

Veer Bal Diwas

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Veer Bal Diwas Latest News

Recently, the Prime Minister addressed the Veer Bal Diwas programme in New Delhi.

About Veer Bal Diwas

- It is observed on **December 26 every year**, starting in 2022.
- It is commemorated in remembrance of the martyrdom of **Guru Gobind Singh** ji's (the tenth Sikh Guru) sons **Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji** and **Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji**.
- The objective is to honour the bravery of the two young heroes of the country.

Historical Context of Veer Bal Diwas

- Guru Gobind Singh, along with his family and disciples, were compelled to flee as the Mughal Army encircled the Anandpur fort.
- During the chaos, Guru Gobind Singh's youngest sons, **Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh**, were captured by the Mughal forces.

- The two young boys courageously refused to abandon their faith, and consequently they were bricked alive on **December 26, 1704.**

Key facts about Guru Gobind Singh

- Guru Gobind Singh was the **10th Sikh guru**, following the demise of his father, **Guru Tegh Bahadur**, the ninth Sikh Guru.
- **Contribution to Sikh religion**
 - He is renowned for **founding the principles of Khalsa** or the Five 'K's i.e **kesh** (uncut hair), **kanga** (wooden comb), **kara** (iron or steel bracelet), **kirpan** (dagger) and **kachera** (short breeches).
 - He fought against the Mughals in the **battle of Muktsar in 1705.**
 - He declared **Guru Granth Sahib** as **Sikhism's holy scripture** in 1708, before his death.

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