale Chouthe Ke – Sal Bhatt)

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THE ANCESTOR OF SRI GURU RAM DAS JI



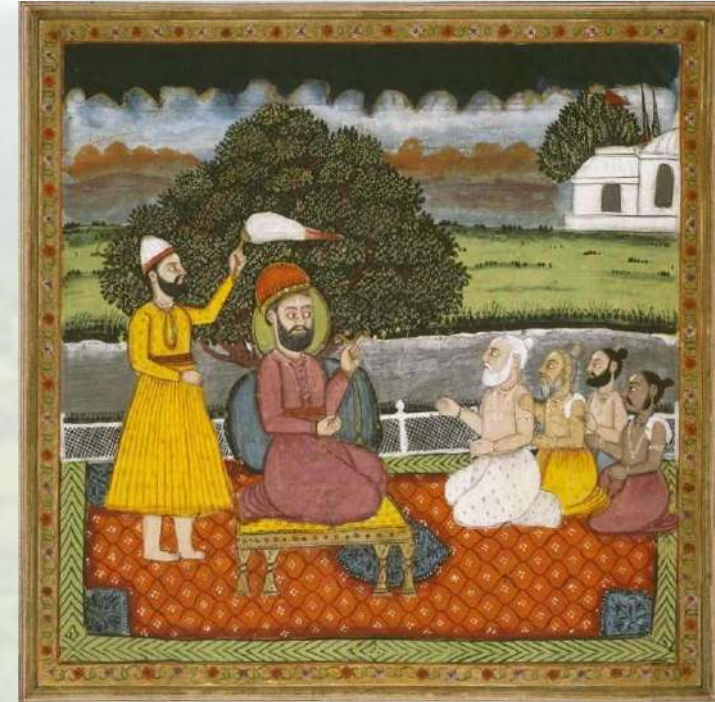
- In Bachitar Natak, Guru Gobind Singh Ji composed a superb hymn on the origins of the Sodhi clan. The extract of the Shabad is summarised as follows;
- The ancestors of Sikh Gurus were the rulers of Punjab. They were descendents of the Solar Dynasty of Kshatriyas. Raghu and Aj were not only great rulers, but were also great scholars of this Dynasty. King Aj bestowed his empire and throne on Dasrath, who also became the great archer. He had three wives, the first son was Ram Chander, the second, Bharat, the third Lachman, and the fourth Shatrughan. They ruled for a long time.
- Ram Chander married Sita. From this union two sons were born, **Lav** and **Kush**. **Lav** and **Kush**, both became kings. Two cities were raised in Punjab, one by **Lav: Lahore**, and the other by **Kush: Kasur**. Both became very famous. **Kush** and **Lav** reigned for a long time. Their sons and grandsons also became rulers.

