

Sources on The History of Punjab

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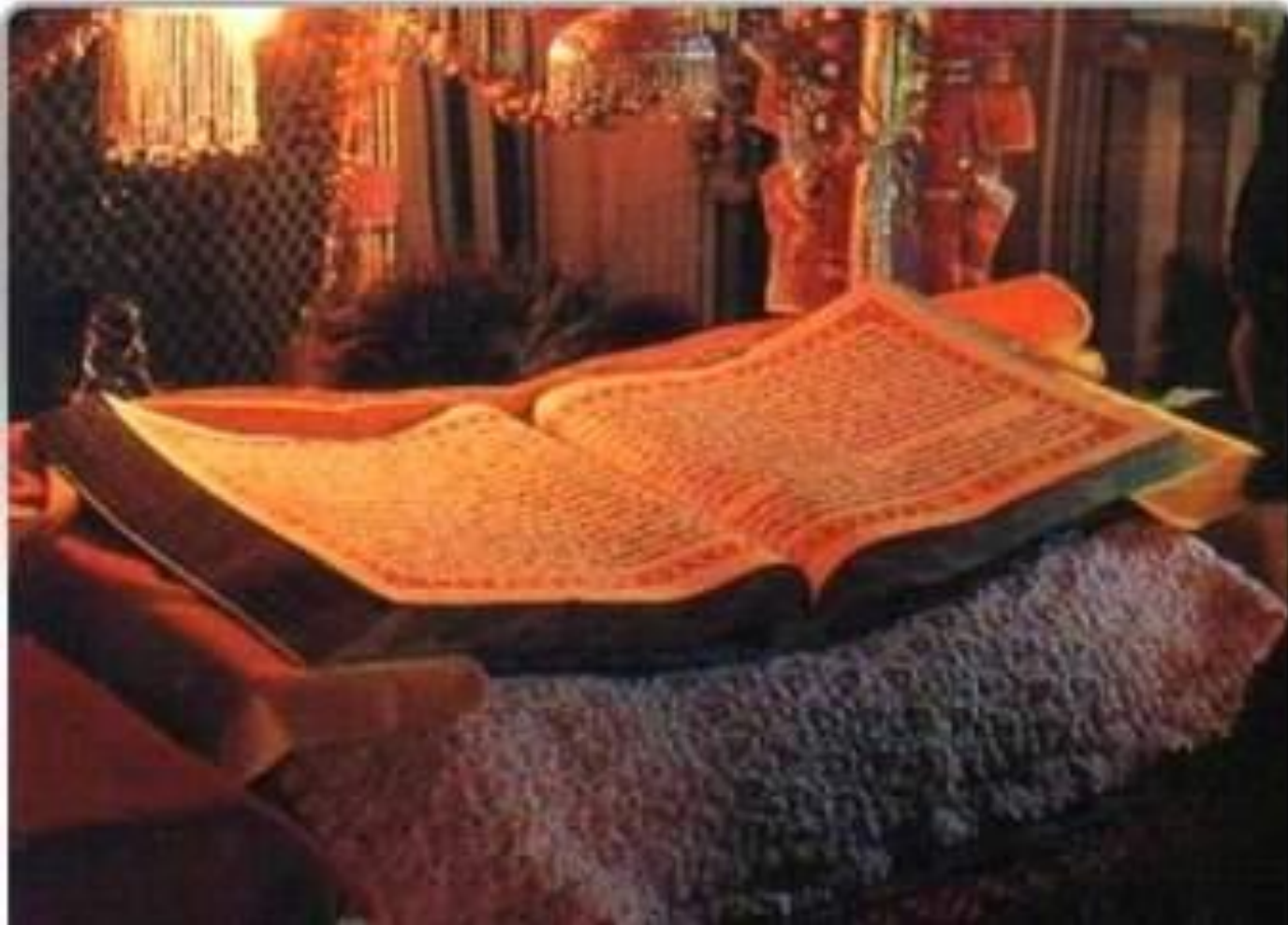
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1 Religious Literature of the Sikhs

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Adi Granth Sahib Ji



Adi Granth Sahib Ji

- Most sacred and authentic scripture of Sikhism .
- **Guru Arjan Sahib Ji** compiled this great Holy Scripture in **1604 A.D**
- In it are the hymns of the **five gurus** . Later on during the times of Guru Gobind Singh Ji , **the hymns of Guru Tegh Bahadur were also included** .
- In addition to it ,the hymns of many Hindu Bhagats , Muslim Sufi saints ,Bhats were also included.
- Although it was not compiled for any Historical purpose yet its thorough study gives us most valuable information regarding the **political, social and economic** life of the people of those days

Dasam Granth

- Dasam Granth was another holy scripture of Sikhism.
- It is the compilation of the writings of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and his court poets .
- This holy scripture was compiled by Bhai Mani Singh Ji in 1721 AD
- It is a work of 18 Compositions of which Jaap Sahib, Akal Utsat , Chandi di Var, Chaubis Avtar ,Shabad Hazare, Shastra Nama ,Bachitar Natak and Zafarnama are worth noting .
- Zafarnama is the letter written in Persian by Guru Gobind Singh Ji to Aurangzeb
- Bachitar Natak is the autobiography of Guru Gobind Singh Ji .



Bhai Gurdas

Vars Of Bhai Gurdas, an important source on the History of Punjab.

