

Veer Baal Diwas

Veer Bal Diwas is observed on 26th **December** every year to commemorate the **martyrdom** of the **four sons of** <u>Guru Gobind Singh</u> the **tenth** and **last Sikh guru.**

- The four sons were named **Zorawar Singh, Fateh Singh, Jai Singh** and **Kulwant Singh** who fought against the **Mughal emperor Aurangzeb** and his army.
- Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh were captured by the Mughals at the age of six and nine respectively after they had defended their fort of Anandpur Sahib from a siege.
- They were taken to **Sirhind**, where they **refused to convert to Islam** and were sentenced to death by being bricked alive in 1705.
- Jai Singh and Kulwant Singh were also captured at <u>Anandpur Sahib</u>, but they managed to escape from Sirhind with the help of some loyal followers. They joined their father in his final battle at Sirhind, where he was wounded by a musket shot.
- Guru Gobind Singh's sons sacrificed their lives for the cause of <u>Sikhism</u> and their courage inspired generations of Sikhs.

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