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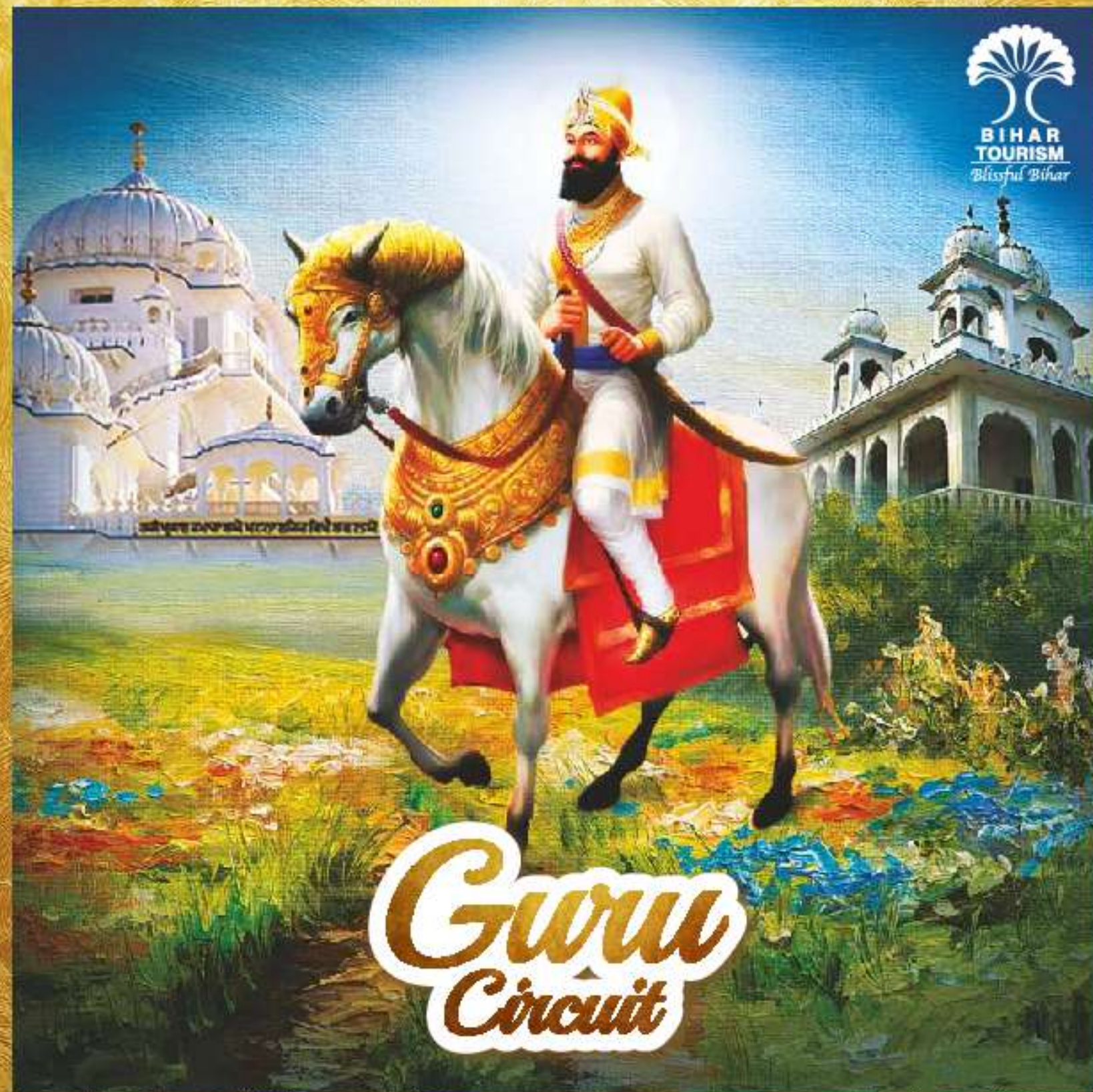


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The 10th Guru of Sikh religion who was the pioneer in unification of the followers of Guru Nanak was Guru Gobind Singh. He was the son of the 9th Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur and was born in Patna on 22nd December, 1666. At his birthplace there is a marvellous Gurdwara in Patna famous as Takht Sri Harmandir Ji also known as Patna Sahib. There are other gurdwaras which commemorate some of the important events that happened in the life of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. These gurdwaras are not only sacred pilgrimages for the Sikhs but also are popular tourist spots.

