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BABA DEEP SINGH JI

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Upon reaching Sri Harmandir Sahib, a Sikh said, "Great is Baba Deep Singh Ji who remained steadfast on his promise and reached Sachkhand Sri Harmandir Sahib." Listening to this, Baba Deep Singh Ji sat and placed his Head down. Baba Ji then with a loud voice and in high spirits said,

"Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh."

After the great martyrdom of Baba Deep Singh Ji, deities came down to the world with chariots to receive Baba Ji while showering flowers on them.

PROPHECY

Bhai Bhagta Ji and Mata Jeoni Ji were a wealthy couple who had everything except for a child.

Once, while Bhai Bhagta Ji was waiting for his labourer to come, he met a Saint who offered himself, to give assistance and assemble the sugarcane rollers.

Bhai Bhagta Ji with humility declined his offer and instead served him with fresh corn breads made by Mata Jeoni Ji. The Saint was pleased with the service and he performed an 'Ardas' before Guru Ji to fulfil their desire of a child.

The Saint then said, Almighty will bless you with a Warrior as your Son. Be sure to name him 'Deep'. He will make your lineage proud of Him. He will shine as light for the country and community." Saying this, the saint disappeared.



BIRTH

As time passed, Almighty blessed Bhai Bhagta Ji and his wife with a child - the Saint's words came to pass.

*With the Blessings of Almighty,
on 14 Magh 1743 Bk. (1686AD) at
the village Pahuvind, before dawn,
a child was born in Bhai Bhagtu
Ji's house and was named 'Deep'.*



CHILDHOOD

Since the tender age of five, Deep helped his father with work. His body was muscular and healthy. At the age of 10–12 years old, Deep started playing 'Kabaddi' and took-up wrestling. The children of his age respected him as their Leader. He used to look after the fields and water them from the well.

Bhai Bhagtu Ji did not even require workers to help him as Deep was competent enough in handling the job. Bhai Bhagtu Ji wanted Deep to develop love for the Guru, so he started to teach Gurbani to Deep. Deep started to recite/memorise Gurbani, and his Love for Gurbani increased.



DESIRE TO BE A KHALSA

The news of the first Amrit Sanchar reached Pahuvind. Deep got to know about it and was overjoyed to hear this. He was 18 years old, and without any further delay, informed his parents about his desire to partake in taking Amrit.

Listening to this, Bhai Bhagtu Ji and Mata Jeoni Ji were extremely pleased. Bhai Bhagtu Ji also decided to take along his pending Dasvand to Guru Ji on a bullock cart and for the elderly, he offered his other bullock cart for the needy and Deep rode on a horse.

Deep was given the requirements of bringing two Kecharas, one Kirpan, one Kangga, one Karra, to keep unshorn hair and tie a Dastaar.



MEETING SRI GURU GOBIND SINGH JI

On the fifth day of their journey, they reached Anandpur Sahib.

Upon reaching Anandpur Sahib, without delay, Deep went to get Guru Gobind Singh Ji's glimpse and prostrate in front of Guru Ji.

When Deep went to prostrate in front of Guru Ji, his eyes were fixed on Guru Ji.

Guru Ji smiled and said, "What is your name?"

He humbly replied, "Oh True Guru, Deep."



INITIATION

On the morning of Vaisakhi, Bhai Bhagtu Ji, Mata Jeoni Ji and Deep along with other Sikh Sangat were blessed with Amrit from the Panj Pyare (Guru Gobind Singh Ji was within the five).

When all three of them were baptised with Amrit, their names were changed to Bhai Bhagat Singh, Mata Jiwan Kaur and Deep Singh. Now they were wearing a Chola and a Kirpan.

Once the whole sanggat had taken Amrit from Guru Ji, Guru Ji then explained the Sikh Code of Conduct. Guru Ji said, "A Sikh should keep the five Kakaars (Kes, Kachera, Kangga, Kirpan and Karra) at all times. A Sikh should never remove any hair from their body, stay away from Tobacco, Alcohol and never eat meat. A Sikh should not see a woman with a bad eye, the Sikh should never worship graves and idols. Constantly Remember The Guru's Bani in your heart at all times and share what you have with others."



