

# Shaheedi Gurburab Shri Guru Arjan Dev Ji



# Shri Guru Arjan Dev Ji

- Fifth Guru of the Sikhs
- Born: 15 April 1563
- Place: Goindwal Sahib
- Father: Guru Ram Das Ji
- Mother: Bibi Bhani Ji
- Maternal Grandfather: Guru Amar Das Ji
- Brothers: 2
  - Prithi Chand
  - Mahadeve
- Guruship: 1 September 1581
- Wife: Ganga Devi
- Son: Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji
- Joti Jot: 1606



# Dohtha Bani da Bohtha

- In the Guru ji's childhood, Guru Amar Das ji took him into his lap and then he said to him, "Dohtha Bani Da Bohtha". From these words, he meant this my grandson will be ship of the spiritual hymns.
- He also asked Guru ji to come to him daily so that he can teach him Punjabi, holy hymns and music.



# Guru Ji's education

- Guru Ji completed his education till the age of 10.
- Guru Ji learned punjabi, holy hymns and music from Guru Amar Das ji and he became perfect in spiritual education.
- He also learned Mathematics, Sanskrit and Persian.
- Guru ji was also fond of horse riding and tent pegging.



# Guru ji's Marriage

- Guru Ji got married at the age of 16 years.
- Guru Arjan Dev was married to Mata Ganga Devi ji on 19 June 1579.
- Mata ji was the daughter of Bhai Krishan Chand of the village of Mau, Punjab, India.
- A famous gurudwara (Mau Sahib) is built in the Mau village.



# Foundation of Harimandir Sahib

- In 1588, at the age of 25, Guru Ji took the task of the completion of the place where his father Guru Ram Das Ji had constructed a clay tank of Nectar.
- Guru Arjan Dev Ji invited Mian Mir, a Muslim Saint from Lahore to lay the foundation stone of the new temple.



# Foundation of Harimandir Sahib

- The temple had doors on all four sides of the building, which signified its acceptance of all the four castes and every religion.
- The floor of the Harimandir Sahib was kept lower than the surrounding area so that whoever enters the temple premises first lowers himself which would be a sign of humility.



# Foundation of Harimandir Sahib

- The construction of Harimandir Sahib was accomplished in 3 years. After the establishment of the temple Guru Ji composed the following hymn:

*He poured nectar and  
completed job.*

*A dream has come true.*

*The whole world is hailing.*

*All fears are set at rest.*



# Compilation of Adi Granth

- In order to embarrass Guru Ji, his brother Prithi Chand along with his son Meharban mixed the hymns written by the Sikh Gurus with their own hymns
- They mixed the hymns in such a way that it was hard to sort out the true and false hymns
- In order to avoid this confusion Guru Arjan Dev ji decided to compile Adi Granth



# Compilation of Adi Granth

- Shri Guru Granth Sahib ji was compiled by Guru ji at the age of 41, in year 1604
- Guru Granth Sahib included all the hymns written by the first five Sikh Gurus and also by many Indian Saints all belonging to different times, beliefs, sects, and castes.



# Compilation of Adi Granth

- Names of few Indian Saints:
  - Sheikh Farid – Muslim
  - Bhagat Kabir– belonged to lower caste
  - Bhagat Ravi Das – belonged to lower caste
  - Ramannand– Brahmin
  - Jai Dev – Brahmin
  - Trilochan– Vaishya
  - Sadna – from lower caste
  - Pipa – Khatri
  - Surdas– Brahmin
  - Sundar– Khatri



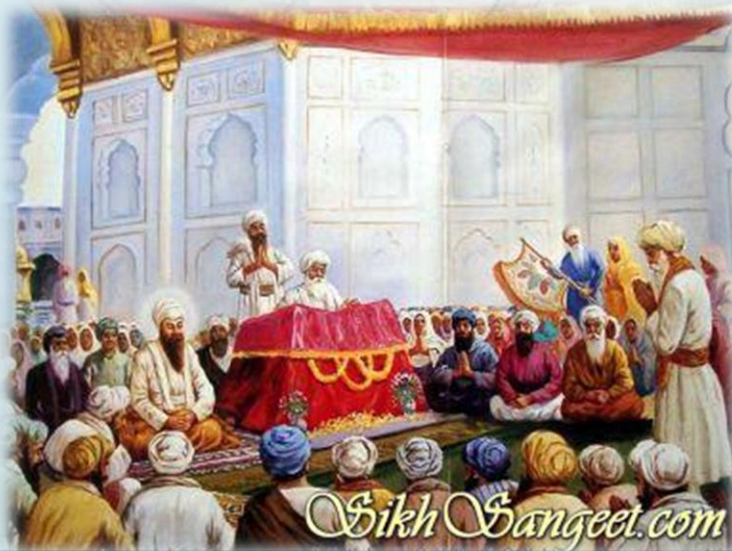
# Compilation of Adi Granth

- **Bhai Gurdas Ji** wrote the master copy of the compiled holy Granth.



# Compilation of Adi Granth

- The Holy Adi Granth was manifested inside Harimandir in 1604 .
- Baba Buddha Ji was appointed as the first Granthi.



# Bani

- Guru Arjan Dev Ji wrote a total number of 2312 hymns in 30 Ragas such as Sri Rag, Asa Basantu, Majh, Gujari, Gauri and Suhi etc.
- The **Sukhmani Sahib**, the Psalm of peace is the most well known of his compositions.



