

Rare 15th–16th Century Sikh Artifacts Draw Visit from U.S. Scientist Dr. Satpreet Singh

U.S. Scientist Meets Custodians of Sikh History: Bhai Buta Singh Ji Showcases Guru Sahiban Artifacts

BHAI ROOPA JI VILLAGE, PUNJAB, INDIA,
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EINPresswire.com/ -- A remarkable collection of rare and sacred Sikh artifacts, spanning the era of the 15th and 16th century Sikh Guru Sahiban and prominent Sikh historical figures, received global scholarly attention following a special visit today by Dr. [Satpreet Singh](#), a U.S.-based sustainability [scientist](#), researcher, and cultural advocate. Dr. Singh, accompanied by his wife Rupinder Kaur MBA and children, visited the ancestral home of Bhai Buta Singh Ji, the 13th-generation descendant of Bhai Roop Chand Ji, in the Malwa region of Punjab.

Located in Village Bhai Roop Chand Ji, named after the revered Sikh figure Bhai Roop Chand Ji, the home safeguards an extraordinary lineage of artifacts personally bestowed by the Sikh Gurus. The visit marks a significant moment in cultural documentation, heritage conservation, and global recognition of Sikh material history.

A Sacred Lineage: The Legacy of Bhai Roopa Chand Ji

Village Bhai Roop Chand Ji holds unique historical importance within Sikh heritage. Bhai Roop



Historical Artifact



Bhai Buta Singh Ji (13th Genration of Bhai Rupa Ji)

Chand Ji, a prominent and devoted Sikh of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, was honored by the Guru with the name “Roopa,” symbolizing that he was the Roop—the reflection or mirror—of the Guru himself.

This spiritual and personal bond resulted in an extraordinary repository of sacred relics, manuscripts, and artifacts entrusted to Bhai Roop Chand Ji’s family. These items have been safeguarded with devotion across 13 generations, most recently under the stewardship of Bhai Buta Singh Ji.

During today’s visit, Dr. Satpreet Singh and his family were welcomed by Bhai Gurpreet Singh Ji (14th generation of Bhai Rupa Ji), Bhai Gurbakshish Singh Ji (15th generation of Bhai Rupa Ji) and Bhai Balbir Singh Ji, who meticulously explained the provenance, lineage, and preservation practices associated with each artifact.

An Unparalleled Collection of Sikh Heritage

The home of Bhai Buta Singh Ji preserves one of the most extensive private collections of Sikh artifacts known in Punjab. Many items trace back directly to several Sikh Gurus and eminent historical personalities.

Notable artifacts viewed during the visit include:

1. Historic “Rath” (Chariot)

A rare and preserved rath on which:

- Guru Amar Das Ji
- Guru Ram Das Ji
- Mata Ganga Ji
- Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji



Historical Rath



Dr. Satpreet Singh with the family of Bhai Buta Singh Ji

Have traveled.

The chariot stands as a tangible reminder of Sikh mobility, leadership, and the tradition of personal engagement between the Gurus and their Sikhs.

2. Handwritten Hukamnamas

The collection contains original hukamnamas (royal edicts/blessings) written by:

- Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- Mata Sahib Kaur Ji
- Mata Sundar Kaur Ji
- Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Ji

These manuscripts, preserved for centuries, carry immense spiritual, historical, and linguistic significance.

3. Weapons and Personal Articles of the Sikh Gurus

Among the most treasured items presented were:

- Khunda (ceremonial implement) of Sri Guru Ram Das Ji
- Kara (iron bangle) of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji
- Dhal (shield) associated with Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji and Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- Sri Sahibs (ceremonial swords) belonging to the Gurus
- Additional rare articles connected to the Guru Sahiban and prominent Sikh figures

4. The Rabab of Sri Guru Arjun Sahib Ji

A historically significant rabab, believed to be connected with the musical and spiritual tradition established by the Gurus, was also showcased. This instrument represents the rich legacy of kirtan, devotion, and the embodiment of divine poetry.

5. Artifacts of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur & Baba Budha Sahib Ji

The home also safeguards relics associated with:

- Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, the great Sikh warrior and martyr
- Baba Budha Sahib Ji, one of the foundational figures of early Sikhism

The collection together paints an extraordinary narrative of Sikh sovereignty, spirituality, and societal transformation spanning several centuries.

