



High Commission of India,  
Kuala Lumpur

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## **Press Release**

### **550<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Ji**

Government of India is commemorating the 550<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji globally, through a series of events, organised during the course of a year-long celebration.

2. This auspicious occasion assumes special significance in Malaysia which is home to a large Sikh diaspora. As part of these celebrations, the High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur has collaborated with prominent Gurudwara Councils, Sikh associations and other organisations of Malaysia, in organising a number of events. These included 14 Baisakhi celebrations, 4 Guru Nanak ji themed events for children, 4 special screening of movies on the life & teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, and many special prayers across the country.

3. High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur held a commemorative event on 2 November 2019 at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC), Brickfields. Tan Sri Ajit Singh, former Secretary General, ASEAN, was the Chief Guest at the event, which was presided over by the High Commissioner Shri Mridul Kumar. The event was attended by various government dignitaries, prominent personalities from Sikh diaspora and members of media.

4. On the occasion, Dr. Hardev Kaur performed a Shabad Gurbani Kirtan. Three documentaries, 'Gurbani –The Saints', 'Revealed: The Golden Temple' and 'Sarbat Da Bhalla' were screened. A speech on Guru Nanak Dev Ji was delivered by Prof. Dr. Harmohinder Singh Bedi, Chancellor, Central University Shimla (Himachal Pradesh). A three-member Raagi musical group led by Shri Balwinder Singh from India enthralled the audience with melodious Kirtans. The event, attended by over 160 representatives from various Gurudwaras and Sikh associations across Malaysia, was followed by a dinner reception.

5. As a part of the ongoing yearlong celebrations, which will continue until Guru Nanak Jayanti on 12 November 2019, talks on Guru Nanak Dev Ji and performances by Raagi musical group visiting from India are being

organised by the Indian High Commission at the Tatt Khalsa Diwan, Kuala Lumpur from 3-5 November 2019, and at the Gurudwara Sahib Guru Nanak Shah Alam on 3 November 2019, followed by special prayers and Langar.

6. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India is also organising an “International Youth Seminar on Sikhism and its contribution for Universal Well-Being”, which would be followed by a tour to Sikh Holy places in India, from 5-11 November 2019, in which three Malaysian Sikh youths would be participating.

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