



is organising

One Day National Seminar on

SRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI: COMMEMORATION OF HIS 350th MARTYRDOM DAY

28th November 2025

**DESH BHAGAT
UNIVERSITY**
MANDI GOBNDGARH, PUNJAB

ABOUT DBU:

Desh Bhagat University (DBU), located in Mandi Gobindgarh, was established under the Punjab Government's Desh Bhagat University Act. The university is named after freedom fighter Sr. Lal Singh Ji, who was honored with the "Tamra Patra" by the Government of India in 1972 for his contributions to the freedom struggle. DBU is a NAAC A+ Accredited University with a student strength of over 10,000 from across India and 20+ countries. The campus is digitally transformed to align with the outcomes of the New Education Policy. It is a multidisciplinary, student-centric, industry-driven, and research-focused institution offering programs at the diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels across various fields, including Engineering, Management, Hotel Management, Hospitality and Tourism, Computer Sciences, Ayurveda, Nursing, Education, Commerce, Airlines, Law, Agriculture Sciences, Languages, Social Sciences, Applied Sciences, Pharmacy, Dental Sciences, and Paramedical Science. DBU has integrated several advanced educational tools and platforms, such as NPTEL, IIT Bombay Spoken Tutorial, Virtual Labs, Internshala, INFLIBNET, Saylor's Academy of the USA, and Coursera. These collaborations provide free online education, international certifications, and opportunities for students to study abroad through Pathway/Twinning Programs.

DBU has established a 24/7 Robotics & Automation Lab, several Centers of Excellence, and numerous industry collaborations. The recently established Electric Vehicle Center of Excellence and the IIC cell foster research, development, and entrepreneurship among students. DBU also has a Technology Business Incubator (DB Business Foundation) to support young entrepreneurs with seed funding and mentoring.

About the National Seminar

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the ninth Guru of the Sikhs, was one of the most revered figures in Sikh/Punjab history and the history of India. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's supreme sacrifice for the protection of religious freedom, truth, and the dignity of human life has had a profound impact on Sikh philosophy, human rights discourse, and global religious thought.

Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was born in 1621 in Amritsar, Punjab. He was the youngest son of Guru Hargobind, the sixth guru. His family belonged to the Sodhi clan of Khatri. Guru Tegh Bahadur was brought up in the Sikh culture and trained in archery and horsemanship. He was also taught the old classics such as the Vedas, the Upanishads, and the Puranas. He was married on 3 February 1632 to Mata Gujri.

In the 1640s, nearing his death, Guru Hargobind and his wife Nanaki moved to his ancestral village of Bakala in Amritsar district, together with Guru Tegh Bahadur and Mata Gujri. After Hargobind's death, in 1644, Tegh Bahadur continued to

live in Bakala with his wife and mother. After the untimely demise of the eighth guru, Guru Har Krishan Ji, in August 1664, a Sikh congregation appointed Tegh Bahadur as the ninth guru of Sikhs. Guru Tegh Bahadur traveled extensively in different parts of the Indian subcontinent, including Dhaka and Assam, to preach the teachings of Guru Nanak, the first Sikh guru. The places he visited and stayed in became sites of Sikh temples. During his travels, he started a number of community water wells and langars (community kitchens for the poor). After his visit to Assam, Bengal, and Bihar, in 1684, Guru Tegh Bahadur founded the city of Anandpur Sahib in the foothills of the Himalayas and afterward continued to live over there.

Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's martyrdom in 1675 was a profound act of courage and selflessness. His decision to give his life in defence of the right to religious freedom marked a significant chapter in the history of human rights. His sacrifice was made to protect the religious freedoms of Hindus who were being forcibly converted to Islam. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's teachings emphasize the importance of religious tolerance, human dignity, and social justice, foundational values within Sikhism. His message was unequivocal: every individual has the right to practice their religion freely, and all human beings are equal in the eyes of the Divine, regardless of their caste, creed, or religion.

The legacy of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji extends beyond his spiritual teachings. He emphasized the importance of selfless service, urging his followers to live lives of integrity, compassion, and courage. His spiritual focus was on attaining inner peace through devotion to God and meditation on His name. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's social teachings called for the upliftment of the oppressed and the establishment of a just and equitable society, aligned with the Sikh principle of equality. His unflinching courage in the face of oppression continues to inspire generations, and his martyrdom stands as a timeless symbol of sacrifice for truth, justice, and freedom.

To commemorate the Supreme Sacrifice and contribution of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, Desh Bhagat University proposes to organize a one-day National Seminar on the eve of his 350th Martyrdom Day. This National Seminar is entitled as "Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji: Commemoration of His 350th Martyrdom Day", which will be organized on 28th November, 2025. This National Seminar will be an attempt to have an in-depth scholarly exploration of the spiritual, historical, and socio-political aspects of the Life of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji and to honour the supreme sacrifice made by him through his martyrdom.

