



Sikh Society of Michigan

EVOLUTION OF THE GURDUARA (PART 2)

Lesson #2

Grade 5

Recap

- Spelling - Gurduara
- Guru Nanak Started Dharamshalla as spiritual discourse / learning centers
- Guru Gobind Singh ji passed Guruship to Guru Granth Sahib
- The word Gurduara was first used during Guru Hargobind Ji's Guruship



GURDWARA Kartarpur in Narowal.



The Gurdwara Over Time

Time Period	Contribution/How the Gurdwara was used?
Banda Singh Bahadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local decision centers• Forts• Military training
Baba Deep Singh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spiritual Education• Martial training
Misls & Ranjit Singh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control under Sikhs• Established Gurdwaras at Historical sites• Upgrades to buildings• Gold/Copper guild on Darbar Sahib

The Gurduara Over Time

Time Period	Contribution/How the Gurduara was used?
British Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gurduaras controlled by Mahants• Non-Sikh practices including idols in Darbar Sahib• Gurduwara freedom movement (Guru ka Bagh, Saka Nanakana Sahib, etc.)• Singh Sabha Movement (Rehat Maryada, Khalsa Schools, Sikihi propaganda)• Establishment of SGPC

The Gurdwara Over Time

Time Period	Contribution/How the Gurdwara was used?
Post Independence (Republic of India)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independence in 1947• Separation of Sikh into Pakistan (Due to the partition of India and Pakistan)• Sikh Identity in Constitution• Panjabi Suba movement• Role of Akali Dal and SGPC• Anti-Sikh propaganda

The Gurduara Over Time (1984)

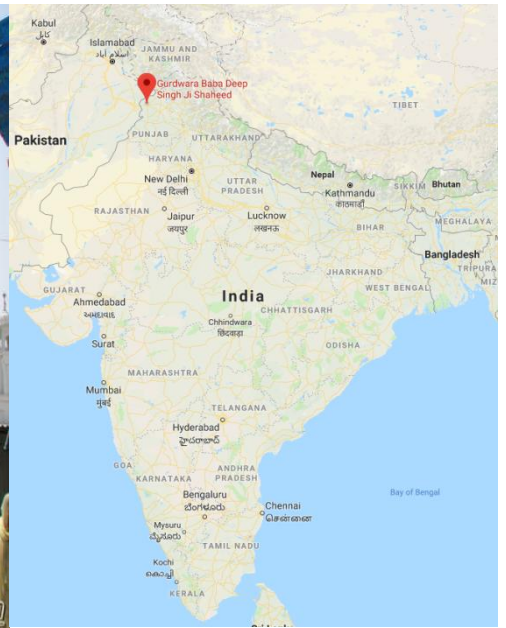
Time Period	Contribution/How the Gurduara was used?
Government Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti- Sikh propaganda• Insults to SGGS and Sikhi• False acquisition/fake encounters• Attack by Military on Darbar Sahib and 38 other Gurduaras• Destruction of Akal Takht
Sikh Leadership Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote Sikhi, discourage drugs and alcohol, etc.• Self protection/ Rights• Defend the Gurduaras

The Gurduara Over Time (Present Day)

Time Period	Contribution/How the Gurduara was used?
Present Day/Sikhs in West	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gurudwaras all over the world• Mostly worship places (Keertan, Langar, Akhand Path, etc.)• Gurmat/Punjabi Schools• Huge/Multi-million Dollar buildings

Historical Gurduara

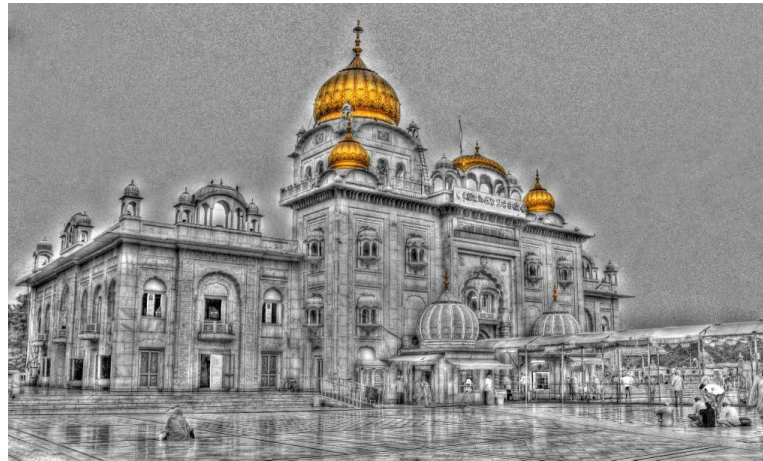
- Gurudwara Baba Deep Singh Ji Shaheed
 - Located in Amritsar, Punjab
 - Established in remembrance of Baba Deep Singh Ji. Baba Deep Singh was fatally wounded in the neck but had vowed to die in the precincts of the Golden Temple.



