

TODAY, 25th December 2017 marks the Parkash (coming into the world) of our 10th master - Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj.

By dedicating just 5 minutes per day over 4 days you will be able to experience this saakhi (historical account) as narrated by Bhai Vishal Singh Ji from Kavi Santokh Singh Ji's Gurpartap Suraj Granth.

Please take the time to read it and immerse yourselves in our rich and beautiful history,

Please share as widely as possible so we can all remember our king of kings Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Ji on this day. Let's not let today pass for Sikhs as just being Christmas!

Please forgive us for any mistakes.

**\*Some background information...\***

When we talk about the coming into this world of a Guru Sahib, we avoid using the word 'birth' for anything that is born must also die one day.

However, \*Satgur mera sada sada\* The true Guru is forever and ever  
(Dhan Guru Ramdaas Ji Maharaj, Ang 758)

Thus, when we talk about the coming into the world of Guru Sahibs we use words such as Parkash or Avtar. This is because Maharaj are forever present and on this day They simply became known/visible to us.

Similarly, on the day that Guru Sahib leave their physical form, we do not use the word death because although Maharaj gave up their human form, they have not left us. Their jot (light) was passed onto the next Guru Sahib and now resides within Dhan Guru Granth Sahib Ji Maharaj. So, you will often hear people say "Maharaj Joti Jot smaa gai" meaning that their light merged back into the light of Vaheguru.



### **\*PARKASH OF DHAN GURU GOBIND SINGH JI MAHARAJ – Part 1\***

In the bani of Bachittar Natak, Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Ji write...

#### **\*Jab Hee Jaat Tribeni Bhei || Punn Daan Din Karat Bitei ||1||\***

When he went to Tribeni (Prayag), he passed his days in act of charity.

They write that Dhan Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, together with their mehl (wife), Mata Gujri Ji and mother, Mata Nanaki Ji, had gone to a special festival that was being celebrated in Tribeni, Allahbad, in order to spread the message of Sikhi.

At Tribeni, Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji did a lot of charity work, giving food and clothes to those who were hungry and needy. People were naturally drawn to Guru Sahib's compassionate and loving nature. Many came to see Guru Sahib for langar, to receive clothes and to ask for blessings. People also came to have discussions about God and Guru Sahib always made time to talk to them.

Mata Gujri Ji accompanied Guru Sahib at Tribeni. It is said a mother requires a great deal of bhagti (meditation) to give birth to a Sikh. We can only imagine the bhagti needed to carry Guru Sahib themselves!

After 30 years tapasiya (deep meditation) by Mata Gujri Ji, it was here, at Tribeni in Allahbad, Gobind Rai Ji came to be in the womb of Mata Gujri Ji.

#### **\*Tahee Prakaas Hamaaraa Bhaiyo ||\***

I was conceived there...

#### **\*Patna Sahar Bikhai Bhav Laiyo ||\***

...and took birth at Patna.

From Tribeni, Guru Sahib travelled on to Dhaka, in Bangladesh, to continue to spread the word of God. Mata Nanaki Ji, Mata Gujri Ji, Mama Kirpal Chand (Mata Gujri Ji's brother) and Bhai Dayala Ji, who later gave Shaheedi in Delhi in front of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, went to Patna Sahib in Bihar.

It was here in Patna, at the house of a jeweller, Salis Rai Johri, that Dhan Gobind Rai Ji came into this world. Arriving at Amritvela, (spiritual time before sunrise) on Poh sudi satvee, the 7th day after the new moon, in 1666.

Many of us haven't physically visited Patna Sahib, but we can all do darshan in our minds. As we immerse ourselves in this historical account let us visualise being there too. Physical presence is significant but it is said that those who are devotedly and mindfully present, their attendance is worth even more.

A spiritually enlightened Muslim named Peer Bhikan Shah lived in the village of Ghuram, which falls between Patiala and Ambala. They lived up to their name as a bhikharee (beggar) of khuda (God) and spent much of their time in meditation.

Peer Bhikan Shah had many students. He would teach them how to recite and understand the Qu'ran and how to meditate.

On the night of Dhan Gobind Rai Ji's Parkash, despite being hundreds of miles away, Peer Ji sat in meditation whilst an indescribable feeling of pure joy and ras (positive energy) overcame them. Sitting with their eyes closed in meditation Peer Ji understood that the bliss was because God themselves had come onto the earth in human form to rid the land of sinners like Aurangzeb who were committing so many atrocities.