STAYING BACK

Deep Singh wished to go back as he had the urge to stay with Guru Ji, he was eager to learn from Guru Ji, to be educated by Guru Ji and be well versed in weaponry. His desire to stay was declined by his parents as he was their only child and they wished to get him married.

Deep Singh could not refuse his parents' proposition but before leaving he asked his parents to allow him to meet Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Upon seeing Guru Ji, Deep Singh fell at Guru Ji's feet and expressed his desire to stay.

Guru Ji held and raised Deep Singh with both His hands and embraced him in His arms. Guru Ji then said to Bhai Bhagat Singh and Mata Jiwan Kaur, "Dear respected Sikhs, you may return to your village but leave Deep Singh with me as he will be highly regarded as the source of knowledge who will enlighten millions of lives till the end of the world. He will also be a great warrior, like no other."



DAILY ROUTINE

Bhai Deep Singh would wake-up during the ambrosial hours, take a bath, perform his daily prayers (Nitnem) and join Guru Ji's Durbar for Asa Di Vaar.

After Asa Di Vaar, Bhai Deep Singh would listen to the sermons given by Guru Gobind Singh Ji with full love and affection. After serving breakfast, he would begin his classes of Gurmukhi, Sanskrit, Braj, Farsi and Arabic.

He would then devote his time to Martial Arts/Shastar Vidiya training for the entire day.

Whenever there was free time, he would find a way to do selfless service.

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB ACADEMY



ESCORTING MATA SUNDAR KAUR AND MATA SAHIB KAUR JI



Before leaving the Anandpur fort in 1704, Guru Gobind Singh Ji assigned Bhai Mani Singh and Bhai Deep Singh to escort Mata Sundar Kaur and Mata Sahib Kaur to Delhi. Baba Deep Singh's age was 18 years 11 months old.

A safe passage was found from the fort and throughout the journey to a Gursikh's house in Delhi, whose name was Bhai Jawahar Singh.

Bhai Deep Singh Ji left Delhi a few days after to find the whereabouts of Sri Gobind Singh Ji. He stopped at Pahuvind to meet his parents on the way.

After sometime, Bhai Deep Singh found out Guru Ji was in 'Lakhi' forest and without wasting any time, got ready to head to that destination. Guru Ji sent his messenger Bhai Sher Singh to inform Bhai Deep Singh to meet Guru Ji in Sabo Ki Talwandi.



MEETING SRI GURU GOBIND SINGH JI IN DAMDAMA SAHIB

When Bhai Deep Singh finally got to meet Guru Ji he fell at Guru Ji's feet. He then lowered his eyes and said, "Maharaj, I travelled far away from You and I couldn't serve you. All the other Singhs became martyred in the battlefield and I am here alive."

Guru Ji replied - "Have faith, my Sikh. Your need is yet to come, as the future is very dark. You are going to give Amrit to Sikhs and make them fearless Lions, this is why I sent you and Bhai Mani Singh to Delhi. I knew that the Mughals and Hill Rajahs would break their oaths and attack us. All the Sikhs were destined to be Martyrs."

