

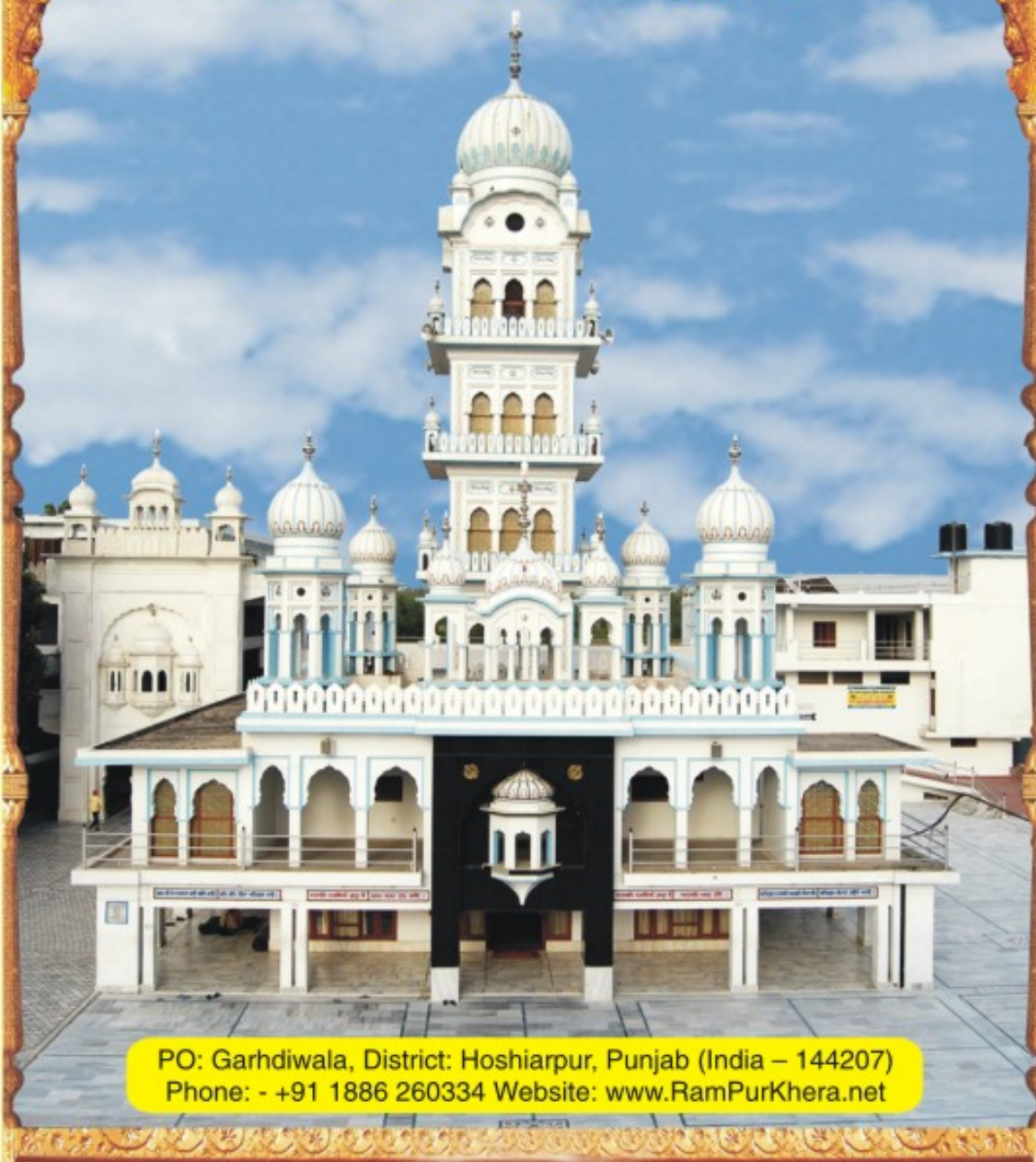


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Gurdwara Rampur Khera Sahib

A Brief Introduction



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Sachkhand Wasi Sant Baba Harnam Singh Ji
From 1897 to 1983



