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## 550th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev

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### Why in News

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Recently, **the Prime Minister of India** participated in the special event organised at **Dera Baba Nanak** to inaugurate the **Integrated Check Post (ICP)** and the **Kartarpur Corridor**. He also released **commemorative coin** celebrating **550<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji**.

### Guru Nanak Dev Ji

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- Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti is observed to celebrate the birth of **Guru Nanak Dev (1469-1539)**, who is the **first of the 10 Sikh Gurus** and the **founder of Sikhism**.
- He advocated the '**Nirguna**' (**devotion to and worship of formless divine**) form of bhakti.
- He rejected sacrifices, ritual baths, image worship, austerities and the scriptures of both Hindus and Muslims.
- He organised his followers into a community. He **set up rules for congregational worship (Sangat)** involving collective recitation.
- The **fifth preceptor, Guru Arjan**, compiled **Baba Guru Nanak's hymns along with those of his four successors** and other religious poets like **Baba Farid, Ravidas** (also known as Raidas) and Kabir in the **Adi Granth Sahib**.
- These **hymns, called 'Gurbani'**, are composed in many languages.
- In the late seventeenth century the **tenth preceptor, Guru Gobind Singh**, included the **compositions of the ninth guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur**, and this scripture was called the **Guru Granth Sahib**.

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