The Sikh Research Institute’s mission is to provide educational resources to Sikhs to lead a Guru inspired life.

Since 2003, Sikh Research Institute (SikhRI) has been spreading the fragrance of Sikh to anyone willing to learn. Today, SikhRI is a global nonprofit organization, producing Gurbani-based online courses, research papers, videos, podcasts, events, and books that touch people worldwide. SikhRI’s vision is to become a go-to source of Sikh knowledge online, giving everyone an opportunity to learn.

In 2017, SikhRI launched the State of the Panth series of rigorous but accessible research papers, exploring the notions of Sikh identity and marriage. Our research work has been praised by academics and students of Sikhi alike.

Keeping in stride with the pace of social media, we shared 52 episodes of Sabad of the Week last year, transcreated in contemporary English to be savored by the largest possible audience.

A thought-provoking You Are Divine video elicited a widely positive response from our audience, and the Fundamental Questions video series have been popular among people reconnecting with their Sikh heritage.

In structured education, we produced online courses on Sabad Kirtan, Sidh Gosti, Lav, and our first children-focused course on Barah Maha - all of which enrolled hundreds of students worldwide.

To sum up, 2017 moved SikhRI closer to our vision and spread more awareness than any given year prior. We are quickly strengthening our foundation and looking to achieve even more in 2018.
From the Chair

Vahiguru ji ka Khalsa,
Vahiguru ji ki Fatih!

Taking over as the Board Chair in June 2017 was a humbling and touching experience — a whole new stage of growing as a Sikh. My journey with SikhRI started years prior, when I attended one of its day-long programs and realized I learned more in six hours than in my 18 years at Amritsar. I then began to volunteer, using every opportunity to learn more.

Turned out, to accomplish its vision, SikhRI required a strong financial foundation and needed my skills just as much as I needed SikhRI to continue on my own path of exploring Gurbani. I was asked to join the Advisory Council, then the Board soon after, and now became its Chair.

Attending regional SikhRI events throughout 2017, I was taken aback by the amount of people discussing the ways Sidak has completely transformed their lives. Continuing for 15 years straight, our leadership program Sidak has now produced a whole generation of curious learners, and we only intend to grow the program in the future.

As a research institute, we also noticed a lack of rigorous research that met the quality standards of academia but was still accessible to the general public. To fulfill this need, we started the State of the Panth series and produced two reports in 2017, inquiring into the community perception of Sikh identity and marriage.

All this was made possible by the dedicated team at SikhRI under the leadership of Inni Kaur. It was her vision and desire to create change in how Sikh education was taught and accessed by people willing to learn worldwide that drove the aforementioned changes in the organization.

Finally, it has always been the case that the foundation which allows us to remain focused on our mission year-to-year is created by your generous contributions. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the SikhRI team, I say thank you to every one of you who support us and continue to sustain 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 Sarbat ka Bhalla!

Guru Rakha!

Jaswinder Singh Chadha
Chair, Board of Directors
Financial Statement*

Revenue
- Contributions $604,711.12
- Program Receipts $34,367.50
- Product Receipts $9,527.21
- Interests & Investments $58,708.17

Total Revenue $707,314.00

Expenses
- Strategic Solutions $154,739.35
- Training & Development $136,537.81
- Global Awareness $71,906.73
- Products $2,924.41

Total $366,108.31

Overhead
- Fundraising $83,959.27
- Administration $82,879.79

Total $166,839.07

Total Expenses $532,947.37

Net Assets Begin 2017 $717,557.80
2017 Change in Net Assets $174,366.63

Net Assets, end 2017 $891,924.43

* Consolidated Statement for SikhRI and SikhRI-Canada
Milestones in 2017

- Continued the successful Sabad of the Week series
- Celebrated Sikh Heritage Month with weekly events in Ontario, Canada
- Launched online courses on Sabad Kirtan, Sidh Gosti, and Lav
- Produced Barah Maha, the first online course for children
- Released thought-provoking You Are Divine video
- Answered common misconceptions in Fundamental Questions video series
- Published two research papers for the State of the Panth series

In 2017

- 77 events worldwide
- 30% increase from 2016
- Over 500,000 people reached since foundation