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Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji is the eternal Almighty Himself who ignites the light of life in every heart,

He is the bestower of knowledge to those who the world considers to be intellectual such as Narad, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji blesses His devotees with ultimate bliss in this world and the afterlife equally

Gur Katha, Bhai Jiwan Singh Ji Shaheed

ਪਗਟ ਭਏ ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ। ਸਗਲ ਸ੍ਰਿਸਟਿ ਪੈ ਜਾਕੀ ਚਾਦਰ। ਕਰਮ ਧਰਮ ਕੀ ਜਿਨਿ ਪਤਿ ਰਾਖੀ । ਅਟਲ ਕਰੀ ਕਲਿਜੁਗ ਮੈ ਸਾਖੀ॥੧੪॥ Guru Tegh Bahadur manifested Himself as the Ninth Guru, who sheltered the whole creation with His grace. He preserved the honour in practicing faith and religious deeds, which immortalised His saga in the Kalyug.



(Sri Guru Sobha)

### Family Background

- Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji is the youngest son of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji and Mata Nanki Ji.
- His grandfather was Guru Arjan Dev Ji and grandmother was Mata Gangga Ji. His great-grandparents were Guru Ram Das Ji and Mata Bhani Ji.
- Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji belonged to the Sodhi clan residing in Guru Ke Mehal, Amritsar.
- They were well known for their merciful and brave character.





#### Siblings

Mata Damodari Ji gave birth to Baba Gurditta Ji in 1613 and Bibi Viro Ji in 1615.

Mata Marwahi Ji then gave birth to Baba Suraj Mal Ji in 1617.

Mata Nanki Ji gave birth to Baba Ani Rai Ji in 1618, Baba Atal Rai Ji in 1620 and Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji in 1621.







### Perkash (Birth)

On Tuesday, Vesakh Vadi 5, 1678 Bikarmi (1621 A.D.), at 2.55am, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was born.

His appearance was nothing less than the full moon, which lights the dark sky at night, similarly ignorant minds were filled with wisdom of His glimpse



#### The Hope of Hopeless

- The town was in bliss as the saviour of Religious Rights and Freedom was born in this world. There is none equivalent to Him who would sacrifice Himself to protect the faith of others without any hesitation.
- In the morning, the news of Tegh Bahadur Ji's birth spread like wildfire. Sikhs were singing Gurbani to express their gratitude to Almighty for blessing this world with the birth of the apostle of human rights.
- Donations were given freely and generously to all the residents of Amritsar. People from all over India came to visit Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji and His new-born baby, at Amritsar.







#### The Greatest – Sri Tegh Bahadur

In the morning, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji along with Bhai Jetha Ji and Bhai Bidhi Chand came to Guru Ke

Mehal to have a glimpse of the new born Son of the Guru.

ਤਬ ਗੁਰ ਸਿਸ ਕਉ ਬੰਦਨਾ ਕੀਨੀ ਅਤਿ ਹਿਤ ਲਾਇ।

Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji bowed down in reverence to His newborn son with utmost love and respect, **ਬਿਧੀਆ ਕਹਿ ਕਸ ਬੰਦਨ ਕੀ ਕਹੋ ਮੋਹਿ ਸਭ ਭਾਇ ॥੧੦੩੭॥** Bhai Bidhi Chand Ji inquired, "Guru Ji, why have you bowed down to your child?", **ਤਬ ਗੁਰੁ ਕਹਿ ਇਹ ਗੁਰ ਭਏ ਪਾਂਚ ਸੁਤਨ ਮਹਿ ਜਾਨ।** ਦੀਨ ਰਛ ਸੰਕਟ ਹਰੇ ਸਦਾ ਯਹੀ ਪਹਿਚਾਨ॥੧੦੩੮॥

