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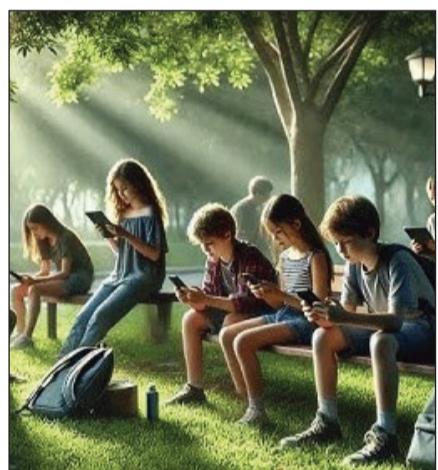
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## ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿਚ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਚਲਾਉਣ 'ਤੇ ਲੱਗੀ ਪਾਬੰਦੀ



ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਲਈ ਲਾਗੂ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਲੇ 'ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਬੈਨ' (Social Media Ban) ਦੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤੀ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਵੱਡੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੇਖਣ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲੀ ਹੈ। ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਅੰਕੜਿਆਂ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ, 16 ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਉਮਰ ਦੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਲਗਭਗ 47 ਲੱਖ (4.7 ਮਿਲੀਅਨ) ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਖਾਤੇ ਡੀਅਕਟੀਵੇਟ (Deactivate) ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿਚ ਇਹ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 10 ਦਸੰਬਰ ਤੋਂ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ। ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਦਿੱਗਜ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਮੇਟਾ (Meta) ਨੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਸਨੇ 11 ਦਸੰਬਰ ਤੱਕ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਲੇਟਫਾਰਮਾਂ (ਫੇਸਬੁੱਕ, ਇੰਸਟਾਗ੍ਰਾਮ ਅਤੇ ਐਕਸੈਪਟ) ਤੋਂ 5,44,000 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਖਾਤੇ ਹਟਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ। ਦੱਸ ਦੇਈਏ ਕਿ ਜਿਹੜੀਆਂ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਇਸ ਪਾਬੰਦੀ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਨ ਵਿਚ ਅਸਫਲ ਰਹਿਣਗੀਆਂ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ 49.5 ਮਿਲੀਅਨ ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆਈ ਡਾਲਰ (ਲਗਭਗ 33.17 ਮਿਲੀਅਨ ਅਮਰੀਕੀ ਡਾਲਰ) ਤੱਕ ਦਾ ਭਾਰੀ ਜੁਰਮਾਨਾ ਭਰਨਾ ਪੈ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

## Dilpreet Singh Named Captain of Canada's T20 World Cup Team

Sikh cricketer Dilpreet Singh has been appointed captain of Canada's T20 World Cup cricket team, bringing pride to the Sikh community and Canadian cricket alike. Known for his discipline, consistency, and leadership, Dilpreet's rise reflects years of hard work and dedication to the game. The ICC T20 World Cup matches will be held in India and Sri Lanka in February. Canada will begin its campaign against South Africa, a challenging opening fixture under Dilpreet's leadership. His appointment is being seen as a milestone for Sikh representation in international cricket and a source of inspiration for young athletes across the diaspora. Dilpreet Singh's journey stands as a reminder that talent, perseverance, and character can break barriers on the global sporting stage.



## Remembering the Sacrifice, Forgetting the Succession

This year, the Sikh world rightly observed the 350th martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji with deep reverence. It was a moment of collective remembrance, reflection, and pride in the supreme sacrifice made for freedom of conscience and human dignity. Yet, alongside this solemn observance, an uncomfortable truth remains: we largely failed to mark the 350th Gurgadi Diwas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji with the same awareness and seriousness.

This omission is not a matter of dates or ceremonies alone. Gurgadi Diwas marks the formal transfer of spiritual authority, vision, and responsibility from Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji to Guru Gobind Singh Ji. It represents continuity of thought, courage, and leadership at a critical moment

## Succession

in Sikh history. Ignoring this milestone weakens our understanding of how sacrifice transforms into action and how martyrdom gives rise to renewed purpose.

Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Gurgadi was not symbolic. It shaped the moral, intellectual, and spiritual direction of the Panth, ultimately leading to the creation of the Khalsa. To remember the sacrifice but overlook the succession is to read history in fragments. Commemoration must go beyond emotion. It should educate, connect events, and deepen collective consciousness. Honouring Sikh history requires balance—between remembrance and responsibility, between reverence and understanding. Only then does memory become guidance for the present.

- Cheif Editor

## DESH VIDESH

### Guru Nanak Sahib Ji: Mission, Method, and Moral Vision: A Dialogical Inquiry-2

- Dr. Devindwer Pal Singh & Dr. Harpal Singh Buttar

[On 31st December 2025, Prof. Dr. Harpal Singh Buttar (HS), Senior Scientist, University of Ottawa, contacted Dr. Devinder Pal Singh (DS), Professor of Religious Studies, Ontario, Canada, to explore the various aspects of Sikh Faith, Values and Heritage. This interaction resulted in the following deliberation.]

HS : Did he compose Gurbani while travelling or at Kartarpur?

DS : Both.

His travels were experiential laboratories, where insights were crystallized through encounters. Kartarpur later became the space of consolidation, where teachings were systematized, sung, remembered, and transmitted communally.

Kartarpur represents the embodiment of his vision: spiritual life integrated with agriculture, labour, family, and community.

HS : Why did he collect Bhagat Bani from high- and low-caste saints?

DS : This was a revolutionary theological act.

By preserving the voices of saints across caste, gender, and occupation, Guru Nanak:

- Rejected spiritual monopoly
- Affirmed truth as experiential, not hereditary
- Demonstrated that Divine wisdom speaks wherever humility and sincerity exist

This act dismantled the caste hierarchy at the level of scriptural authority, not merely at the level of social ethics.

HS : Why did he give Gur Gaddi to Guru Angad Sahib Ji, who used to be the worshiper of the Hindu Sahibis and Sahibtas, and not his sons?

DS : Guru Nanak Sahib Ji's decision to bestow Gur Gaddi upon Guru Angad Sahib Ji (Bhai Lehna) rather than his own sons was one of the most deliberate, principled, and revolutionary acts in South Asian religious history. It was not incidental, emotional, or mystical; it was deeply ethical, pedagogical, and civilizational.

1. Spiritual authority over bloodline: Guru Nanak decisively rejected hereditary succession. In the social world of 15th–16th century India, where religious authority was almost always transmitted through lineage, this choice shattered the assumption that

spiritual leadership is inherited. By passing the Gur Gaddi to Guru Angad Sahib Ji, he established that inner transformation, discipline, and humility, not birth, qualify one to lead.

This single act prevented Sikh thought from collapsing into dynastic priesthood, a fate that had weakened many religious traditions before.

2. Guru Angad's prior worship of Sahibis and Sahibtas was irrelevant: Bhai Lehna's earlier Sahibotion to Hindu deities was not a disqualification; it was evidence of spiritual sincerity. Guru Nanak did not judge seekers by where they started, but by how completely they transformed.

What mattered was that Bhai Lehna:

- Completely reoriented his consciousness toward the One Reality.
- Demonstrated absolute surrender of ego.
- Lived the Guru's teaching with unwavering discipline.
- Served without ambition, hesitation, or self-importance.

Guru Nanak saw that Bhai Lehna had emptied himself, making him capable of carrying the Guru's vision forward intact.

3. A living demonstration that transformation is possible: By choosing someone who had once practiced deity worship, Guru Nanak sent a profound message: Spiritual truth is not inherited, nor frozen in past beliefs; it is realized through transformation.

This decision made Sikh thought radically open: anyone, regardless of previous theology, caste, or practice, could embody the Guru's path if they lived it fully.

4. Why not his sons? Guru Nanak's sons were not rejected as individuals, but they did not embody the spiritual orientation required for Gur Gaddi.

