

Guru Tegh Bahadur

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Why is in news? Prez Droupadi Murmpays homage to GurTegh Bahadur on his martyrdom day

The martyrdom day of Ninth Gurof Sikh religion, GurTeg Bahadur is being observed on November 24.

He was born in Amritsar on April 21, 1621 to Mata Nanki and GurHargobind, the sixth Sikh guru, who raised an army against the Mughals and introduced the **concept of warrior saints**.

He was the ninth Sikh guru who stood up against forcible conversions by the Mughals.

He set up his headquarters in present-day Anandpur Sahib in 1665.

He was only 13 when he distinguished himself in a battle against a Mughal chieftain.

His writings are housed in the sacred text, 'GurGranth Sahib,' in the form of 116 poetic hymns.

He helped Raja Ram Singh to broker a truce with the Ahom king. Gurdwara Dhubri Sahib on the banks of the Brahmaputra commemorates this peace accord.

In 1675, Aurangzeb **ordered the public execution** of the Gurafter he declined to embrace Islam.

Impact of his execution:

The execution hardened the resolve of Sikhs against religious oppression and persecution. His martyrdom helped all Sikh Panths consolidate to make the protection of human rights central to its Sikh identity.

Inspired by him, his nine-year-old son, **GurGobind Singh Ji**, eventually organized the Sikh group into a distinct, formal, symbol-patterned community came to be known as **Khalsa** (**Martial**) **identity**.