Peer Ji's students, who were getting ready to read the Namaaz (daily Islamic prayers), were shocked to see Peer Ji facing east instead of west towards Mecca, as per Islamic tradition. After much time had passed, Peer Ji bowed down three times, still towards east, and placed their head on the ground.

When we go to the gurdwara, we are blessed to have Guru Granth Sahib Ji themselves, right in front of us. Yet few of us will have ever felt so overwhelmed with love that we would bow down more than once. Guru Ji say over and over in Gurbani, "Namaskaar Lakh Baar" (I bow a hundred thousand times) but it has never occurred to us to bow more than once. Look at the pyaar of Peer Ji who bowed down three times! Let us take this pyaar and sharda with us when we go to the Gurdwara on the 25th December to celebrate the Avtaar Purab of Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj!

Peer Bhikan Shah did not want to stop focusing on Patna but eventually they opened their eyes, which were full of bairaag (intense longing).

Peer Ji's followers began to question their Ustaad (teacher) and wondered what had happened to their respected elderly Peer who they had always looked up to. For the whole of their life prior to this day, they had bowed towards the east. What had happened to them to cause them to turn their back to Mecca today?

Their followers put their hands together and asked "Peer Ji, we have been with you since we were young children and have always done as you do. Why have you bowed towards the west today? As Muslims we believe God resides in the east.. Please tell us what has changed?"

(Source: Bhai Vishal Singh Ji, katha of Gurpartap Suraj Granth written by Kavi Santokh Singh Ji)

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In the next post we will share the response given by Peer Bhikhan Shah!

Please forward on.

Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji Maharaj  
Dhan Peer Bhikhan Shah Ji



### **\*PARKASH OF DHAN GURU GOBIND SINGH JI MAHARAJ – Part 2\***

**The saakhi so far...** Dhan Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji undertook much charitable work at Tribeni and it was during this time that Gobind Rai Ji came into the womb of their mother Mata Gujri Ji. The Parkash of Dhan Gobind Rai Ji took place in Patna and on this day a famous Muslim Peer by the name of Bhikhan Shah bowed to the east instead of bowing towards the west and Mecca. His followers were shocked to see this and questioned their leader.

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Peer Bhikhan Shah Ji spoke softly. "Children, your question is valid. Until today I bowed towards Mecca but today I have bowed to the east. In the village of Patna, God himself has come into this world in human form! I will go there to receive Their darshan and ask for forgiveness for the many mistakes I have made in my lifetime. Deen Duniya da Malik (the Master of the world) is here! I will make Him my master and I will become pure by having their darshan (blessed vision). All my sins will be removed."

Peer Ji went on to share, "Khuda (God) has come to break the arrogance of sinners and to establish righteousness. That God which lived in the west has today come into the world from the east."

Many of us drive past the Guru's house without bowing our head. Yet Peer Ji bowed in that direction even though neither Guru's house nor Guru Sahib themselves were directly in front of them. Such was their pyaar.

#### **\*Dhan So Des Jaha Too Vasiya\***

Blessed is that land where you reside.  
(Dhan Guru Arjan Dev Sahib Ji, Ang 96)

It is amazing that news of the arrival of Gobind Rai Ji had not even reached the residents of Patna itself, yet Peer Bhikhan Shah already knew everything.

Their desire for darshan was so great that they readied themselves for the long journey immediately. Taking two of their closest students with them, Peer Bhikhan Shah set off on the day of Parkash, for Patna.

Sometimes in our daily lives we come up with many excuses as to why it may not be possible to go to the Gurdwara for darshan of Guru Sahib. It may be that we cannot find time around work or we have too many unfinished tasks. But such was Bhikhan Shah's desire to receive darshan of Vaheguru themselves, they left everything without a second thought.

**\*Neh bilumbh dharmann(g) bilumbh paapan(g)\***

Do not delay in practising righteousness, delay in committing sins  
(Dhan Guru Arjan Dev Sahib Ji, Ang 1354)

Let us embark on this journey with Peer Bhikhan Shah and ask Guru Sahib to fill our hearts with even an iota of the love and longing for darshan that Peer Ji felt...

Taking only their Qu'ran and prayer mat, the elderly Peer Ji set off slowly with a stick in their hand to help them on their long journey. Each day Peer Ji would make the most of every ray of sunlight, constantly travelling from sunrise to sunset. As nightfall would approach they would enter a state of bairaag (intense longing) as they knew that each moment they spent resting overnight, was a moment lost with their beloved.

