

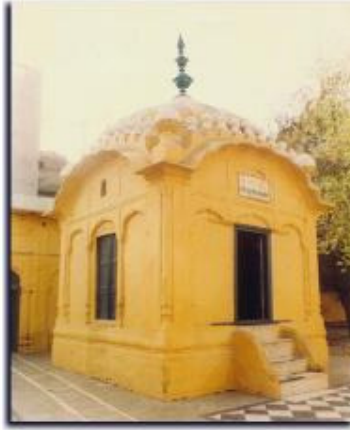
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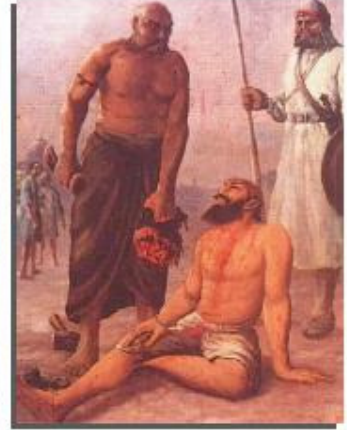
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BHAI TARU SINGH JI

Bhai Taru Singh Ji lived with his mother and younger sister in village Pahoola and farmed his fields for a living. His father died when he was still young. Following the Sikh principles, it had become a part of his life to speak with love, serve everyone who came to him, and help those in need.



Shaheedi Asthan
Bhai Taru Singh Ji



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One day, Rahim Bakhsh, a Muslim fisherman, stayed at his house to spend the night. Before going to bed, he talked to Bhai Taru Singh Ji, "The Commander of Patti forcibly took away my daughter. When I complained to the Governor about him, he threw me out of the court."

"Nobody listens to the complaints of the poor in this regime." Bhai Taru Singh Ji said to him, "Your complaint may not have been heeded by the Governor but it has been heard in the house of Guru Nanak Sahib. Your daughter will reach to you within few days."

After some days a Jatha of Singhs was passing that way, met Bhai Taru Singh Ji. Bhai Taru Singh Ji told them about the trouble of Rahim Bakhsh. The Jatha raided Patti and restored his daughter to him. The Commander of Patti was killed in that raid. Khushala, the headman of village Pahoola, informed Zakria Khan, the Governor, the story behind this incident. The Governor sent soldiers to arrest Bhai Taru Singh Ji. Bhai Taru Singh Ji said to the soldiers who had come to arrest him, "You have come to take me away on the orders of your master. I, bound by the orders of my Master, cannot let you go without food." The soldiers were stumped at this unusual request but in the end acceded to it. After partaking Langar, they arrested him and presented him before the Governor.

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Hoping that Bhai Taru Singh Ji will help in arresting other Singhs if he embraces Islam, the Governor said to him, "All your sins can be pardoned if you become a Muslim and cut and give me those long hair of yours." Bhai Taru Singh Ji refused pointblank to desert the Guru Sahib and embrace Islam. He was promised all kinds of rewards in this and the other world, but Bhai Taru Singh Ji still refused to budge. The Governor was beside himself with rage. He got Bhai Taru Singh Ji mounted on the death-wheels, a contraption used for torturing in medieval times, and subjected him to extreme torture. When Bhai Taru Singh Ji still refused to bend before Governor's order, he ordered a cobbler to remove his scalp so that no hair may ever grow on his head again. After that he ordered him thrown in a ditch.

This inhumanity practiced by the governor on a man of such saintliness as Bhai Taru Singh Ji seems to have affected Zakria Khan deeply. By the evening, he could not urinate. The pain he felt became unbearable. He felt that the pain he was experiencing was because of the pain to which he had subjected Bhai Taru Singh Ji. When the court physician could not help cure the governor, he sent a messenger to the Dal Khalsa, seeking their forgiveness for all his cruel acts. According to the Sikh credo of "Welfare of His whole Creation" the Dal Khalsa sent the messenger back with the message that the Sikhs held nothing against the governor and left the final justice to Him. When he received this message, tears of remorse flowed down his cheeks and Zakria Khan felt his pain lessening.

After surviving for 22 days, the Governor died on the 1st of July, 1745 CE. Bhai Taru Singh Ji gave up this mortal body after hearing about the death of the Governor. Bhai Taru Singh Ji was martyred at the age of 25 years.

At Jagraon, in Ludhiana district, a Gurudwara has been established to depict the suffering of such great Khalsa martyrs as Bhai Taru Singh Ji through sculptures. These lifesize sculptures show various characters involved in such incidents depicting the glorious deeds of martyrs like Bhai Taru Singh Ji.

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