Sant Baba Sewa Singh Ji
Mukh Sevdar – Gurdwara Rampur Khera Sahib

Gurdwara Rampur Khera Sahib

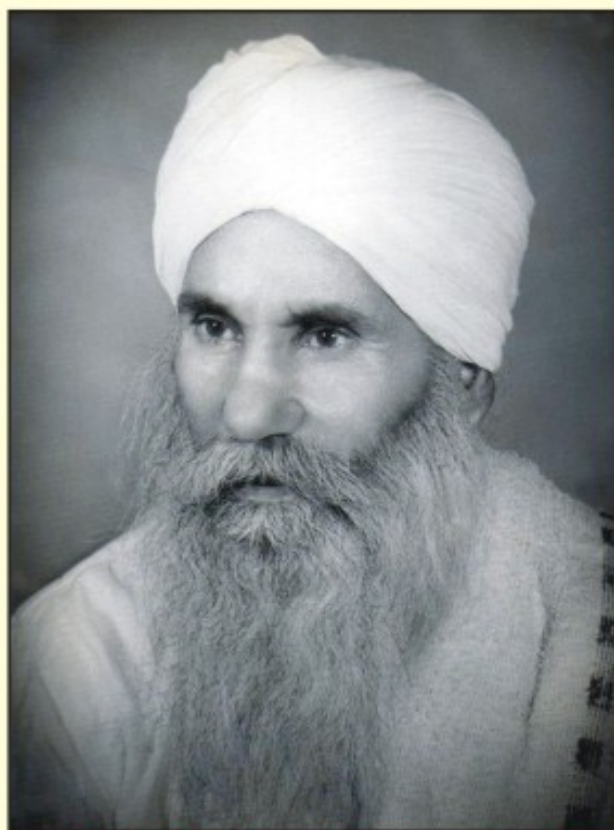
(Meditation place of Saint Baba Harnam Singh Ji)

When travelling along the main highway from Hoshiarpur to the town of Dasuya, about 28 kilometers from Hoshiarpur and 2 kilometers before the town Garhdiwala, at village Gondpur, a large gateway spanning the highway signifies to turn left onto Sant Baba Harnam Singh marg. Gurdwara Rampur Khera is one kilometer west along this road from the main highway.

As one nears the Gurdwara, you behold the towering white dome of the Gurdwara, seemingly touching the sky. Beside the Gurdwara, the orange Khalsa flag waves gently. All around, numerous, initiated (Amritdhari) Sikhs, can be seen going about their daily chores. The sound of blissful prayers emanating from peaceful surroundings of the Gurdwara, the scent of Guru's teachings, all give the travelers a vision of the prosperity of God's name. The bounty of the deep meditation undertaken by the great soul -Sant Baba Harnam Singh Ji at this place is such that in this calm, unpolluted environment, one's mind is effortlessly drenched in loving remembrance of God almighty.

Today, this storehouse for distributing spiritual bliss, prior to 1949 was a terrifying, forbidden and abandoned mound of ruins of an ancient township. Local people would not pass by this place even during the day, regarding it as being haunted by spirits and called it the harsh, morbid hill. In those days, the hill was covered with dense jungle of large, old banyan and peepal trees. The trees were populated with nests of vultures, crows, bats, owls and eagles. In the deep undergrowth below the trees, amongst the thick layers of fallen leaves, countless poisonous scorpions, spiders, beetles, millipedes and snakes would crawl in the rotting vegetation, free from the footsteps of humans.