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## HERITAGE

## NIC Considers Temporary Closure of 15 Courses Students and Faculty Disheartened

Discussions around the possible temporary suspension of 15 academic programs at North Island College (NIC) in British Columbia have caused growing disappointment among students and faculty. The proposed decision may affect the college's three main campuses located in Mid and North Vancouver Island. According to the college administration, a final decision is expected to be taken at the NIC Board meeting scheduled for February 5. Students and staff fear that the move could negatively impact students' career prospects as



well as job security for teaching and support staff. Reports indicate that the recommendations have been prepared in response to financial challenges and a decline in student enrolments. Meanwhile, student groups and faculty unions are collectively urging the administration to reconsider the proposal and explore alternative

solutions to protect the affected programs. The situation continues to draw attention across the academic community, with stakeholders hoping for a balanced decision that safeguards education and employment.

### ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਧੀ ਨਿਮਰਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੇ ਇਟਲੀ 'ਚ ਅਫਸਰ ਬਣ ਕੇ ਨਾਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਰੋਸ਼ਨ



ਇਟਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਹਿ ਰਹੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਧੀਆਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਅਤੇ ਦ੍ਰਿੜ ਇਰਾਦੇ ਸਦਕਾ ਨਵੇਂ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਸਿਰਜ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਸੇ ਕੜੀ ਤਹਿਤ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਦੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਰਸੂਲਪੁਰ ਮੱਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨਿਮਰਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੇ ਇਟਲੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਕੈਂਚੇਲਿਕ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਮਿਲਾਨ ਤੋਂ 'ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਆਰਥਿਕਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਵਪਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਨ' (International

Economics and Management) ਵਿੱਚ ਮਾਸਟਰ ਡਿਗਰੀ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਦਰਜੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਰੁਸ਼ਨਾਇਆ ਹੈ। ਨਿਮਰਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸ਼ਾਨਦਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ 30/30 ਵੋਟ (ਅੰਕ) ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ। ਨਿਮਰਤ ਦੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਤਾ ਕੁਲਵੰਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਧੀ ਨੂੰ ਉਚ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਦਿਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਦਿਨ-ਰਾਤ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਕੀਤੀ। ਨਿਮਰਤ ਦੀ ਕਾਬਲੀਅਤ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖਦਿਆਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਪੂਰੀ ਹੁੰਦਿਆਂ ਹੀ ਕਸਟਮ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਹਿਲ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਨੌਕਰੀ ਵੀ ਮਿਲ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਨਿਮਰਤ ਕੌਰ ਪ੍ਰੈਸ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਇਟਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਹਿ ਰਹੇ ਹੋਰਨਾਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਹੀ ਉਹ ਸਾਧਨ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਇਨਸਾਨ ਹਰ ਬੁਲੰਦੀ ਨੂੰ ਛੂਹ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਮਰਤ ਦੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਇਟਲੀ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਹੋਰਨਾਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਸੁਨੇਹਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਆਪਣੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਹੁਨਰ ਨੂੰ ਪਛਾਣ ਕੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚੰਗੀ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਲਈ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਿਤ ਕਰਨ।

