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Why is Prakash Parv celebrated?.

- Prakash means divine light or spiritual illumination
- Parv means festival or occasion
- Prakash Parv marks the birth anniversary of Sikh Gurus
- It symbolizes the arrival of truth, wisdom, and righteousness in the world

Historical Significance

- Celebrates the birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, born in 1666 at Patna Sahib (Bihar)
- He was the 10th and last human Sikh Guru
- Founder of the Khalsa Panth in 1699
- Declared Guru Granth Sahib as the eternal Guru of Sikhs

Religious Importance

Guru Gobind Singh Ji promoted:

- Equality of all humans
- Courage and fearlessness
- Standing against injustice
- Protection of religious freedom

The day reminds Sikhs to follow

1. Naam Japna (remembering God)
2. Kirat Karni (honest living)
3. Vand Chakna (sharing with others)

Encourages:

- Unity and brotherhood
- Selfless service (Seva)

- Sacrifice for truth and justice
- Highlights the idea of Saint-Soldier (Sant-Sipahi)

How Prakash Parv Is Celebrated

1. Akhand Path (continuous recitation of Guru Granth Sahib)
2. Kirtan (devotional singing)
3. Nagar Kirtan (religious processions)
4. Langar (free community meals for all)
5. Charity, blood donation camps, and social service

Cultural Importance

- Celebrated with devotion in India and across the world
- Major celebrations at Takht Sri Patna Sahib and Anandpur Sahib
- Open to people of all religions and backgrounds

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