

2018 Annual Report



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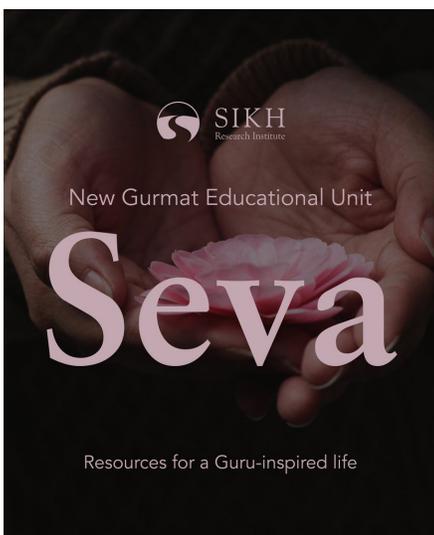
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“The Sikh Research Institute exists to spread the fragrance of Sikhi through Gurbani-based education to anyone willing to learn.”



As a global nonprofit organization, every year SikhRI produces original online courses, research papers, videos, podcasts, events, and books to create the largest go-to source of Sikh knowledge online.

In 2018, SikhRI launched The Fragrance of Bhai Vir Singh series to introduce the poems, letters, and essays of “the sixth river of Panjab” in a new translation to better connect his work with the audience at large. Similarly, weekly social media projects Thursday Thoughts: Professor Teja Singh and Today In Sikh History continue to remind us of the importance of Sikh heritage.

For teenagers, SikhRI designed a new Naujavan Sohji curriculum, meant to inspire Sikh thinking and thus exploring spiritual and personal awareness of young Sikhs in the modern world.

Packed with exciting lessons, the educational unit takes students on a journey of discovering Seva in light of Gurbani–Wisdom, Tavarikh–History, and Rahit–Lifestyle. Most importantly, Sohji can be studied at home, in Sikh camps, as well as Gurmat and Panjabi schools.

For children of five years and above, SikhRI created an online course on Anandu Sahib, meant to enrich Gurbani vocabulary and introduce the significance of Guru Amardas Sahib.

Another new SikhRI children course is Seva, consisting of five lessons that provide a deeper understanding of the Divine. Each lesson takes one to five days to learn, but the impact lasts a lifetime.

The journey to developing Seva goals fully reveals its beauty when shared with neighbors and a larger community along the way, which in turn moves forward Sikh education as a whole.

At the end of the year, SikhRI also made a decision to make all online courses free in celebration of Nanakshahi550 — a milestone in continuing to strengthen SikhRI’s foundation as the oasis of Sikh learning.

From the Chair

Vahiguru ji ka Khalsa,
Vahiguru ji ki Fatih!

In 2018, my second year as the Chair of SikhRI's Board, I got to participate in the transformative experience of Sidak for the first time. I witnessed the enriching atmosphere of learning, sharing, and caring, which further reinforced my belief in accessible education.

Soon after, as we reviewed SikhRI's financials, we decided to make all our online courses free, which was a big leap in our vision of bringing Gurmat-based knowledge to the global Sikh population. With that, we've continued to produce new courses, which would also be available for free upon release.

SikhRI now has the mandate to reach a variety of demographics by utilizing every content delivery platform. Our podcast, The Sikh Cast, has been named one of the top 30 spiritual podcasts. As technologies evolve, SikhRI will try to keep up and leverage them to work towards our vision.

Our series of research reports State of the Panth have been mentioned in media worldwide, including BBC, and cited by Ph.D. candidates focusing on Sikhi.

All this cumulative change at SikhRI is the direct result of the SikhRI team's dedication under the leadership of Inni Kaur. Her vision and desire has transformed the way Sikh education is taught and accessed by the people willing to learn.

Since the inception of SikhRI, what has always allowed us to remain focused on our mission were your generous contributions. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the SikhRI team, I thank every one of you for your loving support, which is all that sustains our work.

We look forward to your engagement with us via tan, man, and dhan, and in turn, aspire to meet the expectations and responsibility bestowed upon us to spread the love and enable Panth ki Jit and Sarbhat ka Bhalla.

Guru Rakha!

Jaswinder Singh Chadha
Chair, Board of Directors

Milestones in 2018

- Designed Naujavan Sohji curriculum for teenagers
- Published SikhRI's third children's bilingual book Daddy's Turban
- Created adult online courses on Anandu Sahib, Ghorla, Sadu, and Anjuli
- Recorded *The 12 Gurus: 1469 – Infinity* podcast
- Filmed *Words of Faith* video series explaining recurring words in the Guru Granth Sahib
- Shot *Asa ki Var* video series on political and social issues
- Released two State of the Panth reports:
Anand Karaj: The Sikh Marriage and Gurduara: A Sikh Place of Learning
- Held 16th annual Sidak leadership program in Mission, BC

SikhRI Worldwide



Revenue

Contributions	\$963,943.53
Program Receipts	\$47,438.42
Product Receipts	\$7,306.77
Interests & Investments	(\$15,965.03)

Total Revenue **\$1,002,723.69**

Program Expenses

Strategic Solutions	\$143,969.91
Training & Development	\$160,503.93
Global Awareness	\$107,103.76
Products	\$29,415.78

Subtotal **\$440,993.38**

Overhead

Fundraising	\$79,600.15
Administration	\$105,456.31

Subtotal **\$185,056.46**

Total Expenses **\$626,049.84**

Net Assets, Begin 2018	\$717,557.80
2018 Change in Net Assets	\$174,366.63
2018 Foreign Currency Translation	(29,291.95)

Net Assets, end 2018 **\$1,240,159.00**

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