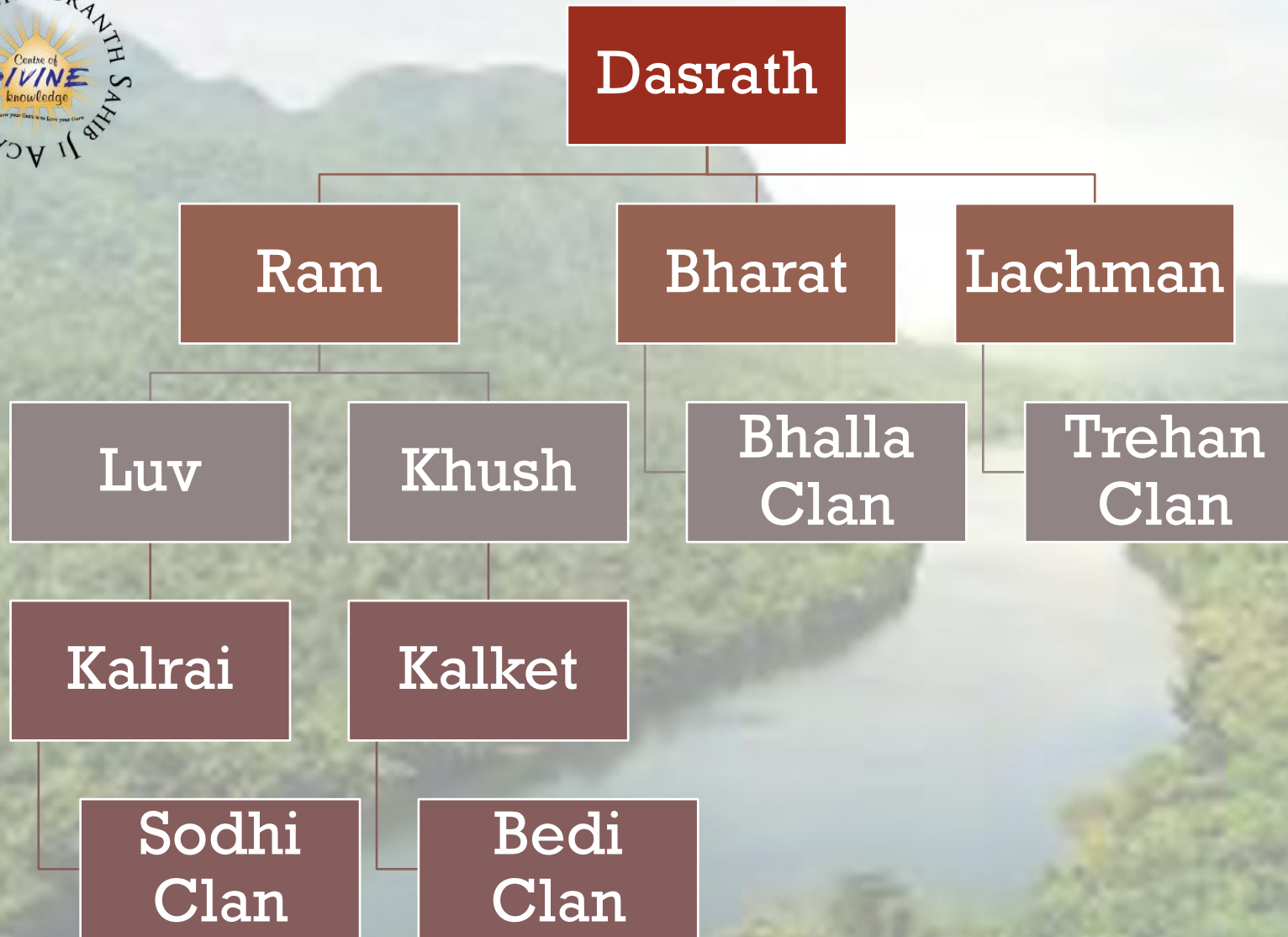


THE SODHI AND BEDI CLAN



- **Lav's decendent, Kalrai** and **Kush's decendent, Kalket** had innumerable sons. Kalket possessed peerless strength, and expelled Kalrai from the city of Lahore.
- **Kalrai** fled to Sanaudh (south of Delhi), where he married the king's daughter. His son was named Sodhi Rai. The Sodhi clan began from that time. The sons and grandsons, who sprung from Sodhi Rai, were all called Sodhis;
- **Sodi Rai**, become the king and he had two sons, named Jagat Rai and Prithvi Rai.
- Appointing Prithvi Rai as the King, Sodhi Rai took his elder son Jagat Rai and conquered Lahore by defeating the decendants of Kush.
- The surviving members of the **Kush** family fled to Kanshi (Banaras). There they expounded the Vedas and became the readers of Vedas and were known as **Bedi (Vedi)**.





LINEAGE

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Bedi Clan

Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji

Trehan Clan

Sri Guru Amar Das Ji

Bhalla Clan

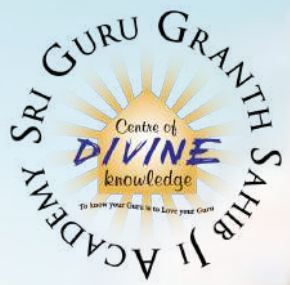
Sri Guru Ram Das Ji to

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

Sodhi Clan

- Reference : Sri Dasam Granth Sahib Ji - Bachitar Natak

THE SODHI CLAN BLESSES KINGDOM TO BEDI CLAN



- Many years later, the **King of Lahore** call upon the **Bedis**' from Banaras to reunite the family.
- The **Bedis**' came to Lahore and read all the four Vedas by heart which impressed the King. Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji writes in Bachitar Natak that the Sam Ved, Yujar Ved, then the Rig Ved, were read while making gestures with their hands, and finally the Atharav Ved.
- The **King of Lahore** (Sodhi's: the decendant of Lav) was pleased and gave them his kingdom and his all the possessions. He volunteered to live in a forest. On giving them his kingdom he assumed the garb of a Rishi. The people tried to restrain him, but he dismissed all regret, and absorbed himself in God's Love.