Historical Gurduara

- Bangla Sahib , Delhi

- Gurduara Bangla Sahib was originally a bungalow belonging to Raja Jai Singh, an Indian ruler in the seventeenth century. The eighth Sikh Guru, Guru Har Krishan ji resided here during his stay in Delhi in 1664. During that time, there was a smallpox and cholera epidemic, and Guru Har Krishan helped the suffering by giving aid and fresh water from the well at this house.



Historical Gurduara

- Gurduara Sis Ganj Sahib, Delhi

- Located in Delhi , First constructed in 1783 by Sr. Baghel Singh to commemorate the martyrdom site the ninth Sikh Guru , Guru Tegh Bahadur
- This is where Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was beheaded (Shaheedi)



Historical Gurduara

- **Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Sahib**

- Located in Delhi, It was built in 1783, after Sikh military leader Baghel Singh
- The Gurdwara marks the site, where Lakhi Shah Banjara and his son Bhai Naghaiya burnt their own house to cremate the body of the Sikh Guru Guru Tegh Bahadur sahib who, on 11 November 1675, was martyred by beheading at Chandni Chowk on the orders of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb for refusing to convert to Islam



Historical Gurdwara

- Darbar Sahib Kartarpur

- Located in Kartarpur, Pakistan
- The present gurdwara is built on the site where Guru Nanak is popularly believed to have Joti Jot, on 22 September 1539.



Historical Gurduara

- **Fatehgarh Sahib**

- **Main Gurudwara Complex:** Sarovar (sacred pool) at Fatehgarh Sahib Gurdwara, Punjab, India.
 - A number of gurdwaras are also located in the main complex of Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib.
- **Gurudwara Bhora Sahib:** The historical wall where Baba Zorawar Singh ji and Baba Fateh Singh ji the younger sons of Guru Gobind Singh were bricked-up alive has been preserved in this gurdwara. The sanctuary containing the historic wall known as Gurudwara Bhora Sahib.
- **Gurudwara Burj Mata Gujri :**At this site Baba Zorawar Singh ji and Baba Fateh Singh ji, the two younger sons of tenth guru of sikhs Guru Gobind Singh and his mother were kept in confinement by Wazir Khan. The fort was known as *Thanda Burj*, and was considered a cool place during the summer. However, it was a punishment for Guru's sons and his mother to be kept here in extreme winter. It was at this place that Mata Gujri collapsed on hearing the news of the martyrdom of her grandsons. Later on, Gurdwara Mata Gujri was constructed here.
- **Gurudwara Shahid Ganj:** The Gurudwara Shahid Ganj was built to commemorate the memory of the brave Sikhs who were killed while fighting with Mughal forces under the banner of Banda Bahadur. They were cremated here.



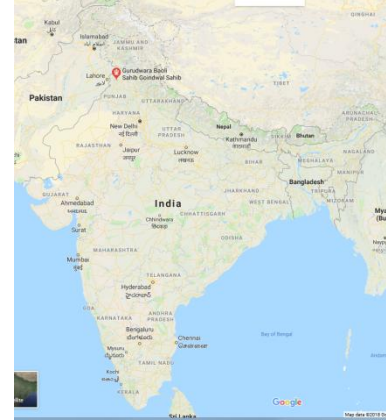
Historical Gurduara

- Khadur Sahib

- Located in Tarn Taran
- Khadur Sahib (Distt. Amritsar, Punjab) is symbolically attached with the name of Guru Angad Dev Ji. This place got sanctified by the visit of eight Sikh Masters (Sikh Gurus).. The second Guru spent 13 years of his Guruship at Khadoor Sahib, spreading the universal message of Guru Nanak Sahib.



Historical Gurduara



- Goindwal Sahib

- Located in Tarn Taran
- Guru Amar Das (the third Guru or the third Nanak) stayed in Goindwal for 33 years where he established a new centre for preaching Sikhism. A *Baoli* (stepwell), paved with 84 steps was constructed there.
- The Gurduara was built in 1616.
- Guru Amardas ji and Guru Ramdas ji themselves performed seva at this Gurduara



Historical Gurduara

- Hemkund Sahib (*Hem* ("Snow") and *Kund* ("bowl"))
 - Located in Uttarakhand, India
 - According to Bachitra Natak, the autobiographical account of the tenth Guru, Gobind Singh, it was at Hemkunt 'adorned with seven snow peaks' that he meditated here.



WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

- What was the Gurus mission and goal for a Gurduara ?
- What is missing??
- Why are the youth not attracted??
- Gurduaras or Worship place or Social Centers??
- Missing Unity??
- Environmental responsibility??
- Social responsibility??