



Ayodhya Gurdwara Brahmakund Sahib

One of oldest shrines on banks of River Saryu

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Gurdwara Brahmakund Sahib, one of the oldest Gurdwaras, is located on Brahmaghat, on the banks of the River Saryu, a few hundred meters east of the Ram Janmabhoomi site in Ayodhya. The Brahmakund, an ancient site of significance, predates the establishment of the Gurdwara.

According to Hindu mythology, it is believed that Lord Brahma meditated at this location for 5,000 years, which is why the Gurdwara built here came to be known as *Gurdwara Brahmakund*. This sacred site has been visited by several Sikh Gurus, including Guru Nanak, Guru Tegh Bahadur, and Guru Gobind Singh, who meditated here and offered valuable guidance to devotees.

The Gurdwara is also an important historical site for the Sikh community, with significant connections to the events surrounding Ram Janmabhoomi. Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Guru, played a pivotal role in protecting the sacred site of Ram Janmabhoomi during Mughal invasions.

The Gurdwara also houses preserved artifacts, including the weapons used by the Sikh forces during the battle. Guru Gobind Singh Ji is believed to have stated that scriptures can be protected with weapons, and his role in safeguarding sacred sites is well-documented. He was deeply devoted to Lord Ram, as evidenced by his visit to Ayodhya and his role in securing Ram Janmabhoomi.

The historical significance of the Gurdwara dates back to the early 1500s. Guru Nanak, the first Guru of the Sikhs, is said to have visited Ramnagari (Ayodhya)



while traveling from Haridwar to Jagannath Puri and lit a fire at the Brahma Tapsyathan, situated on the banks of the Saryu. This site later became the location of Gurdwara Brahmakund.

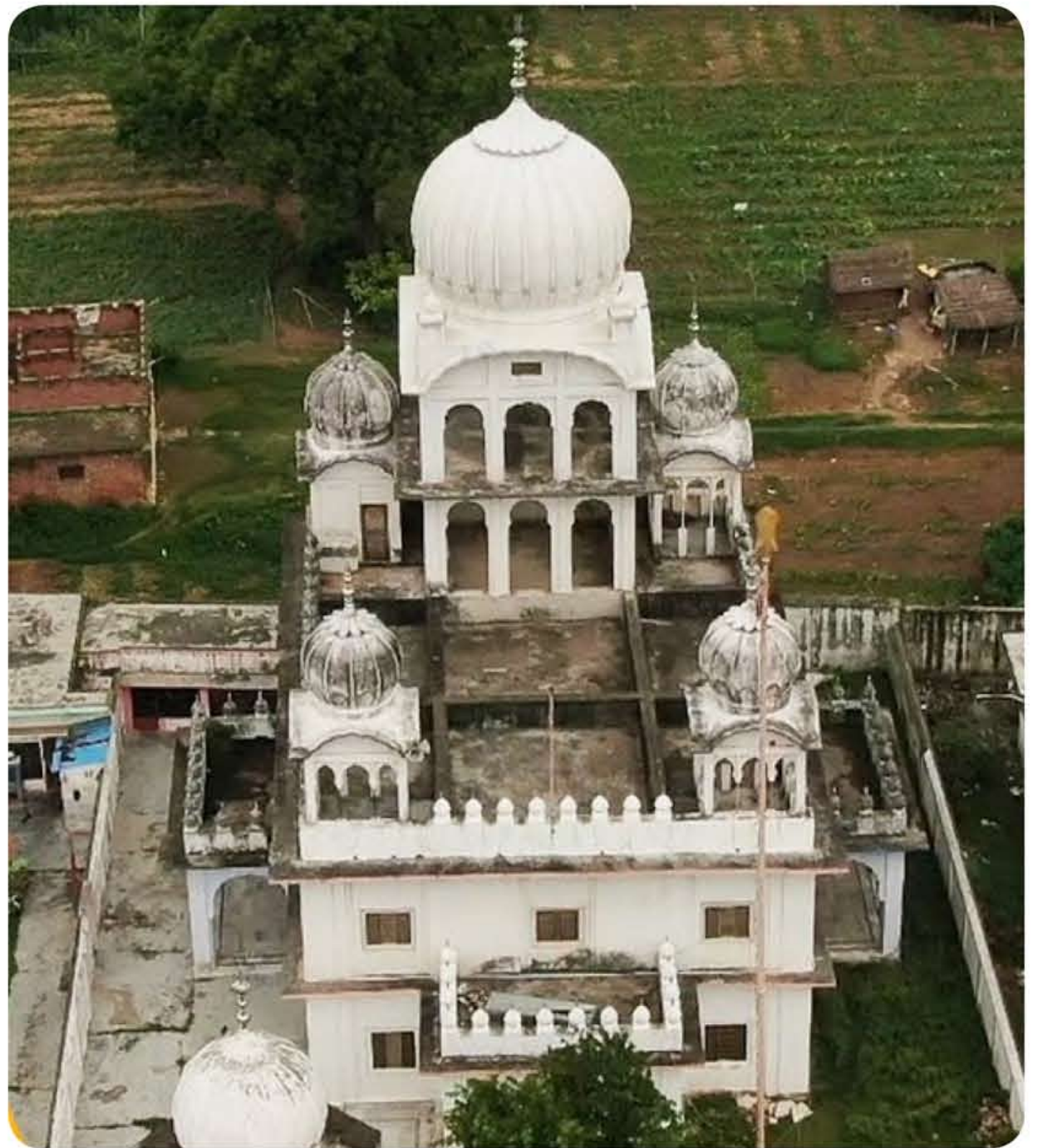
In 1668, Guru Tegh Bahadur, the

ninth Guru, visited the place while traveling from Assam to Anandpur Sahib. He meditated for 48 hours at Brahmakund and left his sandals with a Brahmin servant as a memento. These sandals are still preserved at the Gurdwara.