THE GURU SAHIBS FROM BEDI, TREHAN BHALLA & SODHI



ਚਉਪਈ ॥

Chaupai

ਤ੍ਰਿਤੀਯ ਬੇਦ ; ਸੁਨਥੈ ਤੁਮ ਕੀਯਾ ॥ ਚਤੁਰ ਬੇਦ ; ਸੁਨਿ ਭੂਯ ਕੋ ਦੀਯਾ ॥

The Bedis granted a boon the Sodhis that just like the Sodhi King decided to handover his kingdom after listening to three Vedas, and upon listening to the fourth Vedh he donated the whole grandeur of earth.

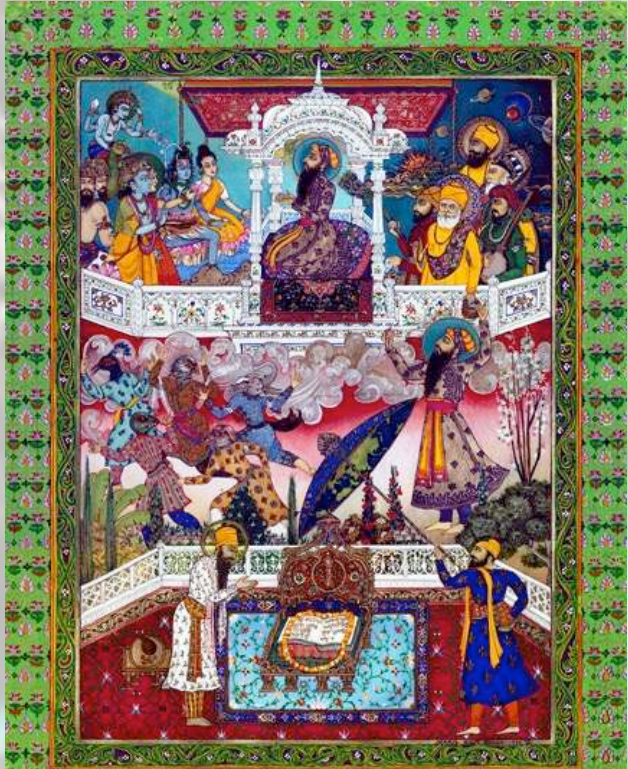
ਤੀਨ ਜਨਮ ; ਯਮੁੰ ਜਬ ਯਾਰਿ ਹੈ ॥ ਚੌਥੇ ਜਨਮ ; ਸੁਰੁ ਤ੍ਰਿਹਿ ਕਾਰਿ ਹੈ ॥੯॥

In the future, when the Almighty Himself comes to this world in a distinctive human form He will honour the Bedi Clan as Guru Nanak. He will establish a eternal throne beyond time and boundary. After his third successor we will inaugurate you (Sodhi) as fourth Guru

(Sri Dasam Granth Sahib Ji – Bachitar Natak)



THE SODHI FAMILY IN LAHORE



- Guru Ji's great-grandfather, Baba Gurdial Sodhi migrated and settled in Chunna Mandi, Lahore. He was blessed with two (2) sons. The younger son was born in the year 1474 A.D. and he was named Bhai Thakur Das. Bhai Thakur Das was married to Mata Karmo Ji belonging to Neyar Khateri clan. Mata Karmo Ji has earned a lot of praises therefore she was also known as Mata Jaswanti Ji. They lived a very divine and spiritual life.
- In the year 1495 A.D. this holy couple were blessed with a son who was named Bhai Hardas Ji. Bhai Hardas Ji was a spiritually uplifted child and he grew up a very responsible person. He was married to Mata Anoop Dei who was also known as Mata Daya Kaur and Mata Khem Kaur.



Bhai Hardas Ji was not only by name a servant of the Almighty but in reality he was truly an Almighty's servant. He was a very lovely, contented and committed person. He served the needy selflessly and performed his wee hour prayers and meditation very dedicatedly. He wished to have a son who will enshrine his clan by serving the entire world and return the glory of the Sodhis.

Baba Hardas Ji – Sri Guru Ram Das Ji's Father



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On Thursday, Katak Vedhi 2, 1591

(2nd November 1534 A.D.),

(Guru) Ram Das Ji was born. The people of Lahore rejoiced with happiness and there was an abundance of food for everyone. It was literally like a 'river of milk' flowing through the city.

