

# GURDWARA SAHIB - BACKGROUND



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- **Gurdwara is combination of two Words**
  - Gur – Gian / Wisdom / Good Voice
  - Dwara – Door / Entrance / Gate
- **Combining the two words, we get the meaning of GurDawara:**
  - A Place (door) where we go to seek / learn / understand wisdom

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- Let's understand the concept of GurDwara Sahib through School



Learn English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Home Science, Social Science, Arts, Humanities, Craft, Sports

Go to learn the knowledge that doesn't exist within me. I have to learn them externally



Learn how to be better human being. How to listen to good voice and reflect on my behavior

Good voice is within myself. I go to learn how to connect with my Good Voice.

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- Need to stay in discipline



- Focus on study



- Always make sure I have improved on my weak points. For e.g. If I am weak in maths, I spend time with Maths teacher; Similarly, if I listen to specific bad voice (Ego, Greed, Anger, Desire, Attachment), I should focus on Kirtan to understand how to improve.

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- We learn better in team environment. As we learn from students around us; we go to GurDwara to learn from people around us. It's called Sangat(i) in Gurbani.



- As school has teacher for various subject. Our teacher at GurDwara Sahib is Gurbani.

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## Gurbani's viewpoint

ਗੁਰੂ ਦੁਆਰੈ ਹੋਇ ਸੋਝੀ ਪਾਇਸੀ ॥ ਏਤੁ ਦੁਆਰੈ ਧੋਇ ਹਛਾ ਹੋਇਸੀ ॥

ਸੋਝੀ – Wisdom / Understanding

ਪਾਇਸੀ – Obtain / Achieve

ਧੋਇ – Wash (Clean **bad habits**)

ਹਛਾ – Good (Listen to **Good Voice**)

GurDwara is a place where I go to seek wisdom from **Gurbani** in a collective form with Sangat(i) as we learn in School in a group.

If we sincerely go to GurDwara Sahib and learn from Kirtan / Veechar over there, I will be able to connect to my **Good Voice**.

If my focus (**Dhyan**) is on learning(**budhi**), I will focus on positive things and learn everytime, I go there.



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- **Different Names of GurDwara Sahib in Sikh History**

- Chotti Sangat – Few seekers used to come together to learn from Gurbani, in form of Sangat(i)
- Badi Sangat – Large Congregation used to come together to learn from Gurbani, in form of Sangat(i)
- DharamSala – Physical place like GurDwara Sahib, where Sangat(i) used to come together to learn from Gurbani
- GurDwara Sahib – A place where we go to Learn from Gurbani as a Sangat(i)

Although in Sikh History, we have used different names for GurDwara Sahib but concept has always been the same. I go there to learn from Gurbani and become a better Human Being.