

Remarks by Ambassador of India to Japan H.E. Shri Sibi George at the celebrations in Japan to mark the 554th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Nov 30, 2023

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Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good Evening and Welcome to Embassy of India.

Today, on the very special occasion of the 554th Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, my greetings to everyone. On behalf of the Government and people of India I extend congratulations to our brothers and sisters from Sikh community and also to all Indian community in Japan. This is a day to rededicate ourselves to fulfilling Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's dream of a just, inclusive and harmonious society.

Dear Friends,

Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message belongs to all of humanity. He is a shining apostle of the spiritual ethos of India. He is an embodiment of every value and principle that India represents and stands for. Our worldview has been continually broadened by his timeless messages. Each one of us, in whatever walk of life we are in, has so much to learn from the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Walking for 26 years, covering a distance of more than 35,000 kilometers, through snow-covered mountains, deserts, and over rocks, Guru Nanak Dev Ji travelled to every corner of the world with just one message, "Universal brotherhood". He was a great champion of equality. He said, "The Lord gives shelter to all beings". Respect for women and gender equality are very important lessons to be learnt from Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life.

His vision was also pragmatic and holistic. It was not a vision of renunciation but of active involvement. Work, worship and share was the motto he placed before his disciples and placing today before us. His vision is timeless and has as much relevance today as it was when it was expounded five centuries ago.

Dear Friends,

I would also like to use this opportunity to say a few words on the state of India Japan relations today. G to G to B to B to Special Strategic and Global Partnership. As I complete one year, I travelled all across Japan...There is a momentum of India in Japan. We need to convert it into concrete outcome....

Let me conclude by recalling Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's simple yet profound message to transform the world into a kinder, more humane and harmonious place for everyone.

Vand Chhako - Share what you have
Krit Karo - Do your duty/live honestly
Naam Japo - Meditate on God's name.

Once again thank you to all.

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