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## Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

### Fast Facts

Date of Birth	April 15, 1469
Place of Birth	Rai Bhoi Ki Talvandi
Date of Jyoti Jot Samana	September 22, 1539
Place of Jyoti Jot Samana	Kartarpur (present day Pakistan)
Father	Mehta Kalu
Mother	Mata Tripta
Wife	Mata Sulakhni
Children	Sri Chand and Lakhmi Das
Resting Place	Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur

Guru Nanak Dev Ji was born into a middle-class Hindu family and raised by his parents, Mehta Kalu and Mata Tripta. He spent most of his childhood with his older sister, Bebe Nanaki, as he was fond of her. As a child, Nanak went on to astound many with his intelligence and his interest towards divine subjects. For his 'upanayana' ritual, he was asked to wear the sacred thread, but Nanak simply refused to wear the thread. When the priest insisted him, a young Nanak took everyone by surprise by asking for a thread that is sacred in every sense of the word. He wanted the thread to be made of mercy and contentment, and wanted continence and truth to hold the three sacred threads together. Guru Nank Dev Ji's teachings were immortalized in the form of 974 hymns, which came to be known as 'Guru Granth Sahib,' the holy text of Sikhism. With more than 20 million followers, Sikhism is one of the important religions in India.

Nanak then came to be known as Guru Nanak (teacher) as he travelled far and wide to spread his teachings. He founded Sikhism, one of the youngest religions, through his teachings. The religion emphasizes on the importance of leading a spiritual life without embracing monasticism. It teaches its followers to escape the clutches of ordinary human traits, such as lust, rage, greed, attachment and conceit (collectively known as the 'Five Thieves' The religion also advocates justice and equality and urges its followers to serve mankind.

Guru Nanak taught that every human being is capable of attaining spiritual perfection which will ultimately lead

them to God. He also said that rituals and priests are not required in order to have direct access to God. In his teachings, Guru Nanak emphasized that God has created many worlds and also created life. In order to feel the presence of God, Guru Nanak asked his followers to repeat the name of the God (Nam Japna). He also urged them to lead a spiritual life by serving others and by leading an honest life without indulging in exploitation or fraud.

Source: <https://www.culturalindia.net/indian-religions/guru-nanak.html>

### QUOTES OF GURU NANAK DEV JI

*"If there is one God, then there is only His way to attain Him, not another. One must follow that way and reject the other. Worship not him who is born only to die, but Him who is eternal and is contained in the whole universe."*

**"THERE IS BUT ONE GOD. TRUE IS HIS NAME, CREATIVE HIS PERSONALITY AND IMMORTAL HIS FORM. HE IS WITHOUT FEAR SANS ENMITY, UNBORN AND SELF-ILLUMINED. BY THE GURU'S GRACE, HE IS OBTAINED."**

*"Burn worldly love, rub the ashes and make ink of it, make the heart the pen, the intellect the writer, write that which has no end or limit."*

**"DWELL IN PEACE IN THE HOME OF YOUR OWN BEING, AND THE MESSENGER OF DEATH WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TOUCH YOU."**

*"There is but One God. His name is Truth; He is the Creator. He fears none; he is without hate. He never dies; He is beyond the cycle of births and death. He is self-illuminated. He is realized by the kindness of the True Guru. He was True in the beginning; He was True when the ages commenced and has ever been True. He is also True now."*

*"Let no man in the world live in delusion. Without a Guru none can cross over to the other shore."*

**"SPEAK ONLY THAT WHICH WILL BRING YOU HONOR."**

*"Owing to ignorance of the rope the rope appears to be a snake; owing to ignorance of the Self the transient state arises of the individualized, limited, phenomenal aspect of the Self."*

*"That one plant should be sown and another be produced cannot happen; whatever seed is sown, a plant of that kind even comes forth."*

*"He who regards all men as equals is religious."*

**"HE WHO HAS NO FAITH IN HIMSELF  
CAN NEVER HAVE FAITH IN GOD."**

## TEACHINGS OF GURU NANAK JI:

### Relevance in Today's World

#### Rise Above Worldly Identities

When Guru Nanak Dev ji emerged from the river and claimed "na koi hindu, na koi musulman", that no one is a Hindu nor a Muslim, he wanted us to rise to the eternal Truth. He wanted us to recognize that the True Self transcends the Worldly Identities.

