



Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day | National Current Affairs | 24 Nov 2025

Why in News?

The President of India paid tribute to [Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji](#) on the occasion of his **350th Martyrdom Day** on **24th November 2025**.

- He was executed by Aurangzeb on **24th November 1675**, for defending **Kashmiri Pandits** against forced religious conversion, and the **Gurdwara Sis Ganj Sahib in Delhi's Chandni Chowk** marks the site of his execution.

Key Points

- **Early Life:** Born in the year **1621** in [Amritsar](#), Guru Tegh Bahadur was initially known as **Tyagmal** due to his **ascetic nature**. Trained in religious philosophy and martial skills, he was awarded the title **"Tegh Bahadur"** for his **bravery** in battle.
- **Contribution:** He became the **9th Sikh Guru** in **1664** after **Guru Harkishan**. In **1665**, he founded [Anandpur Sahib](#) and contributed more than **700 hymns** to the [Guru Granth Sahib](#), focusing on **equality, justice, and devotion**.
- **Legacy:** He **opposed forced religious conversions** during **Aurangzeb's reign** and encouraged **fearlessness (Nirbhau)** and **compassion (Nirvair)** among his followers.
 - He is revered for defending freedom of religion and conscience earning him the title **"Hind-di Chadar" (Shield of India)**.



Ten Gurus of Sikhism

Guru Nanak Dev (1469-1539)	• First Sikh Guru and founder of Sikhism. • Initiated 'Guru ka Langar' • Contemporary of Babur • Kartarpur Corridor was inaugurated on his 550th birth anniversary
Guru Angad (1504-1552)	• Invented the Gurmukhi script • Popularized the practice of 'Guru ka Langar'
Guru Amar Das (1479-1574)	• Introduced the Anand Karaj marriage ceremony• Abolished sati and purdah practices among Sikhs• Contemporary of Akbar
Guru Ram Das (1534-1581)	• Founded Amritsar in 1577 • Began the extraction and construction of the Holy Tank (Sarovar) at the site of the Golden Temple.
Guru Arjan Dev (1563-1606)	• Compiled the Adi Granth in 1604• Completed the Golden Temple's construction• Known as 'Shaheeden-de-Sartaj'• Executed by Jahangir for helping Prince Khusrau
Guru Hargobind (1594-1644)	• Transformed Sikhs into a martial community• Known as the "Soldier Saint"• Established the Akal Takht in Amritsar
Guru Har Rai (1630-1661)	• Peace-loving Guru• Dedicated his life to missionary work and maintaining the Sikh army. Met with Dara Shikoh (Aurangzeb's brother).
Guru Harkishan (1656-1664)	• Youngest Sikh Guru, became Guru at age 5• Summoned by Aurangzeb
Guru Tegh Bahadur (1621-1675)	• Founded Anandpur Sahib• Opposed forced

conversions under Aurangzeb • Martyred in **1675** for defending Kashmiri Pandits

• Founded the **Khalsa in 1699** • Introduced the initiation ceremony "**Pahul**" • **Last human Sikh Guru** and the **Five Ks** • Declared **Guru Granth Sahib** as the **eternal Guru**

Guru Gobind Singh (1666-1708)

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