Passing many villages and crossing rivers the journey took almost 3 months. Throughout, Peer Ji maintained their focus and constantly thought about that moment when their desire would be fulfilled and they would be blessed to receive darshan of Dhan Gobind Rai Ji.

**\*Dhan So Vela Jit Darshan Karna\***

Blessed is that time when the Blessed Vision of His Darshan is given.  
(Dhan Guru Arjan Dev Sahib Ji, Ang 562)

Finally, they reached Patna, whilst standing on the outskirts of the city the elderly Peer asked his followers, "do you know why the city of Patna is so beautiful? It is because Parmesar themselves resides here." Saying this, Peer Ji lay their walking stick on the ground and placed their forehead on the blessed land of Patna doing Namaskaar (bowing down) in the Charan (blessed feet) of Gobind Rai Ji. "Thank you for bringing me this far, but now I will not eat or drink anything until I receive darshan of my beloved." Such was their sharda (devotion).

Asking the residents of Patna for directions, Peer Ji finally reached the home in which Mata Gujri Ji and their Son were staying. Many people had gathered at the doorway as Gobind Rai Ji's Mama (mother's brother), Kirpal Chand Ji distributed money to the poor in gratitude for the new arrival. Peer Ji and their 2 disciples sat down to one side and waited patiently for the crowd to disperse.

As the crowd thinned, Mama Kirpal Chand Ji noticed Peer Ji and so approached them to offer money. Peer Ji stood, placed their hands together and said, "We have not come here for money. We have travelled for many months from Ambala. Our only wish is to receive darshan of the sahibzada (young child) who has come into this house. He has come onto this earth to spread happiness to all of humanity. I do not require any material wealth, only darshan. Please bless us and fulfil our desire. This is the only purpose with which we have come".

Noting Peer Ji's devoted and humble mannerisms, Mama Kirpal Chand Ji responded, "please be seated and I will find out when you might be able to receive darshan."

Mama Ji told both Gobind Rai Ji's mother (Mata Gujri Ji) and His grandmother (Mata Nanaki Ji) that an elderly Peer is sitting out by the front gate. "He has travelled from very far and wishes to receive darshan of Gobind Rai."

Mata Gujri Ji, Mata Nanaki Ji and other Gursikhs inside the house became worried. They discussed the request between themselves; "Vaheguru has blessed us with a child after a very long time. We have not even taken Him outside yet and even the sangat of Patna have not had darshan! Who knows who this Peer might be. He is of the Muslim faith and for all we know he may have been sent by Aurangzeb."

Mata Nanaki Ji suggested a way forward. "Speak to the Peer very politely. Offer him money and food and then send him on his way. We cannot allow darshan of Gobind Rai just yet as he is barely 3 months old."

By now it was evening. As Mama Ji walked towards Peer Ji they noticed Peer Ji were sitting in meditation and held a mala (prayer beads) in their hands.

"Peer Ji, you are worthy of great praise. Despite your old age you have travelled very far. You seem wise and have a good rehat (code of conduct). However Sahibzada Gobind Rai is not even 3 months old yet and we cannot bring them out in the cold. You are very wise Peer Ji, please accept my humble benti (plea) and have something to eat and drink before leaving. Come again some time in the future when the weather will be better and the sahibzada will be older. Their father, Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, will be here too and you can receive darshan of them both."

(Source: Bhai Vishal Singh Ji, katha of Gurpartap Suraj Granth written by Kavi Santokh Singh Ji)

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**In the next post we will share how Peer Bhikhan Shah responds to Mama Kirpal Chand Ji....**

Please share.

Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji Maharaj

Dhan Peer Bhikhan Shah Ji



### **\*PARKASH OF DHAN GURU GOBIND SINGH JI MAHARAJ – Part 3\***

**The saakhi so far...** the elderly Muslim Peer (saint) Bhikhan Shah realised that God himself had come to earth at Patna, and so set off on a journey over 700 miles long. When they finally reached Patna, they waited patiently amongst the crowd outside the house to receive darshan (blessed vision) of Gobind Rai Ji. Eventually they were able to share their desire with Mama Kirpal Chand. However, the family refused Peer Ji darshan, requesting them to return when Gobind Rai Ji are older.