#### The world is a play of God

He has created it so that the mind creates Identities for itself and other minds, for many reasons. We identify ourselves through relationships, such as mother, father, sister, brother. We identify ourselves through our profession, such as Doctor, Lawyer, Plumber, Driver. We also identify ourselves as the Sikhs of Guru Nanak Dev ji. These Identities are very helpful in a practical way. However we must also follow Guru Sahib's teaching and transcend these Worldly Identities and realize the eternal Truth, which is beyond identification.

#### Surrender to the Will of God

Guru Nanak Dev ji's message of "Hukam Rajayee Chalna Nanak Likheya Naal." Guru Nanak Dev ji says, everything happens with God's Grace, so Rest assured that God knows better what is right or wrong for us. We should, therefore, accept His decisions without any grudge or question.

#### There is One God

Guru Nanak Dev ji said, "I am neither Hindu nor Muslim, I am a follower of god", which actually tells about his staunch belief in one god. In Sikhism, the god is one which is regarded as omnipresent, shapeless, timeless, and sightless. Sikhism lays stress on, before the actual creation there was God, and because of His will, the Illusion came into being. The God in Sikhism is not gender determined, it can only be seen with inward eye. Guru Nanak Dev ji explained that there is only One God who gives birth to everyone and everything we should never forget to Him. The Guru laid stress on the issue that full knowledge of god is impossible.

#### Utilitarianism - Good for All

Guru Nanak Dev ji gave the message of Universal brotherhood. He said that religion is not only word but actually it looks all men and women equally. Universal brotherhood is a vital aspect in Gurbani. In our prayer, we say this line - "**Nanak Naam Chardi Kala Tere Bhane Sarbat Da Bhala**", which can be translated as "Nanak asks for 'Naam' (name of God) which brings wellbeing, happiness and positive spirit and with your blessings, Lord may everyone in the world prosper and stay happy" or can be said as as: Nanak, With Naam comes Chardi Kala and with your grace, may there be peace for all. We pray Him for the welfare of the entire humanity and not just for our community or our family at all.

#### Truth is God and God is Truth -

#### "SACH SUNAIS SACH KEE BELA" - (to speak the truth)

Guru Nanak Dev Ji said in front of Mughal King Babar "You are not Babar but JABAR". We should always move on the path of truth and speak the truth without any fear. According to the Guru's doctrine, the victory of truth is not dependent on ending or suppressing falsehood but in standing firmly by truth. That is why Guru Nanak Dev ji exhorts that to stick to truth and to remain on the side of truth when it is necessary is very essential - SACH KI BANI NANAK AAKHAI SACH SUNAIS SACH KI BELA I HAVE RELATED THE TRUE WORD OF THE TRUE LORD AS PER HIS WILL.

#### Shun Five Evils

Guru Nanak Dev Ji preached His followers to shun five evils which leads to illusion (maya) which eventually acts as roadblock towards attainment of salvation. The five evils are- Ego, Anger, Greed, Attachment and Lust.

#### Importance of Guru

Guru Nanak Dev ji laid great emphasis on having the importance of Guru in one's life. He told that salvation cannot be possible from pilgrimage or rites etc, but through heart, spirit, soul and purity of mind. For this urge of knowledge must take place which is dependent upon one's guru. Guru is the voice of the god in the terminology of Guru Ji, He is the true source of knowledge and salvation.

#### Discrimination Not Permissible

Guru Nanak Dev ji was against discrimination, both in the words and deeds. He told that the caste of a person is based on what he does not with what he is. His idea of a caste-free society is also carried forward in concepts of Sangat and Pangat.

#### False Rituals & Superstitions Not Allowed

Guru Nanak Dev Ji was strictly against the superstitions, false rituals, worship of demi-gods and goddesses. He lays stressed that only One God, that is Formless, is to be glorified and worshipped. In this way, he showed the path of truth and enlightenment. Removing all obstacles of falsehood. Relevance of Guru Nanak Dev ji's teachings in present time More than five centuries after passing of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, his words are still rendered with his followers. Teachings that make sense in present Scenario.

### **Not forget the Needy And Poor**

These themes were prominent in 1500 when there was no concept of poverty and depravity, and still required now, because poverty hasn't left the world. When Nanak was 12, his father gave him twenty rupees to set up a new business. Nanak bought food for those twenty rupees and gave it away to the sadhu's. When his father asked him about the money, Nanak told him it was a "true business". Today, a Gurudwara named Sacha Sauda (true business) exists, where Guru Nanak fed the poor and needy people.