Vars Of Bhai Gurdas Ji

- Bhai gurdas was the son of Bhai Datar Chand Bhalla, brother of Guru Amar Das Ji
- He was the contemporary of Guru arjan Dev Ji and Guru Hargobind Ji
- He composed 39 vars which gives an insight in understanding Guru Granth Sahib Ji .
- Vars 1 and 11 are the Most Important

- Var 1 contains detailed description of the life of Guru Nanak dev Ji . Besides we get glimpse of Guru Angad Dev Ji ,Guru Amar Das Ji ,Guru Ram Das Ji , Guru Arjan Dev Ji and Guru Hargobind Ji
- Var 11 gives information of the important Sikhs and places associated with the first six Gurus

Janam Sakhis

- Stories relating to the birth and life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji .
- They are not biographies but hagiographies.
- They are the mixture of facts and fiction.
- Written in Punjabi language in Gurmukhi Script
- They describe Nanak's life in the form of stories and anecdotes, while his teachings are illustrated by dialogues.

Different Janam Sakhis

Puratan
Janam
Sakhi

Janam
Sakhi by
Meharban

Janam
Sakhi by
Bhai Bala

Janam
Sakhi of
Bhai Mani
Singh

HUKAMNAMAS

- Orders or proclamations issued by the Sikh Gurus.
- 89 Hukamnamas are available.
- Of these 34 have been issued by Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- 23 by Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

Historical and Semi Historical Works Written in Punjabi And Hindi

1 Sri Gursobha

W/B Sainapat

Famous court historian of Guru Gobind Singh Ji

Eye witness to events that took place from 1699-
1708

2 Sikhan Di Bhagatmala

w/b Bhai Mani Singh

Also known as Gyan Ratnavali

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3 Bansavalinama

w/b Kesar Singh Chhibar

Covers history from Guru Nanak Dev ji to the middle of 18th century

4 Mehma Prakash



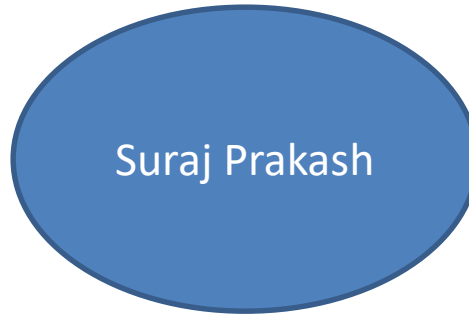
Mehma
Prakash Vartik

Mehma
Prakash Kavita

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Gur Pratap Suraj



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6 Prachin Panth Prakash

W/B Rattan Singh Bhangu

7 Panth Prakash and Twarikh Guru Khalsa

W/B Giani Gian Singh

Historical Works in Persian

1. Tuzak-i- Babari
2. Ain-i-Akbari and Akbarnama
3. Tuzak-i-Jahangiri

Historical Works in Persian

4 Dabistan-i-Mazahib

W/B Mubid Zulfikar Ardistani

5 Khulasat-ul-Tawarikh

W/b Sujana Rai Bhandari

6 Muntakhib-ul-Lubab

W/B Khafi Khan

Historical Works in Persian

7 Jang Nama

W/B Qazi Nur Mohammad

8 Umdat-ut-Tawarikh

W/b Sohan Lal Suri

9 Tawarikh-i-Sikhan

W/B Khushwaqt Rai

Historical Works in Persian

10 Tawarikh-i-Punjab w/B Bute Shah

11 Zafarnama-i-Ranjit Singh w/B Diwan Amarnath

12 Ibratnama w/B Ala-ud-din Mufti

13 Char Bagh-i-Punjab w/B Ganesh Das Wadehra

BHAT VAHIS

Provide valuable information on all the important events like the battles of Guru HarGobind Ji, journeys of Guru Tegh Bahadur and the life and the battles of Guru Gobind Singh Ji .

Khalsa Darbar Records

- Official Records of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's time , written in Persian
- They are in the custody of the archives department of Lahore and Patiala .
- These records throw light on
 1. Social
 2. Economic conditions and
 3. Administration of Ranjit Singh .

Writings of European Travelers

1. A Journey from Bengal to England

W/B **George Forester**

2 Sketch of Sikhs

W/B **Malcolm**

3 Origin of Sikh Power in Punjab

W/B **H T Princep**

Writings of European Travelers

4 The Court and Camp of Ranjit Singh

W/B **William Osborne**

5 History of the Punjab

W/B **William Murray**

6 History of the Sikhs

W/B **Dr W.L Mac Gregor**

Writings of European Travelers

- 7 The Punjab By **Steinbach**
- 8 Travels in Kashmir and the Punjab by **Baron Charles Hugel**
- 7 Travels into Bhokara by **Alexander Burns**
- 8 History of the Sikhs by **J.D Cunningham**

Records Of British Indian Government

- Contain confidential reports and meetings between British officers and Maharaja Ranjit Singh.
- Details of the important treaties between the British and Lahore Darbar .

Historical Buildings , Paintings and Coins

- Gurudwaras
- Palaces
- Paintings
- Coins



Historical Buildings

Birth Place Of Ranjit Singh



Painting of Ranjit Singh

Randjiit Sing Baadour" by [Alfred de Dreux](#)

Coins during Ranjit Singh



Thank You