



SHAHEED BHAI MANI SINGH JI GATKA AKHARA

Sri Guru Amar Das Ji

Satguru Sri Guru Amar Das Ji was the third light of Akaal Purakh who came to deliver a message of truth and realisation. From a very young age Guru Amar Das Ji would search for truth and contentment. They went to many saints, holy men and scholars but no one was able to quench their thirst for God. Guru Sahib has 4 children, 2 boys – Baba Mohan Ji and Baba Mohari Ji; and 2 girls Bibi Dhani Ji and Bibi Bhani Ji. Bibi Bhani Ji was a very quiet, humble girl who was very interested in searching for truth. She too would listen to saints, wise men and scholars but also found that they were not what she expected or wanted. Bibi Ji then came across Satguru Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji. Guru Sahib would give daily discourses on the Bani of Satguru Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Bibi Ji asked Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji to bless her with the ability to read the Gurbani of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Every morning Bibi Bhani Ji would recite Jap Ji Sahib in a beautiful voice. On one particular morning, Guru Amar Das Ji sat and listened carefully to the words of Jap Ji Sahib and instantly fell in love. Their mind had stopped wandering and they knew that this was the path of truth. Guru Sahib asked Bibi Ji where she had learnt this Bani and instructed her to take them to meet Guru Angad Dev Ji.

Guru Angad Dev Ji knew who Guru Amar Das Ji was and told them that they had been waiting for them. From that day onwards Guru Amar Das Ji became a true Gursikh of Guru Angad Dev Ji. They would listen attentively to the Katha that Guru Angad Dev Ji would give and began to immerse themselves in the love of Gurbani. At the age of 84 Guru Amar Das Ji had attained oneness with Akaal Purakh and therefore was ready to lead the Sikh Panth forward and become the third light of Akaal Purakh.

Throughout the 21 years that Guru Amar Das Ji was Guru, they contributed over 900 shabads to Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and were known for keeping their Bani simple and easy to understand.

A Brahmin once questioned the Guru; "Why do you impart instruction to your disciples not in Sanskrit, the language of gods in which all the Hindu lore is written, but in their mother-tongue, like Punjabi, the language of the illiterate mass." Guru Amar Das Ji replied; "Sanskrit is like a well - deep, inaccessible and confined to the elite, but the language of the people is like rain water - ever fresh, abundant and accessible to all." He said; "I want my doctrines to be propagated through every language which the people speak, for it is not language but the content that should be considered sacred or otherwise."