TAKHT SRI HARMANDIR JI, PATNA SAHIB



Takht Sri Harmandir Ji, the birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th Sikh Guru, is revered as one of the five Takhts by the Sikhs. This is the place where Guru Nanak visited the haveli of one of his followers, Salis Rai Jouri. Salis Rai was so inspired by Guru Nanak that he converted the palatial structure into a Dharamshala. Guru Gobind Singh was the successor of his father Guru Tegh Bahadur who also had stayed for a while at this Dharamshala. Guru Gobind Singh was born here on 22nd December, 1666. Tegh Bahadur Singh, father of Guru Gobind Singh was the ninth Guru of the Sikhs who established the pioneering Sikh pilgrimage Anandpur Sahib in Punjab. Guru Gobind Singh was a great warrior and philosopher who inspired a strong bond among the Sikh community. It was Guru Gobind Singh who not only united the followers of Guru Nanak but also formalized the identity of the believers as a religious community. He won many battles against the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.

How to reach

Air: Daily flights from Patna Airport are available to important cities of the country and flights for a few other destinations in India and abroad land here most of the days.

Rail: Patna Railway Station is in the main stream of the Eastern Railway. Three railway lines running through the district from north to south viz., the Patna Gaya Branch line, the Fatuha-Islampur Light Railway line and the Bakhtiarpur-Rajgir Branch line.

Road: Patna has the National Highway No.31 connection which crosses Danapur, Patna and Patna City. You can avail BSRTC buses. Roads are well maintained for a car drive also.



GURDWARA GURU KA BAGH

This Gurdwara commemorates the arrival of Guru Tegh Bahadur to Patna where he was received in the gardens of nobles Nawab Rahim Baksh and Karim Baksh. After four years of touring Eastern India, the Guru returned to Patna to join his family and was received in the same gardens in about 1670 A.D.

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GURDWARA BAL LILA MAINI SANGAT

Situated close to Takhat Harmandir Sahib Ji, this shrine stands at the former home of Raja Faateh Chand Maim. The Raja and his wife, Rani Maini had no children. The Rani treated young Gobind Rai as her own son and prepared and fed chhole (spicy chickpea curry) and poori (crispy flatbread) to Gobind Rai and his playmates. When Gobind Rai left Patna, the Rani had a Gurdwara built in her home where she served chhole and poori to the worshippers in his memory and this tradition still continues.

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GURDWARA HANDI SAHIB DANAPUR

This Gurdwara was built in the memory of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. In 1728, Bala Preetam Ji with Mata Gujri and his family walked from Patna Sahib to Anandpur Sahib. The then Patna residents accompanied Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji to see him off. At that time Guru Ji was 52 years old. People walked about 12 miles and reached Danapur. It was night time. Sangat of Danapur gave them a warm welcome and entertained them. An old lady whose name was Mata Jasni cooked Khichdi for Guru Ji with love & affection and put the pot (Handi) of khichdi before Satguru Ji and requested him to eat. Seeing all this Satguru Ji was impressed with her. Satguru Ji ate the khichdi and also served it to the Sangat. Jasni Mai requested him to always be there. Then Satguru Ji said, as long as khichdi would be cooked in that Handi and would be served to Sangat, you would feel my presence here. Mata Jasni followed Guru Ji's words and converted her house to a Dharamshala. She kept cooking the khichdi in that Handi and kept serving to Sangat. So, this place is known as Handi Sahib.

How to reach

Air: Patna Airport is the nearest airport.

Rail: Danapur is well connected by rail. Danapur Station (DNR) is the main railway station of the area. The town is located in the Mughalsarai-Howrah main line.

Road: Danapur is well connected to Patna via BSRTC and local buses.