Accepting the order of the true Guru, Sant Baba Harnam Singh Ji set foot on this scary mound in 1949 and by meditating on the almighty creator, fulfilled the true words of the Satguru that **"wherever one mediates on God lovingly, that place becomes akin to lofty gold mansions"**. Through his deep meditation in God (Waheguru Ji), he transformed this scary place that was bereft of human contact, into the "town of the all pervasive lord" (Rampur). In next to no time, this forbidden place was transmuted into the treasure house of spiritual bliss. Soon after, with the enthronement of Guru Granth Sahib Ji at this place, the once ruined mound became popularly known as Gurdwara Rampur Khera Sahib. One can read the autobiography of Sant Baba Harnam Singh Ji - **"Se Kinehiya"**, to find out a detailed account of the saintly life of this blessed soul. Today under the auspices, management and efforts of Sant Baba Sewa Singh Ji, who is the spiritual successor of Baba ji, numerous religious, social and community based projects, in service of humanity are undertaken from this place with Guru Sahib Ji's blessings and with the help of the congregation.



An Early Photo: Sant Baba Harnam Singh Ji



Daily Programme at the Gurdwara

The daily routine starts in the ambrosial hours, well before dawn at 4 am, with the installing of Guru Granth Sahib Ji in the main hall of the Gurdwara. The congregation assembles to listen to a recital of the five daily prayers of the Sikh religion. This is followed by singing of the hymns called Asa Di Vaar until 8am, when the morning programme finishes. Then, at midday, devotees gather in the main hall to collectively recite the prayer called Sukhmani Sahib. In the evening, the prayer of Rehraas Sahib and Kirtan (singing of hymns) is carried for about 1 ½ hours, ends with Guru Granth Sahib Ji being placed to rest at 8pm. The whole congregation then has food in the communal kitchen (Langar). After the evening meal, everyone assembles for half an hour of meditation. This is followed by an explanation or discourse on the Holy Scriptures - Guru Granth Sahib Ji, thus obtaining daily spiritual emancipation and sustenance of the soul. Akhand Path (Uninterrupted prayers) are recited day and night from the holy Guru Granth Sahib Ji. Spiritual seekers can come and listen to the message of the timeless Guru at any time, day or night. We endeavor to provide all manner of services for those spiritual practitioners who just want to meditate in the peaceful surroundings of this place, be that accommodation, food, medical facilities, education in religious music, scriptures, library etc.

Naam Meditation Camps (Naam Abhiyaas kamai samaagams)

In order to fulfill the words of the Guru "*gobind millan ki eh teri burriya*" meaning "this is the once in a lifetime chance to meet the lord who dispels all darkness", residential camps are held three times a year, to allow devotees to congregate and practice naam meditation. The three annual camps or samaagams are:-

1st-4th January, the anniversary of Sant Baba Harnam Singh Ji's departure is commemorated. The practice of meditation, recital of hymns and discourses from our holy scriptures is scheduled for the first three days. On the night of **3rd January**, an all night recital and singing of hymns called a Rainsabai takes place. On the **4th January**, a remembrance service takes place in which guest lecturers, prominent saints and Sikh personalities attend to pay homage to the great saint Baba Harnam Singh Ji.



The daily programme of these camps is given below:-

Devotees begin their day by bathing and reciting daily prayers in their rooms, have light refreshments and then congregate in the main hall at 4 am to enthrone Guru Granth Sahib Ji. The next hour is spent in practice of meditation (Naam Simran), followed by singing of the prayer Asa Di Vaar and finally listening to an explanation and discourse on the edict (Hukamnama) for that day as given by Guru Granth Sahib Ji. After 9 am, the devotees disperse to have breakfast and rest for one hour.

At 10 am, everyone reassembles to recite the prayer of Sukhmani Sahib until 11 am. The scriptures and writings of Bhai Gurdas Ji are then explained and translated for the congregation until 12 pm. The devotees then disperse for lunch and are free to rest or recuperate until 3.30pm. Devotees can then have afternoon refreshments and then assemble in the main hall at 4 pm for one hour of meditation (Naam Simran) practice. This is followed by the evening prayers of Sodar Rehraas, Kirtan and laying Guru Granth Sahib Ji to rest at 9 pm. Everyone then has their evening meal in the langar hall, after which, devotees retire to their respective rooms.



