



Visa-Free Access to Kartarpur Corridor

Recently, Pakistan has agreed to give year-long visa-free access for Indian pilgrims to the Gurdwara of [Kartarpur Sahib](#).

- It allows visa-free travel for the Indian passport-holders and [Overseas Citizenship of India \(OCI\)](#) card-holders seven days a week.
- India proposed that the holy shrine be open to Indian citizens of all faiths, acceding to this demand Pakistan "in-principle agreed" to allow all people with Indian passport and Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card-holders.
- India also asked Pakistan to prevent **Khalistan** supporters from misusing this historic initiative.
- India also urged Pakistan to allow '**Nagar Kirtan**' from Delhi to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan in July and during October-November 2019 as part of the celebrations to mark the **550th birth of Guru Nanak dev**, the first Sikh Guru.

Guru Nanak Dev

- Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti is observed on the full-moon day in the month of Katak to celebrate the birth of Guru Nanak Dev (1469-1539).
- He was the first of the 10 Sikh Gurus and the founder of Sikhism.
- The Kartarpur corridor will be implemented as an integrated development project with Government of India funding. The development comes ahead of the 550th Prakash Purab or 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak in 2019.

Nagar Kirtan

- Nagar Kirtan is a Punjabi term which literally means "Neighbourhood Kirtan".
- The term refers to the possession of Sikh Sangat (Congregation) through the town singing holy hymns.
- The concept of a Nagar Kirtan is to bring the message of God to the doorstep of the community.
- It is common during the month of Vaisakhi(April-May) and take place all over the globe.

Khalistan

- The Khalistan movement is a Khalsa nationalist movement that wants to create an independent state for Sikh people, inside the current north-western region of India.