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PREFACE

The Sikh religion, started by Guru Nanak Sahib is the name of a complete and future-oriented culture. On a canvas of 500 years of history, this religion has given birth to many customs, traditions, doctrines and institutions. These traditions include martyrdom, Kirtan (Ragas), Sangat-Pangat/Langar, Gurdwaras and more. These traditions manifest across the globe in the same way and spirit as it was during the times of the Gurus, under their guidance and patronage.

There is no doubt that with the passage of time and because of a drastic change in circumstances, some of these traditions have been dimmed out of the consciousness of the Sikhs, one of which is the scholarly work of the Sikhs or shall we say, the knowledge-building Sikh tradition.

Sikh scholars have not been able to be a part of Sikh sub-consciousness, in the same manner as our martyrs, Kirtanias or those deeply spiritually-inclined.

Today, the world is revolving around knowledge and wisdom. It is not our present intention to describe the situation of the Sikhs in this context. Presently, our clear intention is to demonstrate that just like all other traditions of martyrdom, Kirtan, Langar, Gurdwara customs and institutional traditions, the Sikh scholarly tradition is also alive and encompasses excellent paths.

On the historic occasion of the 550 years of the founder of the Sikh faith -Guru Nanak Sahib, the Guru Nanak Institute of Global Studies, Canada, was formed as a non-profit body, to serve as a secondary educational institution for study and research. The GNI will look at the evolving challenges to humanity and is committed to considering possible positive contributions and interventions from the Sikh community.

As a starting point, the current project involves the honour of 30 eminent Sikh personalities. For this, 30 personalities have been identified, who may be old in age and may not find much mention in the history pages of Punjab, who are mostly retired from the earlier academic pursuits, but whose lives and humility is to be cherished by one and all.

They have spent the glorious years of their lives on the historical land of Punjab, imbibed its rich traditions and stayed completely dedicated to upholding mother tongue Punjabi and the ideals of Gursikhi.

Due to reasons of time, place and efforts, this is only a humble beginning and

limited in its approach. We are sure of having a larger canvas in the times to come. With support from scholars, we hope and pray to contact and enrich the community with more scholars and personalities in future.

Many personalities and institutions have contributed to the present endeavour which includes the personalities who are to be honoured, the other personalities who will be presenting the roll of honour, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Jathedar Gurcharan Singh Tohra Institute of Advanced Studies in Sikhism, Bahadurgarh, the Department of Religious Studies, Punjabi University Patiala faculty and students and many others not named here -all deserve our heartfelt gratitude and without them this would not have been possible.

Partaking in the blessings from these eminent personalities, on behalf of the Board of Guru Nanak Institute of Global Studies, Canada, I congratulate each one of you and I look forward to wholesome support in future. I pray for your Chardikala.

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Date of Birth: 11 August 1930

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Mother: Bibi Balwant Kaur Ji

Father: S. Arjan Singh Ji

Services: Retired as Captain in Army (1970); History and English teaching (19 years); Principal (10 years) at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School, Patti (Tarn Taran).

Biography: Principal Swaran Singh's forefathers moved from Khadoor Sahib to the village Chuslevad during the times of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur. He has a good knowledge of Punjabi, Hindi, English, Urdu, Farsi, Pashto and Balochi. He has memorised the entire text of the sacred Koran. Since his retirement, he continues to delve into research in Sikh history. He has painstakingly transcribed numerous documents/manuscripts from public libraries in Pune, Patna, Aligarh and other cities. From the old libraries of Afghanistan, he has transcribed many documents related to Sikh history and has bought many books and manuscripts from booksellers after paying hefty prices demanded by them.

Principal Swaran Singh has a keen interest in the Sikh history of the 18th century. He has dedicated his entire life towards the study of glorious Sikh historical traditions, events, holocausts, martyrs, and spiritualists. Apart from depending upon historical records, he has an eye for local traditions, which enables him to make a considered decision about them.

He is perhaps the first Sikh historian who in the sixties (1960-66) carried out a massive research into those who were martyred during the Ghallugara -Holocaust, by searching in the swamps and jungles of Kahnuwan. He unearthed the last remains of the martyrs and preserved them so that there could be a DNA analysis to easily trace the children and descendants of the martyrs. Similarly, he has collected many documents relating to the bloodshed of the decade 1984-1995, but due to passage of time, all of this has been almost lost. It is significant to note that at the ripe age of 93 years, he steadfastly continues to write Sikh history, which he embodies in his persona.

Major Publications:

ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਸਾਕਾ ਭਾਈ ਤਾਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ (1997); ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਭਾਈ ਤਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਂ (1997); ਮੱਸੇ ਰੰਘੜ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਨੀ ਦਾ ਫਲ (1997); ਅਬਦਾਲੀ, ਸਿੱਖ ਤੇ ਵੱਡਾ ਘੱਲੂਘਾਰਾ (2013); ਪਹਿਲਾ ਘੱਲੂਘਾਰਾ(2018); ਭੂਰਿਆਂ ਵਾਲੇ ਰਾਜੇ ਕੀਤੇ (2020)

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Giani Swaran Singh Ji



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Father: S. Gurdial Singh Ji

Services:

Giani Swaran Singh Ji was with Punjab and Sind Bank for 34 years. He retired on March 31, 2010. From 1991 to 2018, for 27 consecutive years. He also served as Reader and Interpreter of Gurbani at Jawaddi Taksal, Ludhiana.

Biography:

Giani Swaran Singh is a pearl amongst the old generation of Sikhs. He has dedicated his entire life to Gurbani interpretation. He is of the firm belief that the recitation of the sacred Bani of Guru Granth Sahib should be preserved as it is preserved in its written format.

His contribution to the proper reading of Gurbani in the same tradition of the Guru period will be remembered for a long time to come. From 11 to 15 October 2021, under the patronage of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, he led a five-day workshop on the practical aspect of recitation of Japji Sahib at the Panth Rattan Jathedar Gurcharan Singh Tohra Institute of Advanced Studies in Sikhism, Bahadurgarh, Patiala.