Guru Ji replied, "Among my 5 sons, this child will become a Guru in the house of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He will be the protector of the weak and helpless; He will eliminate all sorrows of the people and this will be his identity." ਚੌਪਈ : ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦੁਰ ਨਾਮ ਸੁ ਗਾਯੋ। ਤਾਂਹਿ ਨਾਮ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਖਹੁੰ ਅਲਾਯੋ। ਸੁਨਤ ਮਾਤ ਸਭ ਹੀ ਹਰਖਾਨੀ । ਨਾਮ ਕਹਿਓ ਗੁਰ ਪੁਲਕਤ ਬਾਨੀ ॥੧੦੩੯॥



Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji then named his child, 'Tegh Bahadur'. As Guru Ji uttered this name, The wives (Mehal) of Guru Ji were extremely delighted. In this manner, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji named his son, (Sri Guru) Tegh Bahadur Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Academy which was extremely pleasing to all.

Upon concluding the usual morning congregation, Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji walked towards His residence (Guru Ke Mehal). He was accompanied by Baba Buddha Ji, Bhai Gurdas Ji and Baba Bidhi Chand Ji. They were on their way to visit and bless the newly born baby. As they arrived at the residence, they went into a room where Mata Nanki Ji, was seen holding her newly born. To the surprise of the Sikhs present at that time, Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji touched the tender feet of the baby and bowed His head in reverence. Sensing the surprise of the Sikhs, He said,

"This baby has a noble spirit just like his grandfather, Guru Arjan Dev Ji and is ordained by Almighty to accomplish great tasks like Him."



The 1<sup>st</sup> Glimpse



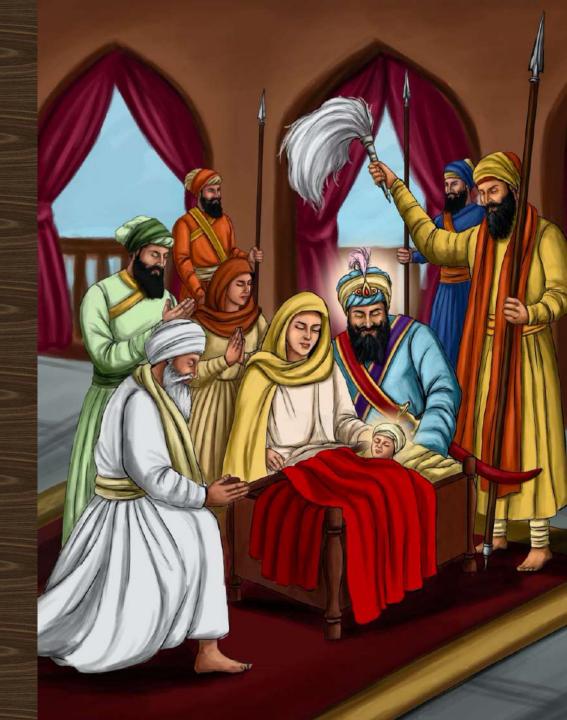
#### The Greatest Saviour

According to Gurbilas Patshahi 6, when Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji along with Bhai Jetha Ji and Bhai Bidhi Chand arrived at the quarters where new born Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji was, he touched his feet. To Bhai Bidhi Chand's surprise he inquires to which Guru Ji replies,

"He shall be the only Guru among my 5 sons. He will be known as the protector of the meek and reliever of pains and suffering."



(Gurbilas Patshahi 6, Chapter 9 Pauri 1036-38)



#### The Great Name

Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji named His new born son, Tegh Bahadur, knowing that He would rise like the sun to shine above the ocean of worldly desires to enrich the world with justice and freedom.

Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji also knew that Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji's son, Guru Gobind Singh Ji would be the greatest warrior the world would ever see. He would be engaged in greatest wars fearlessly and would uproot the tyrant kingdoms.







### Light of the World

• Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji from an early age had demonstrated His focus on Almighty and had no passion for worldly materials or desires. He never had any interest in worldly comforts.

