

Empowering the Sikh Community

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In a move to empower the <u>Sikh community</u>, on the occasion of **Sikh New Year**, the Union Minister of Minority Affairs launched a comprehensive skill development, leadership, and entrepreneurship promotion program.

- The program is part of the "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" initiative under the <u>Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)</u> Scheme through the **Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC)**, which is a **Statutory Body** established for the welfare of the Sikh community.
 - It targets 10,000 youth and women for modern skills training in employment-oriented
 job roles, promotes Sikh artisans, fosters women's leadership and entrepreneurship,
 and provides education for school dropouts.
 - The program aims to assist **socio-economically disadvantaged groups** within the Sikh community and promote communal and social harmony.
 - State-of-the-Art Gurmukhi Script learning centres will be established in Khalsa colleges under the University of Delhi for preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the Sikh community.
 - The Gurmukhi script was developed from the Sarada script, standardised and used by the second Sikh guru, Guru Angad.
 - The Śāradā script is part of the Brahmic family of scripts.
- The Ministry will provide infrastructure and ancillary services, including developing Studios/Smart Classrooms under the PM Jan Vikas Karyakram.

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