Self-evasive, quiet and totally committed to Gurbani Reading and Interpretation, Giani Swaran Singh has a life-dream to revive this art as it was during the times of the Gurus. Humble and polite, Bhai Swaran Singh has undertaken on-foot tours of Takht Hazur Sahib, Takht Patna Sahib and other historical sites, not once but many times.

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Father: S. Mahain Singh Ji

Academic Qualification: M. Sc. (Mathematics), M. Phil., Ph.D.

Services:

Served as Professor in Government College, Ludhiana.

Biography:

An expert in Gurbani Grammar, Dr Swaran Singh Ji is 74 years old. He is a student of science and has spent his life span studying and researching Mathematics. Hailing from his humble abode in Village Kokalpur of Gurdaspur and reaching the pinnacle of Mathematics research by achieving his Doctorate in Philosophy in Mathematics, is tribute to his gigantic efforts and dedication. Alongside teaching Mathematics, he has studied many religions of the world. He retired as a Professor from Government College, Ludhiana.

For the last 10-12 years, he has dedicated himself to research in Gurbani grammar. To explore the vastness of Gurbani grammar, apart from the study of the Punjabi language, like a hard-working student, has studied Pali, Prakrit, Apbhransh, Sanskrit, Farsi, Arabic, Sindhi, Multani, Marathi, Bengali and Gujarati. He is humble, simple and serious-minded. He is an endearing person.

Major Publications:

ਜੀਵਨ ਬਦਲ ਗਏ (ਪੁਸਤਿਕਾ), ਵਿਆਕਰਣ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਆਕਰਣਕ ਅਰਥ: ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ (ਤਿਆਰੀ ਅਧੀਨ)

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S. Sukhdev Singh Laaj Ji



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Place of Birth: Sri Nankana Sahib, West Punjab

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Father: S. Jagat Singh Ji

Educational Qualification: Diploma in Civil Engineering, Ludhiana

Services:

Engaged in efforts to provide educational and other life-transforming facilities for Sikligars, Vanjaras, Nanakpanthis, and other backward classes (economic/social) by putting in efforts to provide educational and other facilities to such families. Currently, is the Chief Advisor of 'Bhai Ditt Singh Patrika'.

Biography:

Sukhdev Singh Ji was born in West Punjab and migrated to Ludhiana upon the division of Punjab in 1947. He obtained a diploma in Civil Engineering from Guru Nanak Engineering College, Ludhiana. He retired as Sub-Divisional Officer from the Punjab State Electricity Board.

Since the last 50 years, he is dedicated to the amelioration of the life and times of the Guru Nanak Naam Levas (Vanjaras, Sikligars, Lubanas and others). He has contributed immensely in the opening of educational and technical education institutions for the needy and those who have lagged behind. He has been instrumental in making efforts to recognise and rekindle the pioneering efforts of Giani Gurdit Singh Ji of the Singh Sabha movement. He yearns that all Gurdwaras worldwide must contribute at least 5 percent of the offerings made by the Sangat for the educational needs of the community.

He is currently devoted to the identification and honouring of various Guru Nanak Naam Leva communities enshrined in Guru Granth Sahib. As he enters the seventy-eighth year of his life, he has a life-time dream of ensuring that the entire Khalsa Panth is educated by 2040.

Major Publications:

ਭੁਲੇ ਵਿਸਰੇ ਨਾਨਕ ਪੱਥੀ; ਭੁਲੇ ਵਿਸਰੇ ਵੀਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਦਰਦ ਭਰੀ ਦਾਸਤਾਂ (2021)

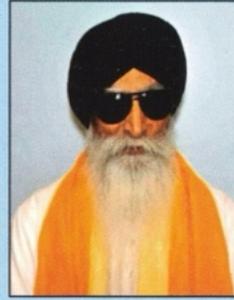
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Bhai Sahib Bhai Gurmej Singh Ji



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Mother: Bibi Raj Kaur Ji

Father: S. Parsa Singh Ji

Educational Qualification:

He completed his education at Central Khalsa Orphanage, Amritsar. It was here that he was trained in Kirtan and Braille by S. Brij Lal Singh.

Services:

From 1958-1960, he performed Kirtan at Gurdwara Nanaksar Sahib, Verka. From 1960-1971, he performed Kirtan at a Gurdwara Sahib in Dehradun. From 1971-1998, he served as Hazuri Ragi Darbar Sahib, Harmandar Sahib, Amritsar.

Biography:

Bhai Gurmej Singh is a priceless pearl in the world of Gurbani Kirtan. The Sikh Panth is consciously aware about the melodious and engaging Kirtan tradition of Bhai Gurmej Singh. He has been the Hazuri Ragi of Darbar Sahib for many years.

His significant and priceless contribution is the transcription of Gurbani in the Braille language for those who are visually challenged but desire to partake in the teachings enshrined in Guru Granth Sahib. He has devoted more than a decade to achieve this monumental task. The multi-volume Braille Guru Granth Sahib is now available for the seekers of Gurbani wisdom.

Major Publications:

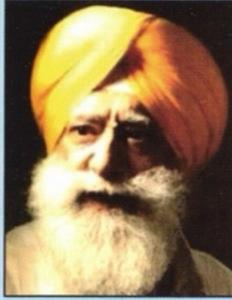
ਬਰੇਲ ਲਿਪੀਅੰਤਰਨ: ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਖਮਨੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ (1969); ਬਾਣੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ (1975); ਨਿਤਨੇਮ ਬਾਣੀਆਂ (1979) ਪੰਜ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਕਿਰਤਨੀ (1981); ਆਸਾ ਕੀ ਵਾਰ (1981); ਭਗਤ ਬਾਣੀ (ਦੋ ਭਾਗ) (1981) ਅਤੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸਮੁੱਚੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਦਾ ਬਰੇਲ ਲਿਪੀ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਪੀਅੰਤਰਨ।

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Father: S. Tara Singh Ji

Academic Qualification: M. A., M. Phil. (Punjabi)

Services:

Harvinder Singh Ji Khalsa has served as a member of the All India Sikh Studies Federation and the Sikh History Research Board of the Shiromani Gurdwara Management Committee, Amritsar, as well as various Centenary celebration committees.