# Daswandh

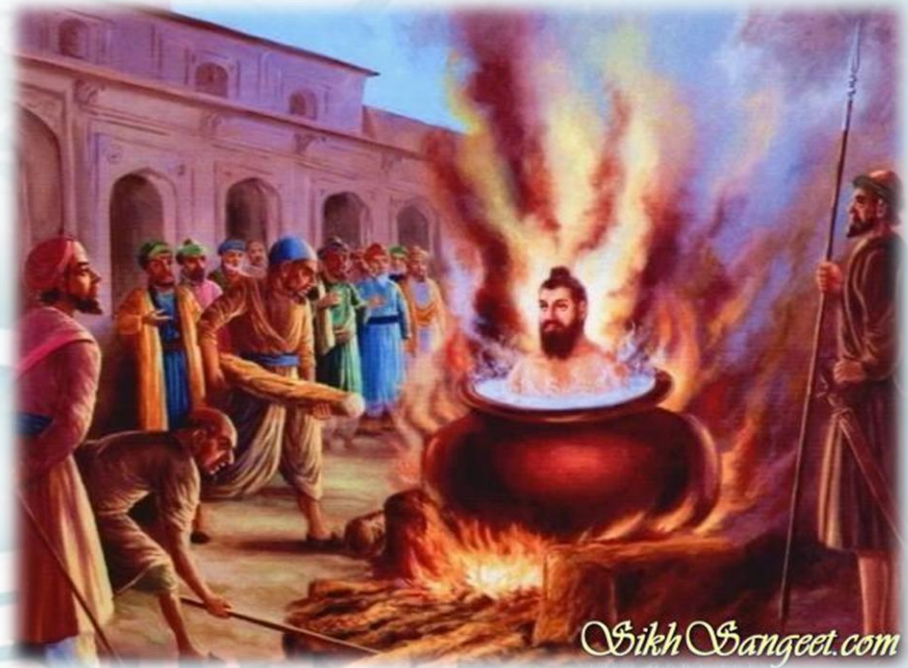
- Guru Arjan also started the tradition of Daswandh.
- **DASVANDH** refers to the practice among Sikhs of contributing one tenth (10%) of their earnings in the name of the **God** towards the common resources of the community.



# Martyrdom

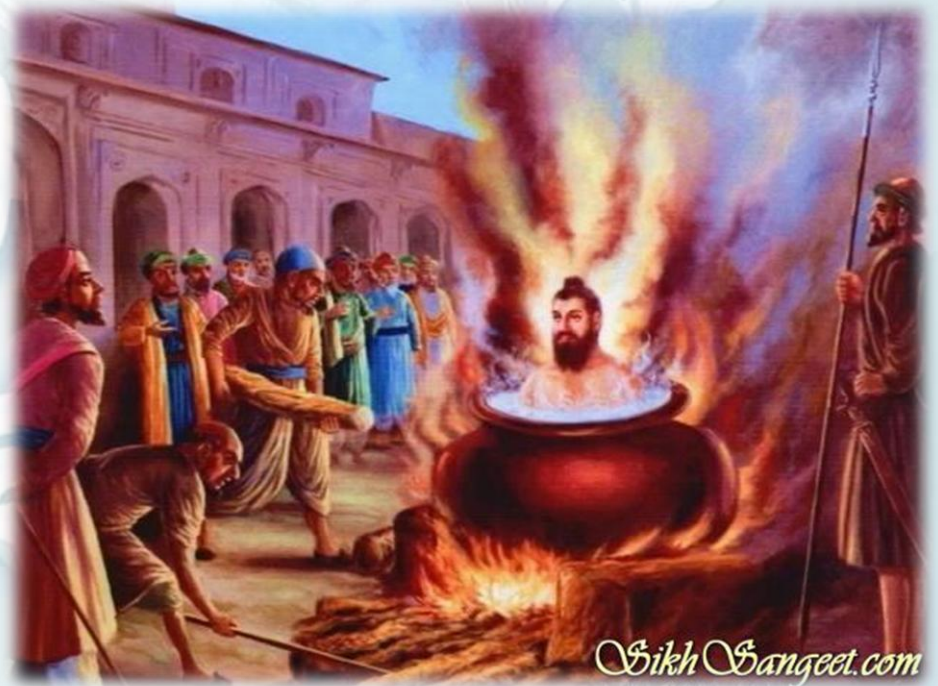
- In 1606, Guru Ji was tortured badly to death. There were 3 reasons behind his death.
- Firstly, Guru ji refused Chandu Shah's proposal for his daughter's marriage with Guru ji's son (Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji ) because of Chandu's mean and proud behaviour.

At this, Chandu Shah became very angry and vowed to take revenge from Guru ji.



# Martyrdom

- Secondly, there were many baseless allegations against Guru Ji of helping the rebellious prince Khusro, son of Jahangir.
- Thirdly, Jahangir wanted Guru ji to revise Guru Granth Sahib and add hymns in praise of Mohummad and he also wanted Guru ji to embrace Islam. But Guru Ji refused and said, "It is better to die than to change religion."



# Martyrdom

- Guru ji was tortured very badly.
- He was made to sit on a burning hot sheet while boiling hot sand was poured over his burnt body.
- After enduring five days of torture Guru Arjan Dev was taken for a bath in the river Ravi.



# Gurudwara Dera Sahib

- He sat in the river and recited Japji Sahib and he never came out of the river.
- At that place stands a Gurudwara known as **Gurudwara Dera Sahib**



(Gurdwara Dehra Sahib, Lahore-the symbol of the Tradition of martyrdom).