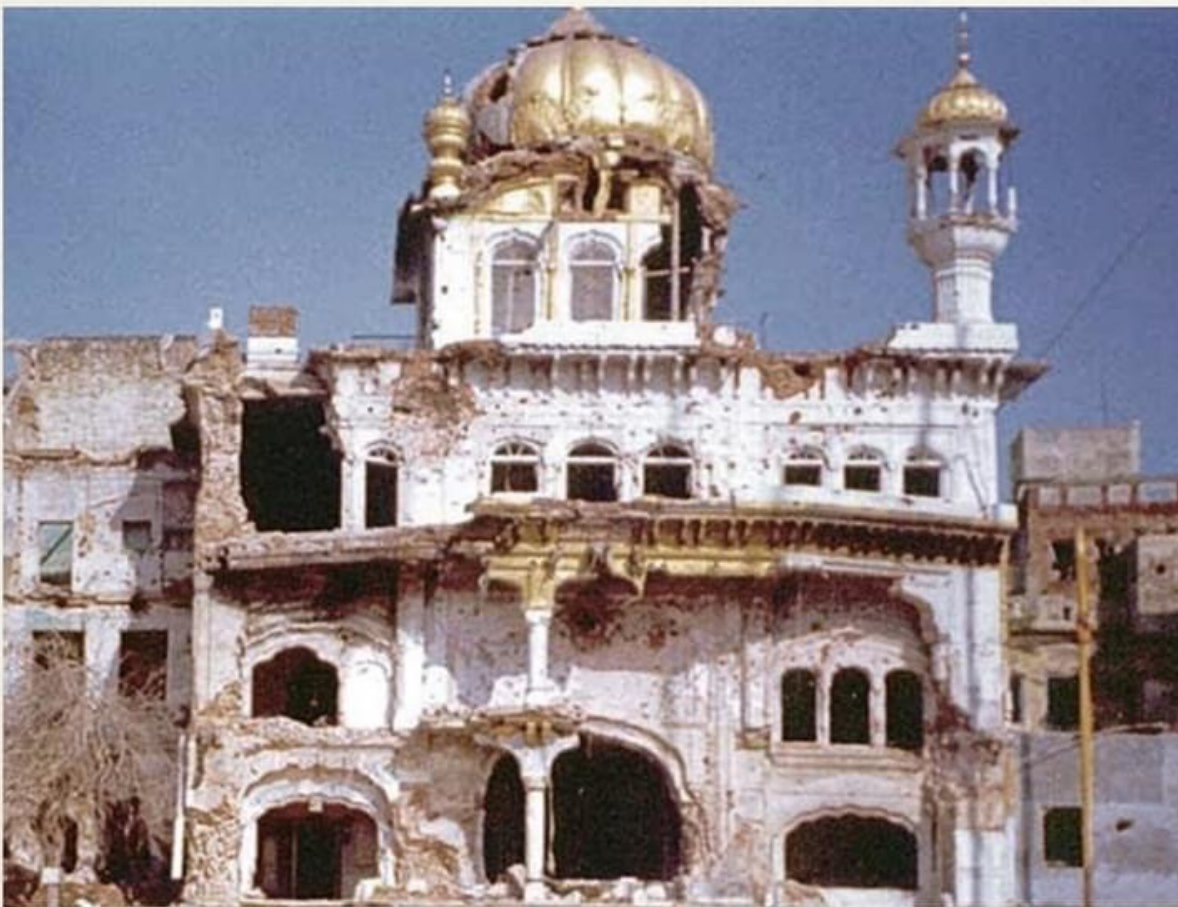


# JAN 6<sup>TH</sup> 1989

Sardar Satwant Singh and Sardar Kehar Singh hanged for assassinating Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Indira Gandhi ordered the June 1984 attack on Sri Harimandir Sahib and Akal Takht Sahib by the Indian Armed Forces.



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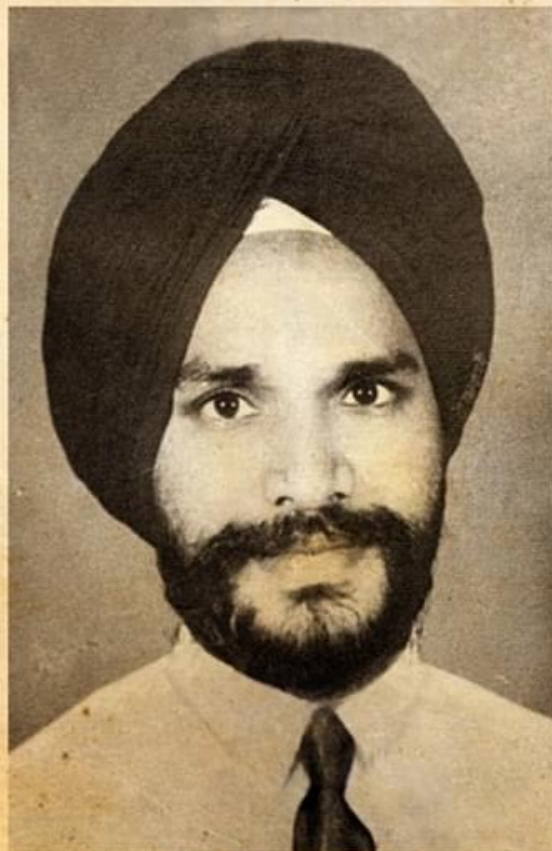
TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

*January 6, 1989*

# Sardar Satwant Singh and Sardar Kehar Singh Executed



Satwant Singh



Kehar Singh



TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 17<sup>th</sup>  
1925

An Akali Jatha of 500 devoted  
Sikhs, led by Lakha Singh  
JahanShahn, was stopped from  
proceeding to Gangsar, Jaito.



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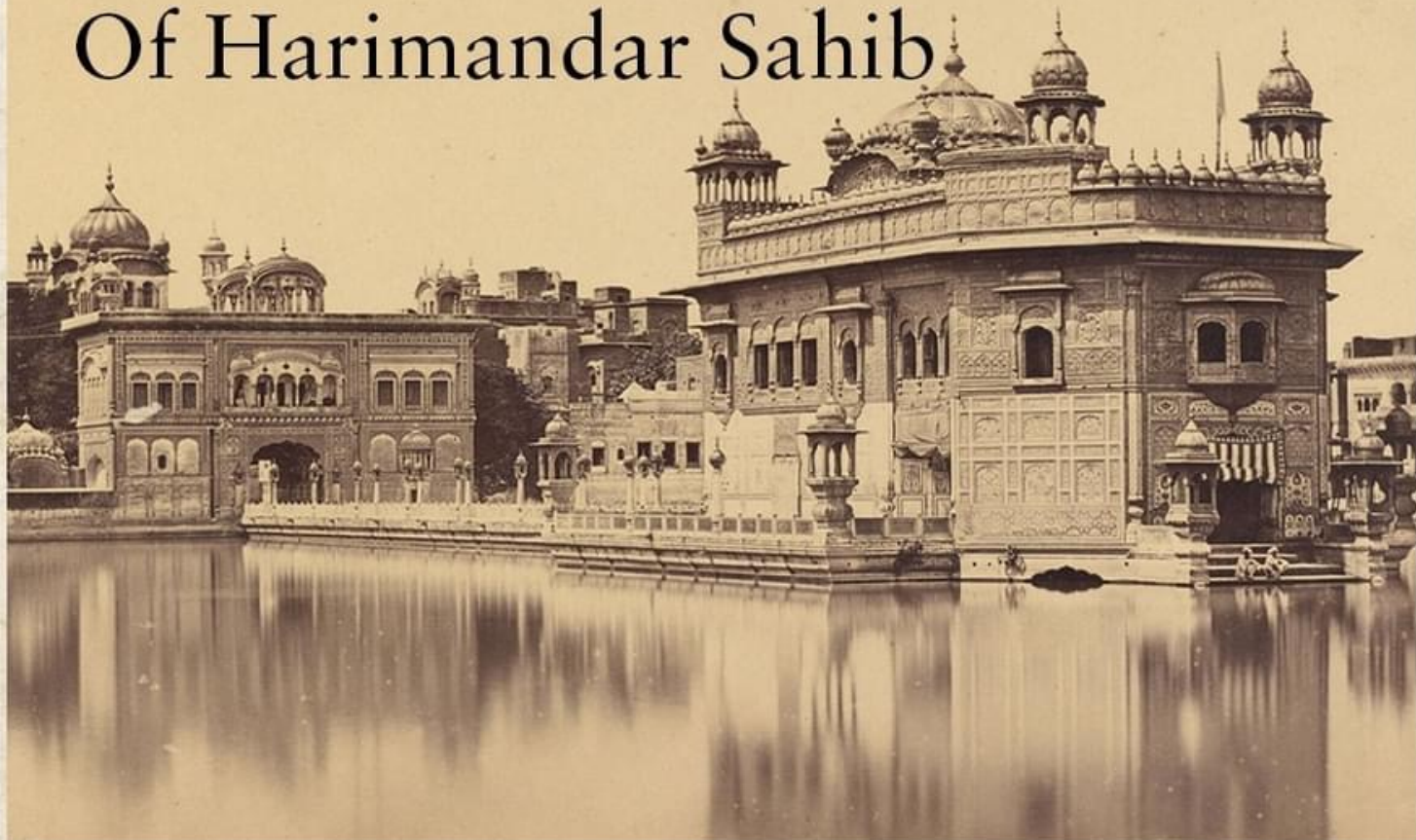
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

*January 17, 1922*

# The British Government Handed Back Control Of Harimandar Sahib

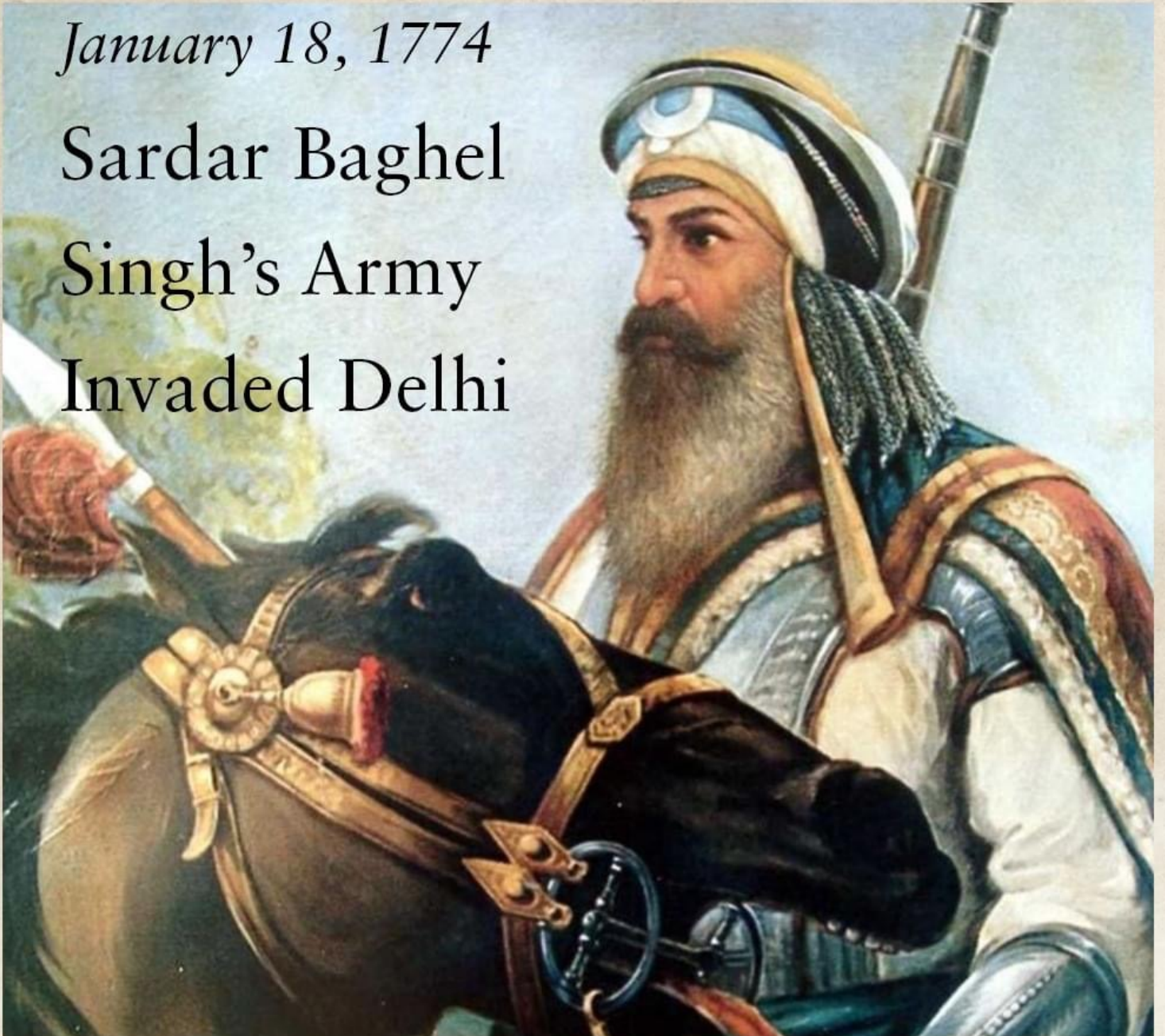




TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

*January 18, 1774*

Sardar Baghel  
Singh's Army  
Invaded Delhi





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 18<sup>th</sup>  
1774

Jathedar Baghael Singh  
captured Delhi and  
raised Kesri Nishan Sahib  
on Red Fort.





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 19<sup>th</sup>  
1908

The Second Avenue  
Gurduara in  
Vancouver, B.C. was  
the first Gurduara  
Sahib in Canada.



