

DIVINITY CALENDER 2016-17

Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji is a treasure trove of values. **The lives of our Guru Sahibaan** have been exemplary. Even **Sikh history** is replete with instances that can inspire today's generation & infuse in them the spirit of **responsible citizenship & rightful conduct**:

ਬਾਬਾਣੀਆ ਕਹਾਣੀਆ ਪੁਤ ਸਪੁਤ ਕਰੇਨਿ॥(SGGS: Pg-951)

With an **objective of inculcating love & pride for Sikhism** in the hearts of our progeny, as well as preserving the rich heritage of our community, it is imperative to integrate commemoration of the 'elan vital' of our worthy Gurus in the curriculum transaction.

Keeping this in mind, a humble effort has been made to design **weekly activities for the students ,which can be effectively implemented through:**

- **Assembly presentation**
- **Talk/Exposition by Sikh Luminaries**
- **Inter-House Events/Competitions**
- **Divinity periods allocated twice in the weekly Time Table.**
- **Formative Assessments, using different Tools & Techniques like projects, research based activities, assignments, work sheets, Debates, Declamation, Educational Visits, Role Play, group discussions etc.**

WEEKLY DIVINITY CALENDAR (April 2016-March 2017)

APRIL 4 – 8, 2016

- Introduction to Kakaars /their symbolic importance – reinforcing and strengthening the concept of students by organising an interactive session with them.
- Gurbani Ucharan – Nitnem Recapitulation

***Important dates :** Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Har Rai Sahibji on 5.4.16
Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Amardas Sahibji on 8.4.16

APRIL 11 - 15

- Celebrating Sangrand of 'Vaisakh' month, remembering Guru Sahib's message of inculcating humility and good behaviour.
- Revisiting 1699 – the birth of Khalsa
(Talk by a Sikh Luminary on 'Amrit Sanchar', 'Panj Pyare' and the concept of 'Khalsa Panth')

***Important dates :** Jyoti Jot Samana of Guru Angad Dev Ji on 10.4.16
Jyoti Jot Samana of Guru Hargobind Sahib ji on 11.4.16

APRIL 18 - 22

- Historical Perspective of the **Singh Sabha Movement** – touching vital aspects like re-orientation of Sikh consciousness, re-organisation of Sikh shrines, establishment of Khalsa College at Amritsar and hundreds of Khalsa schools across Punjab, contribution of Giani Ditt Singh and Bhai Vir Singh Ji.

- Inter -House Punjabi Declamation Contest
(Topics should be related to the **Singh Sabha** Movement)

***Important dates :** Jyoti Jot Samana of Guru Harkrishan Sahib ji on 19.4.16
Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji on 19.4.16

APRIL 25-29

- Dastaar/Turban Tying Competition
(Highlighting the importance of ‘Sabat Surat Dastaar Sira’)
- Celebrating the **Prakash Purab of Guru Teg Bahadur ji (27.4.16) & Guru Arjan Dev Ji (29.4.16)** with a special reference to their intellectual competence, as reflected in their compositions in Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

MAY 2 - 6

LITERARY WEEK CELEBRATION

- A Tribute to Bhai Vir Singh Ji- the sixth river of Punjab ;
a reading session for the students can be organised in the library of Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan.
- Remembering Bhai Kahn Singh Nabha and his work ‘Mahan Kosh’.
- Max Arthur Macauliffe and his contribution in compiling six volumes of the ‘The Sikh Religion’

MAY 9-13

- Role of Women in Sikh History – Symposium, starting from Bebe Nanki Ji (in chronological order; for Senior Segment).

- Celebrating ‘Lipi Diwas) & **Prakash Purab of Guru Angad Dev Ji.** (for Primary Segment).

MAY 16-20

- Celebrating **Sangrand of ‘Jeth’** month by sharing the message of ‘Shabad Guru.’
- Reinforcing Concept of ‘Sewa’ & ‘Simran’ through experiential activities, as a tribute to the celebration of the **Prakash Purab of Guru Amardas Ji (20.5.16).**

Summer Break May 21, 2016 (Saturday) – June 30, 2016 (Thursday)

July 1- 8

- Reminiscing the supreme sacrifice of **Guru Arjan Dev Ji**
- Celebrating the **Prakash Purab of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji (21.6.16)** – offering an understanding of the concept of ‘Miri’ & ‘Piri’ to the students, covering Sirjana Diwas of Sri Akal Takht Sahib (**Simultaneously, preparation for**

celebrating Prakash Purab of Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji will begin)

JULY 11 - 15

- Shaheedi Diwas of **Bhai Mani Singh Ji (9.7.16) & Bhai Taru Singh Ji (16.7.16)**– Remembering their life, fortitude and martyrdom.
- Inter-House Quiz contest (Reference booklet containing MCQs on Sikh history & achievements will be provided)

July 18- 22

- Celebrating Sangrand of 'Saavan' month- through group enactment to drive home the message that faith, love & good deeds are important for overall well- being of human race.
- Inter -house Shabad Gayan Competition for all segments in 'Nirdhaarit Raagas'.

