

## ਸਰਬੱਤ ਖ਼ਾਲਸਾ

## Sarbat Khalsa

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## **Press Note**

## Sub: Revival of Sarbat Khalsa Announced and Panthic-Matte issued

For more than a year, Gursikh brothers and sisters from around the world have been discussing the concept and by-laws for Sarbat Khalsa. All the details can be seen on the website (https://sarbatkhalsa.world). Sarbat Khalsa has been organized on four pillars, namely - shared ideology, representation, transparency and continuous improvement.

In accordance with this concept and by-laws, the revival of Sarbat Khalsa was announced on (1st Chet) 14 March 2025. Sikhs from all over the world attended this through a Zoom meeting. The Organizational structure began with the announcement of representatives for the Sarbat Khalsa Panchayat from all over the world having expertise in various fields. In the next few days, the Gursikh Core Committee will be selected from among them. This committee will agree on the names of the Panj Pyares for the Panj Pradhani Council by (1st Vaisakh) 14 April 2025.

On this occasion, the 'acting' Panj Pradhani Council issued a message and Panthic-Matte, which are as follows:

"We are all aware of that, the Sikh community at large is currently going through a serious crisis. Many Sikh organizations, dedicated to upholding the Guru's principles, are making relentless efforts to overcome this crisis. However, these have primarily centered around the independence of historical site of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Amritsar. This narrative strengthens the notion that whoever controls the historical site of Akal Takht Sahib also holds the reins of the Guru-Panth. This thinking benefits anti-Panthic forces because, for ruling powers, occupying a "place" is always easier. There is a need to break free from this narrative. We should take guidance from the path shown by Guru Sahibaan. Merely controlling historical or religious sites cannot enslave the principles of Gurmat.

So-called representative Sikh organizations, having abandoned the principles, are being dragged under the wheels of politics. This has led to a great confusion and disappointment within the Sikhs worldwide.

At this time, the need becomes even more pressing for Sikh organizations committed to Gurmat principles and Guru-Panth devotees to unite on a common platform and take action. Guru Sahib has inspired Gursikh brothers and sisters, those who earns through honest means and shares selflessly with others, to take responsibility for nurturing Sikhi: 'Ghaal khaa-e kicch hathahu de-e, Nanak raah pachhaneh se-e.'

In pursuit of this goal, with the blessings of Guru Sahib, Guru-Panth lovers from across the world have come together to revive the Sarbat Khalsa.

On this occasion, Panthic-Matte prepared by the 'Acting' Panj Pardhani Council of Sarbat Khalsa are as follows:

- 1. Through dialogue, Sarbat Khalsa will identify and systematically address those kaumi issues that have either been left incomplete or remain untouched. After discussions with subject-matter experts and Guru-Panth-loving scholars, Sarbat Khalsa will initiate action.
- 2. Sarbat Khalsa will establish an international 'Sikh Empowerment Fund,' managed under the guidance of financial experts, following the model of the Nobel Prize Foundation. The fund will be utilized on various initiatives for the promotion and strengthening of Sikhi.
- 3. A worldwide program will be developed to connect the youth with Sikhi. Efforts will be made to implement this at the grassroots level, starting with the santhya and contemplation of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. Scholars currently working in this field will be consulted and involved.
- 4. Sarbat Khalsa will develop programs to spread the universal message of Gurbani to non-Sikhs in various languages, inspiring them towards Sikhi.
- 5. Initiatives will be launched to write and promote high-quality Sikh literature that dispels illusions and enlightens minds with Gurbani's wisdom.

All Sikh organizations and Guru Panth-loving brothers and sisters are humbly requested to join Sarbat Khalsa and become an active part of it. Let us take our kaumi issues into our own hands and strive to resolve through Panj-Pradhani concept: 'Aapan hathee aapna aape hee kaaj savaarie.' (With our own hands let us ourselves manage our own affairs)

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh."

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