

Basic Facts of Sikhism

Guru Sahibaan (IK JOT)

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji
Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji
Sri Guru Amar Das Ji
Sri Guru Ram Das Ji
Sri Guru Arjun Dev Ji
Sri Guru Har Gobind Ji
Sri Guru Har Rai Ji
Sri Guru HarKrishan Ji
Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji
Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji
Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji

Five Piare (Beloved Ones)

Bhai Daya Singh Ji
Bhai Dharam Singh Ji
Bhai Himmat Singh Ji
Bhai Mohkam Singh Ji
Bhai Sahib Singh Ji

Four Sahibzaade (Sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji)

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Ji
Sahibzada Jhujhar Singh Ji
Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji
Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji

Nitnem (everyday recitation)

Japji Sahib
Jap Sahib
Swaye Patshahi 10
Sodar Rehras
Sohila

Five Kakaar

Kes - uncut hair
Kangha - comb
Kirpan - sword
Karra - steel bangle
Kachahara - shorts

Five Takhat (Seats of Sikh Religion)

Akal Takhat Sahib Ji - Amritsar (Punjab)
Takhat Sri Kesgarh Sahib Ji - Anandpur (Punjab)
Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib Ji - Talwandi Saabo (Punjab)
Takhat Sri Hazur Sahib Ji - (Maharashtra)
Takhat Sri Patna Sahib Ji - (Bihar)

What/Who is a Sikh

Sikh, person who faithfully believes in:

One Immortal Being,
Guru Sahiban Ji, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji to Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji
The Guru Granth Sahib,
The Utterances and teachings of the ten Gurus, and
Khande di Pahul bequeathed by the tenth Guru, and who does not owe allegiance to any other religion.

Last Name of a Sikh

Man: **Singh** (a lion)
Woman: **Kaur** (princess)

Other Facts and Stats on Sikhism

name

From Punjabi sikh, "learner" or "disciple"

founded

c. 1500 in India

founder

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji (1469-1539)

adherents

23 million

main location

Punjab region of India

original language

Punjabi

sacred text

Adi Granth (Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji)

spiritual leaders

Granthi Sahib Ji, Giani Ji, Gyani Ji

house of worship

Temple, Gurdwara Sahib

theism

monotheism

ultimate reality

God (Ik Onkar, Nam)

purpose of life

Overcome the self, align life with will of God, and become a "saint soldier," fighting for good

afterlife

Reincarnation until resolve karma and merge with God.

major holidays

Vaisakhi Day

Birthday of Guru Nanak

Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh

five cardinal vices

1. lust
2. anger
3. greed
4. worldly attachment
5. pride