GURDWARA BAHILA BARI AKA GURDWARA GAI GHAT

Popularly known as Gurdwara Gai Ghat, it is dedicated to Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who stayed here during his visit to Patna in the early 1500's. The Gurdwara houses two relics, one a rebeck supposed to have belonged to Mardana, Guru Nanak's travelling companion, and the other a grinding stone believed to have been used by Mata Gujri, Guru Gobind Singh Ji's mother during her stay in Patna.

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SHRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR AJITHASIK GURDWARA

This historical Gurdwara is situated at Lakshmipur Panchayat of Barari Block of Katihar District. It is approx 40km from the district headquarters. The Ninth Guru, Shri Tegh Bahadur Sahib had stayed here (earlier location Kant Nagar) on his way back from Assam to Patna in 1670 AD. The people of the village became his followers and accepted the Sikh Faith. Many people visit this village as it is associated with Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib. One can visit here to see old scripts and ancient documents of religious importance. An old volume of Guru Granth Sahib is also preserved here.

How to reach

Air: The airport located near Katihar is at Purnea (Bihar) and Bagdogra (West Bengal). Purnea is 25 Km from Katihar. Purnea is connected from Patna and Kolkata by air. Bagdogra is 185km from Katihar. Bagdogra is well connected to all major cities of India.

Rail: The nearest Railway station is Karhagola. From Karhagola Railway Station it is approx 5 Km. Or One could arrive at Katihar Junction, it is well connected by rail from all over India. From Katihar Railway Junction it is approx 40 Km by road. Or you can take local trains which is frequently available from Katihar to Karhagola.

Road: The Gurdwara is situated in Lakshmipur Panchayat of Barari Block of Katihar District. The distance from District Headquarters is approx 40 Km. The Barari Block falls on National Highway 31.



GURDWARA NANAK KUND, RAJGIR BIHAR

Rajgir (Home of Kings) is considered to be a sacred place due to its long association with Buddha and Mahavira. At the time of Guru Nanak's visit, he had long discussions with Buddhist & Jain monks and impressed upon them the importance of devotion to one god. The city was surrounded by hot springs and cold drinking water was not available to people. So, on the pointing out of the Guru, people dug a place and water gushed out. From then, the place is known as 'Nanak Kund', where later this gurdwara was built.

How to Reach

Air: The nearest airport is at Patna (101 kms).

Rail: Though Rajgir itself has a railway station yet the nearest convenient railhead is at Gaya (78 kms).

Road: Rajgir is connected by road to Patna (110 kms), Nalanda (12 kms), Gaya (78 kms), Pawapuri (38 kms), Bihar Sharif (25 kms) etc.

Bus: Regular buses are available from all the above said points to Rajgir.

GURDWARA PAKKI SANGAT - MUNGER

Munger, a district town, 170 kilometres east of Patna Sahib by rail, is another place where Guru Tegh Bahadur is known to have stayed during his eastward journey. It was during his stay here that he got the news of the birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The commemorative Shrine Gurdwara Pakki (lit. firm or permanent) Sangat is in Belan Bazar area near the old fort. Its old building, damaged badly by the 1934 earthquake was, however, rebuilt within a year. It is a rectangular room with a verandah in front and is served by Brahman priests. Two relics, a cot and a pillow said to have been used by the Guru during his stay here, are kept in the same room where Guru Granth Sahib is seated.

How to reach

Rail: Munger Railway Station (MGR) is the railway station serving the Munger-Jamalpur. You can reach Jamalpur Junction (JMP) from Patna Junction (PNBE) by travelling in a train. Patna Junction (PNBE) to Jamalpur Junction (JMP) train takes approximately 3h 21m.

Road: The distance from Patna to Munger is approximately 175.07 Kms. By car, it takes roughly 2h 31m to reach Munger from Patna.



GURDWARA CHACHA PHAGGU MAL, SASARAM TOWN

The Gurdwara Chacha Phaggu Mal marks the site of the old Masand's house where the Guru stayed. This is the principal Gurdwara of the town housed in a spacious high-ceilinged hall with a gallery at mid-height. Three copies of Guru Granth Sahib are seated side by side under a domed rectangular pavilion of white marble.

How to reach

Air: Nearest airport is Gaya Airport.