July 25- 29

An Inter-House Painting Competition on the theme of ---- '**Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji** - An Embodiment of selfless service & Love '

- Sangati celebration of **Prakash Purab of Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji**, ensuring participation of Management, Staff & all the students. Kirtan rendition, 'Saakhi' narration, Vaars to immortalise

the Supreme Life of 'Bala Pritam' should be an integral part of this celebration; 'Langar' to be served to the entire sangat.

August 1 – 5

“Sikhi is not limited in terms of region or space, but for the entire world – The attainments of Sikh Diaspora “ -Group Discussion (for Senior segment students)

- Shudh Gurbani Ucharan Contest – Intra-Class event for the Primary Segment
- Remembering Bhagat Puran Singhji Pingalwara – A life well lived (**4.6.1904 to 5.8.1992**)

August 8 - 12

- Inter- House Declamation Contest – **“Sikhism is not only a Philosophy but Way of Life”** (Senior segment)
- Contribution of Sikhs in the Indian Freedom Struggle --- A tribute by the students with a special mention of their sizeable presence in **the top hierarchy of Indian Armed Forces in the contemporary context.**

Aug 16 -19

- Celebrating **Sangrand of 'Bhadon'** month with students resolving to follow the message of Guru Sahibaan.
- 'Saakhi' narration highlighting the extent of devotion of **Bhai Lehna Ji, Bhai Mardana Ji** and **Bhai Bala Ji** for Guru Nanak ,with a special reference to the

'Udaasis' undertaken by Nanak to spread the message of peace and love; also sharing the three cardinal principles of life as expounded by Guru Nanak .

Aug 22 - 26

- Recitation of 'Baani' rendered by Guru Teg Bahadur Ji highlighting the special facets of His 'Bhakti'interspersing it with the Saakhi of Bhai -Makhan Shah Lobana – '**Guru Ladho Re**'
- Celebrating the heroism of **Jathedar Jassa Singh Ramgarhia**

Aug 29 - 2 September

- Pehla Prakash Purab 'Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji'-
Revisiting the compilation perspective with reference to **Bhai Gurdas Ji** and **Baba Budha Ji**.
- Gurdwara **Bangla Sahib Darshan** and simultaneously visit to **Baba Baghel Singh Multimedia Museum**

***Important dates:** Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Arjan Dev Ji on 3.9.16
Jyoti Jot Samana of Guru Ram Das ji on 4.9.16

Sept 5 to 9

- **Baba Banda Singh Bahadur** – The General of Generals – A Tribute; Visit to Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial at Chapar Chiri, SAS Nagar, can be organised for the students.

- Celebrating **Teacher's Day**, keeping the concept of '**Shabad Guru**' in central focus and sharing with students how a 'Sikh' is a disciple/student forever.

Sept. 12 to 23

(Period of Half Yearly Examination)

- Celebrating **Sangrand of 'Asu' month**, re-inforcing the value of good friends and selflessness.

***Important dates :**

Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Ramdas Ji on 14.9.16
Jyoti Jot Samana of Guru Amardas ji on 16.9.16 & Guru Nanak Dev ji on 25.9.16
Barsi of Bhai Ghanaiya Ji on 20.9.16
Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Angad Dev Ji on 21.9.16

Sept. 26 to 30

- **Battle of Saragarhi**- Remembering 21 brave Sikhs of the British Indian Army's 36 Sikh Regiment ,who died fighting against a huge army of Pathans on Sept.12, 1897
- **Community Outreach Programme** to be organised for students ----

taking them for a visit to a **special school** and/or **old age home** for rendering service.

Oct 3 to 7

- Sharing Power Point presentation on the **historical Gurdwaras of Delhi**. Visitis can be organised to these

Gurdwaras and students can participate in the activities of 'Sewa' and 'Simran', thus learning lessons in fostering Equality and Fraternity.

