

Historic Heritage Commemoration to Mark 204th Jammu & Kashmir State Foundation Day at Jia Pota Ghat, Akhnoor

204 years after the historic 1822 ceremony at Jia Pota Ghat, Akhnoor hosts a heritage commemoration celebrating leadership, legacy, and unity.

AKHNOOR, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, INDIA, June 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Management Committee of Gurudwara Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji Tapo Asthan, Akhnoor, in collaboration with the District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu, has announced a heritage commemoration marking the 204th Jammu & Kashmir State Foundation Day on June 17, 2026, at the historic Jia Pota Ghat in Akhnoor.

The event will be held at Jia Pota Ghat, a historic site located on the banks of the Chenab River and widely associated with the events of June 1822, when Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjit Singh Ji ceremonially conferred authority upon Maharaja Gulab Singh Ji. Historians regard the occasion as an important chapter in the historical development of the Jammu region and the former princely State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Organizers describe the event as an effort to promote historical awareness, cultural preservation, heritage education, and public engagement with the rich legacy of Akhnoor and the wider Jammu region.

The commemoration will be conducted under the theme:

"A Legacy of Trust, Leadership and Unity"

According to the organizers, the program seeks to encourage greater understanding of the historical significance of Jia Pota Ghat while supporting initiatives related to heritage preservation and cultural tourism.



The event is expected to attract historians, scholars, academicians, researchers, students, public officials, community leaders, and representatives of social, educational, cultural, and religious organizations from across Jammu Province.

S. Ranvir Singh, Joint Secretary of the District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu, and DGPC Member for Akhnoor Constituency, stated:

“Jia Pota Ghat occupies a unique place in the historical and cultural heritage of Jammu. This commemoration has been organized to help preserve historical memory, encourage public awareness, and provide younger generations with an opportunity to learn about the events associated with this important site. We welcome citizens, scholars, students, and heritage enthusiasts to participate in this community heritage initiative.”

Among the distinguished guests expected to participate are:

- Dr. [Satpreet Singh](#), PhD (USA), President and Vice Chancellor, [University of Khalsa](#), California, USA
- S. Ranvir Singh, Joint Secretary, DGPC Jammu and DGPC Member, Akhnoor Constituency
- Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Tourism, Jammu & Kashmir
- Sh. Mohan Lal Bhagat, MLA, Akhnoor
- Kunwarani Ritu Singh Ji
- S. Ranjeet Singh Tohra, President, DGPC Jammu
- S. Jagpal Singh, Treasurer, DGPC Jammu

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE	
DATED: 17 JUNE 2026	
TIME	PROGRAMME DETAILS
6:00 PM – 6:10 PM	Welcome Address by S. Ranvir Singh , Member, District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Akhnoor Constituency
6:10 PM – 6:25 PM	Cultural Performance by renowned local artists, featuring a special presentation by a distinguished Dogri Folk Artist
6:25 PM – 6:30 PM	Special Address by Thakur K.P. Singh , Representative of Maharaja Gulab Singh Charitable Trust
6:30 PM – 6:50 PM	Video Presentation & Demonstration highlighting the theme and objectives of the event
6:50 PM – 6:55 PM	Address by Kunwar Shakti Singh , Eminent Intellectual and Social Thinker
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Traditional Gatka Performance showcasing Sikh martial arts and heritage
7:30 PM – 7:50 PM	Special Lecture by Dr Satpreet Singh (PhD), Vice Chancellor, Khalsa University, California, USA (Virtual Address)
7:50 PM – 8:20 PM	Keynote Address by S. Kanwal Singh
8:20 PM – 8:25 PM	Vote of Thanks By Sardar Tajinder Singh ji
MASTER OF CEREMONY (MC)	
To be announced.	
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S. Ranvir Singh Ji

- S. Gurmeet Singh, Member, DGPC Bishnah
- S. Bijay Singh, Secretary, Dharam Parchar Committee, SGPC Amritsar
- Thakur K.P. Singh, Representative, Maharaja Gulab Singh Charitable Trust
- S. Tajinder Singh Ji
- S. Satwant Singh Ji

The published program includes cultural performances, historical presentations, documentary screenings, traditional Gatka demonstrations, heritage awareness sessions, and lectures by invited speakers.



Dr. Satpreet Singh, PhD, MCA, EA

A special virtual address will be delivered by Dr. Satpreet Singh, PhD, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Khalsa, California, USA, whose academic work focuses on organizational leadership, higher education, entrepreneurship, and sustainability.

Dr. Satpreet Singh said:

“Historical sites such as Jia Pota Ghat provide valuable opportunities for education, reflection, and community engagement. Understanding history helps societies appreciate the importance of leadership, public service, cultural preservation, and responsible citizenship. Events that encourage historical awareness contribute to preserving knowledge for future generations.”

Organizers stated that the commemoration is intended as a heritage and educational initiative designed to highlight the historical significance of Jia Pota Ghat while encouraging broader appreciation of the cultural legacy of the Jammu region.

Event Information

Event: 204th Jammu & Kashmir State Foundation Day Commemoration

Theme: A Legacy of Trust, Leadership and Unity

Date: June 17, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM onwards

Venue: Jia Pota Ghat, Akhnoor, Jammu & Kashmir, India

About the Organizers

The Management Committee of Gurudwara Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji Tapo Asthan, Akhnoor, in collaboration with the District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu, works to promote community engagement, heritage preservation, cultural awareness, and educational initiatives related to the historical legacy of the region.

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