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JAN 19<sup>TH</sup> 1908



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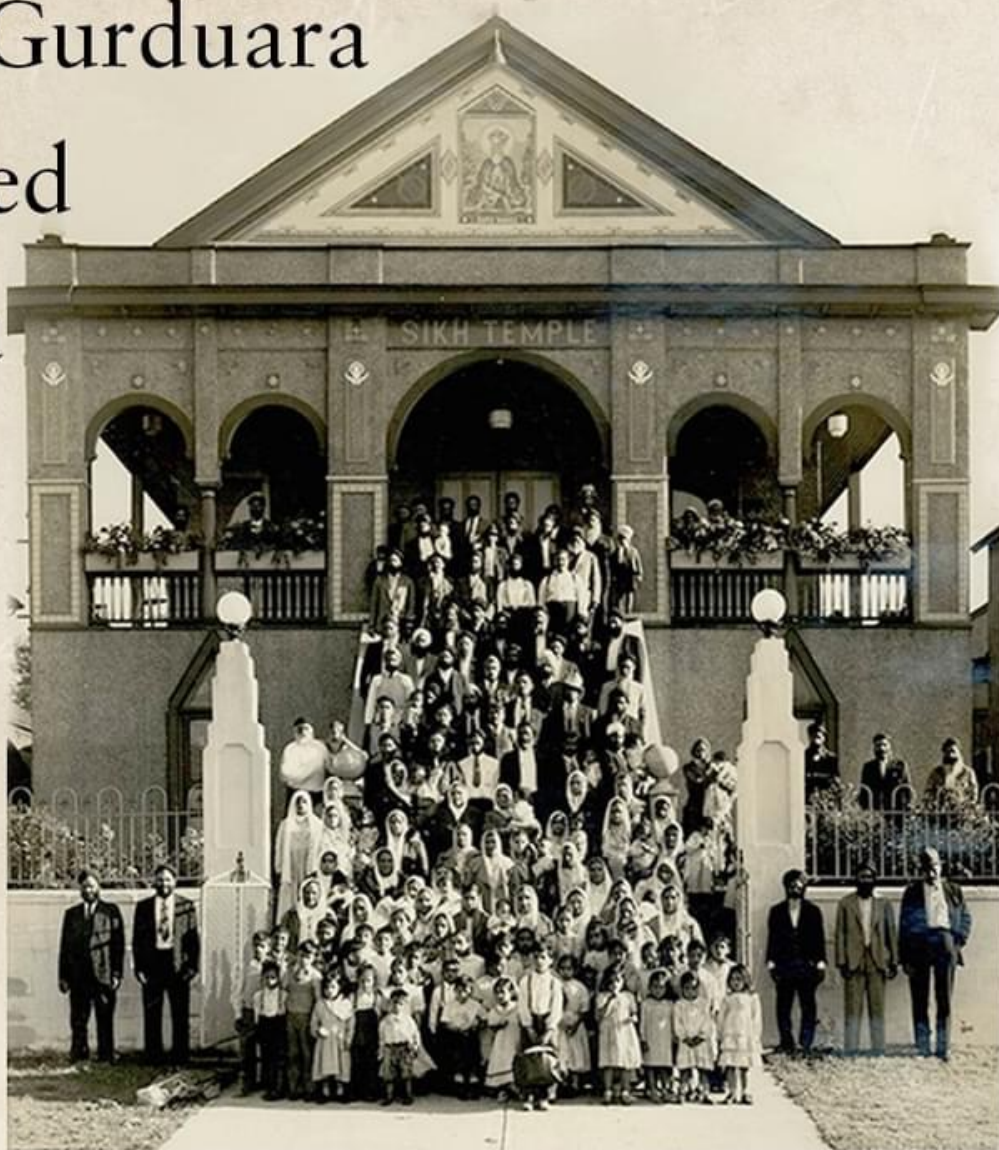




TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

*January 19, 1908*

# The First Gurduara Inaugurated In Canada





# JAN 19<sup>TH</sup> 1908

The first Gurduara Sahib in Canada, "The Khalsa Diwan Society Vancouver" on 1866 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. was inaugurated.



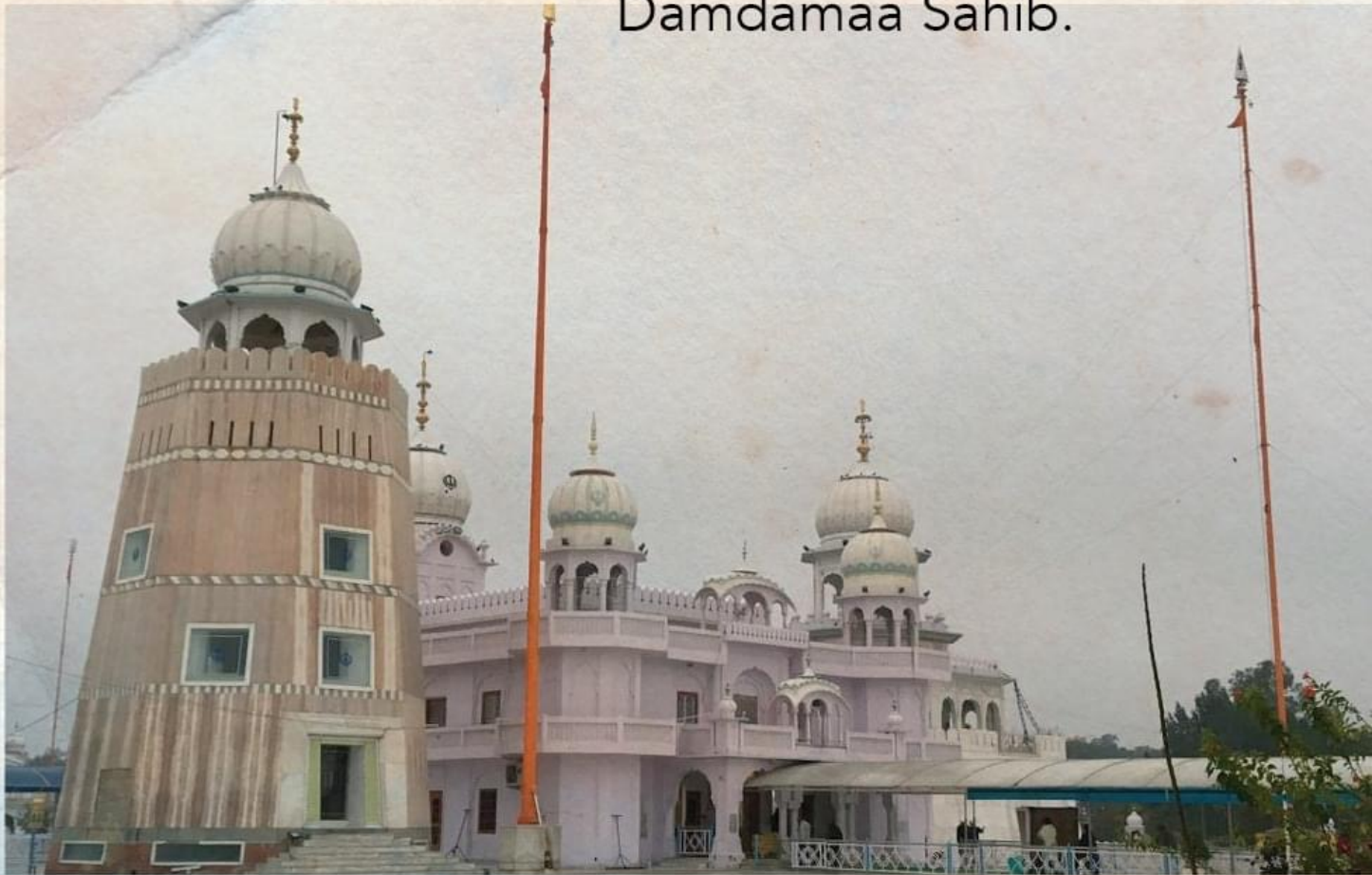
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 20<sup>th</sup>  
1706

Guru Gobind Singh Sahib  
reached Talwandi Sabo,  
where he set camp,  
outside the village, is the  
location of Gurduara  
Damdamaa Sahib.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1948

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar  
suggested the Sikhs to  
struggle for a Panjabi  
speaking state.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 25<sup>th</sup>  
1921

Morcha of Tarn Taran marked the beginning of Gurduara Reform Movement. Sardar Hazara Singh became the first martyr of the movement.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 28<sup>th</sup>  
1757

Baba Aalla Singh and Sardar Chadhat Singh together attacked the Abdali forces and rescued the Hindu women that were being forcibly taken from their residence.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

January 30<sup>th</sup>  
1850

Bhai Maharaj Singh was  
deported to Calcutta  
from Jalandhar.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

February 4<sup>th</sup>  
1975

US Labor Department  
granted Sikhs an  
exemption from wearing  
hard hats based on  
provisions in the United  
States Constitution.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

February 5<sup>th</sup>  
1921

Gurduara Panja Sahib in  
Pakistan was brought  
under the management  
control of Shiromani  
Gurdwara Parbandhak  
Committee (SGPC)



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

February 6<sup>th</sup>  
1926

Kahn Singh Nabha's  
"Mahan Kosh,"  
Encyclopedia of Sikh  
Religion, published.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

*February 11, 1861*

## Maharani Jind Kaur Reunited With Son



Maharani Jind Kaur



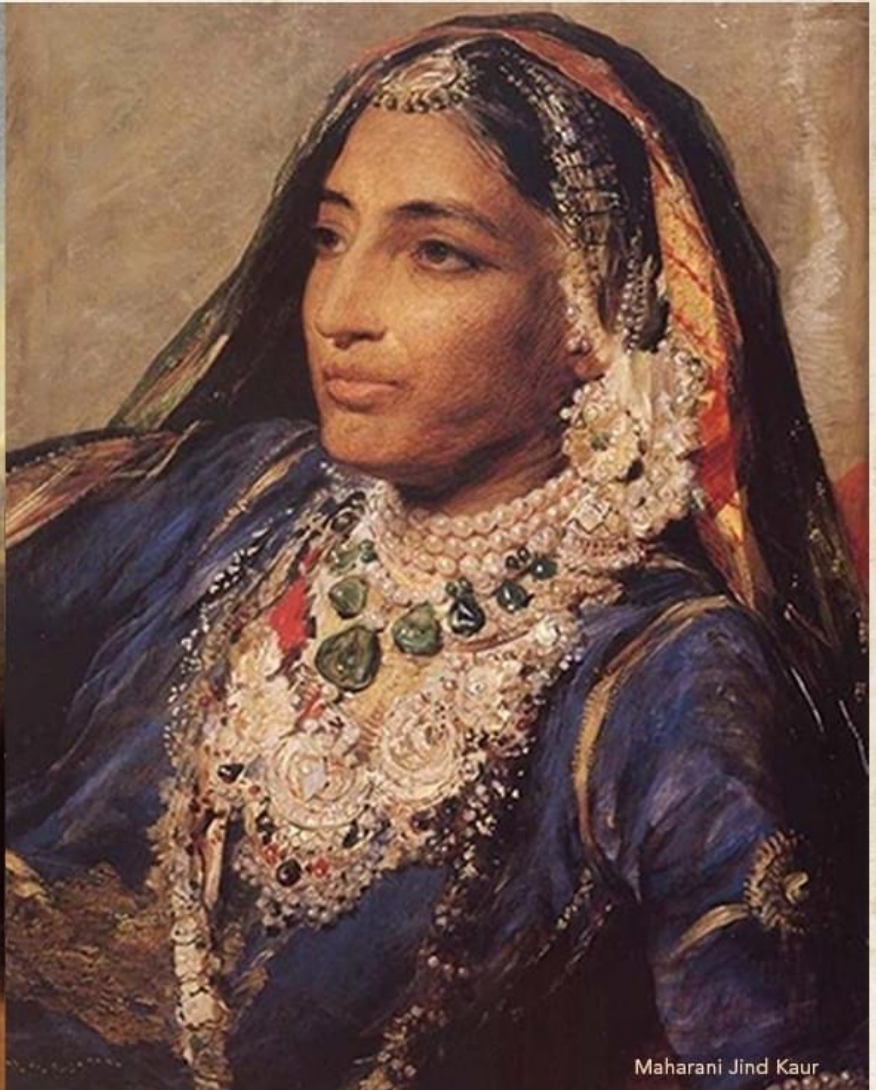
Maharaja Dalip Singh



**FEB 11<sup>TH</sup> 1861**



Maharaja Dalip Singh



Maharani Jind Kaur

Maharani Jind Kaur reunites with her son, Maharaja Dalip Singh, in Calcutta, after approximately fourteen long years of separation.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

February 16<sup>th</sup>  
1986

Foundation stone laid by the Sikhs for the re-construction of Akal Takht Sahib after it was destroyed during the Battle of Amritsar (1984).



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 5<sup>th</sup>  
1748

Khalsa Panth gathered at Anandpur Sahib for Hola Mahalla observations and resolved to gather in Amritsar for Vaisakhi celebrations.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 7<sup>th</sup>  
1959

Shiromani Gurdwara  
Parbandhak Committee's  
(SGPC) general meeting  
accepts the announcement  
for the fifth Takhat,  
Sri Damdama Sahib.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 9<sup>th</sup>  
1985

Panjab was sealed permanently for foreign visitors. Amnesty International, the Human Rights Commission, and other human rights organizations were banned in Panjab.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 9<sup>th</sup>

1946

Shiromani Gurdwara  
Parbandhak Committee  
(SGPC) passes Resolution No.  
18 in Sri Amritsar, declaring  
"Sikhs are a Nation."



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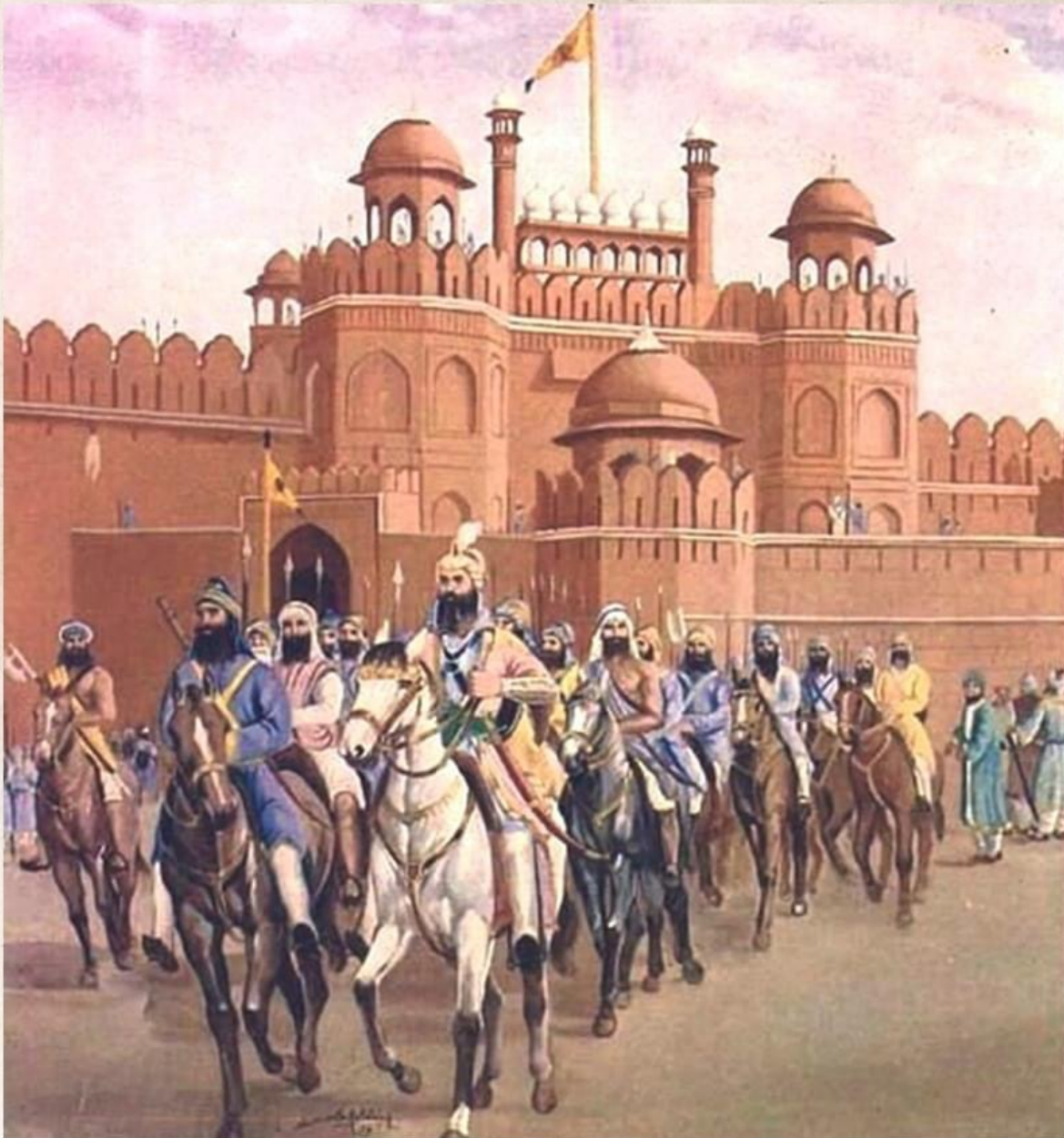
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# MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> 1783

