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Takhat Sri Harimandir Ji, Patna Sahib

The Sikh religion, also known as Sikhi or Sikhism, is a monotheistic faith that originated in the Punjab region of India in the late 15th century and early 16th centuary. It was founded by Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who is considered the first Guru of Sikhism. Sikhs consider the Guru Granth Sahib, a sacred scripture, as their eternal Guru. It contains the hymns and teachings of Sikh Gurus and other spiritual leaders. Sikhs show great reverence for the Guru Granth Sahib and consider it the living embodiment of the Gurus' wisdom.

Sikhism was founded by ten Gurus, from Guru Nanak Dev Ji to Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj. These Gurus played a vital role in shaping the Sikh faith and community. Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj initiated the Khalsa, a community of committed and initiated Sikhs, who play a central role in Sikh religious and social life.

Sikhism places a strong emphasis on equality among all human beings, regardless of their caste, creed, race, or gender. The concept of Langar, a free community kitchen serving all, is a tangible expression of this principle. Sikhs are encouraged to engage in selfless service and charity (Seva) as a way to connect with God and serve humanity. Sikhs are taught to respect all religions and beliefs and to promote religious tolerance and understanding.

Sikhism is a religion of love, devotion, and social responsibility. It promotes values of selflessness, compassion, and the pursuit of a close and personal relationship with the divine while actively participating in society.



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Takhat Sri Harimandir Ji, the birthplace of the 10th Guru Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj , the 10th Sikh Guru, is held in high reverence as one of the five Takhats by the Sikh community. The historical significance of this place dates back to when Guru Nanak visited the haveli (mansion) of one of his followers, Salis Rai Jouri. Touched by Guru Nanak's teachings, Salis Rai transformed the opulent mansion into a Dharamsala (a place for religious activities).

Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj, the son of Guru Tegh Bahadur, succeeded his father and, like Guru Nanak and Guru Tegh Bahadur, stayed for a period at this Dharamshala. Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj was born here on December 22, 1666. Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Guru of the Sikhs, is well-known for establishing the pioneering Sikh pilgrimage site, Anandpur Sahib in Punjab.

Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj, in addition to being a remarkable warrior, was also a philosopher who fostered a strong sense of unity among the Sikh community. He not only united the followers of Guru Nanak but also formalized their identity as a distinct religious community. He led numerous battles against the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb and left a lasting legacy within the Sikh faith.

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Prakash Punj, Patna

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Prakash Punj is a newly constructed park with state-of-the-art facilities built near Guru Ka Bagh in the city of Patna. Four gates have been built in this park which address the sons of Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj - Ajit Singh, Fateh Singh, Jujhar Singh and Zorawar Singh. These four 'gates' have five circular walls named Hemkund Sahib, Paonta Sahib, Nanded Sahib, Keshgarh Sahib and Patna Sahib. A museum has also been built in the Prakash Punj complex to highlight the life, teachings and works of Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj . Here, through audio-video visuals, paintings, etc., graphic illustrations of the lives of all ten Sikh Gurus will be made for the tourists and devotees.

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Gurudwara Handi Sahib, Danapur

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The sangat of Danapur warmly welcomed them and provided hospitality. An elderly lady named Mata Jasni prepared Khichdi for Guru Ji with great love and affection. She placed the pot of khichdi before Satguru Ji and requested him to partake in the meal. Witnessing this, Sat-guru Ji was deeply impressed with her devotion.

Satguru Ji not only ate the khichdi but also served it to the congregation. In response to Mata Jasni's request to always be present, Satguru Ji said that as long as khichdi is cooked in that Handi and served to the sangat, she would feel his presence there. Mata Jasni followed Guru Ji's instructions, converting her house into a Dharamshala. She continued to cook khichdi in that Handi and served it to the congregation. As a result, this place became known as "Handi Sahib." It stands as a testament to Mata Jasni's devotion and Guru Ji's teachings.