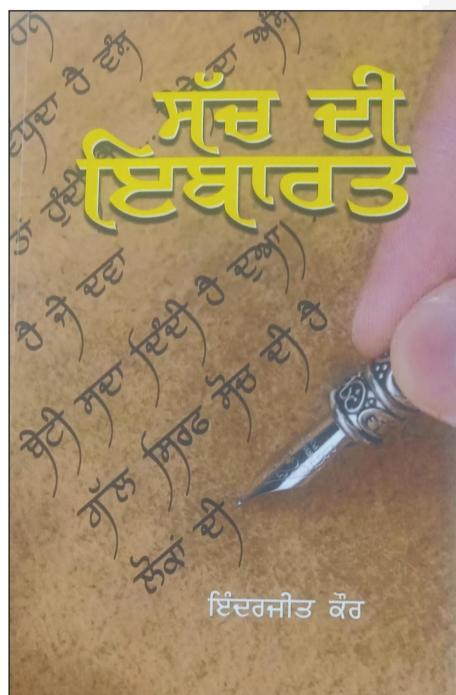
### ♦♦ ਰੋਸੁ ਨ ਕੀਜੈ ਉਤਰੁ ਦੀਜੈ ♦♦

1. Why is Lohri considered not a Sikh festival according to Gurbani?
  - A. Sikhs do not celebrate any festivals
  - B. Sikhs believe in idol worship
  - C. Sikh philosophy focuses on environmental protection
  - D. Sikhs follow seasonal rituals
2. Which activity during Lohri is considered harmful to the environment ?
  - A. Singing folk songs
  - B. Lighting lamps
  - C. Burning wood and throwing food into fire
  - D. Wearing traditional clothes
3. According to Sikh belief mentioned above, why is fire not worshipped?
  - A. Fire is considered dangerous
  - B. Fire creates pollution
  - C. Sikhs worship nature instead
  - D. Sikhs worship Akal Purakh, who is all pervading and present everywhere

(ਦੇਖੋ ਉਤਰ ਪੰਨਾ 4 'ਤੇ)

## ਪੁਸਤਕ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਸੱਚ ਦੀ ਇਬਾਰਤ

- ਮੁੱਖ ਸੰਪਾਦਕ



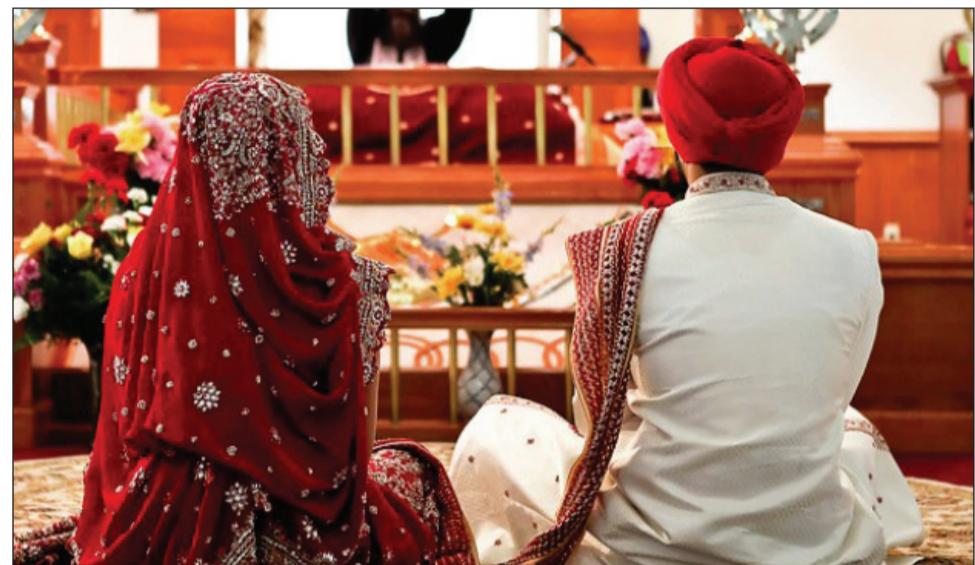
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## Sikhs Can Now Register Marriages in Bihar



In a significant step toward religious equality, Sikhs can now officially register their marriages in Bihar. The state cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, has approved the Bihar Anand Karaj Marriage Registration Rules, 2025, enabling legal recognition of Sikh marriages performed under the Anand Karaj ceremony. This decision facilitates a long-pending demand of the Sikh community for separate registration of their religious marriage rites, distinct from other personal laws. The move follows the Supreme Court's observations in the 2022 civil writ petition Amanjot Singh Chadha vs Union of India and others, which highlighted the need for proper implementation of Anand Karaj registration. The new rules are expected to simplify documentation, ensure legal clarity, and uphold the constitutional rights of Sikhs in Bihar, marking an important milestone for religious freedom and administrative inclusion.

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