Ram Das Ji had fair complexion, handsome figure, pleasant and smiling face and did not weep or cry in the manner of an ordinary child.

Since birth, Ram Das Ji was bestowed with powers to keep away the curse of death, he grew up to be an intelligent obedient youth.

Guru Ram Das Ji was the eldest and he had a younger brother Bhai Hardyal Ji and sister Bibi Ram Das Ji

PERKASH OF SRI GURU RAM DAS JI

There are two different opinions on Guru Ram Das Ji's name before He was inaugurated as the Fourth Guru. It can be observed from Gurbani that Guru Angad Dev Ji's pre-Guruship name is mentioned as Lehna five (5) times in Ramkali Ki Vaar, Rai Balwand Tetha Sate Doom Akhi as Lehna and twelve times (12) in Sewaiye (SGGS -1389 to 1409). Guru Ram Das Ji's name has always appeared as Ram Das for seven (7) times in Gurbani.

The following are a research from historical books;

	Historical Reference	Writer	Pre-Guruship Name
1.	Sri Gurbertap Suraj Granth (1912)	Churamani Kavi Bhai Santokh Singh Ji	Ram Das Ji
2.	Bansavlinama (1769)	Bhai Kesar Singh Chibbar	Ram Das Ji
3.	Sri Guru Sobha (1711)	Sena Singh	Ram Das Ji
4.	Gur Bilas Patsahi 6 (1718)	Bhagat Singh	Ram Das Ji
5.	Panth Perakash (1880)	Giani Gyan Singh	Jetha Ji
6.	Ast Gur Chamatkar (1952)	Bhai Vir Singh Ji	Ram Das Ji
7.	Poori Hoi Kramat (1981)	Bhai Satbir Singh	Jetha Ji

BHAI JETHA OR RAM DAS?



CHILDHOOD



- His father Hardas Ji, one day called Ram Das Ji and said, “Your carefree and playful days are over now. It is time for you to earn a living”. “Yes, I shall do as you say father,” replied Ram Das, “I am always at your service”.
- The next morning, his mother boiled some chickpeas, and gave it to her son saying, “Son take these and sell it in the bazaar,” The Merciful Guru Ji carried the basket of peas to town. He sighed, his winsome sighs appealed to many, and those close to him.
- A holy man called out to Ram Das and asked to be served. Ram Das Ji gave him a fist full of peas, but he wanted more. Ram Das then attempted to give him a second and a third helping, but the man did not accept the food. Overcome with generosity, Ram Das decided to give him all and overturned the contents of the basket.
- His father was very angry, seeing Ram Das coming home empty handed. He could not bear to look at his father’s red angry eyes. He felt very sad and cried.

THE GREATEST SRI GURU RAM DAS JI

Ram Das Ji had a very pure personality and developed love for the Almighty. He was a very strong minded person with high spiritual virtues such as contentment, endurance, patience, sacrifice, generosity, charity, tolerance, mercy, etc. Whenever he played with his friends he would talk about the importance of Almighty's meditation and motivated his friends to meditate as well.



