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

2019 at SikhRI was devoted to Nanakshahi 550 – celebrating the life and legacy of Guru Nanak Sahib. Guru Nanak Sahib’s life is inspirational, captivating, multifaceted, and most importantly, foundational to Sikhi. Therefore, all our content was focused on Guru Nanak Sahib.

The Persian Voice of the Guru series was launched to introduce the Persian linguistic influence in the Guru Granth Sahib. This series explores the particular experiences of Guru Nanak Sahib conveyed through the Persian language Sabads (Infinite-Wisdom) and commentaries. Our Sabad of the Month series centered on the compositions of Guru Nanak Sahib, and our Thursday Thoughts series highlighted the inspirational beauty of Bhai Vir Singh’s book Guru Nanak Chamatkar: a dialog between Bhai Mardana and Guru Nanak Sahib.

For children of four years and above, SikhRI produced audio stories in English and Panjabi on the sakhis (witnessed-narratives) of Guru Nanak Sahib. In conjunction with the audio stories, we published a new unit in the Gurmat Educational Resource for children titled “Getting to Know Guru Nanak Sahib.” This set of lessons is meant to introduce children to Guru Nanak Sahib and help them develop a fundamental knowledge base through sakhis and other activities. These lesson plans can be studied at home, in Sikh camps, as well as be a part of the Gurmat and Panjabi schools’ curriculum. Our Anand Sahib online course for children covers the first five pauris (stanzas) and the fortieth pauri. Keeping in mind the young audience, easy language and explanations have been used in the course.

On April 16, 2019, in Brampton, Canada, PDA Trade Fairs Pvt Ltd. launched the first immersive multimedia exhibition of its kind - IN5 Experium: The Golden Temple of Amritsar for which SikhRI was the sole content curator. Educational materials were designed in English and Panjabi allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the history, philosophy, and lifestyle of the Sikhs.

On October 19, 2019, in Surrey, Canada, SikhRI organized a one-day conference Guru Nanak Sahib: Revolutionary in Oneness exploring the philosophies that shaped spiritual and temporal life in South Asia and challenging the common perceptions of Guru Nanak Sahib.

At the end of the year, SikhRI curated a 13 Panel Portable Exhibition to give a glimpse into the life and legacy of Guru Nanak Sahib. The exhibition begins with the arrival of the Guru, followed by the travels of the Guru through modern Southeast Asia and the Middle East, and concluding with the Guru bequeathing the Light to the Second Nanak - Guru Angad Sahib.
As I reflect on 2019, I am reminded of the personal connections the SikhRI team builds through our in-person programs, as well as the loyal support garnered from our online readers and listeners. People have always been at the heart of everything that SikhRI does, and it is with humility that I continue to play a role leading this organization and share my perspective on this year’s impact report.

2019 was Guru Nanak Sahib’s 550 years Prakash Purab (illumination day). The mandate given to SikhRI was to tell the narrative of the Guru from the most authentic sources to the world for Guru Nanak Sahib is the “jagat-guru,” the world-prophet. I am delighted to report that SikhRI used every content delivery platform to reach a variety of demographics to fulfill this mandate. I would urge you to visit the SikhRI website and experience the message of IkOankar-1Force for yourself.

One of the significant highlights of 2019 was the two-month-long audio-visual exhibition IN5 Experium: The Golden Temple, in Brampton, Canada, that SikhRI curated. Curating content for the exhibition presented SikhRI with a unique opportunity to share the Sikh paradigm and magnificence of Sri Harimandar Sahib complex with thousands of people bringing awareness that may lead to transformation.

SikhRI’s vision is to bring Gurmat (Guru’s Way) based knowledge to the global Sikh population. To make this a reality, Professor Mohanbir Singh Sawhney hosted SikhRI’s inaugural Charter Member Summit at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. During an intense but uplifting 24 hours, the group from around North America gathered to explore the future of SikhRI and means of making the organization financially strong.

SikhRI has always remained focused on its mission. Your incredible generosity has enabled us to create, curate, and deliver insightful Gurmat content consistently. This report captures just a portion of all that has been made possible this year by those who believe in the value of Sikh education. 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 continuing engagement with us via tan (body), man (mind), and dhan (wealth), and we, in turn, aspire to serve and strengthen the bonds of the Sikh community around the world, through 1Force.

Guru Rakha!

Jaswinder Singh Chadha
Chair, Board of Directors
Milestones in 2019

• Curated content for the IN5 Golden Temple Experieum audio-visual exhibition: Brampton, Canada
• Curated a 13-Panel Portable Exhibition on Guru Nanak Sahib: Canberra, Australia; London, United Kingdom; Fresno, USA
• Delivered keynotes at Nanakshahi 550 Conferences: Canberra, Australia; Melbourne, Australia; Surrey, Canada; Washington, DC, USA; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
• Presented “Guru Nanak Sahib: Revolutionary in Oneness” Conference, Surrey, Canada
• Released 9 videos on Guru Nanak Sahib
• Launched “The Persian Voice of the Guru” Sabad series
• Produced “Getting to Know Guru Nanak Sahib” curriculum for Grades K-5
• Produced “Anand Sahib” online course for Grades 3-6
• Released 12 audio stories in English and Panjabi on Guru Nanak Sahib for Grades Pre-K to 5
• Released two State of the Panth reports: Akal Takht Sahib: Timeless Sovereign Throne; Sikhi & Abortion
• Held 17th annual Sidak leadership program in Mission, Canada

SikhRI Worldwide

In 2019

55 Events Worldwide

Over

600,000 People reached since foundation
Revenue

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