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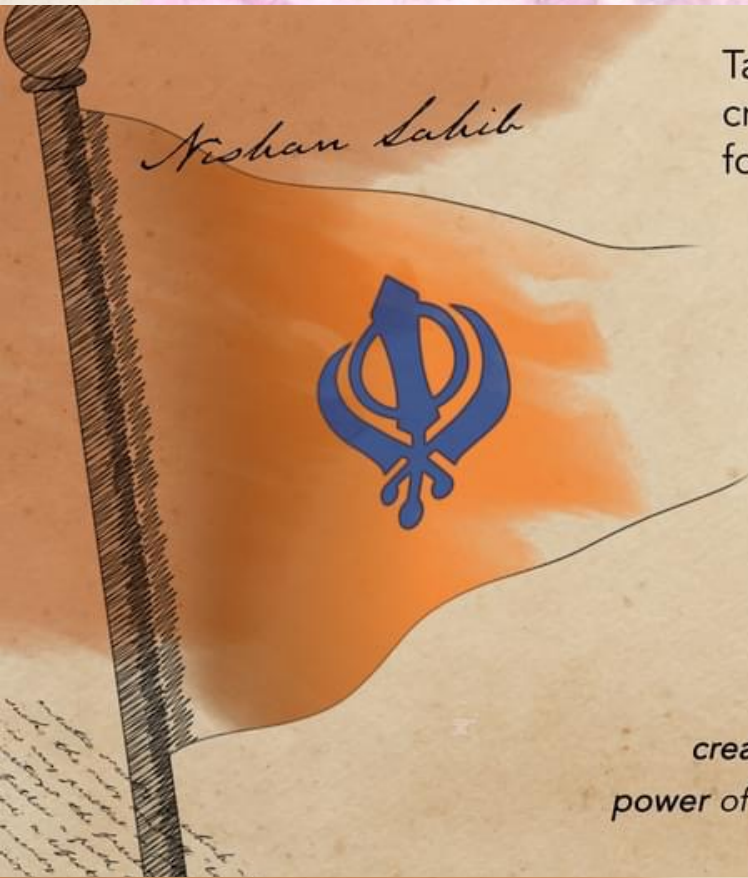
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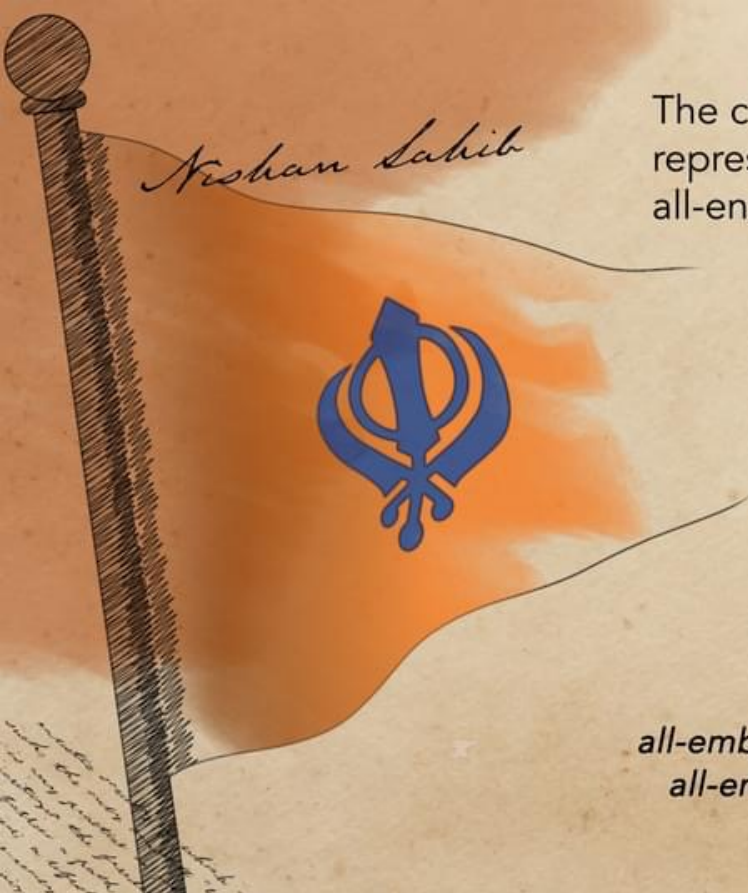


Taken as a whole, the **Khanda** represents the creative, sovereign power of IkOankar, the force that governs the universe in its entirety.



**Khanda**

*creative, sovereign  
power of IkOankar*



The circular throwing disc, known as a **Chakkar**, represents the all-embracing and all-encompassing nature of IkOankar.



**Chakkar**

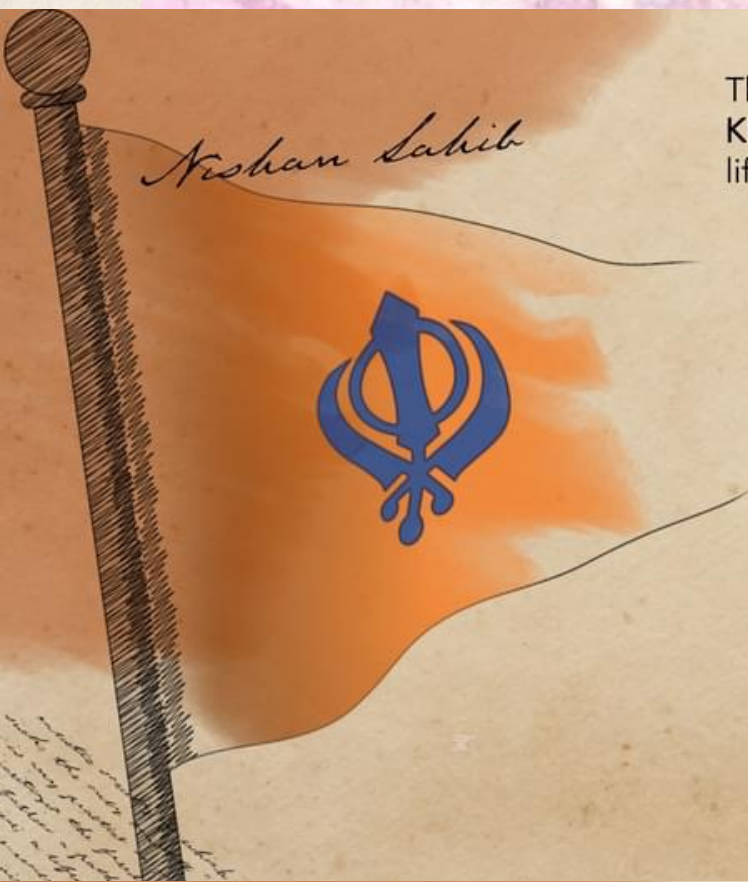
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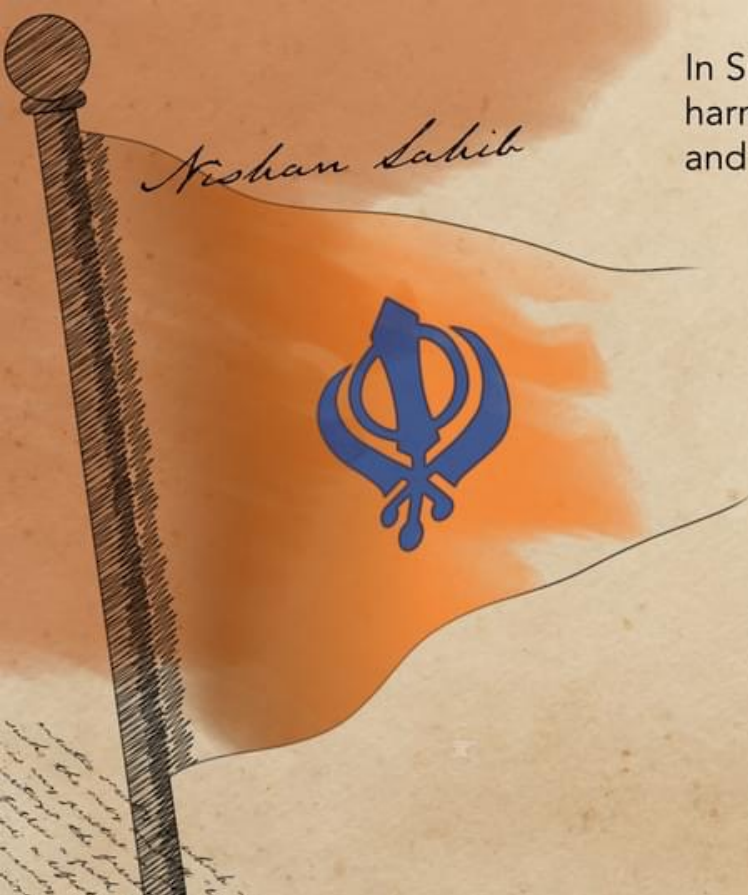


The double-edged sword in the center, also called a **Khanda**, represents the passage one takes through life as illustrated by the ten founding Gurus of Sikhi.

**Khanda**

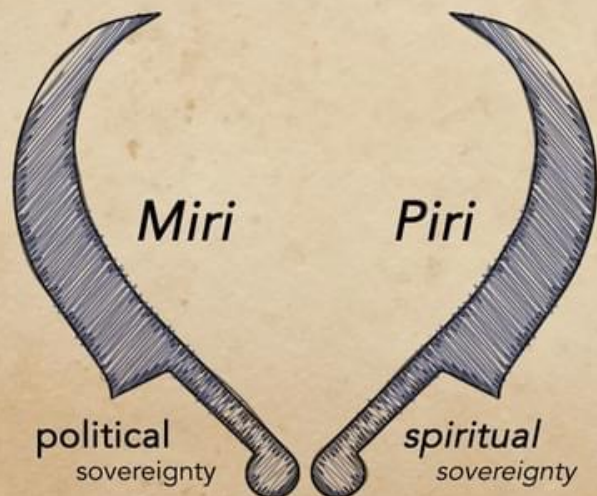


*passage one  
takes through life*



In Sikhi, a balanced life involves a harmony of the outer life, **Miri**, and the inner life, **Piri**.

**Miri** and **Piri** are represented by the two swords on the outer edge of the design.





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 13<sup>th</sup>  
1940

Sardar Udham Singh assassinated Sir Michael Francis O'Dwyer in London, England. He delivered justice to O'Dwyer for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre that took place in Amritsar on 13 April 1919.



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MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 1940

March 14, 1940  
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: HALL

# ASSASSIN SHOOTS PEERS, KNIGHTS IN LONDON



SIR MICHAEL O'DWYER, AGED SEVENTY-FIVE, GOVERNOR OF THE PUNJAB DURING THE AMRITSAR RIOTS, WAS SHOT DEAD BY AN INDIAN GUNMAN IN CAXTON HALL, WESTMINSTER, YESTERDAY.

The gunman fired first at Lord Zetland, Secretary for India, and slightly wounded him. Then, as they rose to reach him he turned his gun, shot and wounded Lord Lamington, ex-Governor of Bombay, and Sir Louis Dane, another Punjab ex-Governor.

Scarcely 300 men and women had heard the story being addressed the morning of the East India Association in the Taylor Room of Caxton Hall.

Lord Zetland was in the crowd. The meeting was about to close and Lord Lamington had risen to propose a vote of thanks, when a thick-set Indian man, walked to the Press table, pulled out a pistol, and fired.

As the first two shots were heard Lord Zetland leaped over and collapsed on the arms of his chair.

Sir Michael O'Dwyer jumped up. Two shots entered his head and he fell back dead.

## Assassin Fired

### Six Shots

The assassin fired six shots. With his last two bullets he wounded Lord Lamington and the Lord of the Isles, who had been sitting at the end of the front row of the audience.

His knife was lost, he then fired Lord Lamington in the back.

For a short time there was silence. The assassin lifted a hand to his forehead and then he walked away.

Two men, one of them in S.I.F. uniform, rushed on him and drove him down. A third man seized the revolver from his hand.

They ran and were caught by two men, dressed in Indian police uniforms.

A woman, dressed in a sari, was seen running away.

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## INAVIA EPACT

Deputy Governor of the Punjab, Sir Louis Dane, was shot and wounded. The assassin fired six shots. With his last two bullets he wounded Lord Lamington and the Lord of the Isles, who had been sitting at the end of the front row of the audience.



Lord Zetland, a British peer, was shot and wounded.



Lord Lamington was shot in the back.



Sir Michael O'Dwyer, shot dead, with two bullets.