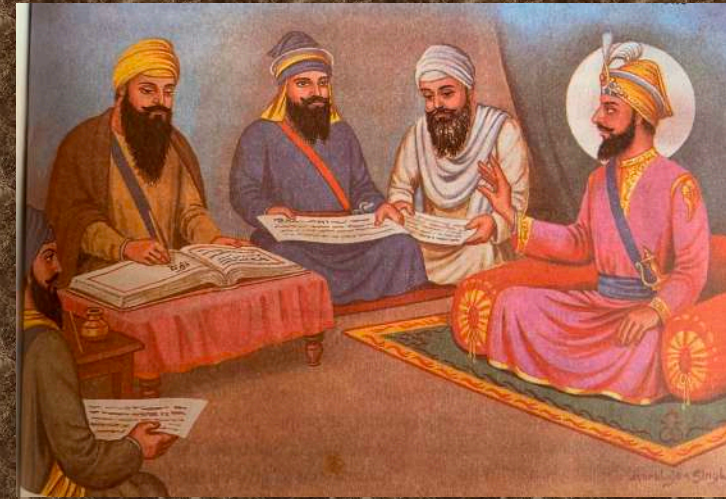


BABA DEEP SINGH PREPARES THE PEN FOR SCRIBING AAD GRANTH

In 1705 at Sri Damdama Sahib, Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji recited the complete 'Aad Granth' from His memory.

Bhai Deep Singh was given the task to prepare the pen and ink for Bhai Mani Singh ji who was scribing while Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji uttered the complete Aad Granth entirely by memory.

Guru Sahib also included the Seloks of his Father 'Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji' - this Saroop is known as the 'Damdami Bir' and upon whom the Guruship was bestowed by Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1708 at Nanded.



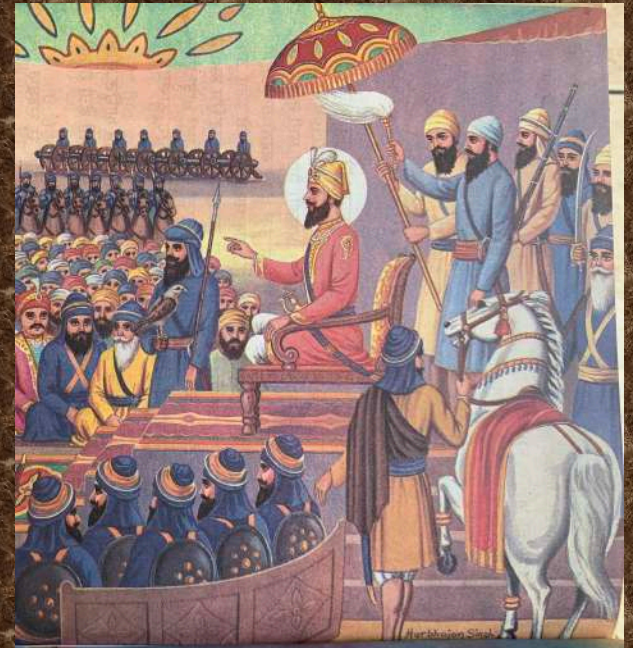
THE 1ST JATHEDAR OF DAMDAMI TAKSAL

The Bani scribed, would be confirmed and corrected by Guru Ji in the evening. Guru Ji would explain the meanings and give discourse to the 48 Gursikhs on how to read/recite Gurbani correctly.

Bhai Mani Singh Ji and Bhai Deep Singh Ji would write down the meanings for their own knowledge, they would then clarify what they didn't understand with Guru Ji.

This task took 9 months, 9 days and 9 Gharis (1 Ghari = 24 minutes) – all the 48 Sikhs became liberated.

Bhai Deep Singh was asked to stay in Sri Damdama Sahib –Bhai Deep Singh Ji was assigned to conduct classes, tutor the Sikhs and to Lead the 'Damdami Taksal' - The Selfless contribution of the Damdami Taksal is still prevalent to this day.





