

GURU HARKRISHAN JI

1. Name the eighth Guru of the Sikhs?

Guru Harkrishan ji (Guru Har Rai Ji's younger son)

2. What was the life span of Guru Harkrishan Ji, and his Gurgadi years?

Birth – 07/07/1656 at Kiratpur

Jotijot – 03/30/1664 in Delhi

Guruship – 10/06/1661 to 03/30/1664 (at age 5 for 2 years and 5 months)

3. Guru Harkrishan Ji's Family

Father: Guru Har Rai Ji

Mother: Krishan Kaur Ji

4. What was Guru Harkrishan ji, notable contribution to Sikhi?

Guru Harkrishan ji displayed great spiritual leadership at a very tender age. Guruji had the rare ability in explaining passages from Guru Granth Saheb. He reminded people to cherish One God alone, and asked them to discard passion and learn the virtue of patience, charity and love. Thus Guruji carried on the teaching of the Gurus and preserved intact the legacy he had inherited from them.

5. Relate one incident from Guru Harkrishan ji's life.

Pandit Lal Chand, a learned scholar of Hindu literature questioned Guru Sahib about the meanings of Gita. Then Guru Sahib called a water-carrier named Chhaju Ram, and with the Guru's grace, this unlettered man was able to expound the philosophy of the Gita. When Pandit Lal Chand heard the scholarly answer from Chhaju, he bent his head in shame and besought the forgiveness of Guru Sahib. Pandit Lal Chand became the Sikh and escorted the Guru Sahib up to Kurukashatra.

6. Which Gurdawara is notably related to Guru Harkrishan Ji?

Gurudwara Bangla Saheb.

7. How did Guru Harkrishan Ji immerse in the Eternal Light (Joti Jot Samana)

While serving the suffering people from the epidemic day and night in Delhi, Guru Sahib himself was seized with high fever. The attack of smallpox confined him to bed.

8. Name the reigning Mughal during Guru Harkrishan ji's Guruship period?

Aurangzeb

9. What was the life of the people of North America during Guru Harkrishan ji's time?

North American Colonies were occupied by the British and its name changed to New York. Each colony was free to decide which rights to grant the Jews. In many cases they were even less than those granted in England.

10. Who did he choose as his successor to Gurgadi?

Guru Tegbahadur Ji. When asked to name his successor, Guru Harkrishan Ji merely exclaimed 'Baba Bakala' meaning the next Guru would be in Bakala.