Keep  
smiling

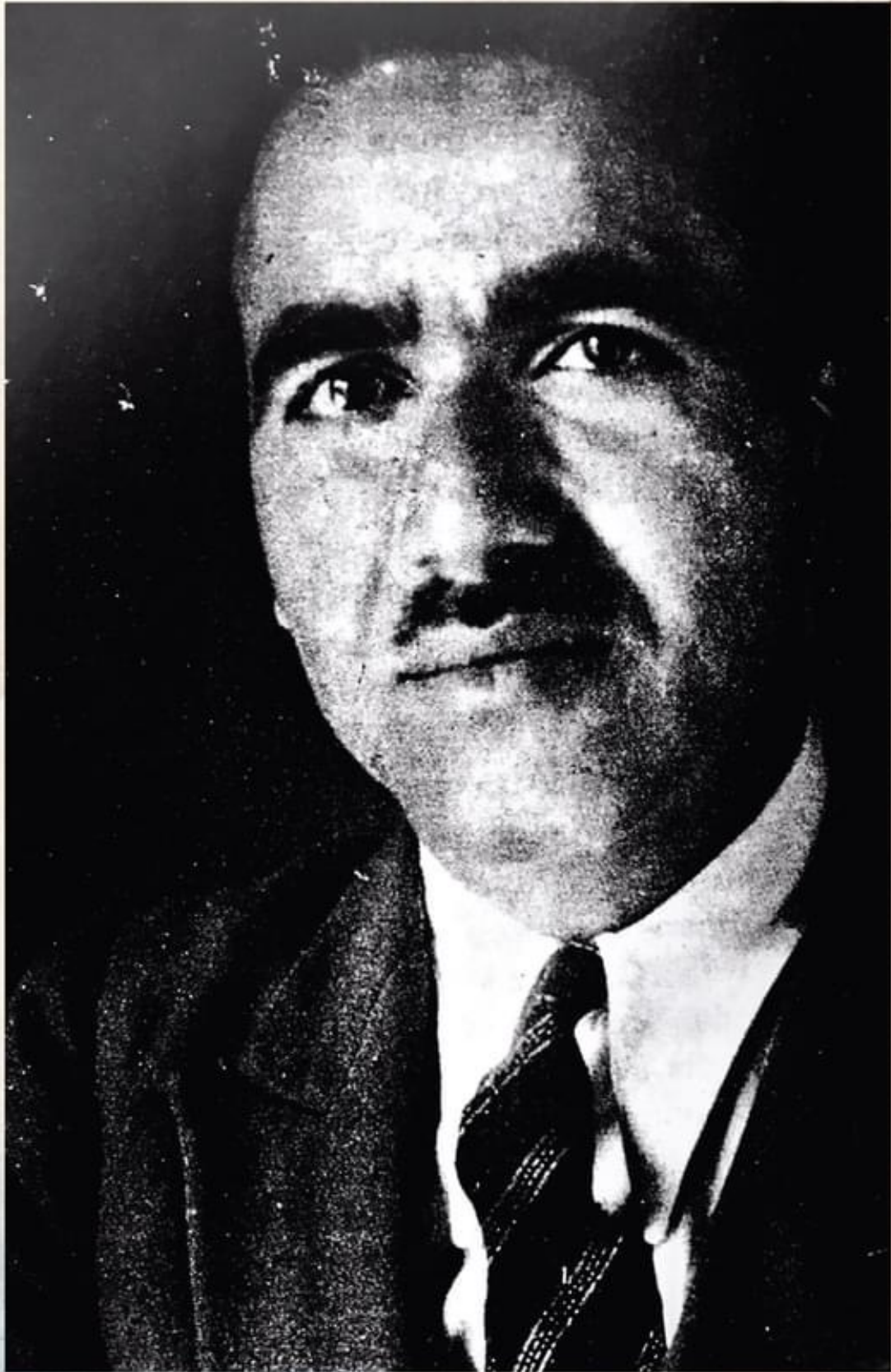


Guinness  
is good  
for you

Daily Mirror, 14 March 1940 covering the  
Caxton Hall shooting



**MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 1940**



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
1959

300,000 Sikhs march in Delhi to protest against the Indian Government for interference in the management of Sikh Shrines.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1931

Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar marched to the gallows of Lahore Jail with smiles on their faces. They were executed for their roles in the Lahore Conspiracy Case, against the British Raj.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

March 29<sup>th</sup>  
1849

Ten year old Maharaja Duleep Singh signed a document renouncing every 'right, title or claim' to Panjab. All of the Kingdom's property, including the Koh-i-noor, now belonged to the British.





# MAHARAJA DULEEP SINGH





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 4<sup>th</sup>

1914

Nanak Jahaz (Komagata Maru) started its journey with 165 Sikhs from Hong Kong to British Columbia, Canada.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 6<sup>th</sup>  
1849

Maharani Jind Kaur was forcibly moved by the British from Banaras into the maximum security facility at Chunar Fort.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 10<sup>th</sup>

1754

Jassa Singh Ahluwalia was selected as Jathedar by the Sarbat Khalsa at Sri Akal Takhat Sahib.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 11<sup>th</sup>  
1883

Khalsa Diwan was established in Amritsar to oversee and provide direction to the work of the Singh Sabha.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 12<sup>th</sup>  
1801

Ranjit Singh was proclaimed as Maharaja of the Panjab, creating a unified political state.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 13<sup>th</sup>  
1919

General Reginald Edward Harry Dyer ordered troops of the British Indian Army to fire into a crowd of unarmed civilians in Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, Panjab, killing close to 400 people and injuring over a 1,000.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 26<sup>th</sup>  
1988

Justice Kuldip Singh announced that Coordination on Disappearances in Punjab (CCDP) will form a three-member commission constituting D.S. Tewatia, former Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, H. Suresh, a retired judge of the Bombay High Court and Justice Jaspal Singh, to investigate the mass cremations Panjab since 1984.



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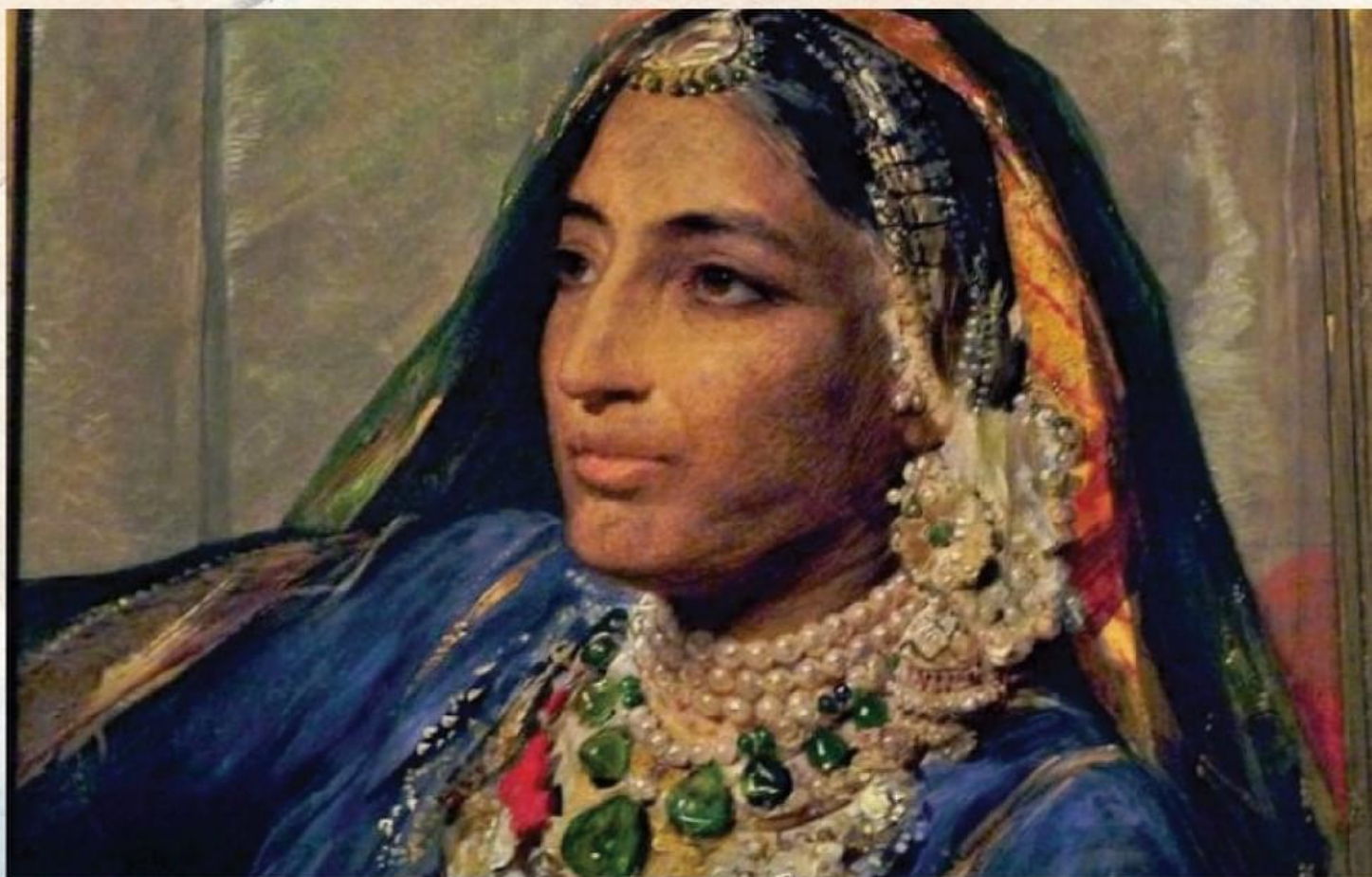
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 29<sup>th</sup>  
1849

Maharani Jind Kaur escapes  
from the maximum security of  
Chunar Fort and reaches  
Kathmandhu in Nepal.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

April 30<sup>th</sup>  
1986

Surjit Singh Barnala orders "Black Thunder," an assault on Sri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar, conducted by National Security Guards as part of a psychological operations against the Sikhs.



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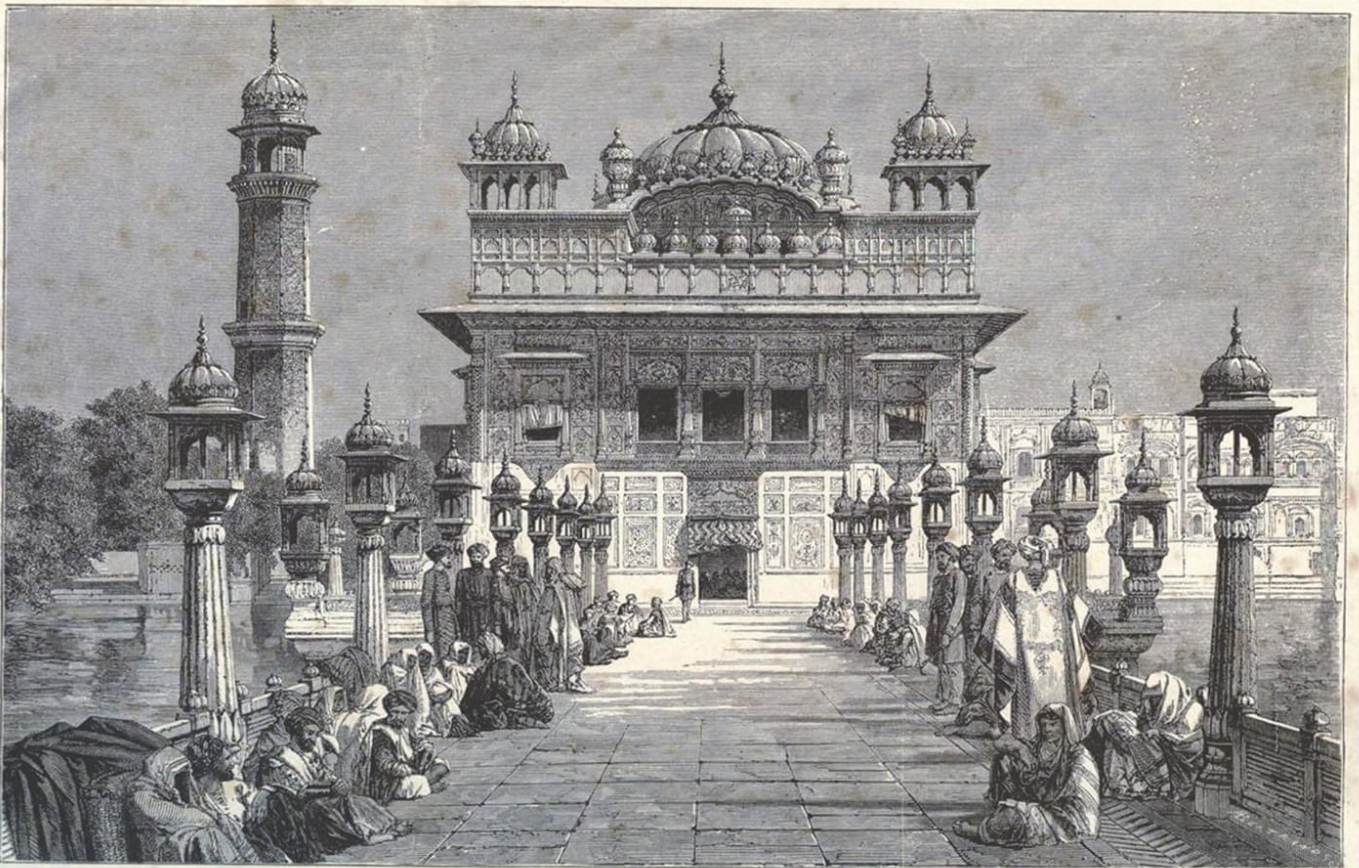
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

August 8<sup>th</sup>  
1881

Lord Ripon: "I think it would be politically dangerous to allow the management of the Sikh temples to fall into the hands of a committee emancipated from government control." This statement showed that the British Government did not want Sikhs to have community control of their Gurduaras.



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August 15<sup>th</sup>  
1947

**MAP OF THE UNITED PUNJAB BEFORE PARTITION  
SHOWING THE NOTIONAL BOUNDARY UNDER  
THE PARTITION PLAN OF 3rd JUNE 1947**

Legend:

- Districts included in West Punjab (Green)
- Princely states (Yellow)
- Districts included in East Punjab (Red)

Scale: 1" = 33 Miles (Approximately)

References:

|       |                           |   |                    |
|-------|---------------------------|---|--------------------|
| —     | Boundary: Province, State | — | Boundary: District |
| - - - | Boundary: District, Taluk | — | Boundary: Taluk    |
| —     | Railway                   | — | High Speed Road    |
| —     | High Speed Road           | — | Canal              |
| —     | Canal                     | — | Sea                |

Abbreviations:

|    |            |    |           |
|----|------------|----|-----------|
| BA | BANURTHALA | L  | LUDHIANA  |
| BL | BALLOTHRA  | M  | MIRANSAH  |
| KA | KALKA      | P  | PATNA     |
| MA | MIRANSAH   | R  | RAJASTHAN |
| SA | SANAWALPUR | SR | SIRSAH    |
|    |            | G  | GURGAON   |



TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

May 5<sup>th</sup>  
1948

The Patiala and East Punjab States Union (PEPSU) was formed. It was a state of Indian Union uniting eight princely states between 1948 and 1956. The capital and principal city was Patiala.





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

May 9<sup>th</sup>

1915

Bhai Randhir Singh was arrested for his participation in an unsuccessful attempt to attack Ferozepur Fort.