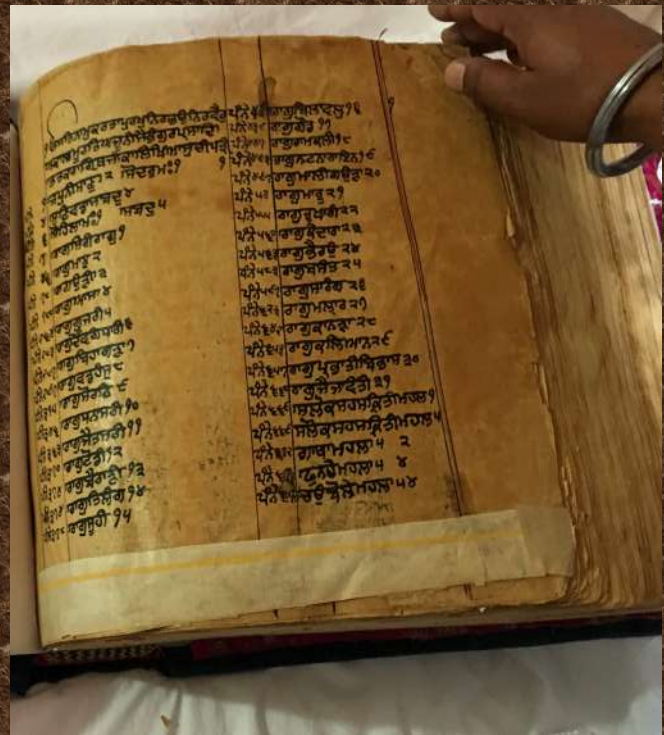
BABA DEEP SINGH SCRIBED SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI

While Baba Deep Singh Ji stayed in Sri Damdama Sahib, he scribed Four Saroops of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

The Saroops were then placed at Sri Akaal Takht Sahib, Takht Sri Harmandir Patna Sahib, Takht Sri Hazur Sahib and Takht Sri Keshgarh, Anandpur Sahib.

Later, Baba Ji scribed Sri Guru Granth Sahib's Saroop in the Arabic script and sent the Saroop to the Middle East.

Baba Ji also scribed few copies of Sri Dasam Granth Sahib



BABA DEEP SINGH & BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR

When Guru Gobind Singh Ji assigned Baba Banda Singh Bahadur towards Punjab, Guru Ji wrote Hukamnamas, this included one to Baba Deep Singh Ji also.

Upon reading the Hukamnama, Baba Deep Singh notified all the Singhs of 'Lakhi Jungle' that the time has arrived to fight the tyrants.

Baba Deep Singh joined Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, this marked one of the greatest victory in Samana and Sirhind.

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur was awestruck when seeing Baba Deep Singh's bravery and respected him as 'ਅਣਖੀ ਬਲੀ ਯੋਧਾ'.





RESTORING THE SANCTITY OF SRI HARMANDIR SAHIB

In 1740, when the news came to Baba Deep Singh that Massa Rangar (Zakriya Khan's appointed Governor for Amritsar) has desecrated Sri Harmandir Sahib by smoking, drinking and bringing in women dancers into the complex.

Baba Deep Singh called upon Sikhs to see the end of Massa Rangar and His regime.

The brave warriors, Sukha Singh (Marri Kamboke), and Mehtab Singh (Mira Kotia), with folded hands pleaded, "Baba Ji, give this service to us. Bless us so that we can bring his head to your feet." Baba Deep Singh replied, "Dasam Pita is always with people who do good deeds. Do not feel alone, Dasam Pita - Guru Gobind Singh Ji will be with you." Sukha Singh and Mehtab Singh brought back Massa Rangar's head.



ਭਾਈ ਸੁਖਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਮਹਿਤਾਬ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਹਰੀ ਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਸਰ ਸਿਖ ਮਸੇ ਰੰਘੜ ਦਾ ਸਿਰ ਕਟਾਏ ਹਨ! ਸਿੱਖ ਸਾਮੇ ਡਾ ਸਿਰ ਕਾਟ ਰਹੇ ਹੈ।



ESTABLISHED JALLANDHAR UNDER SIKH RULE & CONQUERED SIALKOT

The Sikhs under the command of Baba Deep Singh, defeated Nasar Din who was sent by the Governor of Lahore to attack Jalandhar and helped Adeena Begh retain his Governorship. Later, Adeena Begh together with Amin Khan (Governor of Sialkot) started killing the Sikhs.

Sikhs under Baba Deep Singh Ji's command attacked back in Jalandhar, this led to Adeena Begh and his army fleeing away from Jalandhar. Jassa Singh Ahluwalia was then declared the new Governor of Jalandhar.

