



Parkash Purab

Why in News

The Prime Minister of India greeted the people on the occasion of the Parkash Purab Utsav of the **holy book Guru Granth Sahib (19th August 2020)**.

Key Points

- The first Prakash Purab Utsav marked the **installation of Guru Granth Sahib in Harmandir Sahib, also known as the Golden temple, in 1604.**
- Granth Sahib is the **sacred scripture of Sikhism (religion)**. It is a **collection of nearly 6,000 hymns of the Sikh Gurus (religious leaders) and various early and medieval saints of different religions and castes.**
- It is the central object of worship in all gurdwaras and is accorded the reverence paid to **a living Guru.**
- The **first version of the book was compiled by the 5th Sikh Guru Arjan at Amritsar in 1604 CE.** He included his own hymns and those of his predecessors, the **Gurus Nanak, Angad, Amar Das, and Ram Das**, and a selection of devotional songs of both Hindu and Islamic saints (notably the poet Kabīr).
- In **1704 CE the 10th and last Guru, Gobind Singh**, added the hymns of his predecessor, **Guru Tegh Bahadur** (the **6th - Hargobind, 7th- Har Rai, and 8th - Hari Krishen- Gurus did not write hymns**), and enjoined that after his own death the Granth would take the place of the Guru.
- The **language is mostly Punjabi or Hindi**, interspersed with Marathi, Persian, and Arabic words.
- After the death of Guru Gobind Singh, his hymns and other writings were compiled into a book known as the **Dasam Granth.**

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