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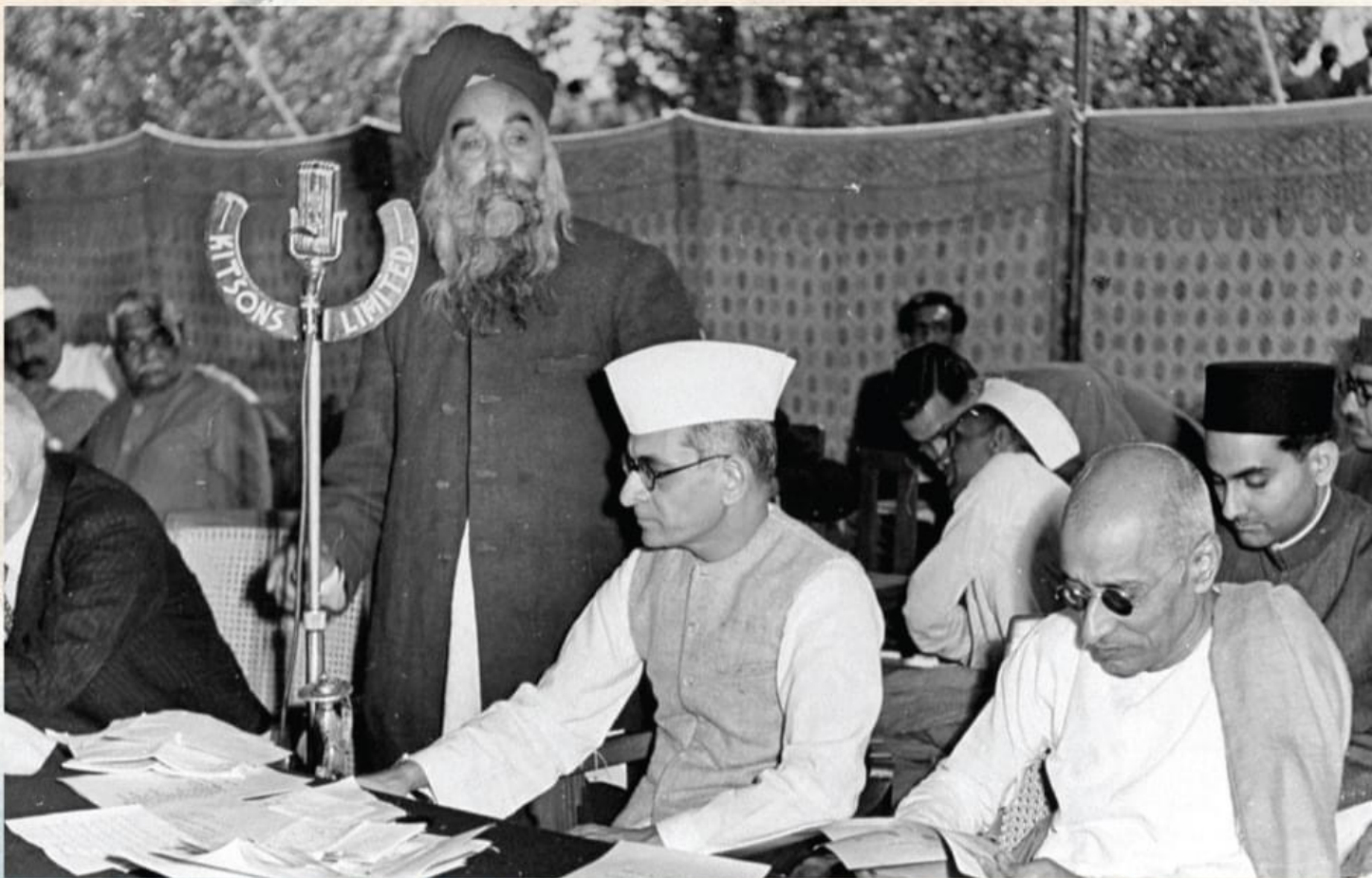
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

May 10<sup>th</sup>  
1930

Master Tara Singh was arrested in Lahore for leading a march of 100 activists to Peshawar to protest the killing of about 300 people in April 1930 in Qissa Khawani Bazaar of Peshawar.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

May 15<sup>th</sup>  
1850

Bhai Maharaj Singh was deported from Calcutta to Singapore by the British along with his companion Kharag Singh, with instructions that they be kept in solitary confinement for the rest of their lives.



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# Chota Ghallughara

May 17, 1746



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1914

Guru Nanak Jahaz (Komagata Maru) reached Vancouver port, Canada. It set sail from Hong Kong on April 4, 1914. However, the passengers were not allowed to land at Vancouver and were forcibly returned to Calcutta.



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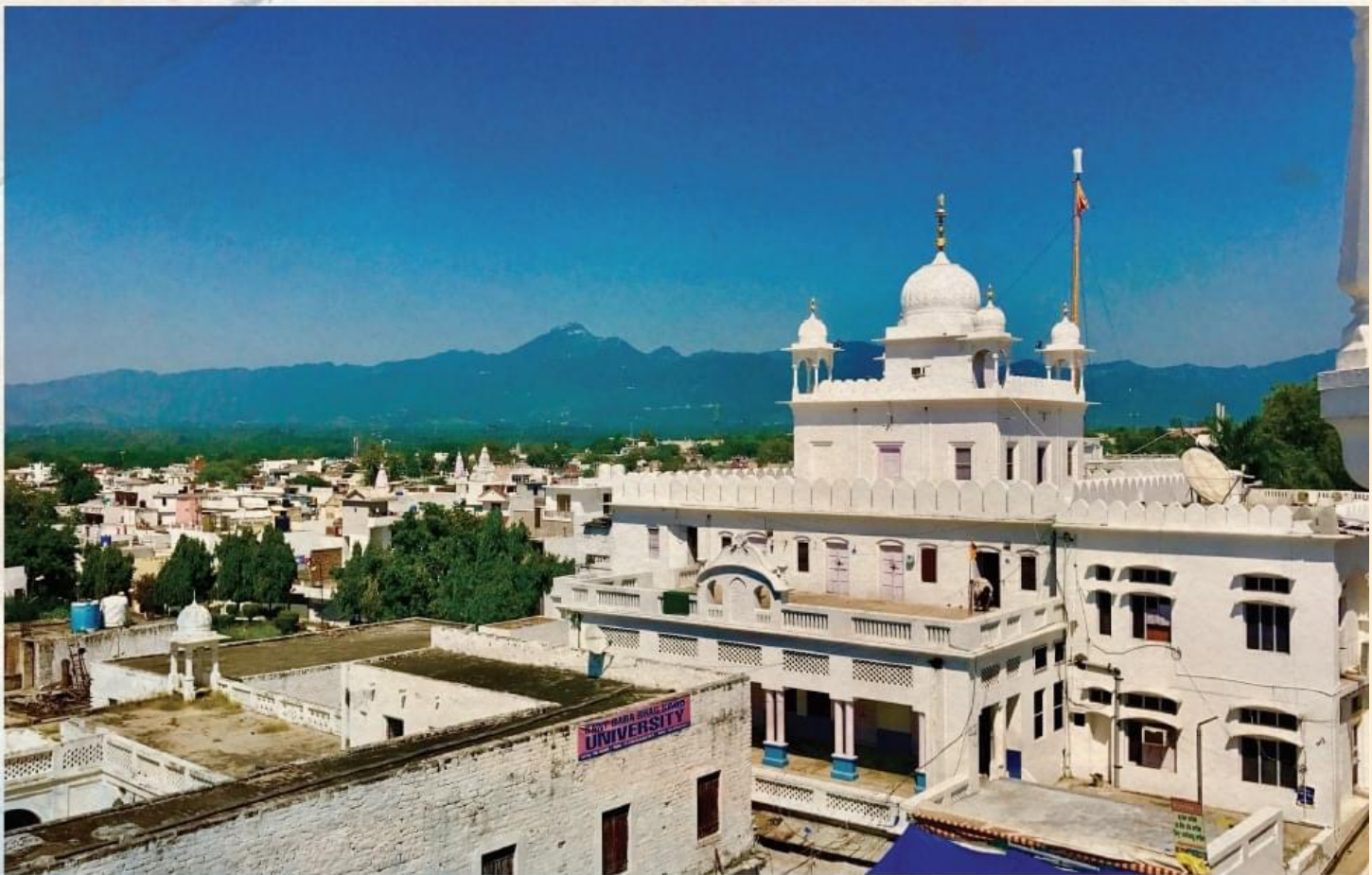
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

May 25<sup>th</sup>  
1675

Kashmiri Pandits led by Kirpa Ram arrived in Anandpur Sahib to request Guru Tegh Bahadar Sahib for help against the persecution of Kashmiri Pandits by Aurangzeb.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

June 11<sup>th</sup>  
1940

Sardar Udham Singh was sentenced to death for bringing Michael Francis O'Dwyer to justice in London for presiding over the Jallianwala Bagh massacre as the Lieutenant Governor of Panjab.





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

June 14<sup>th</sup>  
1984

Historian Ganda Singh returns  
his "Padam Shri" award in  
protest of the Indian armed  
forces' attack on Sri  
Harimandar Sahib, Amritsar.



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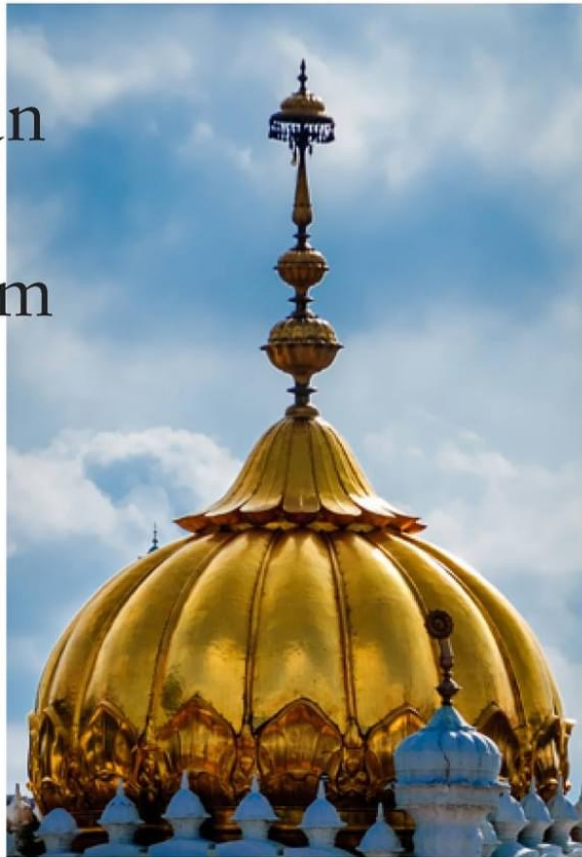


# JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> 1606

TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

*June 16, 1606*

## Guru Arjan Sahib's Martyrdom



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Today, we commemorate Guru Arjan Sahib's martyrdom. In the midst of extreme hostility and hardships, the great Master was in a profound intuitive equipoise. Even while sitting on a hot plate, the Guru was absorbed in the love of the Beloved. Extreme conditions could not take away the Guru's inner poise. Even in that state, Guru's love instilled consciousness reverberated gratitude.



TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

June 25<sup>th</sup>  
1975

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed an Emergency (suspension of civil liberties) in India and all prominent leaders of the opposition were arrested.

Subbanna Rudhy and his wife, Lily.

## Numbering a r and an activist

Interrogation and her mother was arrested. "That was when our nightmare really began."

Subbanna was put in a cell with no companions and the family could visit her once a week. She had to appear in books and could not meet other political prisoners in jail. As her health deteriorated, being a chronic asthma patient, she was made to inject herself with adrenaline and was not hospitalized despite medical advice.

It was only in January 1977 that she was released on parole, "probably because they did not want her to die in jail". She died a few days later on January 30, when Mr. Narasimha Rudhy was away in Delhi. "The family found a diary she had kept in jail, a lot of which was about injustice done to the other women prisoners, but much of it was her 'frustration and anger at the injustice and tyranny of a dictatorship'."

Mr. Narasimha

AN ENTRY IN THE DIARY OF SENIOR BJP LEADER L.K. ADVANI READ: 'JUNE 26, 1975, MAY WELL PROVE TO BE THE LAST DAY IN THE HISTORY OF INDIAN DEMOCRACY AS WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD IT. HOPE THIS FEAR WILL BE PROVED UNFOUNDED.'



# THE CITY AND THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Newspapers Expose  
BENGALURU

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) patriarch L.K. Advani's recent remark on the Emergency, that "forces that can crush democracy have become stronger in India" stirred a storm of protest. While that remark by the oppositionist may reflect his views on present-day politics, Mr. Advani's trip with the declaration of the Emergency, on the night intervening June 25 and 26, 1975, was noted in the then Bangalore.

In fact, several senior BJP leaders, now, including the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Mr. Advani and socialist leaders such as Shrikanth Narayan, Wishes and Madhu Bendras, were arrested in Bangalore on June 25, when they had arrived to attend a meeting of the Joint



BJP leader L.K. Advani revisiting Bangalore Central Jail, where he had spent 19 months during the Emergency, in 2000. — FILE PHOTO BY THE HINDU ARCHIVES

leaders M. Chandrababu Naidu, S. Varadarajan, Sundarajulu Ramiah, Michael Perumal and Lawrence Fernandez, were also arrested in the city under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA).

With an army leading figures in the state jail, Bangalore

those firmly rooted in socialist movements."

On June 26, BJP leader S. Ramiah Kumar wrote how he saw a huge protest at the Mysore Bank Circle. "I opened my way there and I saw [BJP] leaders. Handling over the responsibility of organizing the



Fourth Congress in Gandhi with the S.M. Krishna and Karnataka CM D. during a rally in 1975.

## Cultural and lit side of the prot

Like in many parts of Karnataka has written, cultural correspondence promote against the Emergency post. Considerable Adiga's critical poems such as Nirma (Water to your faith), Jee K. Shivakuma Ramesh retort Bhushat as a mark of protest. Chandrababu Naidu, who spent 30 days in jail, brought of poems on the theme.

Sundays emerged as the theme movement in Karnataka Emergency and performed in order the guidance of noted writers C.G. Krishnakumar and of Jnanpith recipient the is himself wrote in his novel. "We think were per Emergency was declared, W





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

June 26<sup>th</sup>  
1984

A council of Panj Piare demanded that the State should hand over the control of Harimandar Sahib to SGPC and let it take care of the 'Kar Seva'.



