

# ਗਲੋਬਲ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ

## GLOBAL PUNJABI ASSOCIATION

(Registered under the Societies Registration Act No.XX1 of 1860)

Proceedings of Online Meeting No: 14 of the office bearers/Executive Committee/Life Members

Saturday December 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm

An online meeting of the office bearers/executive committee members/life members of Global Punjabi Association (Regd.) and special invitees was held on **Saturday December 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** under the Chairmanship of Dr. Iqbal Singh Lalpura Ji D. Litt., Patron of the Association at Google Meet Meeting link :

<https://meet.google.com/tve-ttdb-cbh>

The following were present:

### A. Office Bearers

1. Dr. Iqbal Singh Lalpura – Patron
2. Dr. Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal – President
3. Col. Jaibans Singh – Vice President
4. Dr. Jaswinder Singh Dhillon – Honorary Secretary
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Jaswinder Kaur Sohal – Cashier
6. Sh. Raman Gupta – Finance Secretary

### B. Executive Members

7. S. Amarjit Singh Vikrant
8. Brig. Harcharan Singh
9. S. Kuldeep Singh Kahlon
10. S. Harwinder Singh Kahlon

### C. Life Members

11. Sh. Rajan Khanna
12. Ms. Rama Mehra
13. S. Sarbjeet Singh, New Delhi.
14. Dr. Amanpreet Singh, Director PTU
15. Sh. Ravi Rajan Singh
16. Sh. Sagar Mehta
17. Sh. Manu Kapila
18. S. Parvinder Singh
19. S. Kulbir Singh
20. S. Parmeet Singh Chadda
21. Sh. Sahil Mehta
22. Prof. Gurwinder Singh Mamanke
23. S. Balwinder Singh Suri, Advocate
24. S. Baninder Singh, New Delhi
25. Sh. Tarsem Lal Saini
26. S. Ishpreet Singh
27. S. Gikinder Singh
28. Sh. Varun Gulhati
29. Dr. (Mrs.) Ruby Bindra

### D. Special Invitees

30. Sh. Osho Kalia
31. Dr. Bharti Junjua, Chandigarh
32. Dr. (Mrs.) Ritika Singh

The meeting started with five times recitation of Mool Mantra of Japji Sahib and Shabad:

ਦੇਹ ਸਿਵਾ ਬਰੁ ਮੋਹਿ ਇਹੈ ਸੁਭ ਕਰਮਨ ਤੇ ਕਬਹੂੰ ਨ ਟਰੋਂ ॥  
ਨ ਡਰੋਂ ਅਰਿ ਸੇ ਜਬ ਜਾਇ ਲਰੋਂ ਨਿਸਚੈ ਕਰਿ ਅਪੁਨੀ ਜੀਤ ਕਰੋਂ ॥  
ਅਰੁ ਸਿਖ ਹੋ ਆਪਨੇ ਹੀ ਮਨ ਕੋਂ ਇਹ ਲਾਲਚ ਹਉ ਗੁਨ ਤਉ ਉਚਰੋਂ ॥  
ਜਬ ਆਵ ਕੀ ਅਉਧ ਨਿਦਾਨ ਬਨੈ ਅਤਿ ਹੀ ਰਨ ਮੈ ਤਬ ਜੁਝ ਮਰੋਂ ॥

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The following decisions were unanimously taken by the executive committee in anticipation of the approval of the general house.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 1. To confirm the proceedings of online meeting No: 13 held on Thursday Dec 14, 2023.**

The house unanimously approved the proceedings of online meeting No: 13 held on Thursday Dec 14, 2023.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 2. To share action taken report.**

- a. **Celebration of Veer Baal Diwas:** Veer Baal Diwas was celebrated at National Level in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Sh. Narendra Modi Ji. Live telecast was available on National TV channels. All the GPA members enjoyed the live telecast of Veer Baal Diwas. On 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, GPA organised Veer Baal Diwas at Anand Group of Colleges, Amritsar. A play Saka-Ae-Sirhind was played by the Artist Welfare Society, Batala based on Supreme Sacrifice of Sahibzadas. S. Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Amritsar was the Chief Guest and Brig. Harcharan Singh Boparai (Arjuna Awardee and Param Vashist Sewa Medal Winner) was the Guest of Honour. All the Local Members of GPA and prominent citizens attended the celebrations.
- b. **Mubarik Manzil Mahal (Malerkotla, Punjab) as National Museum of Communal Harmony and Freedom Struggle:** Dr. Iqbal Singh Lalpura Ji has written to the Ministry of Culture for this project and pursuing the project.
- c. **Office-cum-Guest House for Global Punjabi Association in New Delhi:** The request letter of GPA has been forwarded by NCM to Urban Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.
- d. **To organise Interfaith Harmony March at New Delhi:** It was decided that Chairman NCM will call a meeting of selected GPA members in New Delhi to finalise Interfaith Harmony March.
- e. **FDR of Rs. 10 Lakh in ICICI Bank:** As per decision of the House Rs. 10 Lakh (Ten Lakhs) were deposited in ICICI Bank, Ranjit Avenue Amritsar vide FDR No: 22055091 dated 22/12/2023 for a period of 15 months (up to 22.03.2025). The maturity value will be 10, 91, 957.00.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 3. Worldwide celebrations of Veer Bal Diwas.**