Apart from the above mentioned camps, every Gurgurab, Sangrand (first day of the lunar month) and in September there are smaller functions/events held, where spiritual devotees can listen to and partake in blissful communion with our true creator.



At these camps, children are encouraged and inspired to learn Gurbani. As such, competitions on recitation of Gurbani are held. To encourage learning of Sikh history, quiz competitions are held and children get prizes or scholarships for winning or good performance.

Gurmat Sangeet Vidyalia (Sikh Traditional Music School)



To teach music (Kirtan) that is based upon the teachings and tradition started by our Guru's, the Gurdwara has set up a school: **Sant Baba Harnam Singh Gurmat Sangeet Vidyalia**. The school teaches between 125-150 students various instruments, for example tabla, harmonium and stringed instruments. To impart this specialist knowledge, two professors of classical Sikh music have been appointed to teach at the school. Many groups of students have learnt to sing Kirtan and music from this school. They have subsequently gone on to numerous other places to undertake the duty of singing scriptures and thus earn a livelihood from their art, whilst at the same time disseminating the message of our Guru's to the widespread community.

Gurbani Paath Santhya (Scriptural Grammar school)



Alongside the music school, a Teacher of Gurbani from one of the Sikh taksaals (university) is appointed to teach proper grammar, vocabulary, meanings and pronunciation of the scriptures of the Sikh religion. Students spend two hours daily in this activity to further their knowledge of Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

Schooling for under-privileged children

Between 30 - 40 under-privileged children receive free education at local schools along with accommodation at the Gurdwara. These children are provided with every facility that is needed, so that they feel at home living at the Gurdwara. All children of the above schools are provided with uniforms, nutritious diet, books, fees, travel costs, transport to and from their schools free of charge by the Gurdwara Sahib.

Any children from under-privileged families in surrounding villages are also supported through their local school by way of paying their fees, uniforms, books or by providing scholarships by the Gurdwara Sahib. Some of these children have received high education and are now the main bread winners for them selves and there families.

Amrit Sanchaar (Sikh Ceremony of Initiation)

Every month on Sangrand, a Amrit Sanchar (initiation ceremony) is held at 12 pm. On this day, Amrit is prepared according to the Khalsa code of conduct and administered to those who wish to join the fold of the Sikh religion. The Amrit Sanchaar is also held during meditation camps and on Gurburabs. A group of Panj Pyaara's (five blessed Singh's) are regularly sent to administer Amrit Ceremony to any town or village Gurdwara or society that requests the Amrit ceremony to be held at their event.

Sikh Reference Library



A large, purpose built library has been built at the Gurdwara to enable devotees to access, research and reference the widest possible amount of Sikh literature and history books. A range of books, texts and scriptures of other religions are also housed in the library, to allow for comparative studies and enhance interfaith understanding. There are more than 5 to 6 thousand books available in the library.

Book publications

To disseminate, and increase widespread awareness of our glorious Sikh tradition, religious practice and to uplift society from the depths of moral degradation, Sant Baba Sewa Singh Ji has up to now, written more then 13 books and pamphlets to encourage moral behaviour and bring a spiritual awakening amongst humanity. With the blessing of our true Guru Ji, this service is still ongoing. Many of these books have also been translated into Hindi and English for the benefit of wider audiences whose first language may not be Punjabi.

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| 1. Se Kinehiya (Punjabi, Hindi, English) | 8. Hair: A Divine Gift (Punjabi, English) |
| 2. Shabad Gur Peera (Punjabi, Hindi, English) | 9. Intoxicants: Enemy of humanity
(Punjabi, Hindi, English) |
| 3. Guru Granth Sahib Darshan (Punjabi, Hindi, English) | 10. Samajic Kureetian (Punjabi) |
| 4. Gur Saagar (Punjabi) | 11. Jaisee Sangat Taisee Rangat (Punjabi) |
| 5. Sir Guru Arjan Dev Ji's Martyrdom (Punjabi) | 12. Aisay Kaahay Bhool Paray (Punjabi) |
| 6. Manukha Janam Atay Guru De Mahanta (Punjabi) | 13. Gur Chaali (Punjabi) |
| 7. Sada Virsa Tay Swey Parhchole (Punjabi) | |

