

Vision of Creating the Khalsa Panth

Large numbers of Sangat gathered in Sri Anandpur Sahib to pay their final respects to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji stood on a sacred platform with all Sikh Sangat in front of them. While standing on this sacred platform, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji asked Bhai Jaita Ji, “In Delhi when Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji gave Shaheedi (Martyrdom) was there not a single Sikh amongst the crowd who stood up and protested against Aurangzeb’s ill deeds? Did anybody without fear do Seva of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in that difficult time?”

Bhai Jaita Ji very humbly replied, “Guru Ji, there were so many Sikhs and Hindus amongst that crowd however they were scared and no one was able to say or do anything because of the threat of Aurangzeb’s sword. The Sikhs could not be easily spotted because they knew they would be killed if Aurangzeb found out that they were Sikhs.”

Hearing this reply Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji (aged 9) went silent for a few seconds and remembered their vision of creating the Khalsa:

“Yahi Kaaj Dharaa Hum Janmang II Samajh Leho Sadhoo Sabh Manmang II”
(For this very purpose I have taken birth. The Saints should comprehend this in their minds.)

“Dharam Chalaavan Sant Ubhaaran II Dusht Sabhan Ko Mool Upaaran II “
(I have come into this world to spread Dharam (Righteousness), emancipate the Saints and to root out tyrants and evil-minded persons.)

-Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

In front of all Sikh Sangat Guru Ji delivered a message to outline the future. Guru Gobind Singh Ji told everyone to accept the Will of God and to stay in high spirits as from now onwards, “We will stand up against injustice and we will arm ourselves with weapons. I will give my Sikhs a separate identity and a compulsory dress code, so that they can be easily recognised and identified even in a crowd of millions.” Gurdwara Akal Bunga in Anandpur Sahib marks the place where Guru Ji addressed the Sangat.

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji completed their mission of creating the unique Khalsa Panth in the Vaisakhi of 1699, by giving their Sikhs the blessings of Amrit and making them Singh’s (Lions) and Kaur’s (Princesses).

By giving Amrit (Sikh Baptism) to their Sikhs, Guru Ji infused a spirit of great warriors within them who will fight against oppression and injustice. A Sikh will be a Saint first but when all other means of peace have failed, whilst walking on the path of righteousness, it is justifiable for the Sikh to pick up a sword and come forward to defend his/her righteous way of living and help those who need protection.

Therefore in Sri Anandpur Sahib, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji laid the foundation of the Khalsa Army! Guru Ji made compulsory for their Sikhs to wear 5k’s, which gives them a separate distinct identity from others. Till date because of their distinct identity a Sikh is easily recognisable amongst a crowd of thousands.

As the name of the Panj Pyare suggests, Guru Ji gave their Sikhs the qualities of Compassion (Daya) Bhai Daya Singh Ji, Righteousness (Dharam) Bhai Dharam Singh Ji, Courage (Himmat) Bhai Himmat Singh Ji, Determination (Mohkam) Bhai Mohkam Singh Ji and Sovereignty (Sahib) Bhai Sahib Singh Ji.