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Despite Peer Ji being a spiritually elevated soul known and respected by many, they remained seated outside in the cold whilst having this conversation with Mama Kirpal Chand Ji. Such was their devotion. Only one thing consumed their thoughts and that was their desire for darshan.

Peer Ji understood the families concerns about his Islamic background and wanted to reassure them. Instead of getting angry or frustrated, they replied with great humility:

"He who you think is a mere child is not a child. He is the incarnation of God themselves! Please allow me to have darshan! This is a soul that will send sinners to hell, do not worry or bring bad thoughts into your minds. I desire nothing other than His blessed vision. I have taken an oath that I will not eat or drink anything until I have received this. The Sahibzada that has come into your house, He is the master of this world! He is here to establish righteousness. My only desire is to see Him as soon as possible. I will remain steady on my pledge to avoid consuming anything until I have been blessed with His darshan."

With this Peer Ji remained seated and Mama Ji went back into the house. His students were also obedient and devoted. Not once did they question Peer Ji or complain about the cold.

Nowadays when we go to Patna Sahib on Guru Sahib's Parkash purab, we can walk straight in and nobody stops us. If we had to wait out in the cold, it is possible that many of us wouldn't be willing to wait for more than five minutes before giving up. But such was the pyaar of Peer Bhikhan Shah, that even though they had been rejected and were hundreds of miles from home, they remained seated in meditation out in the cold, just to catch a glimpse of their beloved.

Overnight food and drink was offered a number of times but Peer Ji politely refused.

At daybreak Mama Kirpal Chand Ji noticed that Peer Ji and his followers were still seated at the doorway to the house and had not moved an inch.

Let us take ourselves to this doorway in Patna too and sit ourselves next to Peer Ji and beg for darshan of Guru Sahib...

*\*Darshan maango dehe piarre\**

I beg for the blessed vision of your Darshan; O beloved, please give it to me.  
(Dhan Guru Arjan Dev Ji Maharaj, Ang 386)

As they ran the maala (prayer beads) through their hands, they also performed ardaas (prayer) out loud in the Charan (feet) of Dhan Gobind Rai Ji, "Please bless me with your darshan. I have come from so far away, please make my journey complete. Your father is so Great, your grandfather is so Great and you are so Great. These people stop me in your Hukam (will) and I know they are fulfilling their responsibilities, but please, you can change their minds in an instant. You are the knower of everyone's innermost secrets and my heart is full of pure love for you. Please accept this love and bless me with your blessed vision..."

By now the residents of Patna had started to gather around the house and were listening to Peer Ji and wondering what was going on.

There is a lot to learn from this saakhi. It helps us to understand the importance of our intention when visiting Guru Sahib. Whatever our sincerely held faith and intention, that is the reward we will receive. If we are ever blessed to receive darshan of Patna Sahib, or indeed, to receive darshan of Dhan Guru Granth Sahib Ji every time we go to the Guru's house, we should go there with the longing that existed in the heart of Peer Bhikhan Shah!

*\*Darshan maango deh piaare!\**

Mama Kirpal Chand Ji realised Peer Ji were in fact a blessed soul and decided to speak with Mata Nanaki Ji again. "Mata Ji, Peer Sahib will not leave. They have travelled here with complete faith. They are very tired and must be hungry but they will not accept even a drop of water. They have spent all night out in the cold in smaadi (deep meditative state). When I have spoken to them, their speech has been full of love. They say their only desire is to receive darshan."

After doing countless requests in the Charan (feet) of Dhan Gobind Rai Ji, the elderly Peer's Ardaas (prayer) was finally answered. Hearing about the faith of Peer Ji, Mata Nanaki Ji decided that she would allow everyone to have darshan of the young Sahibzada. "If Peer Ji wishes to receive darshan, then let us establish a beautiful bhandaal (large tent) and allow all of the sangat (blessed congregation) to visit. Kirpal Chand Ji, please keep security in mind and make arrangements for guards to be on duty



at all times. Make all the necessary preparations at once and call the Rababi Keertani so they can do Keertan too."

The residents of Patna were informed that Sahibzada Gobind Rai Ji would soon be giving darshan to all. It was the direct result of Peer Bhikhan Shahs devotion that now the whole of Patna would have the opportunity to have darshan (blessed vision) of the new arrival in the house of Dhan Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji and Mata Gujri Ji. The sangat were so happy that Guru Sahib would be brought out earlier than expected and they would be able to receive darshan.

