

Guru Arjan Sahib

Guru Arjan Sahib was the fifth Guru of Sikhs. He was born (Pakash Divas) on 2nd May, 1563 (Gregorian) {19 Visakh 95, NanakShahi} at Goindval in Dist. Amritsar. Guru Arjan Sahib Ji was the youngest son of fourth Guru Ram Das Sahib. His mother was Mata Bhani Ji, who was daughter of third Guru Amar Das Sahib.

He was married to Mata Ganga Ji, who gave birth to Sahibzada Hargobind Sahib, who became the sixth Guru. Guru Arjan Sahib got Gurgaddi as fifth Guru of Sikhs on September 16, 1581 (Gregorian) {2 Assu 113, NanakShahi} at Goindval.

His Special Contributions for the mankind are:

- **Greatest contribution to mankind is the compilation of Adi Guru Granth Sahib in 1604 A.D. which comprises of Gurbani from first five Guru Sahibs and also from 15 Bhagats, 11 Bhats and 4 Sikhs. This has made it a universally acclaimed document, which is an example of universal brotherhood.**
- **He encouraged the Sikhs to contribute one tenth of their righteous earnings, called Dasvandh, for community purposes. This measure was undertaken to strengthen the Sikh Movement, economically.**
- **He was the first martyr who laid the foundation of great Sikh tradition of Martyrdom.**
- **He completed the construction of tanks of Santokhasar in 1588.**
- **He started the construction of Darbar Sahib in 1588 A.D. at Amritsar.**
- **Work for digging a tank at Taran Sahib was started in 1590 A.D.**
- **He founded a city named Kartarpur in Dist. Jalandhar in 1594 A.D. and Sri Hargobindpur on the banks of river Bias.**

His Contemporary Rulers were Emperor Akbar (1556-1605 A.D.) and Emperor Jahangir (1605-1626 A.D.). He was tortured to death at Lahore, Pakistan on the orders of Emperor Jahangir. His Joti-Jot Divas is on June 16, 1606 (Gregorian) {2 Haar 138, NanakShahi} Guru Sahib nominated his son, Hargobind as Successor to Gurgaddi, as the sixth Guru of Sikhs.

He also included his Bani along with the Bani of earlier four Gurus in Guru Granth Sahib Ji. His total number of hymns are 2312 in 30 Ragas, e.g. Sri Rag, Asa, Basantu, Majh, Gujari, Gauri, Suhi, etc. Guru Sahib wrote his Bani during the years 1581-1604 A.D. He wrote the Bani of Sukhmani in Rag Gauri during the years 1601-1604 A.D. This Bani describes the essence of true life, the union of Soul with the Supreme Being and great importance of the Guru and the saintly people in one's life.

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