The Sikh army (under Baba Banda Singh Bahadur & Baba Deep Singh) surrounded Sialkot and defeated Amin Khan together with his large army, he was killed in the war when encountering with Baba Deep Singh Ji.



AHMAD SHAH ABDALI

Abdali with his army came to Delhi and looted all the treasure and abducted young girls to be sold in streets of Kabul (during the Third Battle of Panipat)

Baba Deep Singh along with his horsemen attacked Abdali near Karnal, released all the captured girls and took back the looted treasure in order to preserve the country's treasure.

Baba Deep Singh was impressed in seeing courage of the Sikhs - who were mightier than the Moghuls.

In Lahore, Abdali was confronted and his army was defeated by Sikh army under the command of Jassa Singh Ahluwalia. Abdali then planned to destroy Sri Harmandir Sahib which was known to him as the source of strength for the Sikhs.



ATTACK ON SRI HARMANDIR SAHIB JI

Abdali appointed Taimur as the Governor of Lahore and asked him to go to Guru Ka Chak (Amritsar).

He ordered Taimur to fill the Amrit Sarowar with sand and kill all the Sikhs.

Jahan Khan was given the responsibility by Taimur to desecrate the Sarovar and had took a large army with him. During the initial attempt, 30 Sikhs (under Baba Gurbaksh Singh) stood to defend the Sarovar against the large army - the Sikhs were Martyred after killing 300 Afghans.

The news reached Baba Deep Singh Ji in Sri Damdama Sahib, Baba Deep Singh Ji prepared an army of Sikhs to advance into Amritsar.





SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB ACADEMY

Baba Deep Singh Ji said,
“We are going to marry death to protect
our holy shrine ‘Sri Harmandir Sahib’.
Whoever wishes to join the procession,
should be ready to accept death and the
ones who are not ready, there is no need
to follow us. We have to free Harmandir
Sahib and other shrines of Amritsar.”

Baba Deep Singh Ji's call for



THE LINE OF COURAGE

Upon reaching Tarn Taran, there was an army of around 10,000 Sikhs with Baba Deep Singh Ji.

They first bathed in the Sarowar of Tarn Taran, after this they bowed down and did an Ardaas.

When Baba Ji came out of Tarn Taran, he marked a line on the ground with his Khanda and said, "The Sikhs who are ready to be martyred, step over this line and those who are not ready, do not step over." All the Singhs stepped over and none of them returned back.



THE WAR

Baba Naud Singh Ji, Sardar Dyal Singh, Sardar Balwant Singh and other warriors were with Baba Deep Singh Ji now. All of them were wielding weapons on their horses.

Jahan Khan, who captured Amritsar, got to know that a Sikh Army under the command of Baba Deep Singh are on their way to Amritsar. Jahan Khan immediately sent an army of 40,000 to stop the Sikhs.

Upon seeing the Sikh Army, Jahan Khan started sweating. Abdali became terrified of the Sikhs and escaped back to Kabul.



THE WARFARE

Jahan Khan made a 'Chakarview' (a tactical warfare by which a specific form is created to trap the opponent army) and his plan was to surround the Sikhs.

But to their surprise, Baba Deep Singh Ji who had fought many battles knew how to break the circle.

Baba Ji sent a battalion with Baba Naud Singh to attack from the right and another battalion - Sardar Dyal Singh to attack from the left.

Baba Deep Singh and Sardar Balwant Singh were awaiting to attack after the Chakarview had been broken. Baba Naud Singh and Sardar Dyal Singh attacked in such a way that all the Afghans Chakarviews had shattered and they were forced to retreat.



THE WAR (2)

ਲਰਤ ਕੋਂਦ ਤੁਰਕ ਮਨ ਸੰਗੇ। ਔਰ ਸੁਧਾ ਸਿਰ ਚਲਿਉਨ ਸੰਗੇ।

ਗਰਜਤ ਤਰਜਤ ਤਨ ਅਨ ਨਿਆਈ। ਤੁਰਕ ਚਲੇ ਭਗ ਡਰ ਅਗਵਾਈ।੫੯।

The headless body of Baba Deep Singh continued confrontation with enemies heading towards Sri Harmandir Sahib Amritsar. Baba Ji's body was roaring while making His way through the Turks who were terrified and rushing out of the battlefield.