Many began to buy or prepare all types of gifts, from clothes and food to priceless jewels. Delicate cloths were used to line a beautiful palang (bed) and once the tent was ready the sangat were told to go on in and be seated.

Most people came in anticipation of seeing the son of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji. Only blessed souls realised Gobind Rai Ji were in fact the roop of Parmesar (God's form) themselves.

Mama Kirpal Chand Ji carried Guru Sahib in their arms, bringing them out into the sangat wrapped in beautiful blankets. Mama Ji seated themselves on the beautiful palang and placed Guru Sahib in their lap.

A carousel was raised to protect Guru Sahib's face from the sun and Mama Ji encouraged the sangat, "now is your chance to receive darshan" and so the sangat started to place their gifts and receive darshan of Dhan Gobind Rai Ji.

(Source: Bhai Vishal Singh Ji, katha of Gurpartap Suraj Granth written by Kavi Santokh Singh Ji)

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**In the final post we will share what happened when Peer Bhikhan Shah finally received darshan of their beloved Satguru!**

Please share.

Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji Maharaj

Dhan Peer Bhikhan Shah Ji



**\*PARKASH OF DHAN GURU GOBIND SINGH JI MAHARAJ – Part 4\***

**Saakhi so far...** The family of Gobind Rai decided to allow all sangata (congregation) to receive darshan (blessed vision) of their new arrival. A beautiful tent was set up and Mama Kirpal Chand seated themselves at the front holding Gobind Rai Ji in their lap. Sangata were then invited to come and receive darshan.

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Whilst all of this was going on Peer Bhikhan Shah had not moved and remained seated outside the house of Dhan Gobind Rai Ji. Mama Kirpal Chand Ji noticed that they had not come for darshan and requested a Sikh to call Peer Ji and their 2 followers. "Peer Ji have not eaten or had anything to drink since arriving in Patna. Please ask them to come and receive darshan."

When this message reached Peer Ji they first did namaskaar in the direction of the tent and then slowly began to make their way over. Their heart filled with chaa (joy) as the moment they had been waiting for had finally arrived.

**\*Dhan so vela jit darshan karna, hou balhaari satgur charna\***

Blessed is that time, when the Blessed Vision of His Darshan is given; I am a sacrifice to the feet of the True Guru. (Dhan Guru Arjan Dev Sahib Ji, Ang 562).

Peer Ji walked right up to the front of the tent where Mama Ji were seated and placed their hands together, lowering their eyes, they bowed down to balak (baby) Gobind Rai. They knew that this child was the form of Akaal Purakh (God) themselves therefore they had no hesitation in placing their head at the feet of the infant. Both of Peer Ji's followers were also receiving darshan and stood on either side of Peer Ji.

In a loud voice Peer Bhikhan Shah did numerous bentia to Guru Sahib:

"Oh Lord of the universe, peeran de peer (saint of all saints), you are the same light as Guru Nanak Dev Ji. You were of the Bedi lineage and now you are of the Sodhi lineage. You have come into this world to save us all. You are the same light that carried Rai Bullaar (Raja of Talvandi) across this world ocean. You are the one who saved Nawab Daulat Khan and the one who gave peace to the peers of Multaan. Words cannot describe Your greatness. You have enlightened whoever You so much as glance at."

Knowing that one day Guru Ji would destroy the Turks, Peer Ji (who were a Muslim themselves) said, "You and your followers will uproot the ruling Mughals in the near future. I am your humble servant, please do not destroy me, please bless me and give me a tiny bit of space at your feet".

Balak Gobind Rai Ji looked right at Peer Sahib and were very happy. They laughed out loud and were moving their entire body as if they were trying to jump out of Mama Ji's lap.

Peer Ji then took 2 clay pots that his followers were carrying. These pots were full of sweets and had been covered with white cloth. Peer Ji held a pot in each hand and moved closer to Gobind Rai Ji. They said, "I have come to you and you know my deepest question." Peer Ji wished to determine if Dhan Gobind Rai Ji were on the earth for the Hindu faith or for the Muslim faith. In their mind Peer Ji had assigned one clay pot to represent the Hindu people and one to represent Muslims. They wanted to see which pot the young child would touch.

Once the pots were close enough to Dhan Gobind Rai Ji, they raised both of their hands at the same time, placing one hand on one pot and the other hand on the other pot.

The question was not asked with words and Peer Ji did not receive their answer in words. It was all done through these gestures. The sangat watching were none the wiser and did not know what any of this meant.