In 1672, Guru Gobind Singh, then a child, visited the site with his mother and maternal uncle during his journey from Patna to Anandpur Sahib. After his visit, the site faded into relative obscurity for over a century. However, in 1785, Baba Gulab Singh revived the site, established the Nishan Sahib, and began efforts to restore the sacred place. His successor, Baba Shatrujit Singh, further developed the Gurdwara in 1846.

In 1919, during the tenure of the third Mahant, Jaswant Singh, the Gurdwara was officially registered. Since then, it has been an important centre of Sikh devotion.

Every year, on the martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the Gurdwara



celebrates the event by reading the Guru Granth Sahib 100 times, a tradition that has been practiced for centuries.

The Guru Granth Sahib, with its 1,430 pages, 5,894 verses, and over a million

letters, is central to the Sikh faith. A handwritten copy of the Guru Granth Sahib, written by Bhai Daulat Singh on the orders of Guru Arjan Dev, is preserved at the Gurdwara. The Gurdwara also

holds the speeches of the six Gurus and 15 devoted saints, including Kabir, Farid, and Tulsidas, whose hymns are compiled in the sacred scripture.

Today, Gurdwara Brahmakund Sahib

remains an important spiritual centre, attracting devotees from around the world, commemorating the Sikh Gurus' visits, and preserving the rich historical legacy of the Sikh community in Ayodhya.

TTD mulls model temple during Kumbh Mela

As the prestigious Kumbh Mela is all set to be held at Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh from January 13 to February 26, 2025, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), apart of promoting Hindu Sanatana Dharma across the country, asked the Kumbh Mela authority for an appropriate place to set up a model temple of Venkateswara Swamy for the sake of nation-wide devotees.

In connection with this, TTD Joint Executive officer (Health and Education) Gowthami has formally met the Kumbh Mela Authority Officer Vijay Kiran Anand at Prayagraj on Saturday.

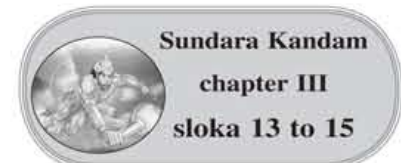
The Kumbh Mela Authorities have allotted a piece of land to the extent of 2.5 acre in the Sixth Sector, for TTD to set up the replica temple of Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

Later the JEO also inspected the land allotted to TTD by the Kumbh Mela authorities along with the TTD officials team and made some valuable suggestions to the team of officers on the arrangements to be made for the mega religious event keeping in view especially the North Indian devotees who throng the event.

The team included HDPP secretary Sriram Raghunath, SE-1 Jagadeeshwar Reddy, EESurendranath Reddy, and others.

Meanwhile, to accommodate the millions of devotees expected for the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj the Uttar Pradesh government is setting up a luxury tent city with more than 2,000 Swiss cottage-style tents in Sector 20 (Arail) of the Mahakumbh Mela area.

The project is being carried out by the Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (UPSTDC), in collaboration with six key partners, including Agaman, Kumbh Camp India, Rishikul Kumbh Cottage, Kumbh Village, Kumbh Canvas, and Era.



तां समीक्ष्य पुरी रम्यां राक्षसाधिपतिः शुभाम्।
अनुत्तमाम् मुद्ध्यति च नितया मास वीर्यवान्॥5.3.13॥
Thām samīkṣya purī ramyāṁ rākṣasādhipatēḥ śubhām.
anuttamām muḍḍhyati ch nitya māsa vīryavān॥5.3.13॥
Gazing at the enchanting, auspicious, and prosperous city of the mighty king of demons, Hanuman began to reflect:

Hanuman reflects on ways to attack Lanka

नेयमन्येन नगरी शक्या धरपयति बलात्।
रक्षति रावणबलेरुद्यतायुधधारिणि॥5.3.14॥
nēyamanyēna nagarī śakyā dharaṣayitun balāt.
rakṣitā rāvaṇa balair udyatāyudha dhāribhiḥ॥5.3.14॥
It is not possible for outsiders to attack this city, as it is protected by Ravana's forces, with their weapons ready to strike.

पुरमुद्ध्येयं भवेद्भूमि र्मैन्दवविदियोरपी॥5.3.15॥
Kumudā aṅgada yōrvāpi suṣeṇasya mahākāpēḥ. prasiddhēyaṁ bhavēd bhūmir mainda dvīdayōrapi॥5.3.15॥
This land can be reached by Kumuda, Angada, the great vanara Sushena, and even by Mainda and Dvidiva.

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