



DAY 1: October 3, 2026

8:00 AM*	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	Welcome: Land Acknowledgement
9:30 AM	Keynote: Sikh Diaspora in a New World: Challenges, Opportunities, New Heights <i>Dr. Manmohan Singh Kumar, Economist, Former IMF Division Chief, Investor, Philanthropist & Scholar, USA</i>
10:30 AM	Sunia Mania Manu Kita Bhau (Translation: Hearing and Listening, Remembering and Embracing, Passionate and Transformative Loving) <i>Dr. Sandeep Kaur Glover, Simon Fraser University, Canada</i>
11:00 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Sovereign State of Punjab Under Maharaja Ranjit Singh <i>Dr. Anjum Dara, Deputy Director, Directorate General of Archaeology, Govt. of Punjab, Pakistan</i>
12:00 PM	From Ancestry to Academia: Crossing Paths and Walking Together <i>Valerie Cross (Chemkwaat), Director, Community Engagement, Simon Fraser University, Canada</i>
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Future of Higher Education in a Rapidly Changing World <i>Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor, Desh Bhagat University, Punjab, India</i>
2:00 PM	Alexander, Porus and the Punjabi Resistance: Rethinking the Battle of the Hydaspes <i>Dr. Tarlochan Singh Nahal, Sikh Scholar and Historian, USA</i>
2:30 PM	GNI Research Project: Gurbani Arth Milaan <i>Dr. Gurmail Singh, Punjabi University, Patiala, India; Dr. Harjinder Singh Sandhu, AI Entrepreneur, USA; Mandeep Singh Sajjan, IT Manager, Guru Nanak Institute of Global Studies, Canada</i>
3:10 PM	Break
3:25 PM	Youth Talks <i>Gurmehar Singh Sandhu (BCIT), Jasmine Rehal (UBC)</i>
3:55 PM	Focused Session: Role of AI in Global Post-Secondary Education <i>Dr. Sarabjot Singh Anand, Co-Founder & CEO, Tattras Data, Former Associate Professor, University of Warwick, UK</i>
4:45 PM	Day 1 Summary <i>Dr. Roselene Dhaliwal, Faculty Arts & Social Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Canada</i>
Evening Event	
6:00 PM	Dinner and Fireside Chat with The Honourable Baltej Singh Dhillon, Senator Moderated by Neesha K. Hothi, Communications Strategist for Creative & Cultural Sectors <i>Surrey City Hall Atrium, 13450 104 Ave, Surrey, BC - V3T 1V8.</i>

DAY 2: October 4, 2026

8:00 AM*	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks
9:30 AM	Sikh Organizations Where have we been? <i>Dr. Gurmail Singh, Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala, India</i> Where are we now, and where are we going? <i>Santbir Singh, Ph.D. Candidate, York University, Canada</i>
10:30 AM	Guru Nanak Institute to Guru Nanak University Vision <i>Gian Singh Sandhu, President and CEO, Guru Nanak Institute of Global Studies, Canada</i>
11:00 AM	Break
11:20 AM	Rapid Fire Presentations: Sikh Organizations
1:00 PM	Lunch & Group Picture
2:00 PM	Rapid Fire Presentations: Sikh Organizations <i>Continued</i>
2:30 PM	Panel Discussion - Evolving Role of Gurduaras & Sangat/Community Needs <i>Moderator: Dr. Satvir Singh</i> <i>Panelists: Dr. Daljeet Singh, Dr. Jasvir Kaur, Giani Jasbir Singh, and Avtar Singh Malhi</i>
3:30 PM	Break
3:45 PM	Open Discussion: Working Together for Sarbat da Bhala
4:45 PM	Day 2 Summary & Closing Remarks <i>Dr. Kamaljit Kaur Sidhu, Vice-President Academic, Guru Nanak Institute of Global Studies and Summit Co-Chair</i>