Biography:

Harvinder Singh Khalsa is a witness to the political events of the last 20 years of contemporary history of the Sikhs and Punjab. His life has been a relentless struggle on many fronts. The ideologue that he is, he continues to read, write and be engaged with the present situation of the Khalsa Panth. He is regular contributor to Punjabi newspaper and magazines.

His home houses an archive of the legacy and heritage of the Sikhs. Eventually leading to the possible creation of a Heritage Village, he has a vast collection of current and past Sikh scholars and activists. He has penned many books.

Major Publications:

ਕਾਲੇ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਦਾਸਤਾਨ; ਜਗਤੁ ਗੁਰੂ ਬਾਬਾ; ਧਰਮ ਯੁਧ ਬਨਾਮ ਅੱਤਵਾਦ -ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਸਰਕਾਰ।

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Academic Qualification: M. A. (English), M. Phil., P. E. S.

Services:

34 years Research (English), Government College, Sector-11, Chandigarh; Former editor of the quarterly journal Abstract of Sikh Studies, a publication of Institute of Sikh Studies, Kanthala, Chandigarh.

Biography:

Prof. Kulwant Singh, in association with late Dr Kharak Singh has been the pioneering spirit behind the activities of the Institute of Sikh Studies, Chandigarh. He has collected numerous Gurmukhi resources of Sikhism and in the light of Sikh principles has presented them in a poetic form in English. The unique style, beauty of his works will impact generations to come..

By presenting the work of Bhai Sena Singh -Sri Guru Sabha and Rattan Singh Bhangu's work Sri Guru Panth Prakash in verse in English, he has brought laurels to the Khalsa Panth.

He is a polite, humble, seriously-minded and sincere teacher. Presently, he is occupied with translating Nitnem into English.

Major Publications:

English Translation in Verse: Sri Gur Panth Parkash (1841) by Rattan Singh Bhangu (in two volumes); Sri Guru Sobha (1711) by Kavi Sainapat

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Father: S. Banta Singh Ji

Academic Qualification: M. A. (Punjabi); Ph.D.

Services:

Multi-talented Dr Dharam Singh has rendered yeoman service as a researcher at the Guru Nanak Dev University as Professor and Head (Punjabi School of Research), Dean, Faculty of Languages, Member, Syndicate Research Committee and Chairperson, Bhagat Namdev Chair .

Biography:

Dr Dharam Singh completed his Masters in Punjabi from Khalsa College, Amritsar in 1972. In 1976 he obtained Doctorate in Punjabi Language from the Literature and Culture Department of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

An expert in Punjabi calligraphy works, Dr Dharam Singh has devoted his entire life towards the study and research of Punjabi/Gurmukhi. He has seen and handled many studies in this area since the last four decades. He is an institution in Punjabi literature of the mediaeval times. His books on History of Punjabi Literature are textbooks for students of Bachelor or Arts and Master of Arts in many universities. Since the last five years, this humble and serene personality has kept the flag of mother tongue Punjabi flying sky high.

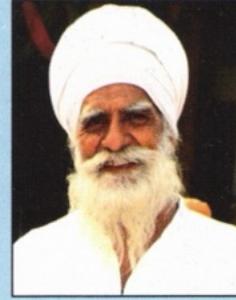
Major Publications:

ਕਵੀ ਸੰਧਾ- ਇੱਕ ਆਲੋਚਨਾਤਮਕ ਅਧਿਐਨ (1981); ਮੱਧਕਾਲੀਨ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸਾਹਿਤ: ਤੱਥ ਅਤੇ ਸਰੋਤ (1998); ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਖੋਜ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ (2004); ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ: ਸੰਪਾਦਨ ਦਾ ਪਿਛੋਕੜ (2006); ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਖੋਜ ਸੰਦਰਭ (ਸੰਪਾਦਨ 2008), ਆਦਿ।

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Baba Balbir Singh Ji Khadur Sahib



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Mother: Bibi Niranjan Kaur Ji

Father: S. Ghasita Singh Ji

Services:

Baba Balbir Singh Ji served as a soldier in the Border Security Force from 1963 to 1991. Presently working selflessly through Kar Sewa in the care of the natural environment at Khadur Sahib.

Biography:

Born in a humble family of farmers, he passed his matriculation examination from Janta High School, Bhakna Kalan, Sri Amritsar. Fulfilling his family duties, he worked hard and joined the Border Security Forces (BSF) on 7 May 1963. He spent a lot of time in the armed forces. On 30 September 1991, he retired from BSF as Subedar. Soon after, he came in contact with Baba Darshan Singh of Gurdwara Bir Baba Buddha Ji. Here he rendered selfless service for nearly 8 years.

For environment protection, he joined the Kar Sewa activities at Khadur Sahib. He is a very warm and affectionate person. He is very fond of reading and learning. While reading books, he delves deep into historical facts and events.

He is fond of writing poetry for protection of the environment. Saving the environment is the mission of his life to which he has been dedicated for the last many years. His contribution to the Save the Environment campaign of Kar Sewa Khadur Sahib since 1999 is exemplary. He has been part of this since its inception.

He immensely loves trees. He not only loves plants, but also has knowledge about each one of them. He knows the ingredients of many vernacular medicines.. Dedicated to the love of nature and the Sikh way of life, associating with him brings eternal joy.

Major Publications:

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Academic Qualification:

M. A. Anthropological Linguistics, M. A. Punjabi, Ph.D., Diploma in French.

Biography:

Committed to research and teaching in Punjabi, Dr. Paramjit Singh Sidhu enjoys a special status as a Punjabi language scientist and lexicographer. His entire academic career has been focussed on serving mother tongue Punjabi and taking the science of the Punjabi language to an exalted status.