Other publications that are distributed and published for free by the Gurdwara are as follows:-

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| 14. Gurmat Day Pandhi (Punjabi) | 18. Amrit Chhod Kaahay Bikh Khaahay (Punjabi) |
| 15. Rag Mala Mandan Parbodh (Punjabi) | 19. Cosmic Divinity of Guru Granth Sahib Ji |
| 16. Naam Ki Hai (Punjabi) | 20. Siri Guru Arjan Dev Ji Di Shaheedi De |
| 17. Atma Ki Hai (Punjabi) | Chauthi Shatabdi (Punjabi) |

Keeping in mind the advances in media and advances in audio-visual technology a number of the above publications have been presented to one and all in MP3/AUDIO BOOK format.

AUDIO BOOKS (MP3)

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| 1. Se Kinehiya (Punjabi, English) | 6. Manukhta Day Dushman - Nashay (Punjabi) |
| 2. Shabad Gur Peera (Punjabi, English) | 7. Sada Virsa Tay Svai Parhchole (Punjabi) |
| 3. Manukha Janam Atay Guru Di Mahaanta (Punjabi) | 8. Samajic Kureetian (Punjabi) |
| 4. Aisay Kaahay Bhool Paray (Punjabi) | 9. Gurmat Day Pandhi (Punjabi) |
| 5. Prabhu Bakshish Kesh (Punjabi). | |



Publication store



All the above books, CD's, audio-books, pamphlets are distributed in their hundreds of thousands for free, amongst the congregation by the Gurdwara. To store and stock pile the above literature for distribution, a large warehouse has been constructed. Anyone can come to the Gurdwara in person or request us for literature in whatever quantity, without cost, so that they can use this for the propagation of our religious message.

Upkeep (Sewa) of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji

The Gurdwara also has facilities to retrieve and look after old texts of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and provides this service free. The transportation of new Copies of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji from Sri Amritsar to any other Gurdwara is undertaken free.

Sikh History Museum

To refresh the rich heritage and history within the hearts of visitors, a purpose built 120 X 120 feet hall has been constructed which has now become the Sikh history museum. Here nearly 400 paintings present our glorious history, from the advent of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji to the present day events.



Auditorium

Next to the museum a beautiful and technically advanced auditorium of 30 X 80 feet has been constructed. This room is used to present audio-visual programmes, lectures and presentations on our history, social welfare projects, anti-drug education, documentaries and films on health education as well as spreading awareness of antisocial or evil traditions like infanticide, pollution, over consumption, corruption etc. The aim is to reawaken moral strength and awareness of Sikh traditions and religion.

Social Awareness and Education Programmes

In the evening, a team from the Gurdwara goes into the surrounding villages and towns. With a mobile screen and projector to show films, documentaries and programmes to raise awareness of issues like drug abuse, socially immoral traditions like dowry, infanticide, caste discrimination, corruption and bribery. The team also presents programmes on Sikh history and traditions to increase awareness in the community in order to bring a moral revival and construct an ethical society.



Free Dispensary, Pharmacy and Clinic

In the Gurdwara complex, there are two completely free, allopathic and homeopathic clinics and dispensaries. A resident doctor as well as a homeopathic doctor sees patients without charge. A pharmacy then dispenses all medicines for free to the needy and under-privileged patients. A consultant orthopedic surgeon, physiotherapist and dental surgeon is available for advice and consultation during the meditation camps held at various times during the year.



Sant Baba Harnam Singh Ji Charitable Eye Hospital

Every year since 1965, a free eye camp where eye operations and consultations are undertaken has been organised by the Gurdwara. In this free eye camp between 2500-3000 patients are



examined by consultant eye specialists. About 750-800 patients then receive free eye surgery for cataracts at which time they have the latest eye lenses fitted for free.

