

maharaja ji krishna prasad singh dehat 1. When was Guru Nanak born? Guru Nanak Dev was born in 1469 on the day of Guru Nanak Jayanti i.e. 5th October 2. Where is Guru Nanak's Gurudwara? The first Gurudwara of Guru Nanak ji was set up in the city of Amritsar in 1469. It is in the memory of Guru Nanak Dev Ji that Guru Granth Sahib Ji was initially composed. It was in that same Gurudwara that Sri Guru Har Rai Ji achieved martyrdom by being poisoned. Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib Amritsar : 3. Why did Guru Nanak sing hymns on the river bank of Beas? Guru Nanak sang hymns on the riverbank of Beas because that land belonged to Guru Nanak Dev ji since childhood. It was at this time that Guru Nanak Dev Ji had preached that the entire religion is founded on 'Love', 'Bhakti' and 'Mamatma' or Love for God and Love for Mother (Mamatma). 4. Which was the first Guru Granth Sahib published by Guru Nanak? When Guru Nanak died, Nank Dev Ji's disciples were carrying his Guru Granth Sahib from Nanak's birthplace to his last resting place. It was this act of love and devotion which resulted in the first Guru Granth Sahib being created. The Guru Granth Sahib was composed by Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji. 5. What is the meaning of 'Dharam karz'? 'Dharam' is the Sanskrit word which means'religion'. 'Karz' means'reborn'. A Hindu should try to're-birth' himself in the'religion' of 'Dharam' (Religion). 'Karz' is the most appropriate term used by a Hindu to denote the re-birth in the'religion' of 'Dharam'. In Hinduism, we believe that all creatures of God have the same essence. No other being is placed above another being in God's sight. Therefore, just as every entity

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Friday, 27 June 2016 A MIRACLE IN THE WATER- A SUPREME ISHRANJI MIRACLE This article first appeared in Akal Times, on 28.6.2015, and was republished on 1.7.2016 A MIRACLE IN THE WATER –What do you think makes water special? Water is said to be the origin of all life. The blue oceans and the green oceans, whether in the ocean or in rivers or lakes, are identical in terms of nutrients. And it is the water that makes us alive. If the water evaporates, a dead organism remains, but if it is taken as holy water, it purifies. –So how can water be holy? It is a sacred site to Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs. In Indian culture, water is considered holy. We treat it with utmost reverence, and it helps in our prayers. In the Gurdwara, we see the water tank or pond, where the holy water is kept. These tanks are also known as kunds. It is said that, if the tank is pure, we can take water and drink it. But if the water is impure, then it is dangerous to drink. If you don't believe it, have a look at the water tank here at Guru Nanak's birthplace, and see how it has been clean for ages. We have a different methodology, as a community, to purify water. This is called 'Holy Hand Washing'. If you go to a Gurdwara, you will see that the holy water is being kept in big earthen pots. These pots are washed by hand, then a part of the water is used for the Holy Hand Washing. –So you believe that the water at the kunds or in the tank is always pure? The water at the kunds or the tank is said to be pure. But it can still be impure. So a system is in place where each of us washes our hands, and then we wash the pots that are going to be used for holy water. The way I wash my hands is with a mixture of water, and then I hold the water with my left hand, and shake my hands to make sure it's clean. A miraculous case from Sant Isher Singh's time 2d92ce491b