Apart from Punjabi, he has a good understanding of English, Hindi, French and Sanskrit. While he is a very good researcher and scholar, he is a very popular teacher too and this is recognised by all his students. He lives a simple life, loves Punjabi and Gursikhi and is a loving and serious-minded teacher.

Major Publications:

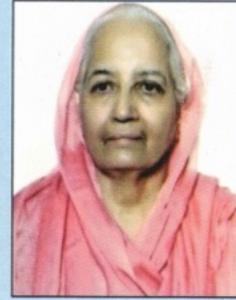
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Academic Qualification:

M. Sc. (Botany), Ph.D., M. A. (Punjabi, English, Sociology, Philosophy, Music, Education, and Psychology)

Services:

She has worked in the fields of teaching, research, sociology and environment throughout her career.

Biography:

Dr Sarabjit Kaur Sandhanwalia is a determined Sikh personality, dedicated to humankind, who throughout her life has remained associated in a vast variety of fields from study, teaching, research and social service.

She is keenly interested in the field of education. It is this bent of mind and devotion that has led her to do Masters in various disciplines.

Punjabi newspapers are decorated with her articles and poems in mother tongue Punjabi, which are an expression of her love for Punjab. She has participated in innumerable debates and discussions on radio, television and other media.

While teaching Botany, she fell in love with plants and this is reflected in her poems. She is researching the effect of music on plants. She has reviewed many books. This unique personality has now dedicated her services to Gurdwara Sahib Darbar Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Bulandpuri, Nakodar.

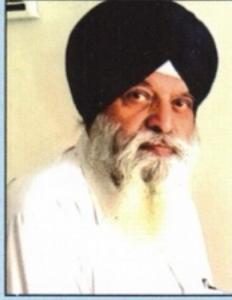
Major Publications:

ਜਾਂਦੇ ਸੂਰਜਾਂ ਦਾ ਸੁਨੇਹਾ (ਕਾਵਿ ਸੰਗ੍ਰਹਿ, 1996); ਮੈਂ ਗੁਰਬਾਣੀ ਆਧਾਰੂ ਹੈ (ਵਾਰਤਕ, 1997); ਨਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਮੁਢਲਾ ਕਦਮ (ਵਾਰਤਕ, 1998); ਹੋਨਿ ਨਜੀਕਿ ਖੁਦਾਇ ਦੇ (ਵਾਰਤਕ, 2022) ਆਦਿ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਪੁਸਤਕਾਂ ਸਮੇਤ ਕੁਲ 11 ਪੁਸਤਕਾਂ ਅਤੇ 100 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਖੋਜ ਪੱਤਰ ਵੀ ਲਿਖੇ ਹਨ।

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Services:

Struggle for human freedom, teaching, research, philosophy and doctrinal analysis.

Biography:

Bhai Harsimran Singh's life is that of a struggling yet brave person. He is not only a witness to the last five decades of contemporary history but has also been a part of it. He has seen many a strife during this period. He is a Sikh thinker of repute, relentlessly writing about the Sikh doctrine with a contemporary angle.

Dedicated to uphold the authority of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, he endeavours for the creation of an order which finds roots in the Anandpur Sahib of Guru Gobind Singh.

Major Publications:

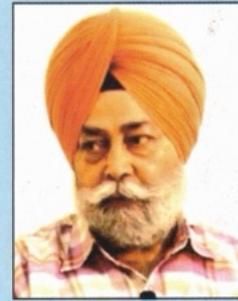
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Biography:

In the annals of Sikh history research, Dr. Sukhdial Singh ranks amongst those who are silently but surely devoted to their work. His entire life is devoted to Sikh historical research. He started his journey in the field of history under the guidance of Dr. Fauja Singh in 1975. He is an expert of Sikh historical resources. He considers Baba Banda Singh Bahadur as a hero among the Sikh generals.

He has made it a mission of his life to write Sikh history exclusively in mother tongue Punjabi. In his writings -his proverb is classic, his presentation is simple yet filled with valour and courage, making it easy for every reader to imbibe the essence of his writings.

His dedication to Punjabi and Sikh history is as fresh as it was fifty years ago.

Major Publications:

ਪੰਜਾਬ: ਆਦਿ ਕਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਆਧੁਨਿਕ ਕਾਲ ਤਕ (ਚਾਰ ਜਿਲਦਾਂ); ਖਾਲਸਾ ਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਪੰਜ ਤਖਤ; ਸ਼ਿਰੋਮਣੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ (ਦੋ ਜਿਲਦਾਂ)

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Biography:

In the field of Sikh literature, Principal Prabhjot Kaur needs no introduction. Spanning over 33 years, she has had a chequered career as a teacher and principal of famous institutions like Gurmat College, Patiala and Government College for Women, Ludhiana. She has written, translated and edited 12 books in English and Punjabi. She has published 50 research papers in various magazines and journals.

She has edited the research journal Abstract Sitch Studies of the Institute of Sikh Studiies, Chandigarh for a period of three years.

Currently she looks after the promotion of literature and some administrative tasks of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar, Institute of Sikh Studies, Chandigarh, Gurmat Sewa Society, Kharar, Mohali and many other Sikh institutions.

She is an epitome of humility, a role model to young Sikh women. She presently serves as the Director of Gurmat Prasar Sewa Society, Mohali.

Major Publications:

ਬਤੀਹ ਸੁਲਖਣੀ, ਗਿਆਨ ਚਿਰਾਗ (ਸੰਪਾਦਨ); Women's Liberation through the Prism of Sikh Faith; Sikhism in Brief (Translation); Role and Status of Women in Sikhism: Women's Liberation Movement and Gurmat; Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji; Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, Badshah Darvesh Guru Gobind Singh: Guru Panth and Guru Granth, etc.

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Educational Qualification: M.A. (Punjabi, Religious Studies), Ph.D.