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Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Aitihasik Gurudwara, Katihar

This historical Gurudwara is located in Lakshmipur Panchayat within the Barari Block of Katihar District. It is situated approximately 40 kms from the district headquarter. The Ninth Guru, Shri Tegh Bahadur Sahib, had stayed at this location, originally known as Kant Nagar, during his journey from Assam to Patna in 1670 AD.
During his stay, the local villagers became followers of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib and embraced the Sikh Faith. Many people visit this village due to its association with Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib. Visitors can explore old scripts and ancient documents of religious significance, and the Gurudwara also preserves an old volume of Guru Granth Sahib, the holy scripture of Sikhism. This site serves as a place of historical and religious importance for Sikhs.

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Gurudwara Sheetal Kund, Rajgir

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Rajgir, often referred to as the "Home of Kings," holds sacred significance due to its profound association with Buddha and Mahavira. During Guru Nanak's visit to this place, he engaged in extensive discussions with Buddhist and Jain monks, emphasizing the significance of devotion to one God.

At that time, Rajgir faced the challenge of being surrounded by hot springs, making it difficult to find cold drinking water. Upon Guru Nanak's guidance, people dug a particular spot, and water miraculously gushed forth. This location was subsequently named 'Nanak Kund.' Later, a Gurdwara was constructed at this site to commemorate the event. It serves as a place of reverence and historical importance in Rajgir.

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Gurudwara Chacha Phaggu Mal, Sasaram

Bhai Phaggu Mal, (also known as Chacha Phaggu Mal) a Gursikh of Sri Guru Amar Das Ji, was sent by Guru Ji to spread the message of Sikhism. Once Bhai Phaggu Mal reached Bihar, he lived at the location of Gurudwara Sri Chacha Phaggu Mal Sasaram for most of his life and became the Caretaker.

Bhai Phaggu Mal was the second person in the Sikh history (after Baba Budha Ji) who had met Six Guru Sahib's. However, once Bhai Phaggu Mal became old he couldn't travel and prayed for Guru Ji to visit him one last time before he re-joined with God.

When Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji went on a tour of the east Guru Ji heard Bhai Phaggu Mal's prayers and decided to see him. Bhai Phaggu Mal was lying on his bed when Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji arrived outside. Someone told Bhai Phaggu Mal that Guru Sahib had come to see him. Bhai Sahib said that if indeed Guru Sahib was there then he wouldn't need his permission to enter. A small door opened (the door is still preserved in the Gurudwara Sahib) and Guru Tegh Bahadur entered. Guru Tegh Bahadur addressed Bhai Phaggu Mal Ji as 'Chacha Phaggu Mal Ji'. Bhai Phaggu Mal was overjoyed and took personal care of Guru Ji with his family and the Sangat during the Guru's stay at Sasaram.

Inside the Gurudwara, there are three copies of the Guru Granth Sahib placed side by side, under a domed rectangular pavilion made of white marble. This Gurudwara serves as a place of worship and reverence for the Sikh community.

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Gurudwara Chacha Phaggu Mal, Sasaram

Gurudwara Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur, Gaya

Gurdwara Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in Gaya is an ancient pilgrimage center situated on the bank of the Phalgu River, a tributary of the Ganga. Similar to Gurdwara Chacha Phaggu Mal in Sasaram, this Gurdwara also houses three copies of Guru Granth Sahib, written in both Gurmukhi and Devnagri scripts, which are positioned side by side within a rectangular pavilion on a raised platform.

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Gurudwara Pakki Sangat, Munger

Munger is another location where Guru Tegh Bahadur, a prominent figure in Sikh history, is known to have spent time during his journey towards the east. During his stay in Munger, Guru Tegh Bahadur received the news of the birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj. This event is significant in Sikh history as Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj was the tenth Guru of Sikhism and played a pivotal role in shaping Sikhism and its principles. The commemorative shrine, known as Gurudwara Pakki Sangat, is located in the Belan Bazar area near the old fort. The original building of the Gurudwara was significantly damaged during the earthquake of 1934; however, it was rebuilt within a year. The Gurudwara consists of a rectangular room with a verandah at the front. Within this room, two historical relics, a cot and a pillow believed to have been used by the Guru during his stay, are preserved in the same space where Guru Granth Sahib, the holy scripture of Sikhism, is also placed.