TO GOINDWAL SAHIB



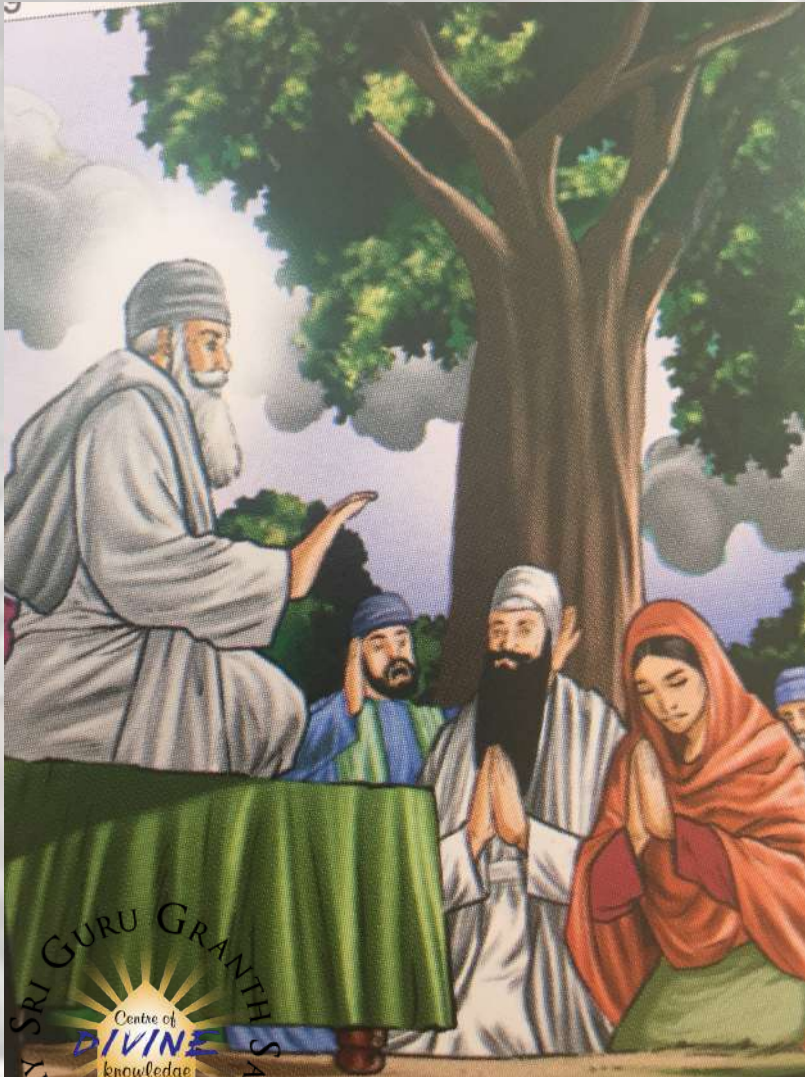
One day, Ram Das Ji saw a group of Sangat passing through Lahore. He asked the Sangat ‘Where you heading to?’ A Sikh answered, “ We are going to the Goindwal Sahib where the physical form of Waheguru is residing.”

Ram Das Ji followed the Sangat to embrace Guru Amar Das Ji as His Master.

The pilgrims stayed for a few days and then returned to Lahore but Ram Das Ji never returned to Lahore and continued to stay in Goindwal to serve Guru Ji and the Sangat.

MARRIAGE

- The respectable wife of Guru Amar Das Ji one day told Guru Ji, “Our daughter Bhani Ji has matured into a young woman. It is time to find a suitable match for her and arrange an engagement ceremony”.
- Guru Ji called a Brahmin who was a match-maker. He spoke to the Brahmin, while sitting near a window, “Hey wise one, plan well and select a right partner for my daughter”.
- The Brahmin asked immediately, “Dear Prabhu Ji, would you consider someone who looks like him?” The Brahmin beckoned at a youth who stood outside the window. He was Ram Das Ji.





ਦੀਨ ਦੁਨੀ ਦਾ ਥੰਮ੍ਹ ਹੁਇ ਭਾਰੁ ਅਥਰਬਣ ਥੰਮ੍ਹਹਿ ਖਲੋਤਾ ।

Sri Guru Ram Das Ji is a pillar of faith and creation who stands and supports the immense weight of spirituality and materialistic worlds.

(Bhai Gurdas Ji Vaar 24 Pauri 15)

ਯੰਤ੍ਰ ਯੰਤ੍ਰ ਰਾਮਦਾਸ ਗੁਰੁ ਜਿਨਿ ਸਿਰਿਆ ਤਿਨੈ ਸਵਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਸਿਰਿਆ-ਪੈਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ, created। ਸਵਾਰਿਆ-ਅਸਥਾਪਨ ਕੀਤਾ, inaugurated।

ਹੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਾਮਦਾਸ ਜੀ! ਆਪ ਧੰਨ ਹੋ, ਧੰਨ ਹੋ। ਜਿਸ ਅਕਾਲ ਪੁਰਖ ਨੇ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਿਰਜਿਆ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਨੇ ਹੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਗੱਦੀ ਉੱਤੇ ਅਸਥਾਪਨ ਕਰਕੇ ਵਡਿਆਈਆ ਹੈ।

Dear Guru Ram Das Ji, Your physical form and mind is great; the Almighty who created the entire Universe has dignified You by inaugurating You as the Fourth Guru.

