

Celebration of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji

Government of India will be celebrating the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji during the year 2019, with the following key activities:-

(i) Government of India will build and develop the 'Kartarpur Corridor' from Gurudwara Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur District in Punjab to the International border to facilitate pilgrims to visit the holy Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara in Pakistan. Government of India will urge Pakistan to recognize the sentiments of the Sikh community and to develop a corridor with suitable facilities on their territory as well. This will realize the long pending demand of the Sikh community to be able to visit Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib where Guru Nanak Devji spent the last 18 years of his life.

(ii) The historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi, associated with the life of Shri Guru Nanak Dev, shall be developed as a 'heritage town'.

(iii) A centre for Interfaith Studies will be established at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

(iv) Chairs on Shri Guru Nanak Devji will be set up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in one University each in the UK and Canada.

(v) An International seminar on life and teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Devji will be organized in New Delhi.

(vi) Commemorative coin and postage stamps will be released by the Government of India.

(vii) Ministry of Railways will run a train passing through the various holy places associated with Shri Guru Nanak Devji, for pilgrims and tourists.

(viii) Activities like *Kirtan, Katha, Prabhat Pheri, Langar, etc.* will be organised throughout the country, especially across all Gurudwaras and places associated with Guru Nanak Dev.

(ix) Doordarshan will arrange live telecast of programme on Shri Guru Nanak Dev and the Gurubani.

(x) National Book Trust will publish Gurubani in different languages.

(xi) Indian Missions overseas will organize special events to commemorate the 550th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Devji.

(xii) UNESCO will be requested to translate and publish anthology of Guru Nanak Dev's writings in world languages.