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Guru Nanak

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9 coaches of Nankana Sahib-bound special train carrying Sikh pilgrims derails in Pakistan

Nankana Sahib is a city and capital of Nankana Sahib District in the **Punjab province of Pakistan**.

It is named after the first Guru of the Sikhs, **GurNanak, who was born in the city** and first began preaching here. Nankana Sahib is the **most important religious site for the Sikh** religion.

GurNanak Dev:

GurNanak Dev (**1469-1539**) was born in a village, Talwandi Rai Bhoi, near Lahore (it was renamed later as Nankana Sahib), Pakistan.

GurNanak Dev **initiated inter-faith dialogue** way back in the 16th century and had conversations with most of the religious denominations of his times.

His **written compositions** were included in the **Adi Granth compiled by GurArjan** (1563-1606), the fifth Sikh guru.

It is known as **GurGranth Sahib** after the **additions made by the 10th gurGurGobind Singh** (1666-1708).

GurNanak Jayanti is celebrated on the **full moon day of Kartik month**, also known as Kartik Purnima.

He was the first of the 10 Sikh Gurus and the **founder of Sikhism** in the 15th century.

GurNanak's Teachings: Peace and Harmony for all

GurNanak was a great champion of **equality**. He aimed at **creating a casteless society** in which there is no hierarchy. For him, the differences and multiple identities based on caste, creed, religion and language were irrelevant.

Sri Nankana Sahib Massacre:

The Nankana Sahib Massacre refers to the **grim episode during the Gurdwara Reform Movement/ Akali Movement** in which a peaceful batch of reformist Sikhs was **subjected to a murderous assault** on 20 February 1921 in the holy Gurdwara at Nankana Sahib.

It was also the site of the **first big agitation** by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) to **take back control of gurdwaras from priests (mahants)** backed by the British.

Sikh leaders made attempts to bring mahant to the negotiation table but their efforts failed.

On February 21, 1921, the **unarmed Sikh leaders (jatha) entered Nankana Sahib** to take possession of gurdwara, they were attacked by the armed mahants. This led to the massacre.

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Kartarpur corridor:

The corridor was built to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of GurNanak Dev, founder of Sikhism on 12th November 2019.

It is **one of the holiest places for Sikhs** where Baba GurNanak Dev Ji settled and preached for the last 18 years of his life.