So that patients do not have to wait all year for an operation, Sant Baba Harnam Singh charitable eye hospital has been set up. Here, patients are examined and operated upon on the 1st and 3rd Saturday and Sunday of every month by the visiting eye specialists. New patients are examined, given appropriate medicines, advice and appointments for their operation. The patients receive free treatment, food, accommodation, medicines, aftercare and clothing whilst at the Gurdwara and hospital.

Accommodation and free kitchen/Langer

With the comfort of the congregation in mind, over 400 rooms with en suite bathrooms, hot/cold water, bedding and linen is provided free by the Gurdwara. Further rooms are under construction with the blessing of the true Guru.

A 120 X 120 foot hall in which up to 2500 devotees can sit and have langar

(free food) at any time of the day has been constructed recently. To prepare the langar for such a large number of people with minimum effort, a large hall and kitchen, complete with fitted gas burners and automated chapatti machine has been added recently. At the Gurdwara Sahib, devotees, visitors and residents can have langar at any time, day or night.



Rest House and Free langar:: Sri Anandpur Sahib

On the festive occasions of Hola Mohalla and Vaisakhi, for the benefit of the pilgrims who go to Takhat Keshgarh Sahib a special langar is prepared and served to the congregation. A free rest house with 30 rooms and a langar hall have been built by the Gurdwara at Sri Anandpur Sahib.



Elderly Care Home

Destitute elderly or disabled people who have been abandoned or not looked after by their families are provided with shelter at the Gurdwara. Here, the elderly or disabled are provided with comfortable accommodation, free nutritious meals, clothing for all seasons, medical care and any monetary aid that they may need.



Marriages of under-privileged daughters and other help

The marriages of daughters whose parents are destitute or cannot afford wedding costs are regularly undertaken at this Gurdwara. The wedding rites, meals and all expenses associated with the wedding are borne by the Gurdwara, so that families do not perceive their daughters as a burden.

Anyone who comes to the Gurdwara in need of clothing, bedding, linen, blankets, jackets or even monetary help is not returned empty handed. The Gurdwara endeavour's to help people who are needy by providing such help for free.

Religious, Humanitarian and Social Welfare Projects

The Gurdwara Sahib is actively involved in numerous projects in the field of social fare. For instance, in education, monetary help is given to several schools and colleges for their buildings, fees and equipment. The Gurdwara has funded street lights for roads leading to three villages, funded bridges and construction of roads. To inspire better health and motivate the youth, funding has been provided to several sports clubs and grants provided to individual athletes/sportspersons by this Gurdwara. At times of natural disasters or calamities, the Gurdwara and its congregation has provided help in terms of charitable donations as well as physical manpower to help in disaster relief efforts. Whenever the congregation invites Sant Baba Sewa Singh Ji, he travels far and wide to inspire, provide spiritual advice and religious education nationally and internationally to various countries such as United Kingdom, Canada, USA and Germany. During these missions abroad, numerous people have rediscovered their glorious heritage. Thousands of people have been inspired to become Amritdhari (initiated) Sikhs and accept Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji as their true Guru. As a result, many such individuals have now become exemplary Sikhs who in turn spread the message of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

**To obtain any of the publications by the
Gurdwara or for any information about the
projects, please contact the
numbers below in various countries**