Biography:

Dr. Amarjit Kaur is an eminent Sikh personality, who has spent her life in academic pursuits and religious service. Her key contribution is in the areas of Sikh Bungas (minarets) and especially life. times of Sardar Jassa Singh Ramgarhia.

Like all people of eminence, she is polite and humble. She has done exemplary work in preserving the glorious heritage through her sociological surveys and tours of historical villages, cities and towns (Bir Boba Buddha, Sur Singh, Kamboki, Batola, Blaini Araiyan, Village Boka, Patti, etc.).

An institution in her own right, Kaur continues her writings and research with love and devotion.

Major Publications:

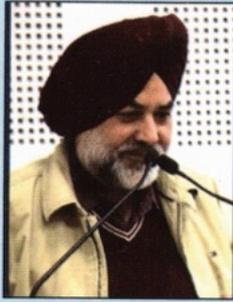
ਝੰਡੇ ਬੁੰਗੇ ਜੁੱਗੇ ਜੁੱਗੇ ਅਟੱਲ (ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਬੁੰਗੇ ਰਾਮਗੜੀਆ); ਸੰਖੇਪ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਬੀੜ ਬਾਬਾ ਬੁੱਢਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ; ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਿਕ ਪਿੰਡ ਸੁਰ ਸਿੰਘ; ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਬੀਬੀ ਵੀਰੋ ਜੀ।

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Biography:

Dr Baldev Singh Ji Cheema is a prolific writer. The difficult domain of linguistics and grammar are his forte. He finds an exalted status amongst Punjabi language scientists.

He specialises in understanding Punjabi sentence sequence patterns. Being a Punjabi Language scientist, there are only a few people who know of him as a great poet. He is able to add flavour to an otherwise technical subject making it readily understandable and without much of a bother.

His work, 'Gurbani' Sarbangi Grammar (10 Volumes) ' has added a new chapter in the sphere of Sikh academics.

Apart from many major publications to this credit, The Guru Nanak Shabad Kosh (Encyclopaedia) , the Roop Parband of the language of Guru Nanak's Bani in Guru Granth Sahib and the Primer of Nanak Bani Patti are in the works.

He is dedicated to the technical and knowledge-based advancement of Punjabi. History will remember him for his exemplary contribution to Punjabi academics.

Major Publications:

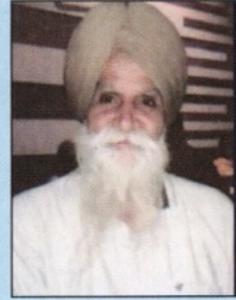
ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਾਕ-ਵਿਉਂਤ (1989), ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਦਾ ਵਿਆਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਗਿਆਨ (ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਵਲੀ ਦਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਕੋਸ਼) (2000), ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਾਕ-ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ: ਬਣਤਰ ਤੇ ਕਾਰਜ (2004), ਸੱਚ-ਮੁੱਚ (ਕਾਵਿ ਸੰਗ੍ਰਹਿ) (2008), ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ: ਜੁਗਤ ਅਤੇ ਪਸਾਰ (2008), ਮੱਧਕਾਲੀ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਵਲੀ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਬਦ-ਰੂਪਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਰੋਤ (ਰੂਪ, ਬਣਤਰ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰਜ) (2013), ਗੁਰਬਾਣੀ ਦਾ ਸਰਬੰਗੀ ਵਿਆਕਰਣ (10 ਭਾਗ (2014-16)

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Services:

He has served as a teacher for long in schools and colleges of Batala, Assistant Editor and Proofreader of monthly publications of SGPC -Gurmat Parkash and Gurmat Gian.

Biography:

Giani Surinder Singh Ji Nimana is not only humble in name but humility runs through his character and is manifested in his day to day life. Guru Sahib has blessed him with a lot of glory and honour. He is a simple and content person.

Dedicated to the Punjabi language and Panthic work, his scholarly pen has summarised many books to make it easier for the common man to read and comprehend.

Serving for a long period in Gurmat Parkash (Punjabi) and Gurmat Gian (Hindi), Bhai Nimana Ji has wielded the power of his pen as a shield to protect Sikh doctrine. His reviews of books stand out as independent articles. His articles published in many newspapers and magazines demonstrate his commitment towards Gursikhi, Punjab and Punjabi.

Major Publications:

ਮਾਵਾਂ ਠੰਡੀਆਂ ਛਾਵਾਂ (ਲੇਖ ਸੰਗ੍ਰਹਿ); ਨਿਮਰਤਾ ਸਾਡੀ ਢਾਲ (ਕਿਤਾਬਚਾ)

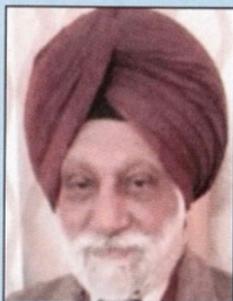
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Services:

Teaching work, Professor and Head, Guru Nanak Studies Department, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Presently Chief Editor of Chief Khalsa Diwan publications -Nirguniara and Khalsa Advocate.

Biography:

Dr. Jasbir Singh Sabar is an eminent scholar of Sikh Studies. He is a prime witness to the developments in academics spanning the last half a century. Dr. Jasbir Singh Sabar, who is a key source of oral history of education of Punjab, has seen many ups and downs in his life. He has been associated for a long time with premier Sikh institutions -Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and Chief Khalsa Diwan. He has compiled many anthologies of research, amongst which his work on Bhagat Ravidas Ji is appreciable.

Throughout his life at the University, he has contributed immensely to research in Sikh Studies, and teaching Gurmat Sangeet.

This humble, resolute and persevering personality continues his work in the area of Punjabi language, Sikh Studies, teaching and research.

