

Guru Hargobind Ji

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Why in News?

March 23, 2026, marks the *Jyoti-Jyot Diwas* of Guru Hargobind Ji, according to many traditional calendars.

- **Jyoti-Jyot Diwas** -Refers to the ***death anniversary of Sikh Gurus***, symbolizing their union with the divine.

Guru Hargobind Ji - Key Details	
Position	6 th Sikh Guru
Birth Name	Hargobind
Successor of	Guru Arjan Dev Ji
Successor	Guru Har Rai Ji
Associated Place	Amritsar (Akal Takht)
Period	1595-1644
Title	Saint-Soldier (Miri-Piri tradition)

Key Contributions

- **Miri-Piri Doctrine** - He introduced the concept of combining *Miri* (temporal authority) and *Piri* (spiritual authority), symbolized by wearing two swords.
- **Akal Takht** - Established in **1606** at Amritsar by Hargobind Ji as the highest seat of Sikh temporal authority, complementing the spiritual authority of the Harmandir Sahib.
- **Saint-Soldier Tradition** - Transformed Sikhism into a force for defending justice and humanity, emphasizing courage alongside devotion.
- **Release of Prisoners** - Secured the release of 52 imprisoned kings from Gwalior Fort, remembered as *Bandi Chhor Divas*.
- **Military Organization** - Encouraged Sikhs to train in martial arts, horsemanship, and weaponry to resist oppression.
- **Community Protection** - Strengthened Sikh identity by balancing

spirituality with self-defense.

- **Promotion of Justice & Dignity** - Advocated for protecting human rights and collective harmony.
- **Significance of Guru Hargobind Ji's Legacy - Institutional Strengthening** - Consolidated Sikh practices by adding temporal authority to spiritual leadership.
- **Defender of Faith** - Ensured Sikhism could withstand persecution under Mughal rule.
- **Model of Courage & Compassion** - His life exemplified balance between devotion, justice, and protection of the oppressed.

Reference

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