



ढई आखर प्रेम

National Cultural Jatha

28 September 2023 - 30 January 2024

CELEBRATING THE PRINCIPLES OF
KABIR, BHAGAT SINGH AND MAHATMA GANDHI



*Following the foot prints of
Bhagat Singh and Mahatma Gandhi*

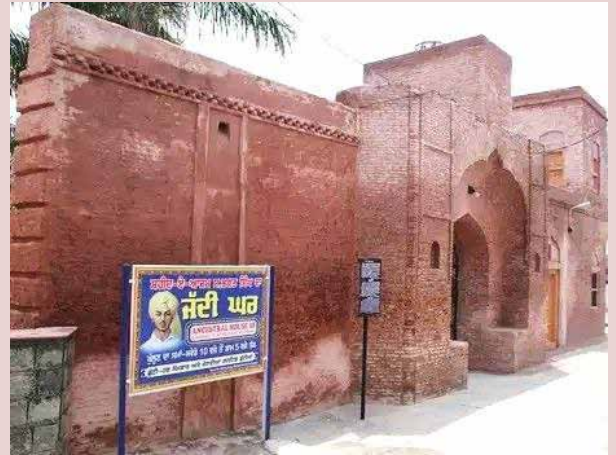
PUNJAB

27TH OCTOBER TO 01ST NOVEMBER 2023

|| Cultural and Historical Significance of the Route ||

KHATKAR KALAN

The memories of the patriotic family are buried in the soil of Khatkar Kalan. The ancestral home of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, his father Sardar Kishan Singh and uncle Sardar Ajit Singh is located in Khatkar Kalan itself. Before the birth of Bhagat Singh, his family settled in the village Banga of Lyallpur district (which is now Faisalabad in Pakistan). Bhagat Singh was born and brought up in Khatkar Kalan. Interestingly, Bhagat Singh was also a theatre-artist. He played different characters in some plays during his student life. Bhagat Singh's mother's name was Vidyavati. Bhagat Singh was the second among seven brothers.



SULTANPUR LODHI

At present, Sultanpur Lodhi is an important center for Sikh religion, with the inspiration of Bhaiya Jai Ram and Bebe Nanaki, Guru Nanak Dev Ji worked in Modi Khana here. Guru Nanak Dev Ji stayed here for about fourteen years. It was here that after entering the river Vei, Guru Sahib went to the court of Nirankar and established religious ideas and propagated it and then Guru Nanak Dev Ji left for the Udasis. After the arrival of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, this city came to be known as the city of Guru and Guru Nanak Dev Ji was married to Bibi Sulakhni Ji in Sultanpur Lodhi and later two sons of Guru Ji were born in this city. At that time, the city had 32 markets and 5600 shops. It was also the main center of Islamic education once upon a time.

DESH BHAGAT YAADGAR HALL

Built in the memory of Ghadri warriors, this Hall not only became synonymous with patriotism but also became a rich archive of the Ghadar movement. The Hall is a place where collective voice is raised against the atrocities happening in the contemporary society. The founder of the Hall believed that along with the patriots who fought for the freedom of the country, people should be aware about the Ghadar movement. When the Ghadaris' left from Andaman Jail after serving life imprisonment, they united to form the 'Desh Bhakt Parivar Sahayak Committee', the objective of which was to look after the welfare of the families associated with the Ghadar Party who were in jail or had become insolvent due to long periods of imprisonment or whose properties were confiscated by the government. Baba Vasakha Singh became its Chief Organizer.



Punjab Jatha Route

27 October 2023

Jatha will start from Khatkar Kalan at 10.00 AM
Raja Sahab Mazara - 11 AM, Dusanjh Khurd - 2 PM,
Gunachaur - 4 PM, Makandpur - 5 PM
Night Stay

28 October 2023

Bulalowal - 10 AM, Auzla - 11 AM, Srahalmandi - 12 PM, Mattphallu - 1:30 PM
Dusanjhkala - 2:30 PM, Birkan - 4 PM, Azadrang Manch - 5 PM
Night Stay

29 October 2023

Palhu Pind - 10 AM, Milk Dairy - 11 AM, Rani Pur - 2 PM, Bhaihriana - 3 PM
Pashrampur - 4 PM, Chaandpur - 4:30 PM, Muzzafarpur - 5 PM
Nangal Shama - 6 PM, Chigitti Chowk - 7 PM
Night Stay at Jalandhar

30 October 2023

Jalandhar - 9 AM, Nakodar - 1 PM, Malsian - 3 PM, Sultanpur Lodhi - 5 PM
Night Stay at Sultanpur Lodhi

31 October 2023

Sultanpur Lodhi - 9 AM, Kotla - 10 AM, Giddar Pindi - 12 PM
Khaira Mandir - 2 PM, RCF Kapurthala - 5 PM
Night Stay at Kapurthala

01 November 2023

Kapurthala - 10 AM, Desh Bhagat Yaadgar Hall - 5 PM

'Dhai Aakhar Prem' is a nationwide cultural Jatha (Yatra or March) of artists, performers, musicians, writers, and painters from all over the country starting from 27th September 2023 i.e. the birthday of Bhagat Singh and concluding in New Delhi on 30th January 2024 remembering Mahatma Gandhi. The call for this 126-day-long Jatha is given by IPTA when its 15th National Conference held in Daltonganj, Jharkhand resolved to undertake a nationwide Jatha to spread the message of love, harmony, and peace celebrating our diverse culture and legacy of love and co-existence. Efforts are being made to collaborate with as many like-minded cultural organisations as possible at national, state and local levels.



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National Cultural Jatha

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The Jatha shall crisscross covering nooks and corners of this vast country, on foot, singing songs, performing plays and folk art, and narrating stories, exhibiting local art forms - all trying to douse the fire of mistrust that has crept into the minds of Indian citizens. The Jatha is inspired by a couplet of Kabir, which refers to "dhai aakhar prem ke, padhe so pandit hoye" – meaning, love is an utterly small word and unless you learn and practice this word every wisdom is meaningless. According to the great saint, religion is a human solidarity built for the protection of this great sentiment - love. This solidarity is also often referred to as a decent civilization.

The Jatha aims to rekindle love and solidarity in our hearts and hence invites our fellow artists and citizens to come together and travel together before it is too late.

Do you have any query?

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Progressive Writers Association (PWA), Punjab
All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO), Punjab