Major Publications:

ਬਾਬਾ ਰਾਮਦਾਸ : ਜੀਵਨ ਤੇ ਰਚਨਾ; ਭਗਤ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ: ਸ੍ਰੋਤ ਪੁਸਤਕ; ਗਿਆਨ ਰਤਨਾਵਲੀ; ਸਿਧ ਗੋਸਟਿ ਸਰੂਪ ਤੇ ਸੰਦਰਭ, ਆਦਿ। ਹੁਣ (2023) ਤਕ ਲਗਭਗ 36 ਮੌਲਿਕ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਪਾਦਿਕ ਪੁਸਤਕਾਂ ਛਪ ਚੁਕੀਆਂ ਹਨ। 100 ਤੋਂ ਉਪਰ ਲੇਖ/ਖੋਜ ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ।

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Educational Qualification: M.A. (English, Hindi)

Services:

Teaching, Retired, Life Insurance Corporation of India

Biography:

Amarjit Singh Ji Dhawan is proficient in Punjabi, English, Sindhi, Hindi, Farsi and Sanskrit. He is fully dedicated to the cause of serving mother tongue Punjabi even though he has been a Hindi teacher throughout his life. He has single-handedly fought the heritage battle for the proper and corrected version of Mahan Kosh and to a very large extent he has been successful.

With unflinching faith in Gurbani and understanding the subtleties of lexicography, Amarjeet Singh Dhawan has a mission in his life to standardise and preserve the purity of all Sikh historical/heritage Granths in reference to Mahan Kosh. He is a serious thinker, soft spoken and deeply worried about the current situation of the Sikhs. Sardar Dhawan is nowadays immersed in the world of lexicography.

Major Publications:

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਜਪੁ ਜੀ ਦਰਪਣ (ਹਿੰਦੀ); ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਮਹਾਨ ਕੋਸ਼ ਦੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਸੰਸਕਰਣ ਦੀਆਂ ਚਾਰ ਜਿਲਦਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਿੰਦੀ ਸੰਸਕਰਣ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਜਿਲਦ ਦੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਵਿਚ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਲਛਮਣ ਪਰਸਰਾਮ ਹਰਦਵਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਸਿੰਧੀ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਦਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ - 'ਆਓ ਸਿੰਧੀ ਸਿਖੀਏ' ਦੇ ਸਿਰਲੇਖ ਹੇਠ।

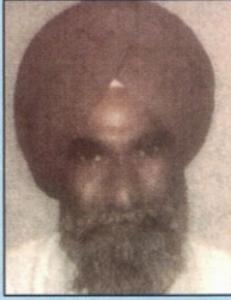
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Services:

Teacher, Professor of History, Punjabi University, Patiala

Biography:

Lost somewhere in the pages of history, Dr Nazar Singh is a dedicated Sikh scholar in history of contemporary Punjab is an honourable persona. His entire life has been devoted to the reading, teaching and researching of the history of Punjab.

A serious thinker and expert in doctrinal studies, he is the new generation of Sikh historians. His research into the legacy of education in Punjab has become a repository of historical facts and has proved that the educational legacy of Punjab is no less than that of any other legacy in the world.

He is very modest and prefers anonymity. Whatever work he has done makes for a new chapter in the writing of the history of Punjab.

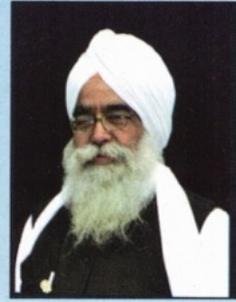
Major Publications:

Delhi and Punjab: Essays in History and Historiography (1995); Understanding History and Religion-The British Sikh Studies, Since 1805 (2013)

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Educational Qualification:

Basic study in Punjabi and Urdu and Course in Gurmat Studies

Services:

Gurdwara Mastgarh Sahib, Shahabad, Granthi Singh 1956-66; Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar, Shahabad, 1966-to the present; Establishment of the Guru Nanak Mission Vidyalaya, and teaching there for the last 40 years.

Biography:

Giani Sahib Singh was initiated into the Sikh way of life by his parents. He acquired basic knowledge of Punjabi and Urdu in Ambala. He studied Gurmat and Gurbani at the Kalghidar Missionary College, Village Cheema, Sangrur under the tutelage of Sant Teja Singh Ji, a student of Sant Attar Singh Mastuana.

Thereupon he returned to Shahbad where he served as Granthi Singh of the Gurdwara Mastgarh Sahib, administered by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, from 1956 to 1966. Subsequently, from 1966 to the present, for more than half a century he served at Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar, Shahbad.

Alongside, he founded the Guru Nanak Mission Vidyalaya, Shahabad where he has taught hundreds of students the fundamentals of Sikhi, for more than 40 years.

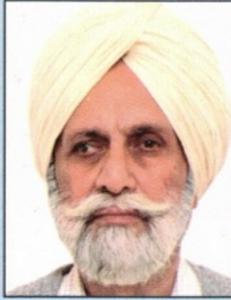
Giani Ji is a key exponent of Gurbani and Gurmat. He is often seen at Gurdwara Manji Sahib, Amritsar, Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, Delhi and at various Gurdwaras across the world, rendering exposition of Gurmat.

Humble and soft-spoken, Giani Ji's entire life is a tale of working for the Khalsa Panth with a missionary zeal. Acting as an institutionalised watchdog, he has stood like a rock to propagate and uphold the Panth-recognised Sikh Rehat Maryada -the Sikh Code of Conduct. Outside the state of Punjab, he is the flagbearer of Punjabi language and Sikhi.

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Educational Qualification: M.A. (English), M.Phil, Ph.D. (Religious Studies)

Services:

Professor and Editor, Department of Sikh Encyclopaedia, Punjabi University, Patiala (1983-2007)

Biography:

Dr. Dharm Singh has devoted his entire life to Sikh academics. He has worked diligently in the making of the Encyclopaedia of Sikhism (4 volumes) under late S. Harbans Singh Ji. Apart from this, he has written many books and all his publications are a reflection of the fundamentals of Gurmat and its translation. His Kirt is reading and writing.

At the international level, his special contribution is his theory on the Sikh viewpoint of Liberation Theology. He is working on the English translation of the magnum opus of Prof. Sahib Singh -Sri Guru Granth Sahib Darpan (10 volumes).

