

2016 Annual Report



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

Founded in 2003, Sikh Research Institute (SikhRI) is a nonprofit organization based in Bridgewater, NJ, dedicated to education-based outreach among the Sikh community and encouraging the community. “SikhRI exists to connect people with the teachings of Sikhi, making them accessible and easy to digest, for people of all ages, genders and backgrounds.”

The Strategic Solutions team at SikhRI continues to pioneer innovative Sikh education the world over. On December 30, 2016, in Bihar Museum, Patna, Panjab Digital Library unveiled their new exhibition titled ‘Emperor-Prophet’: Guru Gobind Singh Sahib, for which SikhRI curated the content. It was a tribute to Guru Gobind Singh Sahib’s 350th Prakash Purab (Illumination Day) commemorations. The theme, Emperor-Prophet, depicts the Guru’s life and legacy from primary and secondary sources with descriptions in English, Panjabi and Hindi.

SikhRI’s Training & Development (T&D) programming involves our Liv webinar series, theme-based Saneha workshops, Grihast couples retreat and Sidak summer leadership development program. Our Podcasts on various Sikh Education related topics have been a great addition to the list.

In 2016 we released our new online courses called Divine Names and Mul Mantra.

Also released Nad - Online Gurmat Sangit program and our Summer Curriculum which is dedicated to learning the profound wisdom flowing from the Guru Granth Sahib. The curriculum is designed for students between the ages of 7-15.



“Sikh Research Institute gave me a direction and a new meaning to my understanding of ‘Sikhi’. It helped me to relate to the Sikh community at large and the common ideology that unites us.”

– Simran Singh Dhillon
Bedford, MA, USA



From the Chair

Vahiguru ji ka Khalsa,
Vahiguru ji ki Fateh!

It may be a cliché, but during 2016 the saying that “the only thing constant in life is change” rang true for the team, programs and social media presence at SikhRI. Starting off the year strong with all your financial support, Inni Kaur took on the challenging role as CEO of the organization after we announced the resignation of our co-founder and then CEO Harinder Singh. The Guru uplifts in mysterious ways, and blessings from the Sangats and guidance from the Guru enabled us to continue our momentum and launch new initiatives.

First and foremost you all may have noticed the brand new website, fresh and welcoming branding and accelerated growth in our social media engagement. Our mission and vision remains the same, yet we have recharged our zeal and redoubled our efforts to “illuminate every Path” with educational resources to enable Sikhs to live Guru-Inspired lives. We had a successful launch of a special edition “summer curriculum” for home school, Khalsa Schools and Sikh youth camps. Online courses of Mul Mantar and Divine Names were released as well as a series called “Sundays with Puran Singh” keeping with our promise to engage seekers of Sikh education in cyberspace.

My personal highlight for the year was SikhRI’s presentation of the first ever conference in the diaspora on a legion to himself in the army of Sikh writers - Bhai Vir Singh. We are grateful that with the support of the family of Bhai Vir Singh in the Maryland area SikhRI was able to present his life and works through thought provoking speakers as well as through the publication of a book titled “Prit Vina”. With the continued support of Bhai Vir Singh’s family and the sangat we hope to make this type of conference an annual event.

There was nothing same and mundane about our flagship program Sidak in 2016. Every year I am amazed at the dedication of our team, the energy of the Sidakers, and the dynamics of intense immersive learnings that take place which make all Sidak experiences unique and memorable. A permanent addition to Sidak has been a weekend Gurmat Sangit workshop which has been augmented through the year with our launch of Nad: Gurmat Sangit Heritage where we seek to engage in exposing the unique musical heritage our Guru’s bestowed us with.

Financially, 2016 was a difficult year in terms of fundraising. With your generous contributions non-profits like ours remain focused on our mission and are driven by accountability and integrity. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the SikhRI family we thank each and everyone of you for your generous donations that continue to sustain our work.

We look forward to your engagement with us via tan, man and dhan and in turn we 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!
Inderpreet Singh
Chair, Board of Directors

Revenue

Contributions	\$433,620.90
Programs	\$26,472.49
Products	\$7,758.50
Interests & Investments	\$29,551.93
Miscellaneous	

Total Revenue	\$497,403.83
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Expenses

Strategic Solutions	\$102,156.74
Training & Development	\$118,269.89
Global Awareness	\$61,555.16
Products	\$25,992.18
Other Program	

Total	\$307,973.96
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Overhead

Fundraising	\$96,277.44
Administration	\$75,948.17

Total	\$172,225.60
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Total Expenses	\$480,199.57
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Net Assets Begin	\$700,353.53
Change in Net Assets	(\$17,204.27)

Net Assets, end 2016	\$717,557.80
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Board of Directors

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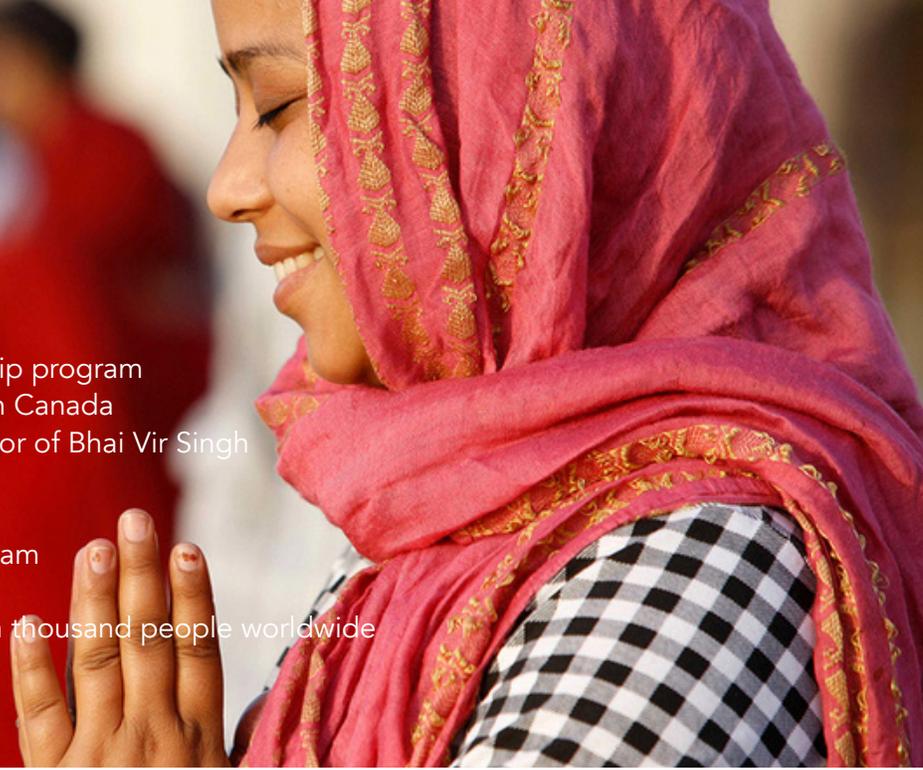
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Milestones in 2016

Completed 14th annual 2-week Sidak Leadership program
Delivered workshops at Sikh Heritage month in Canada
Organized the first diaspora conference in honor of Bhai Vir Singh
Released Divine Names online course
Launched Mul Mantra online course
Launched Nad - Gurmat Sangit Heritage Program
Launched summer curriculum for children
Presented Kultar's Mime to more than fourteen thousand people worldwide



In 2016, SikhRI averaged 2 events a week! Reaching out and staying busy all over the world.

That's 500,000+ people since SikhRI was founded!



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