Rail: Sasaram has a Junction railway station which is located in the centre of the city on the grand trunk road.

Road: Rajauli offers easy connectivity to major towns and cities of the region. Since, it is on a major national highway buses are easily available from Patna, Gaya & Ranchi.

GURDWARA RAJAULI SANGAT, RAJAULI

Gurdwara Rajauli Sangat, which is about 4 acres in Rajauli has the khaprar of Bhagat Bhagwan, presented to him by Hingraj Devi Sangat. This 200 year old holy place of worship comprises of about 50 residential rooms. One can take a glimpse of the 100 years old handwritten bir of Guru Granth Sahib and a couple of pictures of Hindu deities. There are some Samadhis and gates in the complex with the name of Baba Sandbux Das written in Gurmukhi.

How to reach:

Air: The nearest Airport is Gaya Airport.

Rail: Nearest railway station is Nawada which is easily connected to major Indian cities.

Bus: Rajauli offers easy connectivity to major towns and cities. Highway buses are easily available from Patna, Gaya and Ranchi.

Road: The Gurdwara can be reached via NH 31.



GURDWARA BARI SANGAT SHRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR

Gurdwara Bari Sangat Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Chauki - Bhagalpur, another district town on the right bank of the Ganges, 63 kilometres east of Munger by rail, had two Sikh Sangats when Guru Tegh Bahadur visited it in 1667. Guru Tegh Bahadur is said to have stayed at Bari Sangat on Burhanath Ghat of which what is left is a stone slab, still considered holy. Over it Sardar Inder Singh Atwal got a room built in 1974. On every amavas, Guru Granth Sahib is brought from Gurdwara Singh Sabha in the interior of the town and a congregation is held here with the holy book placed on the old slab called Chauki Sahib. The place itself is named Gurdwara Bari Sangat Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Chauki Sahib. An old hand-written copy of Guru Granth Sahib acquired from the former Udasi priest of the Shrine is preserved in Gurdwara Singh Sabha.

How to Reach

Air: The closest airport is Patna Airport. It is well connected to major cities of the country.

Rail: The rail line of the Bhagalpur district is part of Eastern Railway Broad gauge line that runs between Kiul and Burdwan.

Road: The Gurdwara can be reached via National Highway 31 and National Highway 81.

Bus: Regular direct bus services run from Gaya to Patna, Bhagalpur, Munger, Nalanda, Rajgir, Varanasi, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Durgapur, Asansol, Kolkata and Dhanbad.



GURDWARA SHRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI

Gurdwara Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji - Gaya is an ancient pilgrimage centre on the bank of Phalgu River, a tributary of the Ganges, where the pilgrims go to worship and ceremony is conducted by local priests for the benefit of their ancestors. Guru Nanak Dev and Guru Tegh Bahadur visited it and tried to explain to the people that it was one's own good actions during the life-span on this earth and not the rituals of one's descendants that would benefit a departed soul. Gurdwara Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji near Vishnupad is controlled by Udasi priests. As in Gurdwara Chacha Phaggu Mal at Sasaram, here too three copies of Guru Granth Sahib in Gurmukhi and Devnagri scripts are seated side by side in a rectangular pavilion on a raised platform.

How to Reach

Air: The Gaya Airport (7 Kms) is the largest airport in Bihar and Jharkhand operating national and international flights.

Rail: Gaya Junction falls under the East Central Railway on the Grand Chord connecting Kolkata and Delhi.

Road: Gaya is well connected by road to Kolkata (495 km), Varanasi (252 km), Allahabad, Kanpur, Delhi, Amritsar, and to the Pakistani cities of Lahore and Peshawar by NH2. Gaya is connected to Patna (105 km) by NH 83, Nawada, Rajgir (78 km) and Bihar Sharif by NH 82.

Bus: Regular direct bus services run from Gaya to Patna, Bhagalpur, Munger, Nalanda, Rajgir, Varanasi, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Durgapur, Asansol, Kolkata and Dhanbad. A/C Mercedes-Benz Luxury services have been introduced by Bihar State Road Transport Corporation for Muzaffarpur, Patna, Munger, Bhagalpur, Motihari, Hazaribagh, Koderma, and Ramgarh.