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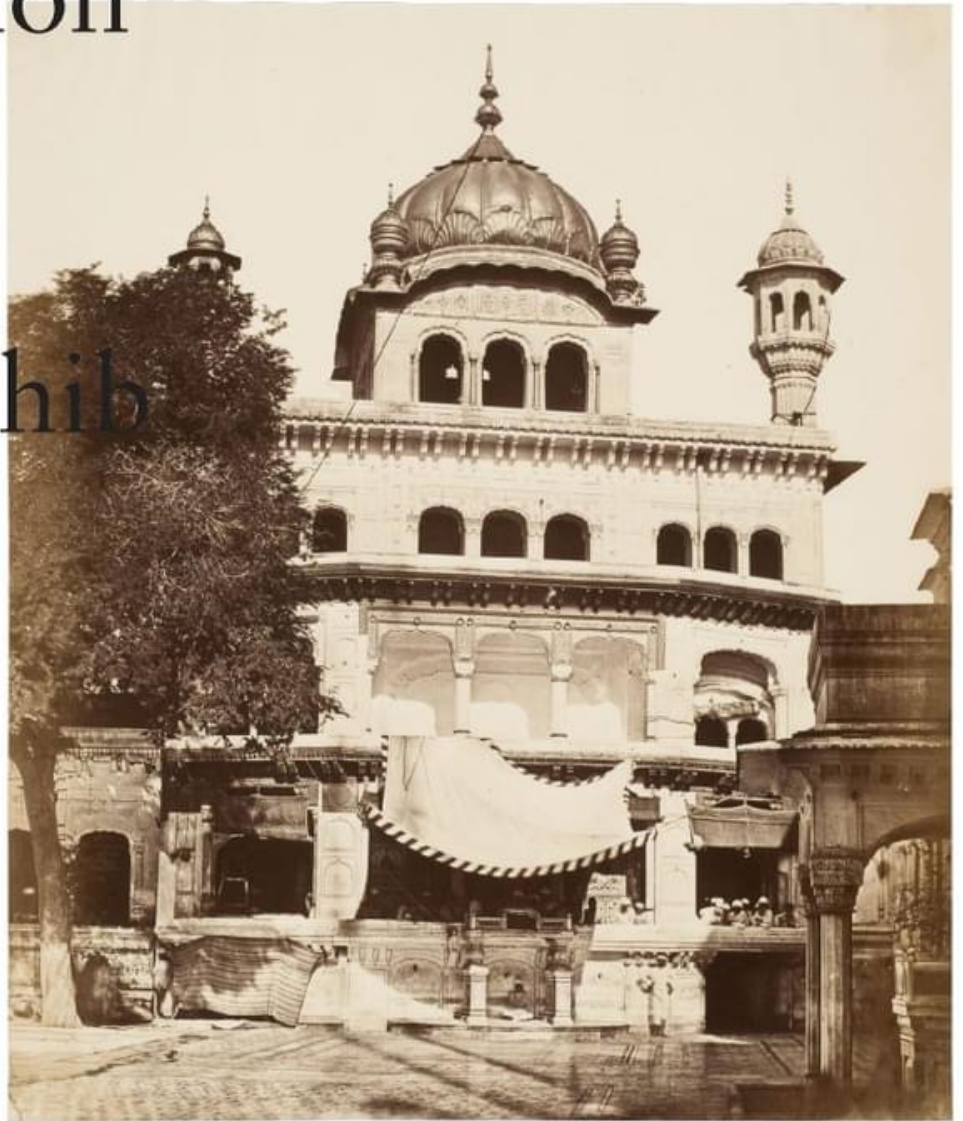
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

*July 2, 1606*

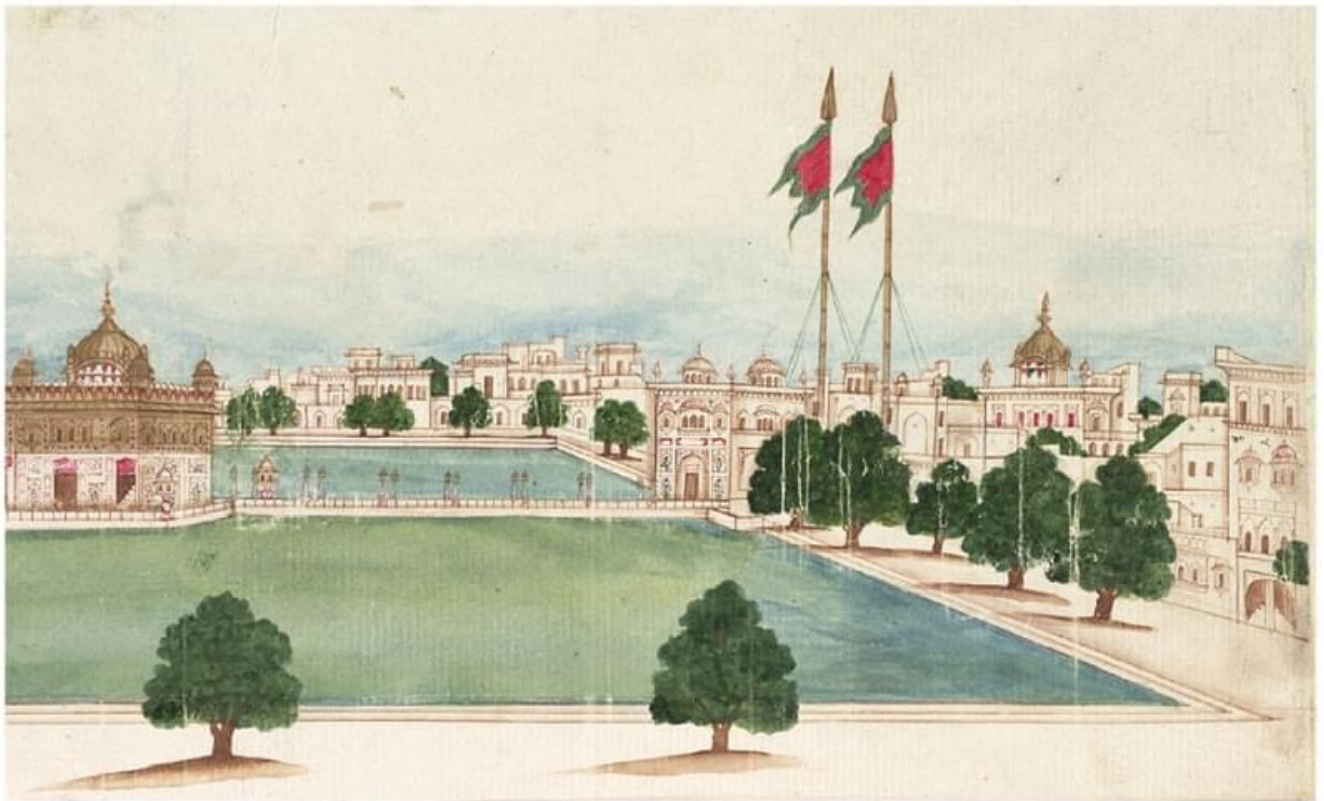
# Foundation Day Sri Akal Takht Sahib





# JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1606

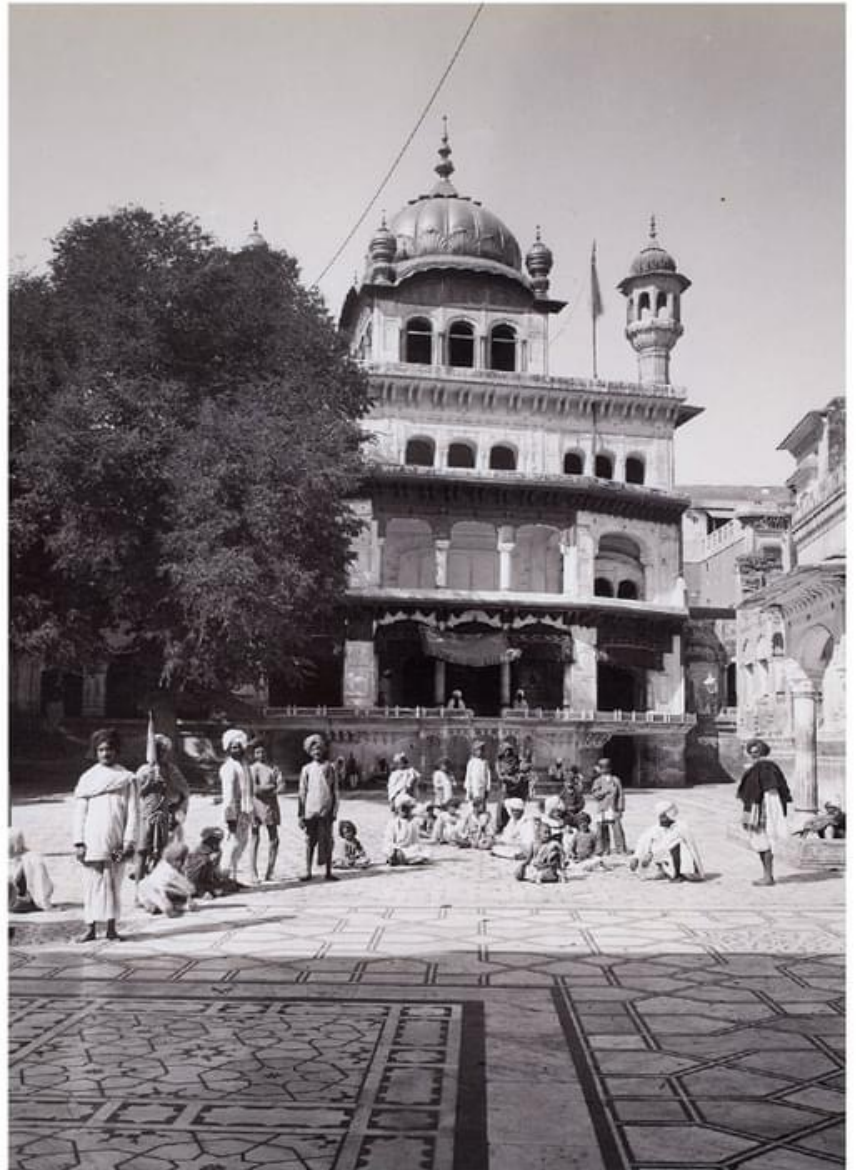
Founded by Guru Harigobind Sahib in 1606, Sri Akal Takht Sahib (Revered Timeless Throne Sovereign) is the highest political institution of the Sikhs, located in the Sri Harimandar Sahib complex.





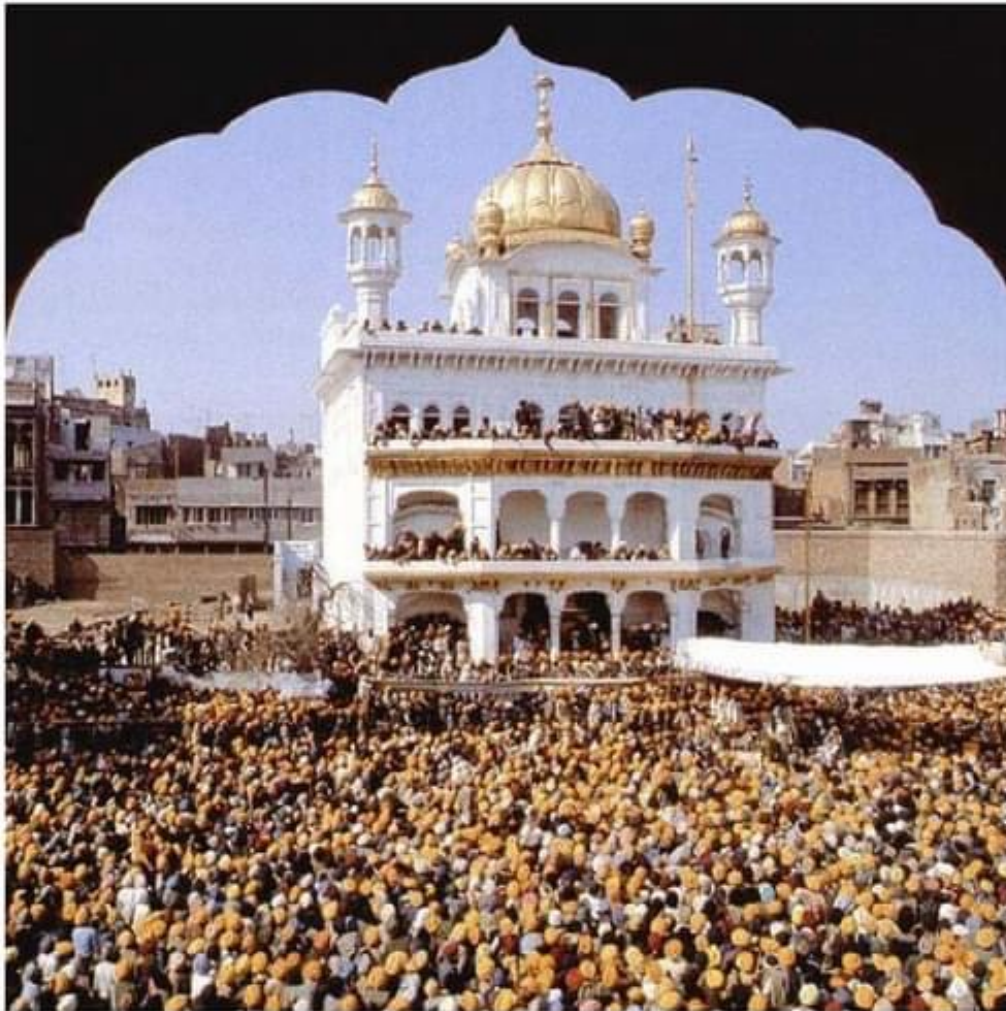
# JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1606

Guru Harigobind Sahib held court here, hosting emissaries and dignitaries, and listened to dhadis (minstrels) who sang ballads.





**JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1606**



Since then, Sri Akal Takht Sahib has become the center of Sikh political activity.



TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

July 5<sup>th</sup>

1856

Nihal Singh, alias Bhai Maharaj Singh, died a hero's death in the Singapore prison. He single-handedly carried the Sikh struggle after the annexation of Panjab by the British.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

July 9<sup>th</sup>  
1975

Akali Dal protested against the Emergency imposed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and launched an agitation. A total of 43,472 Sikhs were arrested under this agitation.





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

July 10<sup>th</sup>  
1985

Indian Government honors it's  
forces for attacking Sri  
Harimandir Sahib and Sri Akal  
Takhat. President Zail Singh  
bestowed the honors.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

July 16<sup>th</sup>  
1984

1<sup>st</sup> Shahedi Jatha, under the leadership of Dr. Rajinder Kaur, marched for the liberation of Sri Harimandir Sahib. This jatha was arrested near Sri Harimandir Sahib.