Oct 10 – Oct 14

- An **exhibition** can be put together on the theme of '**The Golden Era of Maharaja Ranjit Singh**' with special reference to his brave generals **Hari Singh Nalwa & Akali Baba Phoola Singh**.
- Celebrating **Sangrand of 'Katak'** month by remembering the message of Guru ---- to be in loving communion through prayers, **as well as being in the company of good people.**

Oct 17 – Oct 21

- Celebrating the **Prakash Purab of Guru Ram Dass Ji** with a special reference to His, architectural marvel – 'Darbar Sahib'.
- Remembering **Master Tara Singh and the Punjabi Suba Movement** after Independence.

***Important date :** Janam of Baba Budha Ji on 21.10.16

24 Oct – 28 Oct

- A Power Point presentation on the historical Gurdwaras at Pakistan with a special reference to the **Shahidi Saka of Panja Sahib**.
- Sharing with the students the Establishment of '**Gurmat Sangeet**

Chair' at Punjabi University – Patiala in 2003 to promote the traditional form of Kirtan rendition in **Nirdhaarit Raagas** to the accompaniment of string instruments; courses offered by **GSC** can be discussed.

- 'Bandi Chohr Diwas' – A tribute to **Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji**

***Important dates:** Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji on 24.10.16
Jyoti Jot Samana of Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji on 24.10.16

Autumn / Diwali Break (Oct 27 to Nov 1,16)

Nov 2-4

- Open – text based Assignments can be given to the students to promote Sikh concept of Secularism and Communal Harmony. **“Awal Allah Noor Upaia, Kudrat Ke Sab Bande”**.
- A power point presentation on the Five Takhts – their history and symbolic presence.
- Sharing the life and contribution of **Bhai Randhir Singh Ji** (1878-1961) of Akhand Kirtani Jatha and **Baba Harbans Singh Ji** Kaarsewa Wale (1923-2011)

***Important dates:** Janam Diwas of Mata Sahib Kaur Ji on 1.11.16
Punjabi Suba Diwas on 1.11.16
Jyoti Jot Samana of Guru Gobind Singh Ji on 5.11.16

Nov.7 -11

Shardha de Rang' - Remembering Guru Nanak, Dev Ji Preparation for participation of students in Nagar **Kirtan** with special emphasis on:

- Students spreading the message of environment protection- "Pawan Guru Paani Pita Maata Dhart Mahat".
- Litter free walk through the Nagar Kirtan .
- Guru Nanak's teachings to be artfully displayed on placards.
- Preparation for 'Deepmala' in the evening of Guru Nanak Dev ji's Prakash Purab.

***Important dates :**

Janam Diwas of Bhagat Namdev Ji on 11.11.16
Shahidi Purab of Baba Deep Singh ji on 13.11.16

Nov 16-18

- Celebrating **Sangrand of 'Mangher'** month and sharing the message of Shabad Guru, which once again exhorts all to be in good company.

Nov 21-25

- Remembering the martyrs – **Bhai Sati Das ji, Bhai Mati Das ji, Bhai Dyala ji** and their unflinching faith, love and devotion for the Guru.

Nov 28-2 Dec.

- Preparation for participation of students in the Nagar Kirtan to

Commemorate the martyrdom of **Guru Tegh Bahadur ji.**

- Placards can be designed to disseminate the message of Guru Sahib's teachings; 'Kirtan' rendition groups of students to render Guru Sahib's compositions throughout the Nagar Kirtan.

***Important dates :** Janam Diwas of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji on 28.11.16
Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Gobind Singh ji on 2.12.16

Dec-6-9

- Enactment of the Saakhi of Mata Bhag Kaur --- **Mai Bhago and the Forty liberated ones (Chaali Mukte)**

Dec-12-16

- Celebrating **Sangrand of 'Poh'** month and sharing the Guru's message with the students.

***Important dates :** Janam Diwas of Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji on 12.12.16
Janam Diwas of Bhagat Sain ji on 13.12.16

Dec 19 – 23

- Revisiting the **Battle of Chamkaur Sahib** with a special reference to the valour displayed by **Baba Ajit Singh** and **Baba Jujhar Singh**
- Screening of feature film '**Chaar Sahibzaade'** as a tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Sahibzaadas of Guru Gobind Singh ji and mark their martyrdom.

