

Report on Violation of Sikh Rehat Maryada
by Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Sangat of Virginia,
Chantilly, Virginia, (Central Sikh Mission of America) USA

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Respected Singh Sahib Ji,

Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa, Wahe Guru Ji Ki Fateh.

Gurdwara Sikh Sangat of Virginia committed massive sacrilege of Sikh Code of Conduct at Amrit Sanchar (Khande di Pahul) by not following the proper Sikh Rehat Maryada guidelines as prescribed by Sri Akal Takhat Sahib. Amrit Sanchar was held at the Gurdwara on April 15, 2016, led by Giani Kuldeep Singh and other members of Gurdwara committee. Reports confirm that this Gurdwara Sahib is under the patronage of Prof. Darshan Singh, ex-communicated from the Sikh Panth.

On speaking with various sangat members and on reports from several anonymous members, it has been found that Gurdwara Sikh Sangat of Virginia has committed the most shocking and most sacrilegious acts in Sikh history by not following the prescribed Sikh Rehat Maryada at Amrit Sanchar ceremony.

Amrit Sanchar ceremony was conducted at the Gurdwara by reading from the first 13 Angs from Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, instead of the mandated recitation of Japji Sahib, Jaap Sahib, Tav-Parsad Swaiye, Chaupai Sahib, and Anand Sahib as instructed in the Sikh Rehat Maryada. Additionally, Ardas was started by "Pritham Akal Purukh Simar ke" and was ended with "Tu Samrath Agam Agochar Jio Pind Teri Raas".

Guru Gobind Singh Ji established the order of Khalsa and "Khande Di Paul" on the historic Vaisakhi of 1699, which Maryada and historic

references have been accepted and observed by the entire Sikh Panth since the revealing of the Khalsa. Purposely the sacred Banis of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Jaap Sahib, Tav-Parsad Swaiye, Chaupai Sahib were excluded, directly challenging the 317 year-old Sikh Maryada established by Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji.

This is a mockery of Sikh traditions and Rehat Maryada. This blasphemous act goes against Sikh traditions, and Sikh history is being distorted by this Gurdwara and its members.

“Siri Guru Granth Sahib” is immutable and can never be amended, revised or changed. That was the public instruction of Guru Gobind Singh Ji himself when he conferred eternal and final Guruship on the Adi Granth to make it “Siri Guru Granth Sahib” of the Sikhs and ordained that hence forward, the “Siri Guru Granth Sahib” will be our living Guru.

Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Sangat of Virginia is completely ignoring and eroding Sikh Rehat Maryada and Principles and developing their own ceremonies and misleading the Sikhs. This will hurt the Sikh sentiments all over the world.

Strong action against this Gurdwara Sahib and its committee members must be taken by Sri Akal Takhat Sahib. Further, SGPC, DSGMC and all Sikh organizations must denounce this blasphemous act against Sikh principles and traditions. People responsible for changing the Sikh Rehat Maryada at Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Sangat of Virginia must be brought to Sri Akal Takhat Sahib and must be refrained from altering Sikh Code of Conduct.

On my personal behalf and on behalf of Sikh Dharma¹³ and Guru Ram Das Sikh Mission of America, I condemn and denounce this blasphemous act against Sikh religion and request Sri Akal Takhat Sahib to bring the perpetrators to justice.

With profound regards and respect,

Humbly yours,

Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa
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