### **One God – "Ek Omkar"**

Using religion to create distinctions among the people in categories is awful. In the Guru Ji's own words, "There is neither Hindu nor Muslim." On his visit to Haridwar, he saw some people offering the water of the Ganges towards the sun in the east, as an offering to their ancestors in heaven. He began to throw water towards the West. When others ridiculed him, he said: "If Ganges water will reach your ancestors in heaven, why should the water I throw not reach my fields in the Punjab, which are far less distant?" this question shocks the world and one God became prominent and belief against false rituals diminished.

### **Equality of Women**

At the time women were not allowed in the religious sacraments, mandir and no women in the mosque, he allowed women to come in religious gatherings, sacraments, places and sing openly their praises of God. Going to the forest will not serve you with Enlightenment. "The essence of religion is meekness and sympathy but a life of goodness and purity amid the world's temptations..." (Guru Nanak Dev Ji) Maybe one could achieve enlightenment in forests centuries ago, but we're not capable of that today. And Guru Nanak doesn't even require you to do that. He believed that living as a householder was better than going away for a divine truth. Nanak himself was a farmer even after achieving enlightenment. These five evils are probably ruining your life. a. Ego b. Anger c. Greed d. Attachment and e. Lust. Most, if not all, suffering of big city life comes from these five evils.

### **Be Selfless**

The Golden Temple Amritsar feeds over a 100,000 people of all religions every single day. Not because there is some divine gain, but because it is a sacred duty. For Nanak, the concept of selfless service was a way of life.

### **Fight Superstition of any Kind**

Devoted his life to attacking formal rituals, caste, and practices that didn't make any sense. This is the simplest way you can find meaning and purpose in your own life – cutting out the clutter of what society dictates you should do.

### **Simplicity is Beautiful**

Simplicity of human nature can enhance humanity. For humanity, everybody should be free from artificial beauty. To

give enrichment of the soul man should follow bridging humanity. Guru Nanak in 15th century lighted the torch of his thoughts, which illuminates or radiates the heart of everyone even today. Guru Nanak perhaps is the only poet of the world who by the power of his poetry gave birth to a brave race in India. He brought about a strong rebellion, which took firm determination to uproot tyranny and oppression from whole of the country. Guru Nanak gave us a unique philosophy that is scientifically and logically sounds having universal acceptability. Guru Nanak his nine successors worked to redefine the religions, political and social values for mankind.

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## **ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY**



Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Haryana, is India's first govt university established by the Government of Haryana at Dudhola village of Palwal district of Haryana.

Its Vision is to emerge as one of the foremost institution of quality in skill education acknowledged by industry, nationally and internationally. It is committed to try to change the prevailing social perception about the low esteem of vocational education and bring it at par with other education streams. The university focuses on making education more relevant to employment and employability and to bring industry closer to talent by bridging the gap of both quality and quantity of manpower. Further The mission of university is to nurture talent for local, national and international requirements.

### **SVSU is working to achieve the following objectives:**

- Scan the environment
- Raise capacity and infrastructure for skills education.
- Forge integration with institutions, industry and academia.
- Design and develop institutional skill model and courses.
- Commence skills education programmes.
- Train youth with skill proficiency and competency for different level job roles.
- Develop campus infrastructure.
- Develop institutional capacity and strength.
- Sustain and increase skills education programmes.
- Discharge university's citizen social responsibility.

## SHRI GURU NANAK DEV CENTRE OF INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### About the centre

Shri Guru Nanak Dev Centre of Innovative Leadership & Entrepreneurship is one of India's unique centres emphasising the entrepreneurship ecosystem in the country through its various activities and ideas. The centre was set-up by the university to provide seeding and development support with technology and other facilitation activities. The centre has organised Entrepreneurship Awareness camps to sensitize students and other interested young minds to start their own ventures.

The centre is committed to perform a journey of enormous contributions in multiple ways for young minds, organisations and the society.

The centre has the aim of having its name as the top name associated with entrepreneurship. We will work continuously to deliver relevant content to entrepreneurship environment in India by using technology and solving problems of business models in India. In partnership with our Industry partners, academia, mentors, funding agencies, and investors, the centre will cultivate a rare team of entrepreneurs that can bring the positive change in India.

### Scope: Impact Creation Activities

- Inspiration through information and publications
- Motivation through camps, workshops and Industry talks
- Helping in one-to-one interaction with entrepreneurs
- Ideas scouting activities
- Ideas mentoring
- Guidance to start ups
- Facilitating the funding

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