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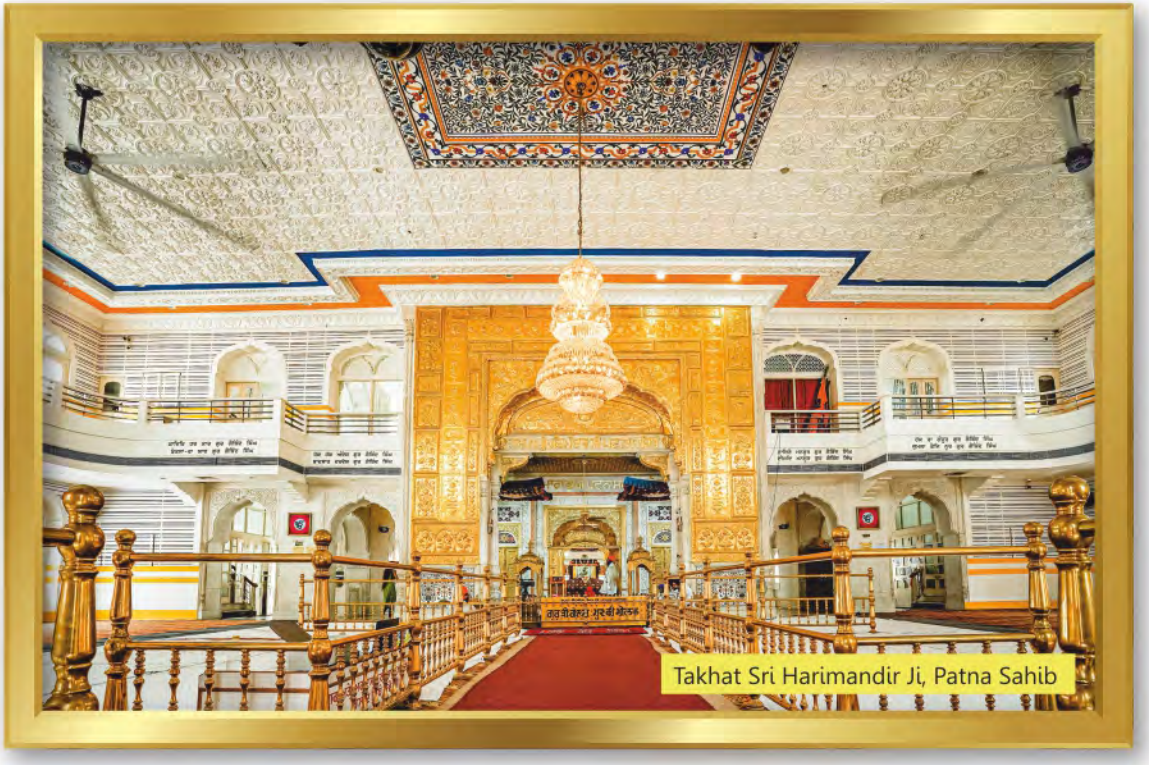
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Gurudwara Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur, Bhagalpur

When Guru Tegh Bahadur visited Bhagalpur in 1667, it had two Sikh Sangats, or congregations. The term "Sangat" typically refers to a gathering of Sikh devotees for religious worship and community activities. This visit by Guru Tegh Bahadur likely holds historical and religious significance in the context of Sikhism. Guru Tegh Bahadur is said to have stayed at Bari Sangat on Burhanath Ghat of which what is left is a stone slab, still considered holy. Over it Sardar Inder Singh Atwal got a room built in 1974. On every amavas, Guru Granth Sahib is brought from Gurudwara Singh Sabha in the interior of the town and a congregation is held here with the holy book placed on the old slab called Chauki Sahib. The place itself is named Gurudwara Bari Sangat Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Chauki Sahib. An old hand-written copy of Guru of Guru Granth Sahib acquired from the former Udasi priest of the Shrine is preserved in Gurudwara Singh Sabha

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