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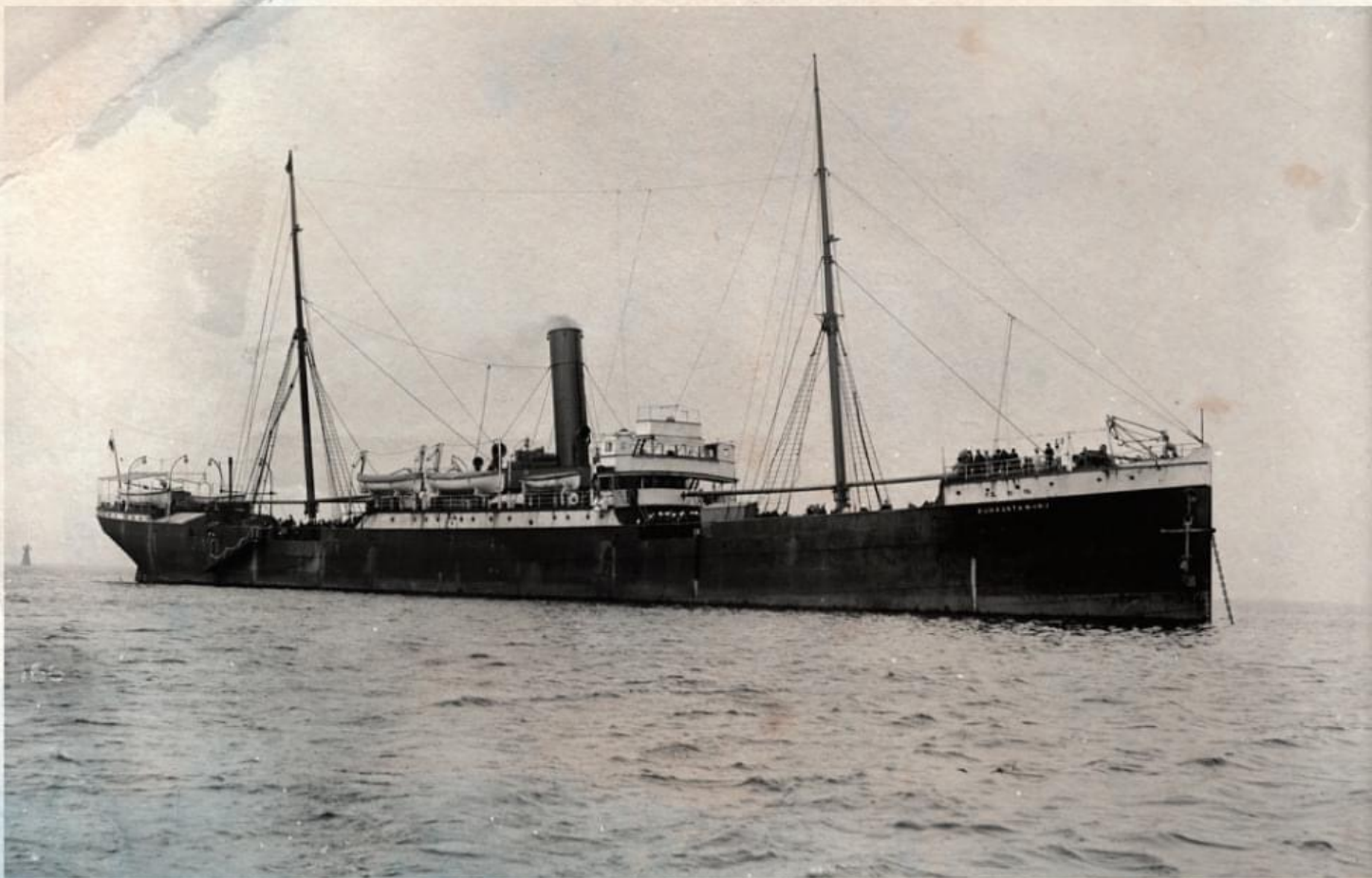
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1914

Komagata Maru with its 355 passengers was compelled to leave the Canadian waters without being granted entry.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

July 31<sup>st</sup>  
1940

Sardar Udham Singh was hanged to death in London for killing Michale O'Dwyer, Governor of Panjab during the Jallianwalla Bagh massacre.



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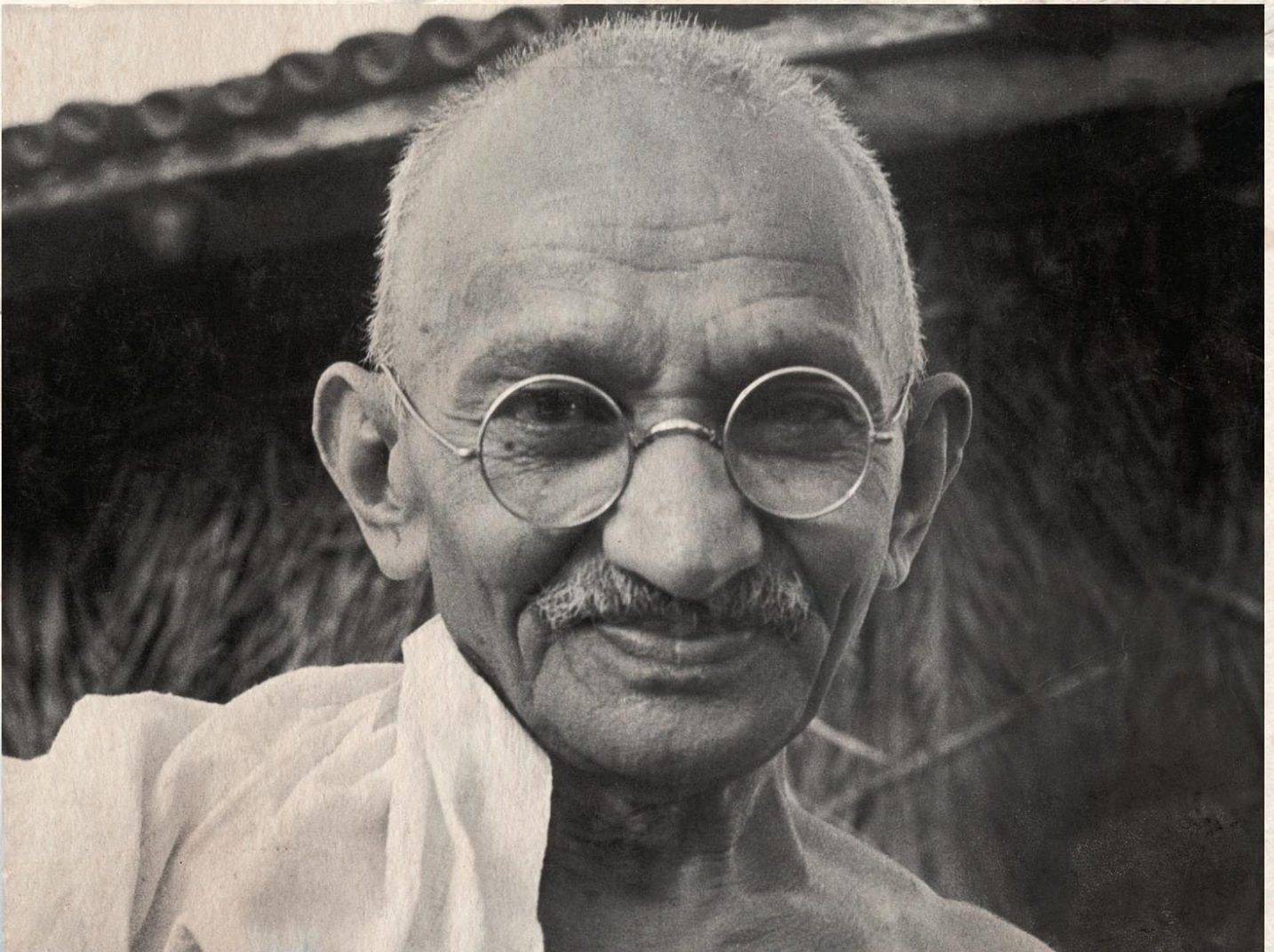
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1936

Mohandas Karamchand  
Gandhi labels the proposed  
conversion of 5 million  
untouchables to Sikhi as  
"A Dangerous Proposal."



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1984

Sarbat Khalsa convened as "Sarab Sansar Sikh Sammelan" and confirmed the excommunication of Giani Zail Singh, President of India and Buta Singh, the Union Minister, from Guru Khalsa Panth for acting against the interests of the Panth in the Battle of Amritsar, 1984.



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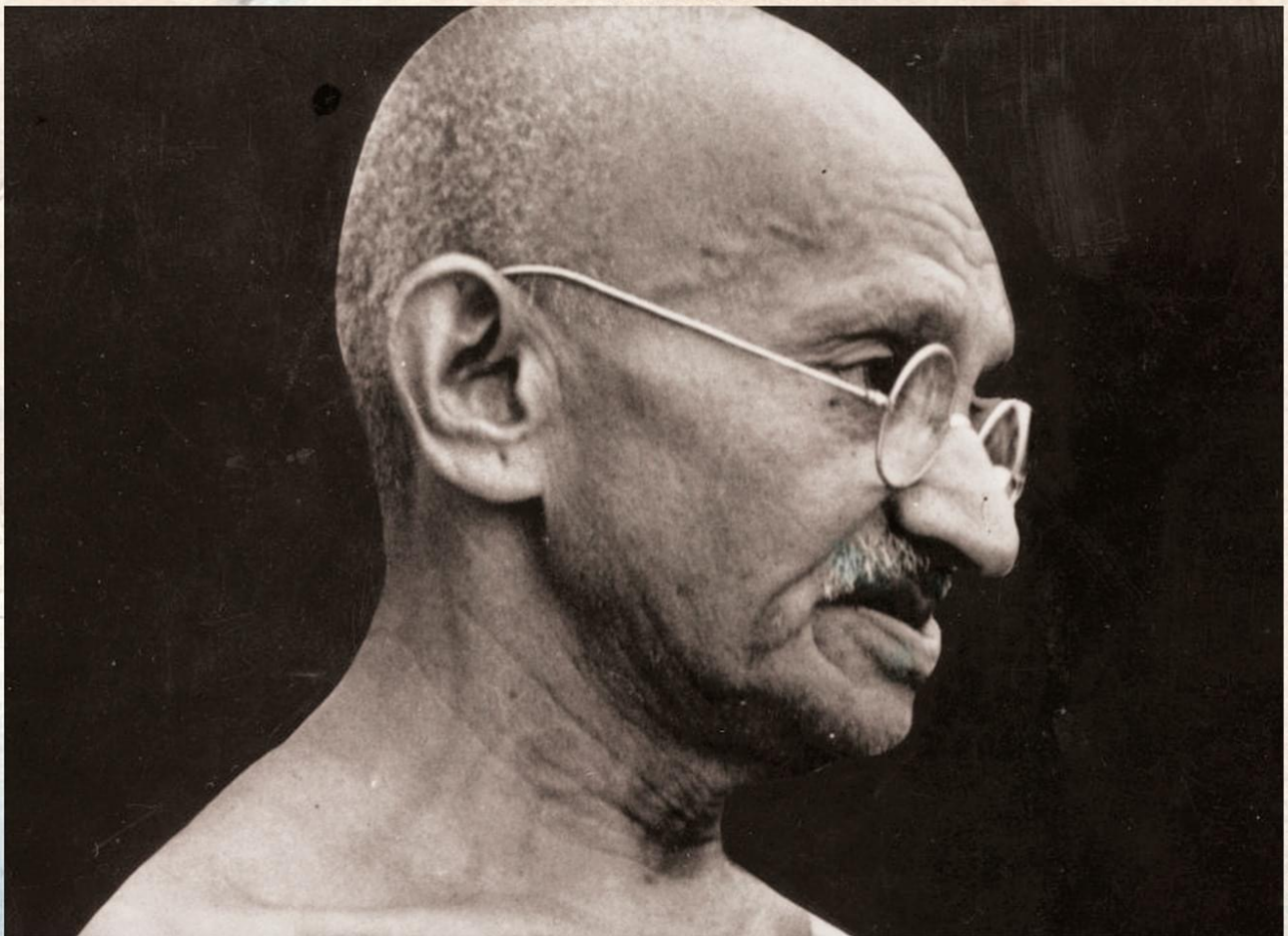
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

September 7<sup>th</sup>  
1936

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi asserted that Sikhism is a part of Hinduisim and stated that "if becoming a Sikh is conversion then this kind of conversion on the part of Harijans is dangerous."



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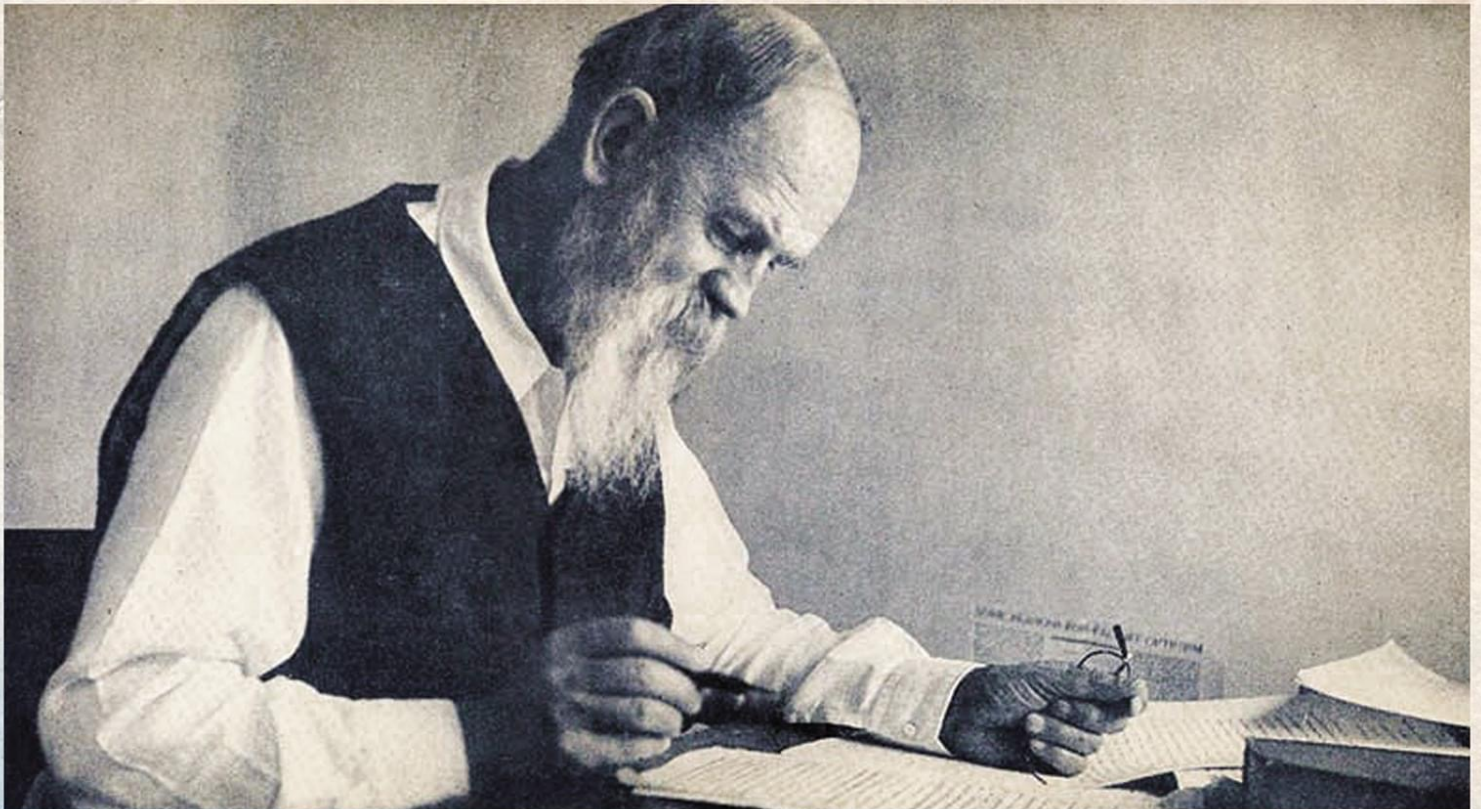
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

September 13<sup>th</sup>  
1922

Rev. C.F. Andrews first hand account of British brutality and Sikhs resolve at Guru Ka Bagh Morcha: "... I could see the beating itself. There was not a cry raised from the spectators, but the lips of very many of them were moving in prayer... I can only describe the silence and the worship and the pain upon the faces of these people, who were seated in prayer, as reminding me of the shadow of the Cross. What was happening to them was truly, in some dim way, a crucifixion..."