A Visit Rooted in Scholarship, Sustainability, and Cultural Preservation

Dr. Satpreet Singh, who traveled from the United States, expressed deep appreciation for the



family's enduring commitment to heritage preservation. As a scientist working on global sustainability, Dr. Singh emphasized the importance of conserving cultural and historical assets as part of holistic community sustainability frameworks.

He remarked that heritage conservation is not only a cultural necessity but also an environmental and social one, ensuring that traditional knowledge systems, identity, and collective memory continue to guide future generations.

“Standing in the ancestral home of Bhai Roopa Ji, surrounded by centuries of Sikh history, is a profoundly humbling experience. This collection is not simply a set of artifacts; it is a living testimony of devotion, sacrifice, and the spiritual depth of Sikh heritage. I commend the family of Bhai Buta Singh Ji for preserving these treasures with such love and integrity,” Dr. Singh said.

Mrs. Rupinder Kaur, MBA and General Manager at [ARDASS](#) Corporation, also praised the meticulous care and intergenerational commitment to preservation, noting the importance of safeguarding cultural assets for future generations of Sikhs worldwide.

The Custodians of a Living Museum

During the visit, Bhai Gurpreet Singh Ji and Bhai Balbir Singh Ji personally guided Dr. Singh's family through the preserved items. They shared detailed oral histories describing how each artifact entered the family's care, how they were passed down through each generation, and the traditional methods used to protect them.

For generations, the family has maintained these items as sacred trusts rather than historical curiosities. Their efforts include:

- Safeguarding manuscripts from moisture and temperature damage
- Caring for metal weapons and artifacts through traditional maintenance
- Preserving wood-based items, such as the historic rath, with natural techniques
- Holding regular recitations and ceremonies to honor the spiritual value of the relics

The custodians also expressed their commitment to ensuring that future generations of the family and the broader Sikh community continue to benefit from this priceless legacy.

Cultural Significance for Punjab and the Global Sikh Community

The village of Bhai Roop Chand Ji, often known for its roots in Sikh history, plays a critical role in retaining the tangible heritage of the Sikh Gurus. The artifacts preserved here give scholars rare, direct access to the material culture of early Sikh history—an area where physical relics are historically scarce due to conflict, displacement, and colonial interventions.

Dr. Singh emphasized that these artifacts provide invaluable data for researchers in fields such as:

- Sikh studies
- Religious history
- Anthropology

- Conservation science
- Material culture studies

He also highlighted the need for collaborative preservation initiatives between heritage families, Sikh institutions, conservation experts, and global Sikh diaspora organizations.

Strengthening Heritage Infrastructure for Future Generations

The historic visit also sparked discussions about long-term preservation strategies. Dr. Singh suggested potential pathways for safeguarding the artifacts, including:

- Establishing advanced conservation facilities in Punjab
- Digitizing manuscripts and artifacts for global academic access
- Providing training for families preserving ancestral relics
- Documenting oral histories connected to Sikh lineages
- Encouraging partnerships with universities and museums under cultural respect protocols

The family's willingness to share their heritage with scholars is seen as a progressive step toward both safeguarding and celebrating Sikh identity on a global scale.

Contact for Pilgrims, Scholars & Visitors

Those interested in learning more about the artifacts, conducting research, or visiting Village Bhai Roopa Ji may contact:

Bhai Buta Singh Ji

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(13th-generation descendant and custodian of Bhai Rupa Ji's heritage)

He welcomes respectful inquiries from scholars, historians, and members of the Sikh community worldwide.

About Village Bhai Roopa Ji

Located in the Malwa region of Punjab, Village Bhai Roopa Ji is named after Bhai Roop Chand Ji, a revered Sikh of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji. The village stands as a living testament to Sikh devotion, history, and continuity. It continues to draw scholars, devotees, and cultural enthusiasts seeking to understand the deeper roots of Sikh heritage.

About Dr. Satpreet Singh

Dr. Satpreet Singh is a U.S.-based scientist specializing in sustainability, environmental management, and interdisciplinary innovation. He is also a cultural advocate who has contributed to global discussions on heritage preservation, community development, and educational advancement.

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