ਪੂਰੀ ਹੋਈ ਕਰਮਾਤਿ ਆਪਿ ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰੈ ਧਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਕਰਮਾਤਿ- powers। ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰੈ- the creator of universe। ਧਾਰਿਆ- manifested।

ਆਪ ਜੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੂਰਨ ਸ਼ਕਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਤਮਾ ਨੇ ਹੀ ਆਪ ਆ ਕੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਰੂਪ ਧਾਰਿਆ ਹੈ।

Dear Guru Ram Das Ji, You perfected with all the powers of the Universe as the Creator Almighty Himself has manifested as You in physical form.

**RAMKALI KI
VAAR**

*Your Physical
Form
Completes The
Entire Creation*

ਸਿਖੀ ਐਤੈ ਸੰਗਤੀ ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮੁ ਕਰਿ ਨਮਸਕਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮੁ- Guru Ji। ਕਰਿ- did। ਨਮਸਕਾਰਿਆ- bowed।

ਸਭ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਤੇ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਅਕਾਲ ਪੁਰਖ ਦਾ ਰੂਪ ਜਾਣ ਕੇ ਨਮਸਕਾਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ।

The Sikhs who were your companion and all the entire participants of Guru's Congregation recognize You as the Supreme Lord God, and bow down to You.

ਅਟਲੁ ਅਥਾਹੁ ਐਤੋਲੁ ਤੂ ਤੇਰਾ ਅੰਤੁ ਨੁ ਪਾਰਾਵਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਅਟਲੁ-ਸਦਾ ਕਾਇਮ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲਾ, permanent। ਅਥਾਹੁ-ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਥਾਹ ਨਾ ਪਾਈ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ, unfathomable। ਅਤੋਲੁ-ਜੋ ਤੋਲਿਆ ਨਾ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ, immeasurable। ਪਾਰਾਵਾਰਿਆ (ਪਾਰ-ਅਵਾਰ)- ਪਰਲਾ ਤੇ ਉਰਲਾ ਬੰਨਾ, shores।

ਗੁਰੂ ਰਾਮਦਾਸ ਜੀ! ਤੂੰ ਸਦਾ ਕਾਇਮ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਹੈ, ਤੇਰਾ ਥਾਹ (ਅੰਤ) ਨਹੀਂ ਪਾਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ, ਤੈਨੂੰ ਤੋਲਿਆ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ, ਭਾਵ ਤੇਰੇ ਗੁਣ ਗਿਣੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ। ਤੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਐਸਾ ਅਥਾਹ ਸਮੁੰਦਰ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਪਰਲੇ ਤੇ ਉਰਲੇ ਬੰਨੇ ਦਾ ਅੰਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ।

Guru Ram Das Ji, You are permanent (unchanging), You are beyond reach (unfathomable) and You are beyond all measures (immeasurable); You have no end or limitation as Your shores are beyond all worldly attempts.

**RAMKALI KI
VAAR**

Everyone sees the
manifestation of
Waheguru in you

You are the Greatest
& beyond human
preception

ਸਿੰਨ੍ਹੀ ਤੂੰ ਸੇਵਿਆ ਭਾਉ ਕਾਰਿ ਸੇ ਤੁਧੁ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਿ ਉਤਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਤੂੰ-ਤੈਨੂੰ, you। ਭਾਉ-ਪ੍ਰੇਮ, love।

ਜਿੰਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮਨੁੱਖਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਕਰਕੇ ਸੇਵਿਆ ਹੈ, ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਸਮੁੰਦਰ ਤੋਂ ਪਾਰ ਲੰਘਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ।

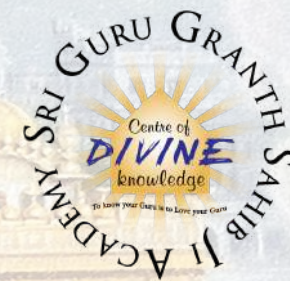
Dear Guru Ram Das Ji, those who served You with love, You ferry them across this worldly ocean.

ਲਬੁ ਲੋਭੁ ਕਾਮੁ ਕ੍ਰੋਧੁ ਮੋਹੁ ਮਾਰਿ ਕਢੇ ਤੁਧੁ ਸੁਪਰਵਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਸੁਪਰਵਾਰਿਆ-ਵਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਰੂਪੀ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ, saints in the form of family।

ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਸੇਵਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਹਿਰਦੇ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਲਬ, ਲੋਭ, ਕਾਮ, ਕ੍ਰੋਧ, ਮੋਹ ਨੂੰ ਪਰਵਾਰ ਦੇ ਸਹਿਤ ਮਾਰ ਕੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਕੱਢ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ।

Dear Guru Ram Das Ji, You have suppressed and driven Labh (Greed of accumulation), Lobh (Greed of consumption), sexual desire, anger and emotional attachment together with all their family (the thoughts and character shaped with the desires) out of the Antahkaran (fourfold mind made of mind, intellect, memory and self-existence) of Your Sikhs.



