



CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF SIKH GURUS



ੴ	Name of the Guru Birth- Joti Jote (demise) Years	Guruship Years Gurgaddi at the age of	Name of Father & Mother	Place of Birth	Name of wife/ wives	Names of children	Gurbani Composed (Sources differ regarding the exact number of Shabads)	Contribution to Sikhi progress	Place of Joti Jote (demise) & Age	Delhi Emperors
	Guru Nanak Dev Ji Nanak I 1469-1539	1469-1539 From birth	Kalyan Chand Ji (also known as Mehta Kalu Ji) Mata Tripta Ji	Nanakana Sahib (Pakistan)	Sulakhni Ji	1. Sri Chand 2. Lakhmi Chand	Total 974 Shabads in 19 Ragas inc. Jap ji, Sidh Goshat, Dakhni Onkar, Asa ki Vaar, Barah Maha	Founder of Sikhi (Sikhism). Revealed the Basic Qualities (description) of the One Creator being; laid the foundation of Sikh ideology and institutions based on universal values, human equality rights	Kartarpur (70)	Lodhi Dynasty (1451-1526) Babar Mughul Empire 1526 -
	Guru Angad Dev Ji Nanak II 1504-1552	1539-1552 (13 Years) 35 Years	Pheru Mal Ji Mata Daya kaur Ji (Sabrahi)	Mate- Di Sarai (Mukatsar)	Kheevi Ji	1. Dasu 2. Dattu 3. Amro 4. Anokhi	Total 63 Shabads & Shaloks	Introduced Gurmukhi alphabet; institutions promoting human equality; physical fitness as part of Sikhi life	Khadur (48)	Humayun (1530-1556) Sher Shah Suri (1540-1555)
	Guru Amar Das Ji Nanak III 1479-1574	1552-1574 (22 Years) 73 years	Tej Bhan Ji Mata Sulakni Ji	Basarke (Amritsar)	Ramo Ji	1. Mohan 2. Mohri 3. Dani 4. Bhani	Total 869 Shabads in 17 ragas inc. Anand Sahib	Sikhi centre; organisation; position of women; Sikhi institutions promoting human equality; Service & humility (sewa)	Goindwal (95)	Akabar (1556-1605)
	Guru Ram Dass Ji Nanak IV 1534-1581	1574-1581 (7 Years) 40 years	Hardas Ji Sodhi Mata Daya kaur Ji	Chuna Mandi (Lahore)	Bhani Ji	1. Pirthi Chand 2. Mahan Dev 3. Arjan Dev	Total 688	Amritsar town as a Sikh centre. Digging of <i>Amrit-sar</i> (literally pool of nectar). Active family life	Lahore (47)	Akabar (1556-1605)
	Guru Arjan Dev Ji Nanak V 1563-1606	1581-1606 (25 Years) 18 years	Guru Ram Dass Ji Mata Bhani Ji	Goindwal (Amritsar)	Ganga Ji	1. Hargobind	Total 2312 Shabads in 30 Ragas Inc. Gauri, Sukhmani, Barah Mah, Bawan Akhari	Completion of Amritsar the holy tank and Darbar Sahib building (later known as Golden Temple) Adi Granth Compilation Guru Granth Sahib after Gurgaddi; First Guru martyr; Sikh martyrdom tradition.	Kiratpur (43)	Jahangir (1605-1627)
	Guru Hargobind Ji Nanak VI 1595-1644	1606-1644 (38 Years) 11 years	Guru Arjan Dev Ji Mata Ganga Ji	Guru-Ki- Wadali (Amritsar)	Damodri Ji Marvahi Ji Nanaki Ji	1. Gurditta 2. Ani Rai 3. Bibi Viro (daughter) 4. Suraj Mal 5. Atal Rai 6. Teg Bahadur		Strengthened combination of worldly and spiritual (<i>miri/ piri</i> aspects of Sikhi; fearless disposition; armed defence as a last resort	Kiratpur (49)	Jahangir & Shahryar (1627-1628) Shah Jahan (1628-1658)
	Guru Har Rai Ji Nanak VII 1630-1661	1644-1661 (17 Years) 14 years	Baba Gurditta Ji Mata Bassi Ji	Kiratpur (Ropar)	Sulakhani Ji	1. Ram Rai 2. Harkrishan		Compassion and sewa from a position of strength; welfare, health & non-discriminatory medical services.	Kirat Pur (31)	Shah Jahan & Aurangzeb (1658-1707)
	Guru Harkishan Ji Nanak VIII 1636-1664	1661-1664 (3 Years) 5 years	Guru Har Rai Ji Mata Sulakhni Ji	Kirat Pur (Ropar)				Sewa; purity	Delhi (8)	Aurangzeb
	Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Nanak IX 1621-1675	1664-1675 (11 Years) 43 years	Guru Hargobind Ji Mata Nanaki Ji	Amritsar	Gujri Ji	Gobind Singh	Total 115 Shabads	Inner detachment; "fear none/frighten none" philosophy of Khalsa; supreme sacrifice for religious freedom in the Sikh martyrdom tradition started by Nanak V, Guru Arjan dev ji.	Delhi (54)	Aurangzeb
	Guru Gobind Singh Ji Nanak X 1666*-1708 *1661: Bhatt Vahi	1675-1708 (33 Years) *9 years	Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Mata Gujri Ji	Patna Sahib (Bihar)	Jeeto Ji (Ajit Kaur) Sundri Ji Sahib Kaur Ji	1. Ajit Singh 2. Jujhar Singh 3. Zorawar Singh 4. Fateh Singh	Jap Sahib, Chaupai, Swayye, Akal Ustat	Rising spirit (<i>Chardi kala</i>); established the Khalsa Panth on Vaisakhi 1699; Guruship passed on to the twin institution of Guru Granth Sahib & Guru Khalsa Panth	Nader (42*)	Aurangzeb & Bahadur Shah (1707-1712)

A Sikh faithfully believes in One Immortal Being, the Ten Gurus and Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji, and *Khanday di Pahul* (initiation of double-edged sword) introduced by the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh ji. A Sikh does not owe allegiance to any other religion.

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