Dec 26-30

- Sharing with the students the history of Gurdwaras at '**Fatehgarh Sahib and Muktsar Sahib**' with

Special reference to Shahidi Jor Melas and Shahidi of **Mata Gujri Ji**

- Organising display of '**Gatka**' – **the Sikh Martial Art Form**, (Gatka instruction should be a graded indigenous sports activity under the co-scholastic domain of the curriculum in each school).

WINTER BREAK (DECEMBER 31, 2016 TO JANUARY 09,2017)

January 09-13

ਸੋ ਕਿਉ ਮੰਦਾ ਆਖੀਐ ਜਿਤੁ ਜੰਮਹਿ ਰਾਜਾਨ ॥

A Campaign ---- Highlighting equal rights given by Guru Sahib to women in Sikhism with a special effort to spread message against **female foeticide**.

- Celebrating **Sangrand of 'Magh'** (14.1.16) month by sharing Guru Sahib's message of "**Sache Marag Chaldya Ustat Kare Jahan**" simultaneously, preparation for participation of students in the **Nagar Kirtan** to mark the **Prakash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh ji** should begin.

Jan 16 – Jan 20, 2017

- Remembering **Guru Gobind Singh Ji** – with special emphasis on His stay at **Poanta Sahib & Anandpur Sahib**, as a tribute to His **multi-dimensional prowess** .
- Remembering **Baba Deep Singh Ji**- an embodiment of devotion and unmatched valour on his **Prakash Purab**.

Jan 23 – Jan 27, 2017

- Remembering **Bhai Ghanaiya Ji** and his exemplary service: a **Role model** for all the students .
- **‘Bhagat Bani’** in Sri Guru Granth Sahib; sharing the diverse background of the ‘Bhagats’ and highlighting the secular approach of Guru Sahibaan in including their compositions in Sri Guru Granth Sahib , thus making it a symbol of Universal Brotherhood.
- Conducting on Intra – Class Quiz Contest on ‘Bhagat Baani’.

Jan 30 – Feb 3, 2017

- Inter - House Gurbani Recitation Competition – with emphasis on **hymn recitation as well as explanation of its meaning**.

Feb 6- Feb 10, 2017

- Sharing history of struggle and steadfastness the Sikh community under the tyranny of Mughals vis **‘Chota Ghallughaara’** of 1746 and **‘Wadda Ghallughaara’** of 1762; paying

a rich tribute to the indomitable spirit of Sikhs and igniting young minds to emulate them.

***Important date :** Janam Diwas of Sahibzada Ajit Singh ji on 11.2.17

Feb 13-17

➤ Celebrating **Sangrand of 'Fagan'** month by sharing the message of 'Shabad Guru' that singing praises of Akalpurakh in the company of saintly people, is the basis of attaining everlasting bliss.

➤ Inter - House Talent Contest to celebrate the advent of spring ---- Shabad Gayan in 'Basant Raag';

art and craft competition on themes based on "**Balihari Kudrat Vasya**".

Feb 20-24

➤ Celebrating the **Prakash Purab of Guru Hari Rai Sahib Ji** as Environment Day

➤ Narration of 'Saakhis' highlighting incidents from the life of **Guru Har Rai**

➤ **Sahib Ji** which reflect his immense love for plants and animals and calling upon today's generation to undertake tree plantation drive, organic farming, preserving flora and fauna etc.

***Important dates :** Shahidi Saka of Nankana Sahib & Gangsar Jaito on 21.2.17
Janam Diwas of Bhagat Ravidas ji on 22.2.17

March 6-31

(Final Examination)

“Holi Kini Sant Sev, Rang Laaga at Laal Dev”

“Ja Ko Har Rang Lago is Jug Main , So Kahiat Hai Sura”-----

Celebrating **‘Holla Mohalla’** - tracing the celebration from Guru Gobind Singh Ji’s times to the present day celebration at **Anandpur Sahib** .

- **Delhi Fateh Diwas’** - Celebration of **‘Delhi Fateh Diwas’** under the aegis of Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, remembering the conquest of Delhi’s Red Fort by the **Dal Khalsa Forces** on March 11, 1783, under the command of Sikh Generals ---- Baba

Baghel Singh Ji, Jathedar Jassa Singh Ahluwalia, Jathedar Jassa Singh Ramgarhia.

- Celebrating the **Sangrand of ‘Chaet** ‘month by sharing the message of ‘Shabad Guru’ about the Omnipresence of Waheguru and the benefit of contemplation and prayer.