**RAMKALI KI
VAAR**

*Your Service
Liberates & Vices
are Dispelled*

ਧੰਨੁ ਸੁ ਤੇਰਾ ਥਾਨੁ ਹੈ ਸੁਭ ਤੇਰਾ ਪੈਸਕਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਧੰਨੁ- great। ਪੈਸਕਾਰਿਆ-ਭਗਤੀ ਰੂਪੀ ਪਸਾਰਾ ।

ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਸਤਿਸੰਗ ਰੂਪੀ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਧੰਨਤਾ ਯੋਗ ਹੈ। ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਭਗਤੀ ਰੂਪੀ ਪਾਸਾਰਾ ਵੀ ਸੱਚਾ ਹੈ।

Dear Guru Ram Das Ji, great is Your True Congregation and true is Your broaden effect of meditation, means true is in all what You do.

ਨਾਨਕ ਤੂ ਲਹਣਾ ਤੂਹੈ ਗੁਰੁ ਅਮਰੁ ਤੂ ਵੀਚਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਤੂ- you। ਵੀਚਾਰਿਆ- recognise।

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਜੀ ਰੂਪ ਵੀ ਤੂੰ ਹੀ ਹੈਂ, ਲਹਣਾ ਜੀ ਰੂਪ ਵੀ ਤੂੰ ਹੀ ਹੈਂ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਅਮਰਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਰੂਪ ਵੀ ਤੂੰ ਹੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਿਆ ਹੈ।

Dear Guru Ram Das Ji, You are Guru Nanak, You are Guru Angad, and You are Guru Amar Das; so do I recognize You.

ਗੁਰੁ ਡਿਠਾ ਤਾਂ ਮਨੁ ਸਾਧਾਰਿਆ ॥੭॥

ਪਦ ਅਰਥ:- ਡਿਠਾ-ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਵੇਖਿਆ, glimpse। ਮਨੁ- mind। ਸਾਧਾਰਿਆ-ਟਿਕਾਣੇ ਆ ਗਿਆ, purified।

ਗੁਰੂ ਰਾਮ ਦਾਸ ਜੀ! ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਤੇਰਾ ਦੀਦਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਦਾ ਮਨ ਸੁਧ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਭਾਵ ਸਹਿਤ ਆਸਰੇ ਦੇ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ॥੭॥

Guru Ram Das Ji, whoever had auspicious opportunity of having Your glimpse (darshan), their mind is purified. ||7||

(Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Ang 968-9)

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RAMKALI KI VAAR

Your Company Reflects Devotion & You are the form of all Gurus

Your Glimpse Purifies the Mind

Father

Baba Hardas Ji

Mother

Mata Dya Kaur Ji (also known as Mata Khem Kaur Ji)

Grandfather

Baba Thakur Das

Grandmother

Mata Karmo Ji (Mata Jaswanti Ji)

Great Grandfather

Baba Gurdial Sodhi

Father-in-law

Sri Guru Amar Das Ji

Mother-in-law

Mata Ramo Ji

Lineage

Sodhi of Khatri caste

FAMILY



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PERKASH

DATE OF BIRTH Thursday, Ketak Vedi 2, 1591(B) – (1534 CE)

PLACE OF BIRTH Chuna Mandi, Lahore

WEDDING Thursday, 5th Magar 1602 Bikermi (1545 CE) at
Goindwal Sahib

MEHAL (WIFE) Mata Bhani Ji
Born : Sunday, Jeth 13, 1591 (1534 CE)
Jothi Joth : Chet 23, 1655 (April 1598 CE)
Total Age : 64 years 1 month

CHILDREN Baba Prithi Chand Ji (1558CE), Baba Mahadev Ji
(1561), Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji (1563CE)

GURUSHIP 29th September 1574 A.D. at Goindwaal Sahib
(3 days before Guru Amardas Ji, Jothi Joth)
Bhadron Sudhi 13, 1631 (Bikermi)

AGE AT
GURUSHIP 40 Years 1 month 26 days