Major Publications:

ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਰਚਨਾਵਾਂ : Sikh Theology of Liberation; Sikhism and Secularism; Sikhism: Norm and Form; Dynamics of Social Thought of Guru Gobind Singh; Bhai Gurdas: An English Adaptation of His Vars.

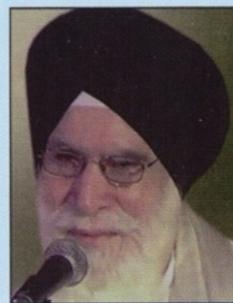
Typically silent and always at peace -Dr Dharm Singh is devotion personified.

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Father: S. Mula Singh Ji

Educational Qualification: Matric

Services:

He has served as Granthi Singh at Darbar Sahib, Amritsar from 1985-87. He has been a Gurbani exponent in 13 countries.

Biography:

He is widely known as an eminent Kathavachak -exponent of Gurbani. He occupies a place of pride amongst Sikh Kathavachaks. He exemplifies himself through his in-depth Gurbani interpretation and writings. He is popular amongst the Sangat for his sweet-natured simple exposition style and mannerisms.

Rendering his thoughts of Gurbani in his God-fearing style, the Sikh way of life is part and parcel of his daily life.

He has vast knowledge of Gurbani Sangeet and it is his mission to share the knowledge and spirit of Gurmat and Gurmat Sangeet. He is a simple, straightforward and faithful personality, loved and respected by all and occupies a high pedestal amongst Sikh Kathavachaks.

Major Publications:

ਧਰਮ ਕਲਾ; ਬਹੀਐ ਪੜਿਆ ਪਾਸਿ; ਧਰਮ ਦੀ ਚਾਦਰ; ਮੈ ਤੁਧੁ ਆਗੈ ਅਰਦਾਸਿ; ਗੁਰਪੁਰਬ ਗਾਥਾਵਾਂ; ਜੀਵਨ ਸੰਤ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁਰਾਲੇ ਵਾਲੇ; ਗੁਣੀ ਨਿਧਾਨ ਖਾਲਸਾ

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Services:

Sewadar, Gurmat Parkash and retired from Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar

Biography:

He is a truthful and humble person who speaks little but yet says a lot. He has written a heart-rending account of the Sikh genocidal events of June 1984 and November 1984. He has written about the destruction of the family, economic, social and cultural traditions of the Sikhs. With his limited resources and with age on his wrong side, his writing about these terror-stricken times is a tribute to his dedication and love for Sikhi.

Working for the publication Gurmat Parkash -published by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, provided him a platform for expressing his thoughts and ideas.

Significantly, he has not had any formal education, but devotion, hard work and disjunct with his past, he self-trained in Gurmukhi and went on to write three books.

Major Publications:

ਸਿੱਖ ਦੁਖਾਂਤ ਦੀ ਗਾਥਾ; ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ: ਜ਼ਖਮ ਅਜੇ ਵੀ ਅੱਲੇ; ਚੇਤਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਵਸਿਆ ਈਸੇਵਾਲ

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Services:

Punjabi Teacher, Government School, Language Expert Punjabi and Assistant Director, Punjabi Vikas Kender, Punjab School Education Board, Mohali

Biography:

Dr Karnail Singh Somal is well-known an eminent writer of prose, children's literature, a researcher and teacher of repute. He has devoted his entire life to the study, teaching and writing in mother tongue Punjabi and the study of Sikhi.

After clearing his tenth examinations, he acquired the Giani degree, then did O.T. and B.Ed, serving many private schools as a Punjabi teacher.

In 1975, he joined the Punjab School Education Board as a language expert. Subsequently he joined as assistant director the Punjabi Vikas Kender, started by the Punjab School Education Board where he worked in devising syllabus for schools and publication of textbooks.

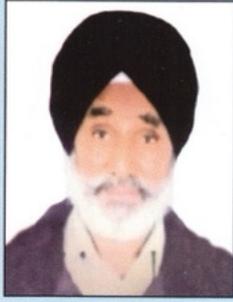
Upon his retirement in 1998, he devoted his time to understanding the contribution of eminent Sikh personalities of yore -Giani Dit Singh, Gurbaksh Singh Kesri, Bhai Randhir Singh (research scholar) and others. In his travelogue, 'Phullan di Sair', he has shared many personal experiences. Though not too well, he is a picture of Chardikala and passionate about his writings.

Major Publications:

ਭਾਈ ਰਣਧੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ; ਭਾਈ ਦਿੱਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿਆਨੀ; ਸੁਰਬਖਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੇਸਰੀ: ਜੀਵਨ, ਰਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਖਸੀਅਤ ; ਜੀਵਨ ਜੁਗਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਤਲਾਸ਼; ਜਿਉਣਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਮੌਜ ਵਿੱਚ; ਫੁਰਸਤ ਦੇ ਪਲ, ਸਾਡੇ ਅੰਬਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਤਾਰੇ; ਹਿਰਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਡਾਰ।

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Services:

Teaching in various colleges/universities at Meerut, Kurukshetra, Himachal Pradesh from 1972-74, followed by his long stint in the Law Department, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar Dr Kashmir Singh has served as Lecturer, Reader, Professor and Head, Dean Faculty, from 1974 to 2009.

Biography:

Dr Kashmir Singh is an authority on law and related research. He has spent a good part of his life studying and teaching law. His books, especially the interpretation of the Sikh Gurdwara Act stand testimony to the fact that his work in this area is unparalleled. His motto is to share knowledge and ideas about Gurdwara management throughout India and the world.

A dedicated researcher, he is a warm and affectionate person. He is presently engaged in understanding and making a comparative analysis of the Sikh Gurdwara Act as a tool of Gurdwara management and how other communities manage their religious institutions.