Peer Bhikhan Shah were very happy. They had received their answer very quickly. To dispel any further doubts that Peer Ji may have had, Maharaj kept their hands in place on both clay pots for some time. (As we know, infants are usually unable to control their limbs for even a short period of time).

To be rid of any lingering doubt, Gobind Rai Ji in their infant form (of barely 3 months) then went on to place an incredible amount of weight on each pot. Kavi Santokh Singh Ji writes that 1000 mun weight was placed on each pot (equivalent to around 40,000kg per pot)!

Initially, due to Peer Ji's spiritual strength they were able to control this weight, but then Maharaj put even more weight onto the pots. Peer Ji couldn't take this extra weight and quickly glanced towards Guru Sahib's feet and internally did an Ardas... "Maharaj I am merely the servant of your feet." With this, balak Gobind Rai Ji immediately lifted their tiny hands off the two pots.

**\*Satgur mera vadh samratha\***

My True Guru is all powerful.

(Dhan Guru Arjan Dev Ji, Ang 98)

As the divaan came to an end many Sikhs could be heard saying "Dhan is Peer Bhikhan Shah. Because of their love and devotion, we have all been blessed with receiving balak Gobind Rai Ji's darshan."

Peer Bhikan Shahs mind was filled with bliss. Their desire had been fulfilled. They had received darshan and their question had also been answered.

Peer Ji's two students now asked Peer Ji what had happened in the tent "Oh Peer Ji, when Gobind Rai Ji placed their tiny hands on the pots your facial expression changed completely. What was the reason behind this?"

Peer Ji explained how he had gone in front of Guru Ji with a question in his heart and the meaning behind the 2 pots. Peer Ji wanted to know whether Guru Sahib had taken birth to bless the Hindu faith or the Muslim faith. However by placing their hands on both pots, Guru Sahib showed they were not here to protect a single faith, but had come as the saviour of all by spreading the true naam.

"At the moment we have only had their blessed darshan briefly. We have not even heard their voice. Once Maharaj is a little older, I would like to come again and if they choose to do kirpa...may they bless me with brahmvidya (knowledge of God)."

(Peer Ji went on to meet Guru Ji again approximately 5 years later when Guru Sahib travelled from Patna to Anandpur Sahib).

There are many different teachings we can take from this sakhi and Peer Bhikhan Shah. Despite being of an elderly age, Peer Ji showed us that one's spiritual level is not determined by physical age. We should always remain humble and be willing to listen and be educated by those both older and younger than ourselves.

Peer Ji did many bentia in the charan of Guru Sahib. They did not ask for wealth or material goods, but simply for Guru Sahib to have pity on them and bless them with a place at Their feet. Peer Ji knew 'jag rachna sabh jhoot hai' (The world and its affairs are totally false) and that we are only here for a limited amount of time. How often do we take hold of a maala like Peer Bhikan Shah and recite and contemplate on Vaheguru?

Finally Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, despite being only an infant when Peer Ji came for darshan, were able to answer their question. Guru Sahib made it clear that they were not here for a single person, or faith, but to bless this whole world by establishing righteousness. As the children of such a Guru, we too should always aim to be the voice of the voiceless and the protectors of the weak and oppressed.

(Source: Bhai Vishal Singh Ji, katha of Gurpartap Suraj Granth written by Kavi Santokh Singh Ji)

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Please forgive us for the numerous mistakes we have made during the course of translating and sharing this saakhi and please do ardas that Maharaj blesses us all with prem (love) and sharda (devotion) in our hearts.

\*The sevadaars would like to make a couple of bentia (requests):\*

The posts were a translation of Gurpartap Suraj Granth Katha done by Bhai Vishal Singh Ji. The translations have been summarised in places to condense the stories to enable them to be shared on social media. As such, some details inevitably may have been lost in this exercise and we recommend that you listen to the original recordings to obtain the most ras (pleasure) and knowledge.

Our itihaas (history) is contained within a number of different places / sources and has been recorded by a number of different historians. Sometimes, the intricate details shared in the saakhia (stories) when told by kathakaars (preachers) can differ slightly based on the resource they have used to narrate the saakhi. We would humbly request that if you do hear or come across slightly different accounts, please do not begin to doubt or question the validity of the saakhia you have heard. The key details and overall historical events remain consistent and the messages and teachings we should take away from our history remain the same.

Please share.

Dhan Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji Maharaj

Dhan Peer Bhikhan Shah Ji