Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi joins the Shabad Kirtan on the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

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Today, conflicts are underway in numerous parts of the world, with countless innocent people and families facing violence and unrest; In such times, to ensure peace in every corner of the globe, safety for every family, and the opportunity for every individual to live with dignity, the spirit of 'Sarbat Da Bhala' becomes all the more vital: PM

Every youth of the nation should be free from addiction, fulfill their dreams, study well, and bring pride to their family and nation; Families play a major role in this effort, and together, our Sangat, Gurudwaras, and social organisations can guide the youth and give them the courage to choose the right path: PM

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today joined the Shabad Kirtan on the sacred occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister opened his remarks with the greeting Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh! Bowing with reverence to Guru Nanak Dev Ji in the sacred atmosphere and expressing heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the Shabad Kirtan, he extended festive greetings to the nation.“I extend countless greetings to all countrymen on the occasion of Parkash Purab,” remarked Shri Modi.

Describing every Shabad of Gurbani and every melody of Kirtan as far more than mere music, the Prime Minister characterized it as a spiritual practice in itself and like diving into an ocean of knowledge. “Therefore, whenever I receive an invitation for such an event, whenever I get the opportunity, I definitely attend the Sangat and Kirtan,” remarked PM Modi.

Recalling Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teaching of Kirat Karo, Vand Chhako, Naam Japo as a natural part of his life from childhood, the Prime Minister spoke fondly of bowing in Gurdwaras, immersing in Gurbani, experiencing the joy of Seva, partaking in Langar, and paying

obeisance at Sri Harmandir Sahib on numerous occasions. “Old colleagues would know that I have also spent a lot of time in Punjab, and that period has been one of the most special memories of my life,” remarked Shri Modi.

Expressing gratitude for continually receiving the company of Sikh saints by the Guru's grace, including the privilege of hosting numerous saints and scholars at the Prime Minister's residence, Shri Modi noted the distinct spiritual energy felt through their presence at the event and felicitated all Sikh brothers. “On this occasion, I bow to all saints and scholars,” remarked PM Modi.

Highlighting that this year's Parkash Purab coincides with the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, who laid down his life on the very soil of Delhi to protect the nation's identity, faith, belief, and values, the Prime Minister noted that even after 350 years, the inspiration of that sacrifice remains deeply ingrained in the soil and every corner of the nation. “Every citizen of the country will always remain grateful to him for it,” affirmed Shri Modi.

Observing that the entire Sikh tradition has been synonymous with sacrificing everything for the nation and its culture, exemplified by the martyrdom of Bhai Mati Das Ji, Bhai Sati Das Ji, and Bhai Dayala Ji as well as the unabated spirit during the freedom struggle, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Sardar Teja Singh Samundri Ji for his vital role in the Gurdwara Reform Movement and lifelong dedication to service. “This year also marks the completion of one hundred years of his martyrdom; on this occasion, I bow to him as well,” noted PM Modi.

Recalling that India endured centuries of slavery and that even during its most difficult historical periods the Gurus kept alive the flame of protecting the nation, the Prime Minister emphasized that today's great national resolves and the goal of Viksit Bharat can only be achieved through their inspiration and ideals. “Therefore, it is the responsibility of all of us to keep Sikh traditions and the heritage of Sikhi ahead as a beacon of light,” asserted Shri Modi.

Detailing how the government has fulfilled this responsibility with complete faith over the past 12 years, the Prime Minister cited the celebrations of the 350th Parkash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the 550th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji across India and abroad. He noted that commemorative coins and postage stamps were released, special trains were run, Gurbani programs were organized nationwide, and a national event was held at the Red Fort to mark the 400th Parkash Purab of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. “With this same spirit, we are currently also observing the 350th Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji,” noted PM Modi.

Noting that the nation will observe the next Veer Bal Diwas on December 26, the Prime Minister explained that the national observance was initiated to pass on the immortal saga of the brave Sahibzadas' martyrdom and Mata Gujri's resolve to the younger generation. “When our children learn about the circumstances of that era, how the Sahibzadas and Gurus attained martyrdom, and how our faith remained protected, this knowledge and inspiration will build youth dedicated to the nation,” asserted Shri Modi.

Pointing out that efforts to celebrate the glory of the Gurus extend beyond India's borders, the Prime Minister recalled his recent visit to Khalsa Diwan, the oldest Gurdwara in the Philippines, where the Government of India is supporting its redevelopment. “It is our effort that the light of our Gurus reaches every person, and with their blessings, India touches new heights,” affirmed PM Modi.

Quoting the Ardas prayer ‘Nanak Naam Chardi Kala, Tere Bhane Sarbat Da Bhala’, the Prime Minister noted that Gurbani imparts the universal teaching of working for the welfare of all. “The thought of wishing well for everyone awakens in the mind only when we begin to consider everyone as our own,” observed Shri Modi.

Referring to ongoing conflicts around the world where innocent people and families face violence and unrest, the Prime Minister emphasized the universal need for peace, safety for every family, and a life of dignity for every individual. “In such times, the spirit of Sarbat Da Bhala becomes even more important,” asserted PM Modi.

Observing that the greatest test of the life values imparted by Guru Sahib takes place in everyday life, the Prime Minister drew attention to the pressing societal challenge of drugs. “When a young person falls into the grip of addiction, the dreams of the entire family shatter along with them,” observed Shri Modi.

Calling for every youth in India to be free from addiction so they can study well, fulfill their dreams, and bring pride to their families and the nation, the Prime Minister underscored the vital role of families, the Sangat, Gurdwaras, and social institutions in guiding youth toward the right path, before concluding with Parkash Purab greetings and the traditional Sikh salutations. “I am confident that with Guru Sahib's grace and the collective efforts of society, we will be able to give our new generation a safe and bright future,” affirmed PM Modi.

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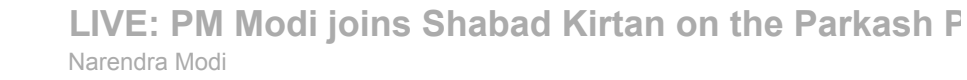

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