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Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Guru Angad Dev Ji

The First and Second Sikh Gurus

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GURU 1 Guru Nanak Dev Ji (1469–1539)

Quick Revision Box

Born	15 April 1469 at Talwandi Rai Bhoi Ki (now Nankana Sahib, Pakistan)
Parents	Mehta Kalu (Patwari) and Mata Tripta
Wife	Mata Sulakhani Ji
Sons	Baba Sri Chand and Baba Lakhmi Chand
City founded	Kartarpur (on the bank of the Ravi river)
Jyoti Jot	22 September 1539 at Kartarpur Sahib

Important Points

- **Caste:** Bedi Khatri
- **Companions:** Bhai Mardana Ji (Muslim) and Bhai Bala Ji (Hindu)
- **Missionary tours:** Spent about 20 years on four long journeys called **Udasis**
- **Places visited:** Jagannath Puri, Haridwar, Benaras, Rameshwaram, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Mecca, Medina, Baghdad
- **Langar Pratha:** Introduced the community kitchen system at Kartarpur

Babe Da Viah – Marriage Anniversary

The marriage anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Mata Sulakhani is popularly called **'Babe Da Viah'**. The tradition of celebrating it began in **1917**, when a priest named **Kesra Singh** organised an Akhand Path at **Gurdwara Kandh Sahib**.

- The wedding took place in **1487**.
- The place is called **Viah Asthan Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji**, in **Batala**.
- Guru Nanak Dev Ji married Sulakhani Ji by taking **four rounds** around the sacred fire instead of seven.

Compositions

- **Japji Sahib**
- **Asa di Var**
- **Sidh Gosht** – Guru Nanak Dev Ji's conversations with accomplished yogis called **Siddhas**
- **Patti** and **Barah Maha**

- **Arti** and **Onkar**
- **Malar di Var** and **Majh di Var**
- **Kirtan Sohila**

EXAM TIP

Total hymns (Shabads) of Guru Nanak Dev Ji in Guru Granth Sahib: **974**.

GURU 2 Guru Angad Dev Ji (1504–1552)

Quick Revision Box

Original name	Bhai Lehna Ji (renamed **Angad** by Guru Nanak Dev Ji)
Born	31 March 1504 at Matte di Sarai (Sri Muktsar Sahib)
Parents	Pheru Mal Ji and Daya Kaur Ji
Wife	Mata Khivi Ji
Children	Dasu Ji, Datu Ji, Bibi Amro Ji, Bibi Anokhi Ji
Guruship	13 years (1539–1552)

Key Contributions

- **Gurmukhi script:** Standardised the Gurmukhi script for writing Punjabi
- **Mal Akhara:** Established for physical and spiritual exercise
- **First Janamsakhi:** Got the life story of Guru Nanak Dev Ji compiled with the help of Bhai Bala Ji – known as the **Bhai Bala wali Janamsakhi**
- **City founded:** Khadur Sahib
- **Royal visit:** Mughal emperor **Humayun** (son of Babur) visited Guru Sahib

QUICK REVISION

- Guru Nanak Dev Ji: born **1469** Talwandi · city **Kartarpur** (Ravi) · **974** hymns · Jyoti Jot **1539**
- Babe Da Viah: wedding **1487**, Batala · celebration started **1917**
- Guru Angad Dev Ji: Bhai Lehna · born **1504** · **Gurmukhi**, **Mal Akhara**, **Khadur Sahib** · Humayun's visit