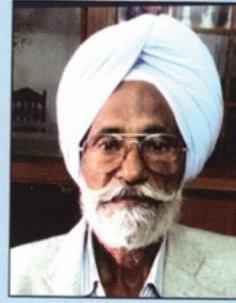
Major Publications:

Laws of Sikh Gurdwaras in India (2022); Commentary on the Sikh Gurdwaras Act 1925; Delhi Sikh Gurdwaras: Law and Practice (2014); Law of Religious Institutions: Sikh Gurudwaras (1989); Sikh Gurudwaras Legislation: All India Perspective (second edition, 2023); Amendment of Sikh Gurdwaras Act 1925 relating to debarring of Sahajdharis in Gurdwara Elections.

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Academic Qualification: M.A. (Punjabi), Ph.D.

Services:

Punjabi Teacher at Khalsa College, Amritsar, Journalism and Research Studies,
Chief Khalsa Diwan, Amritsar, Librarian, Sikh Reference Librarian, Sri Amritsar

Biography:

Dr Kulwant Singh obtained his Masters in Punjabi in 1969 and in 1979 earned his Doctorate in 'The study of mythology in Vars of Bhai Gurdas'. He has had the privilege to be a student of the famous Gurbani exponent Prof Sahib Singh Ji. He has pioneered the study of Punjabi critique from an amalgamated East-West perspective. Staying aloof from the world, Dr Kulwant Singh has made a mark in the study of the Science of Mythology.

He has personally known the pain of the catastrophic events of 1947. He is attempting to chronicle the pain of those times. He is humility personified and very good to talk to.

Major Publications:

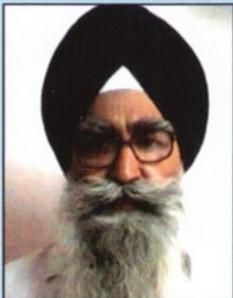
ਮਿਥ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਤੇ ਵਾਰਾਂ ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਦਾਸ (1982); ਮਿਥ ਵਿਗਿਆਨ ਤੇ ਸਾਹਿਤ (1985);
ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਾਰਤਕ: ਸੰਚਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਉਹਾਰ (1986); ਸ. ਕਪੂਰ ਸਿੰਘ: ਜੀਵਨ ਤੇ ਰਚਨਾ (1988); ਮੱਕੇ
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Educational Qualification: Graduation

Services:

Creator of Religious literature, editor, worked as Head of Sikh Missionary College and Gurmat Literature Department, with full commitment for several years.

Biography:

Humble and devoted S. Kirpal Singh Chandan stands tall in the Panth for his personality and contribution. He has spent his entire life devoted to the propagation of the Sikh way of life -from house to house, from person to person.

Associated with many Panthic bodies, he has dedicated his life to promotion and propagation of mother tongue Punjab and Gursikhi. Despite his failing health, he continues to contribute to the management of the publication of the monthly magazine Sikh Phulwari of the Sikh Missionary College. He is Chandan -literally sandalwood -not just in name, but in deeds too.

Major Publications:

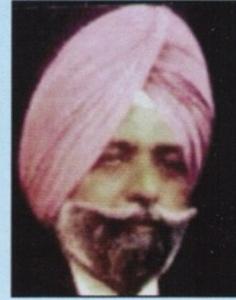
ਜੀਵਨ ਗਾਥਾ ਤੇ ਸਿਧਾਂਤ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ; ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ: ਸਰਬਕਾਲੀ ਤੇ ਸਰਬਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ; ਸਿੱਖੀ -ਨਵੇਂ ਯੁਗ ਦਾ ਧਰਮ; ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਦਾ ਜੀਵਨ, ਭਗਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਜੀਵਨ, ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਗਾਥਾ, ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਅਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਹਿੱਸਾ।

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Services:

Senior Fellow, Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR), Senior Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, Teacher, Philosopher, Punjabi University Patiala's Department of Religious Studies, Principal Gurmat College Patiala.

Biography:

A pioneer in the presentation of Sikh philosophy in an international idiom, Dr Nirbhai Singh Ji is a prominent Sikh personality in Sikh academia. His entire life has been devoted to reading, teaching and writing about Sikh philosophy. As a teacher, he is known as a strict disciplinarian, his pro-student stance and his commitment to education.

After Dr Sher Singh (Gurmat Darshan), he has taken Sikh philosophy to new heights at the international level by presenting the same in a systematic and methodical manner.

He has a thorough understanding of Western and Indian philosophy. Making a comparative analysis of the philosophy of various religions is his forte. His research in the field of philosophy continues to this day.

Major Publications:

Philosophy of Sikhism (Reality and its Manifestations); Philosophical Contributions of Bhaktas and Gurus to Indian Culture (ICSSR); The Sikh Vision of Heroic Life and Death; ਭਗਤ ਸੈਣ ਰਚਨਾਵਲੀ; ਮੱਧਕਾਲੀਨ ਭਗਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਭਗਤੀ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ 'ਚ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ (1998)

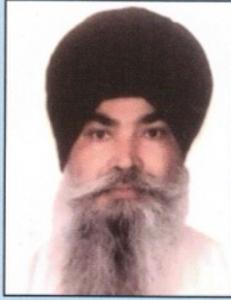
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Educational Qualification:

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Services:

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Biography:

Bringing the archives of Sikh Historical Research into the academic arena, Dr. Kulwinder Singh is an honest, simple and a distinct personality. He has spent many years of his life tracing and bringing to the fore the forgotten treasures of Sikh History.

Recognised as an expert and an authoritative scholar in deciphering old Gurmukhi, Farsi and English documents, Dr Kulwinder Singh has revisited and studied the journeys of European travellers in the early nineteenth century Punjab and documented this untouched part of history of the times of Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

He is now engaged in presenting a chronology of the history of Punjab as well as researching the documents relating to the partition of Punjab in 1947.

Major Publications:

Early Nineteenth Century PUNJAB: Historical Analysis of European Travellers' Literature (2009), ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ ਬਾਰ (ਸੰਪਾਦਨ); A Brief History of Khalsa College; ਮਹਿਮਾ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਵਾਰਤਕ (ਸੰਪਾਦਨ)

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