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1981

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visited Chandigarh and invited the Akali Dal political party for talks. However, the Akalis demanded an unconditional release of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindrawale before any talks could proceed.



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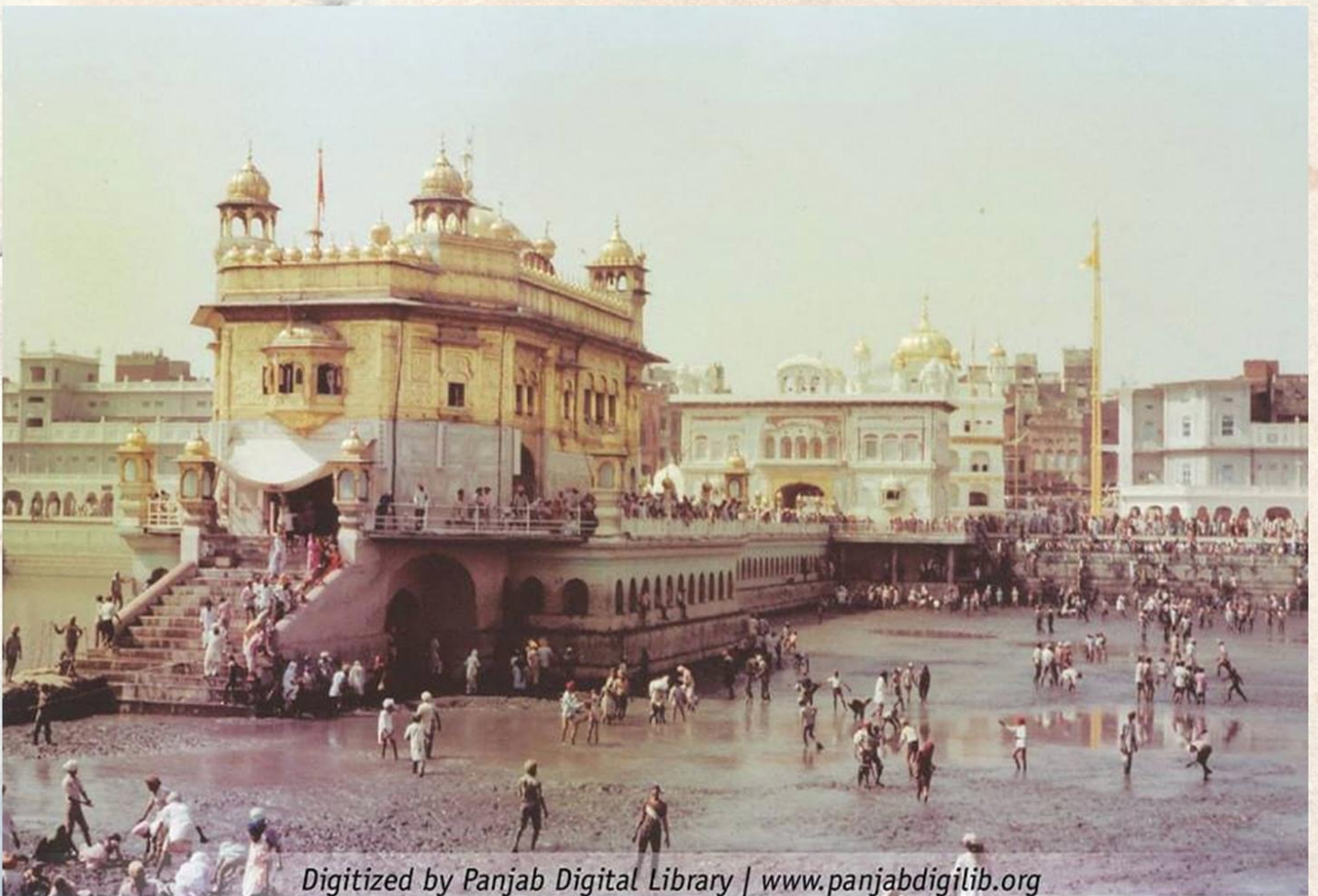
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

September 25<sup>th</sup>  
1984

Shiromani Gurdwara  
Parbandhak Committee  
(SGPC) gains the control  
of Sri Harimandar Sahib  
from the Indian Government  
after the Battle of Amritsar.



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# SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 1984



Under the leadership of Baba Kharak Singh, the first president of SGPC, the Sikhs launched an agitation. The British Government relented and handed the control back to the Sikhs.



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**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 1984**



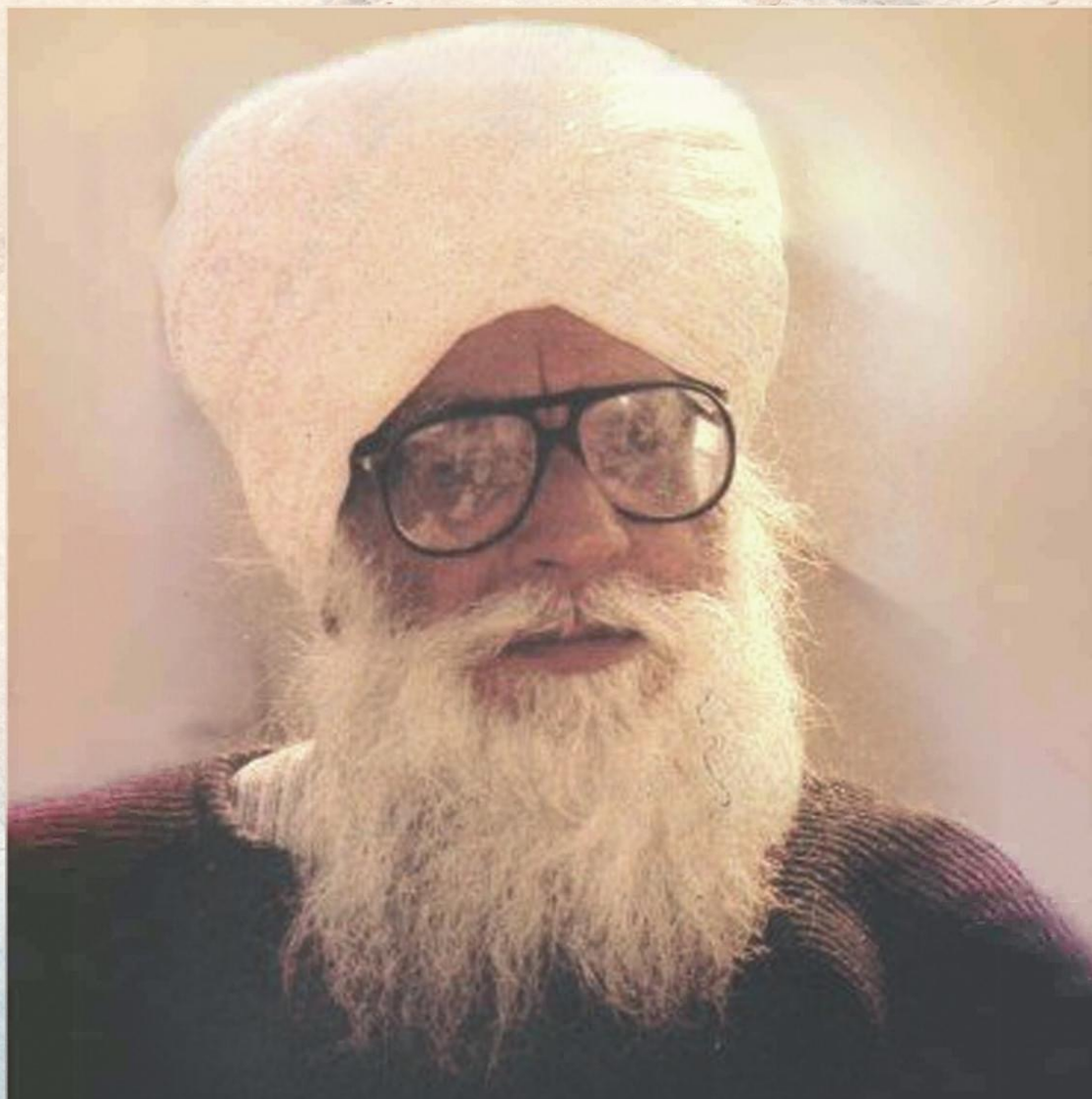
The British Government announced its withdrawal from the management of Sri Harimandar Sahib, Amritsar, which was under their control as they opposed Sikh political activity from the Gurduwara.



TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

October 13<sup>th</sup>  
1973

Sirdar Kapur Singh (1909–1986) the eminent Sikh philosopher, theologian, politician-parliamentarian, linguist, and prolific writer was bestowed the honor "National Professor of Sikhism" by Sri Akal Takht Sahib.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

October 14<sup>th</sup>  
1912

The first Gurduara in the United States was founded by Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh in Stockton, California.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

October 27<sup>th</sup>  
1995

Human Rights lawyer and activist Sardar Jaswant Singh Khaira was tortured to death in police custody. He was killed for investigating the forced disappearance of thousands of Sikhs by the state and for highlighting the police excesses in Panjab.



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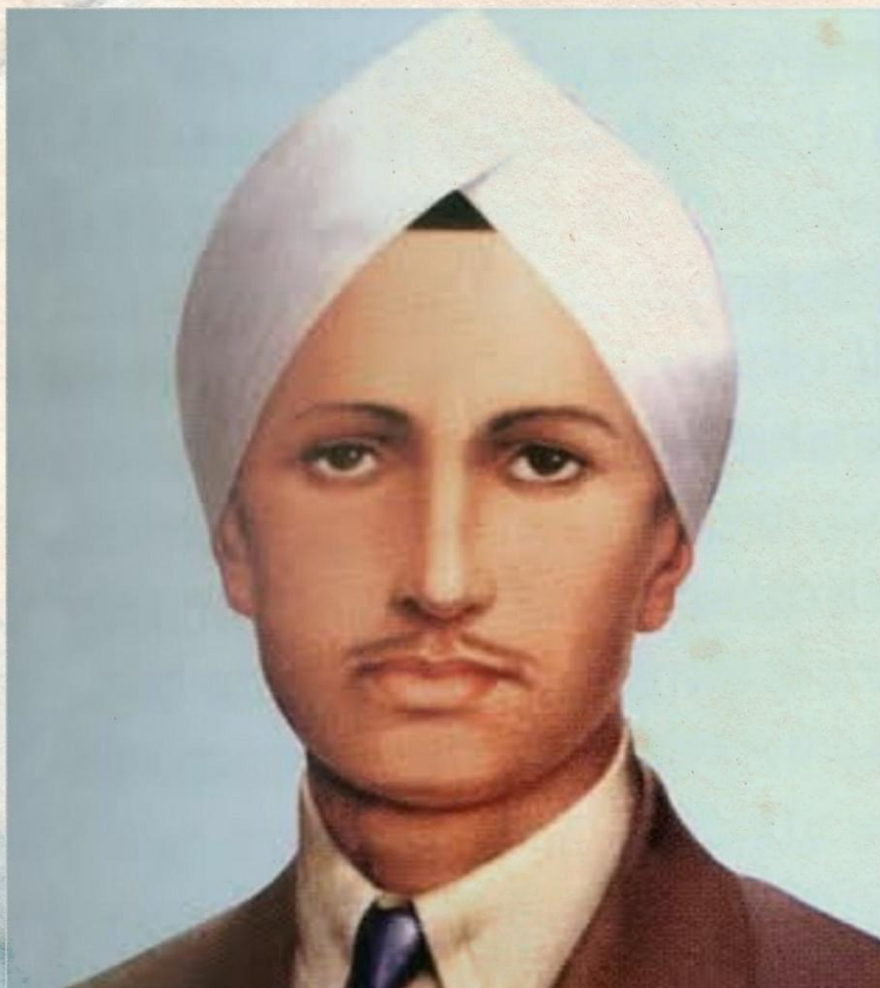
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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

November 14<sup>th</sup>  
1915

Sardar Kartar Singh Sarabha, a 19-year old revolutionary of the Ghadar Party, was hanged to death under the Lahore Conspiracy Case for planning a revolt against the British. He was labeled as the "most dangerous of all rebels" by the presiding judge.



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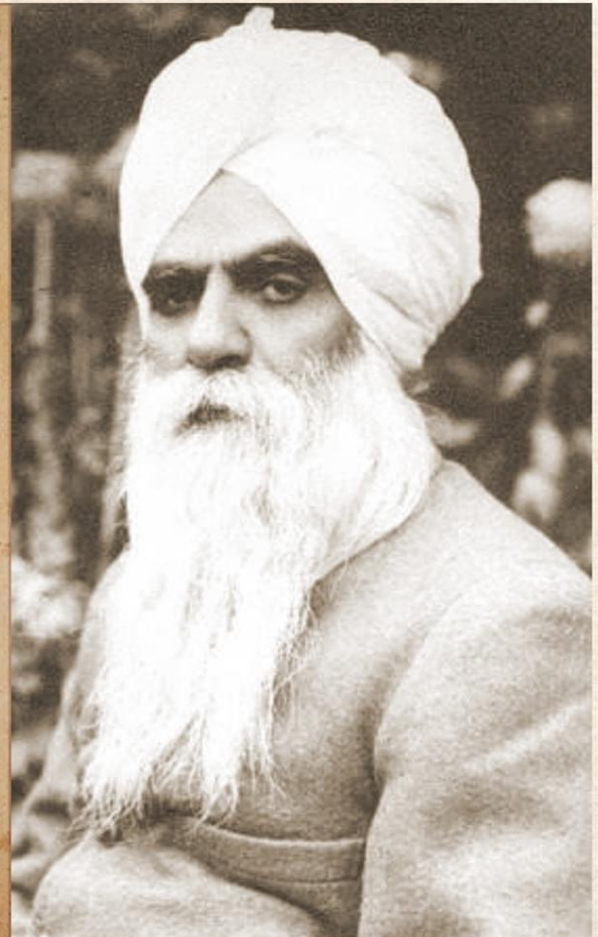
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November 17<sup>th</sup>  
1899

"Khalsa Samachar" a weekly Panjabi newspaper started by Bhai Vir Singh in Amritsar. The newspaper focussed on Panthic news, tenets of the Sikhi, and elucidation of Gurbani.





TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

November 18<sup>th</sup>  
1966

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee establishes Gurduara Damdama Sahib as Khalsa Panth's fifth Takht. The Takht is in Talwandi Sabo, 28 km southeast of Bathinda, Panjab.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

December 1st  
1764

Ahmad Shah Abdali attacked Sri Harimandar Sahib, Amritsar. Jathedar Gurbakhash Singh Nihang and 30 Sikhs embraced death defending the sanctity of the Darbar.



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TODAY IN SIKH HISTORY

December 16<sup>th</sup>  
1846

The Lahore Darbar was forced to sign the Treaty of Bhairawal. With that, the Kingdom of Panjab was made a virtual British protectorate.

