



# Kartarpur Sahib

## Why in News

India has criticized Pakistan's decision to **transfer the management** of the **Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara** from a Sikh body to a separate trust.

## Key Points

- Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib, also known as the **Gurdwara Darbar Sahib**, is located in Pakistan's Narowal district across river Ravi. It is one of the most significant historical and spiritual places for Sikhs.
- According to historians, the **first Sikh Guru** (Guru Nanak Dev) had arrived in Kartarpur between **1520 and 1522**, and **spent the last 18 years of his life there**.
  - It was in Kartarpur where he laid the **foundations of a Sikh religion**.
- The **Kartarpur Corridor** was thrown open in 2019.

## Kartarpur Corridor



- The Kartarpur corridor **connects the Darbar Sahib Gurdwara in Narowal district of Pakistan** with the **Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district Punjab, India**.
- The agreement facilitates **visa-free movement of Indian pilgrims** who would **only need a permit** to cross over to Pakistan.
- The corridor was built in 2019 to **commemorate the 550<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary** of **Guru Nanak Dev**, founder of **Sikhism**.

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