ਜੱਟ ਸਰਾਇ ਮਹਿਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤਯੋਂ ਹੀ । ਮਾਰਿ ਸੱਤ੍ਰਗਨ ਜੂਝਯੋ ਜਯੋ ਹੀ ।

ਲਰਿਓ ਕਬੰਦ ਤਾਜਿ ਕਾ ਭਾਰਾ। ਢਿਗ ਚਾਟੀ ਵਿੰਡ ਗਿਰਉ ਜੁਝਾਰਾ।੬੦।

Mahit Singh Sarai a Jat was decapitated as well and he fought just like Baba Deep Singh with His head on his palm. Baba Deep Singh kept on going through the Tirk forces and fell near village Chatti Vind.

(Ref: Panth Perakash Chapter 50 by Gyani Gyan Singh Ji)



PERSEVERANCE

As the battle grew fierce, the Sikhs pressed the Pathans backwards, this resulted to a number of Pathan generals being killed.

As Baba Deep Singh Ji was cutting through the enemy, a sword strike decapitated Baba Ji.

Baba Ji without wasting a second, carried his head on his left palm and continued annihilating the enemy forces with a Khanda in his right hand.

Seeing this, the enemy started to retreat in disbelief.



BEYOND LIFE



ਰੋਏ ਹੈਰਾਨ ਦੁਰਾਨੀ ਰਹੇ। ਰੋਏ ਭੈ ਭੀਤ ਚਲੇ ਭਗ ਵਹੇ।
ਇਮ ਭਾਤ ਫਰਕਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੂਰੇ। ਪਹੁੰਚ ਜਥੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਚਕ ਮੂਰੇ।
ਤਬ ਇਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਏਸ ਇਯਾਰਾ। ਧਨਹਿ ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪ੍ਰਣ ਕਿਉ ਸਾਚਾ।
ਗੁਰਪੁਰ ਤੀਰ ਰਾਮਸਰ ਆਏ। ਯਹਿ ਸੁਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਤਹਾ ਥਰਾਏ।
ਨਿਜ ਸਰ ਨਿਜ ਸੂਯਲ ਪਰ ਧਰਕੇ। ਫਤਿਹ ਗਜਾਈ ਉਚ ਉੱਚਰਕੇ।

The Turks distance themselves from the Sikhs as they were wonderstruck and frightened with the incomparable spirit of the Sikhs. The Singhs continued to march forward towards Amritsar. When they reach close to Amritsar, a Singh told 'Great is Baba Deep Singh Ji who have fulfilled his vow' upon listening to these words Babaji stood and rested His head towards Sri Harmandir Sahin and applaud Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh before resting in Guru Sahib's feet.



SHAHEEDI

Baba Ji fought with their head in his left palm and a khanda in his right hand, and they covered eight kilometers fighting the heavily guarded Pathans.

At last, he reached the Parkarma of Harmandir Sahib where he rested his head in reverence to Guru Ram Das Ji.

This day was 30 Katak (17 November 1757CE)

The site where Baba Ji rested his head is still respected and every Sikh bows down in remembrance of his bravery –

Baba Deep Singh Ji ਅਣਖੀ ਬਲੀ ਯੋਧਾ.



MARTYRS IN THE BATTLE OF AMRITSAR 1757

The leaders who were martyred in this battle besides Baba Deep Singh Ji were:-

- Baba Naudh Singh Ji at Chabbe Village
- At Manji Sahib
 - Sardar Akhar Singh
 - Sardar Sant Singh
 - Sardar Sajjan Singh
 - Sardar Hira Singh
 - Sardar Nihal Singh
 - Sardar Bahadar Singh