- He always associated with those who were spiritually enlightened without any discrimination of religion, caste or worldly riches.
- He was a strong-hearted person who abided by the will of Almighty all the time. Therefore, sacrifice had become a major part of His life. All along His life, He had only given all that He Had with him including Himself. He was an embodiment of devotion, service and self-sacrifice for humanity.





#### Merciful Nature

During Baba Gurditta Ji's wedding, Sri Tegh Bahadur was given new clothes to wear.

As soon as He came out of Guru Ke Mahal, He saw a poor boy who did not have cloths on him, He immediately without any hesitation gave His clothes away to the poor boy, He felt that the poor boy needed the clothes more than Him.





## Childhood

• Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji's childhood had an inclination to be silent and meditative.

• His childhood was spent with prominent Sikhs like, Bhai Gurdas Ji, Baba Buddha Ji and Baba Bidhi Chand Ji. He was tender hearted and compassionate.

• He used to spend all of his time in the congregation of the Guru and learning.





- Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji's childhood had an inclination to be silent and meditative.
- He was tenderhearted and compassionate. He used to spend all of his time in the congregation of the Guru and learning.
- Whenever He used to come to the presence of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, He used to sit calmly for hours and never had an eye-to-eye contact with Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji as a sign of respect. He would step in softly with his eyes turned to the ground in modesty. Thus he would bow low to the Guru's feet. Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji received his gentle son with words of affection and seated him sometimes by his side and sometimes lifted him up on to his knee.
- He used to be quiet and in focus thoughts on Almighty. He adapted all the virtues that a Sikh should posses within a very young age.

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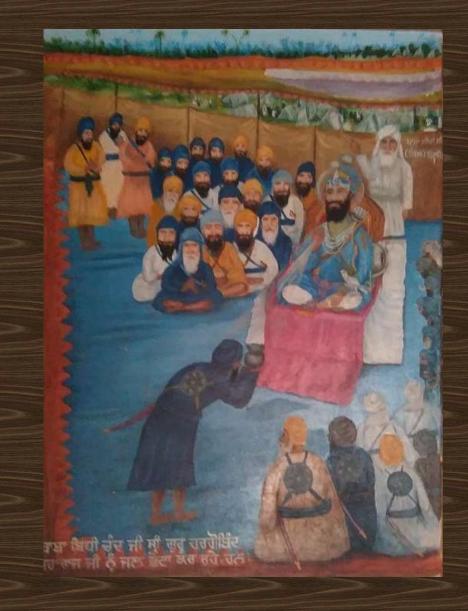
#### Divine Light





#### Respect

- Whenever Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji comes to Darbar Sahib before the presence of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, He would step in softly with his eyes turned to the ground in modesty. Thus he would bow low to the Guru's feet.
- He will then sit calmly for hours and never had an eye-to-eye contact with Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji as a sign of respect.
- Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji would receive his gentle son with words of affection and seated him by his side and sometimes lifted him up on to his knee.





#### Perfect Learner

- Sri Tegh Bahadur Ji had an eager passion in learning.
- He used to be very active and energetic in completing the task given to him.
- His education started at a very young age in accordance to the tradition of the Guru's house.





#### A Saint Soldier

- He was trained to become the scholar, a poet, a musician and a soldier. He studied languages, poetry, history and arithmetic under the tutelage of Bhai Gurdas Ji and Baba Buddha Ji.
- He had an in-depth knowledge of Persian, Gurmukhi, Sanskrit and Arabic Language.
- Extensive military training was given to him by Baba Bidhi Chand Ji.
- In tender age of 12, He became an accomplished horseman and marksman and He started joining his Father, Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji in full-scale military training.





Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji Father Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji Mother Mata Nanki Ji Grandfather Guru Arjan Dev Ji Father-in-law Baba Lal Chand Ji Mother-in-law Mata Ratan Devi Ji Sodhi of Khatri caste Lineage Date Of Birth Tuesday, Vaisakh Vedhi 5, 1678 (B) — ( 1621 CE) **Place Of Birth** Guru Ke Mehal, Sri Amritsar Sahib

