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## The Holy Scripture and the Seats of Sikh Authority

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## PART A Guru Granth Sahib Ji

### Quick Revision Box

| | |
|---|---|
| **Pages (Angs)** | 1,430 |
| **Written by** | Bhai Gurdas Ji, under the guidance of Guru Arjan Dev Ji |
| **First installed** | 16 August 1604 at Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) |
| **First Granthi** | Baba Buddha Ji |

### Contributors

**Gurus**

The first five Sikh Gurus and Guru Teg Bahadur Ji

**Bhagats**

Fifteen Bhagats (saints or devotees), including Kabir Ji, Ravidas Ji and Sheikh Farid Ji

**Bhatts**

Eleven Bhatts (poet-scholars)

COMMON MISTAKE

Guru Granth Sahib Ji does **not** include Guru Gobind Singh Ji's compositions – they are in the **Dasam Granth**.

## PART B Five Takhts (Seats of Sikh Authority)

### 1. Sri Akal Takht Sahib

- **Location:** Amritsar
- **Founded:** June 1606 by Guru Hargobind Ji
- **Significance:** Oldest of the five Takhts; also called the "Eternal Throne"

### 2. Takht Sri Damdama Sahib

- **Location:** Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda
- **Significance:** Where Guru Gobind Singh Ji prepared the final version of Guru Granth Sahib (1705)
- **Also known as:** Guru Ki Kashi

### 3. Takht Sri Keshgarh Sahib

- **Location:** Anandpur Sahib, Rupnagar
- **Significance:** Birthplace of the Khalsa (1699)
- **Built by:** Guru Gobind Singh Ji, as a defence fort

### 4. Takht Sri Hazur Sahib

- **Location:** Nanded, Maharashtra (on the bank of the Godavari river)
- **Significance:** Where Guru Gobind Singh Ji left for his heavenly abode (Jyoti Jot)
- **Built by:** Maharaja Ranjit Singh (1832–1837)

### 5. Takht Sri Patna Sahib

- **Location:** Patna, Bihar
- **Significance:** Birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- **Built by:** Maharaja Ranjit Singh (1830–1839)

### Five Takhts at a Glance

| Takht | Place | Linked with |
|---|---|---|
| **Sri Akal Takht Sahib** | Amritsar | Guru Hargobind Ji, 1606 – oldest |
| **Sri Damdama Sahib** | Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda) | Final Guru Granth Sahib, 1705 – Guru Ki Kashi |
| **Sri Keshgarh Sahib** | Anandpur Sahib (Rupnagar) | Birth of the Khalsa, 1699 |
| **Sri Hazur Sahib** | Nanded (Maharashtra) | Jyoti Jot of Guru Gobind Singh Ji |
| **Sri Patna Sahib** | Patna (Bihar) | Birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh Ji |

**SHORTCUT**

Three Takhts are in Punjab (Akal Takht, Damdama Sahib, Keshgarh Sahib) and two are outside Punjab (Hazur Sahib, Patna Sahib) – both outside ones were built by **Maharaja Ranjit Singh**.

**QUICK REVISION**

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- Oldest Takht: **Akal Takht** (1606) · Guru Ki Kashi: **Damdama Sahib** · Khalsa: **Keshgarh Sahib**