Sub-Themes of the National Seminar

- Historical context of the martyrdom
- The Martyrdom of His Disciples
- Teachings and Philosophies Guru Teg Bahadur Ji
- Guru Teg Bahadur Ji's Concept of Universal brotherhood and equality
- The foundation of Shri Anandpur Sahib
- Historical Geography of the March towards Martyrdom: From Sri Anandpur Sahib to Delhi
- From Martyrdom to the institutions of Khalsa
- Historical and Religious Legacy of the Martrydom
- Historical and Biographical perspectives on Sri Guru Teg Bahadur ji
- Religious, Philosophical, and Ethical Writings on Sri Guru Teg Bahadur ji
- Literary and Linguistic Perspectives on Sri Guru Teg Bahadur ji
- Socio-Political and Legal Perspectives on Sri Guru Teg Bahadur ji
- Contemporary relevance of the Martyrdom and Philosophy of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji
- Any other Sub Theme related to the theme of the National Seminar

Objectives of the Seminar

- Honoring Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's Timeless Message: Disseminate the teachings of Guru Ji, emphasizing his contributions to spirituality, freedom, and human dignity.
- Study and Research on the various aspects pf the great martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur ji and analytical interpretation on the historiography of the Martyrdom.
- Promoting Research on Sikh Philosophy: Encourage academic research into the teachings, martyrdom, and humanitarian impact of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.
- Relevance in the Contemporary Global Context: Explore the teachings of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in light of modern challenges related to pluralism, freedom of conscience, and religious tolerance.

Publications of the proceedings of the National Seminar

- Selected presentations at this National Seminar will be published in the form of the Book with ISBN Number by the Publication Bureau of the University.
- A Review Committee will select the presentations/research papers to be published as proceedings of this National Seminar.

Organizational Details

- Proposed Date: **28th November, 2025**
- Duration: **One Day**
- Venue: **Mahapragya Seminar Hall and APJ Abdul Kalam Seminar Hall**
- Last date of submission of Full Paper: **24 November, 2025**

Registration Fee for Delegates

Particulars	Amount
University/Collage Teachers	Rs. 1000/-
Research Scholars/Students/Others	Rs. 500/-

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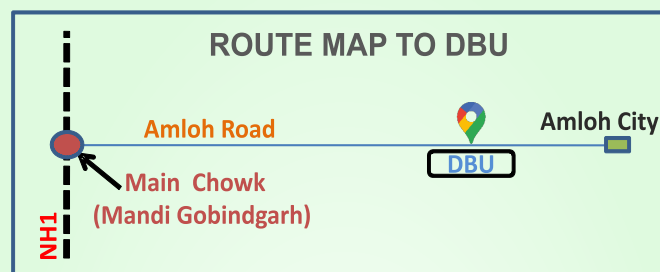
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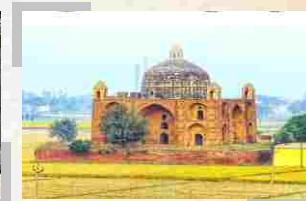
SCAN LOCATION

HOW TO REACH

- DBU can be reached by bus, car, taxi etc. The nearest airport is Chandigarh.
- DBU is 62 KMs from Chandigarh (via. Fatehgarh Sahib). The buses are easily available from ISBT (Sector 43) Chandigarh.
- NH1 is basically Delhi-Ludhiana-Amritsar highway, so transportation facility can be easily available.
- DBU is 6 KMs from main chowk (Mandi Gobindgarh), buses are easily available



Fatehgarh Sahib



Sirhind



Patiala



Chandigarh

Mandi Gobindgarh, though industrial in nature, is surrounded by culturally and historically significant sites. Here are some nearby places to visit and their importance:

Fatehgarh Sahib (Approx. 20 km): This historic town is significant religious site for Sikhs. **The Fatehgarh Sahib Gurdwara** marks the place where Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, the younger sons of Guru Gobind Singh, were martyred. The site stands as a tribute to their sacrifice.

Sirhind (Approx. 20 km): Known as the gateway to Punjab, Sirhind has immense historical importance due to its role in Sikh history. The town features several monuments from the Mughal period. Aam Khas Bagh (a Mughal Garden complex) and Sanghol Museum (artifacts from the Indus Valley Civilization) are the must visit attractions.

Patiala (Approx. 50 km): Known for its royal heritage, Patiala offers a blend of Punjabi culture, architecture and tradition. Must-Visit attractions of this area are Qila Mubarak Complex, Sheesh Mahal, Baradari Gardens, Patiala's unique cuisine and traditional "Phulkari" embroidery.

Chandigarh (Approx. 65 km): The capital city of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh is known for its urban design by Le Corbusier and its green spaces. Must-Visit Attractions of Chandigarh are Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, Rose Garden, Pinjore Gardens (nearby).