The House unanimously passed a resolution to thank Sh. Narendra Modi Ji and Govt. of India for declaring December 26<sup>th</sup> as Veer Baal Diwas in India every year and celebrating the same at National/International level. GPA will write a letter of Thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, through the Chairman NCM.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 4. To honour Sh. Pravesh Verma Ji MP.**

Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma (born 7 November 1977) is an Indian politician and a member of parliament (MP) from West Delhi Lok Sabha constituency.[1] As a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), he is serving his second term as an MP for West Delhi. In 2014 he was elected to the 16th Lok Sabha, and re-elected in 2019 for the 17th Lok Sabha with the highest ever margin of victory in the history of Delhi, a margin of 578,486 votes.

He is a member of two high level committees of Parliament, the Finance Committee, and the Estimates Committee. He had also served on the Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament and a member of the Standing Committee on Urban Development in his first term as an MP. He contested the Mehrauli Vidhan Sabha constituency in the 2013 assembly election and defeated MP Yoganand Shastri, speaker of the Delhi Vidhan Sabha. Parvesh Verma is the son of Sahib Singh Verma, former Chief Minister of Delhi.

**Sh. Pravesh Verma was instrumental in convincing the Prime Minister to declare December 26<sup>th</sup> as Veer Baal Diwas. The House unanimously decided to honour Sh. Pravesh Verma Ji for his yeomen services to the Sikh community.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 5. To celebrate Lohri Festival.**

The House unanimously decided to celebrate Lohri festival at local level, inviting the local people by the local GPA members. The organisers will try to celebrate the function as an event of communal harmony and try to set a new narrative. Mrs. Rama Ranjit Mehra offered to celebrate Lohri festival at Savaasa Ranjit Ratanvali (The Mall, Amritsar).

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 6. Celebration of Baisakhi Festival.**

The Chancellor of Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda) offered to celebrate Baisakhi at the University Campus. The House will take the final decision in the next meeting. However, a new narrative will be created for the celebration.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 7. To declare Punjabi as official/first (native) language of Chandigarh:**

Chandigarh came into being by displacing 14 Punjabi speaking villages. It was envisaged as modern Punjab city and capital of Punjab. It is rational and logical that Punjabi should be the mother tongue of this city which came up on Punjab land by displacing the Punjabi speaking villages. The House unanimously resolved to pass a resolution that Punjabi should be notified as the native and first language of Chandigarh. The Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, who is also Administrator of Chandigarh will be handed over the copy of the resolution.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 8. To pass a resolution for opening new account of GPA in New Delhi.**

It was unanimously approved and passed to open and operate a bank account, in a nationalised bank at New Delhi. Dr. Iqbal Singh Lalpura Ji, Patron of GPA and Chairman NCM will finalise the modalities and authorise the signatories to open and operate/manage the bank account.

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 9. Miscellaneous: To declare Diwan Todar Mall's Haveli as National Heritage.**

Diwan Todar Mall was a wealthy Hindu merchant of Sirhind, who on the 13 December 1705 performed the cremation of the three martyred bodies of the two younger sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Zorawar Singh aged about 9, Fateh Singh aged about 6 and their grandmother, Mata Gujari.

This incident occurred after the Sahibzade had been executed by the Mughal authorities on the 12 December 1705 for not renouncing their faith and the death from shock of their grandmother at the news of the sudden and despicable execution of the innocent youngsters. This wealthy merchant had to cover the required ground for cremation with gold coins to get the release of the three bodies.

**The House Unanimously resolved to pray Sh. Narendra Modi Ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to take necessary steps to declare Diwan Todar Mall's Haveli as National Heritage Museum – as a symbol of Hindu-Sikh unity.**

**The meeting ended with the Vote of thanks to the chair and esteemed members.**

(Dr. Iqbal Singh Lalpura)  
Chairman/Patron

(Dr. Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal)  
President

(Dr. Jaswinder Singh Dhillon)  
Honorary Secretary