

British town to host exhibition on Guru Granth Sahib

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Leicester has launched a unique exhibition detailing the history of Sri Guru Granth Sahib to mark the 300 Saal Guru De Naal occasion. The exhibition which began on September 27 will go on till December 31. It features a programme of activities and events, including guided tours of the display and a chance to visit a local gurdwara, on October 4, November 22 and December 6.

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the event in 1708 when the 10th Sikh Guru, Gobind Singh, formally conferred guru-ship on the holy scripture.

Objects from gurdwaras, musical instruments, manuscripts, tokens and oil paintings will all feature in the exhibition, which looks at the people who brought together the holy scripture and its role in daily life.

The Guru Granth Sahib itself will not be on display at the exhibition.

Leicester City Council's cabinet member for culture and leisure, councillor Andy Connelly, said: "This is an important anniversary in the Sikh calendar, and will be a great opportunity to find out more about this fascinating religion.

"We are very proud to mark this tri-centenary with a programme of colourful and educational events."

Among the events taking place is a series of talks entitled 'The Living Guru - The Holy Sikh Scripture'.

On October 14, a Sikh academic will talk about the exhibition, while a Sikh historian will examine historic manuscripts and discuss the development of literacy on Nov 4.

Talks will focus on Sikh music, on November 18, and the role of the Sikh scriptures in daily life, on December 2.