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Vand Chakna Union

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The Birth of the Khalsa: A Legacy of Courage

In 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji called upon thousands to stand for truth, justice, and faith, leading to the birth of the Khalsa; a community built on equality and bravery. The Panj Pyare answered that call without hesitation, proving that being Sikh is about action, not just identity.

In 2026, many people stand out just to get attention, but for a Sikh, standing out is about being responsible. We wear the 5 Ks and the Dastar so we can't hide in a crowd; if someone needs help, they can easily find us. While our look makes us visible, it is our character that truly matters. The Guru gave us the identity of a "Saint-Soldier" so we could stay peaceful on the inside while bravely standing up for the truth on the outside.

The Meaning of "Singh" and "Kaur"

Long ago, your last name told people how much money or power your family had? This meant some people were treated better than others.

To stop this unfairness, Guru Gobind Singh Ji gave everyone new names. He gave boys the name Singh (Lion) and girls the name Kaur (Princess/Leader). This made everyone equal like a family of royalty!

Vaisakhi Word Scramble

A L S H K A (Hint: The name of our community)

T A S R A D (Hint: What we wear on our heads)

R I T A M (Hint: The holy water)

N I S G H (Hint: The name for a lion)

A U R K (Hint: The name for a princess)

N A N D A P U R (Hint: The city where the first Vaisakhi happened.)

S A I K V A H I (Hint: The name of this special festival!)

B O G I N D (Hint: The name of our tenth Guru.)

G A N R A L (Hint: The yummy free kitchen for everyone.)

V A E S (Hint: Helping others without expecting anything back.)

Email your answers to vandchaknaunion@gmail.com and **WIN** a special prize!

VCU Testimonial

"My favorite thing about volunteering is how I get to make fliers, and my favorite activity to do for VCU is crafting." - Jia (Youngest VCU Member)

Volunteer Spotlight



**Kabir
Sethi**

water seva

Events/Projects

- Basketball Training
- Sehaj Paath
- Garden - Mint Plantation
- Vaisakhi Celebration



Uniquely Kaur completion

Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akal!

Bole So Nihal" means "Whoever says this will be blessed with happiness"

"**Sat Sri Akal**" means "God is the Eternal Truth".

Together, this Jaikara is a way to celebrate the victory of truth and to remember that God is always with us.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa,

Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!

**The Khalsa belongs to God,
and victory belongs to God!**

Diversity of the Panj Pyare

Bhai Daya Singh – from Lahore (compassion)

Bhai Dharam Singh – from Hastinapur (righteousness)

Bhai Himmat Singh – from Jagannath Puri (strength)

Bhai Mohkam Singh – from Dwarka (discipline)

Bhai Sahib Singh – from Bidar (courage)

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