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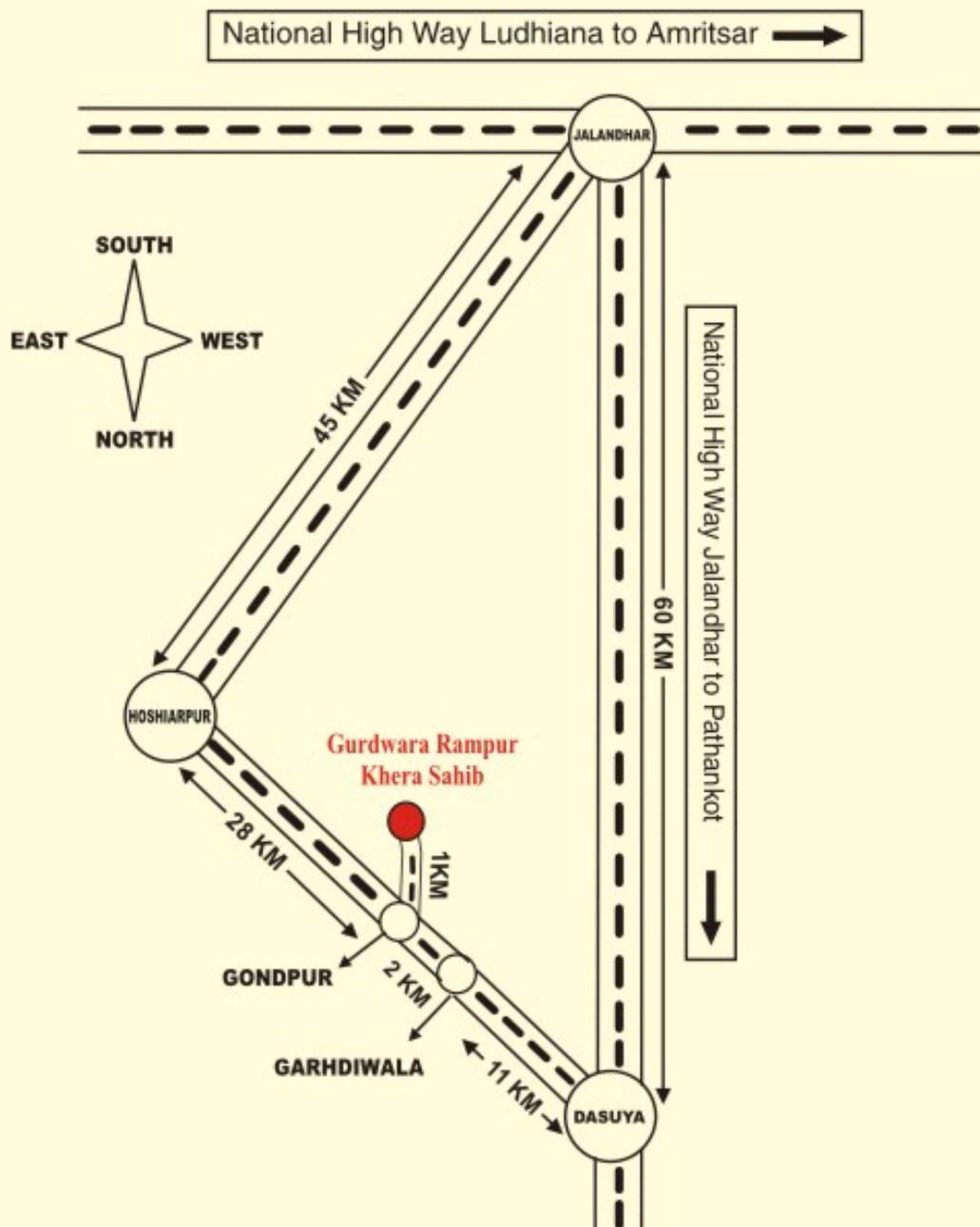
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How To Find Gurdwara Rampur Khera



Route No. 1

From Jalandhar To Gondpur Via Hoshiarpur

Jalandhar to Hoshiarpur 45Km
 Hoshiarpur to Gondpur 28Km
 Gondpur to Gurdwara Rampur Khera Sahib 1 Km

Route No. 2

From Jalandhar To Gondpur Via Dasuya

Jalandhar to Dasuya 60Km
 Dasuya to Gondpur 11Km
 Garhdiwala to Gondpur 2Km
 Gondpur to Gurdwara Rampur Khera Sahib 1Km



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