

## **Gurta Gaddi Diwas Yatra organised**

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**Ludhiana, October 12** To commemorate the 300 years of “Guruta Gaddi Diwas” of Sri Guru Granth Sahib, a “paidal march” was organised here on Sunday. The march started from Gurdwara Dukh Niwaran and passed through Jagraon bridge, Vishawkarma chowk, Campa Cola chowk, Aatam park, Dugri road, Model Town, Sarabha Nagar, Ferozpur road, Ghumar Mandi before reaching again at Gurudwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib.

The march was led by Shri Guru Granth Sahib in a well-decorated palaki. A large number of devotees, who recited shabads, participated in the march along with religious leaders of different organisations.

Many organisations and societies organised stalls of eatables for the devotees participating in “paidal march”. The city gurudwaras were decked up on the occasion even as a number of people also decorated their homes with colourful lights. At many places, commuters faced problems because of the traffic jams and reached their destinations late. “Today, it was sangat darshan and paidal march which created traffic jams at many places,” said a principal

## **Deccan Sikhs presented replica to Jathedar Hazur Sahib**

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HYDERABAD: The beautifully-crafted bejewelled replica of Kalgi (plume), that used to adorn the turban of the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singhji, was presented by Sikhs of Andhra Pradesh to Takhat Sachkhand Sri Hazur Sahib (TSSHS), Nanded, on Sunday morning. The bejewelled plume was presented to the head Jathedar of Hazur Sahib, Baba Kulwant Singhji, in the presence of over 25,000 Sikh devotees who had gathered to witness the function.

The Kalgi will now be kept in the sanctum sanctorum which also houses Guru Gobind’s Singh weapons and will become an integral part of the sacred heritage.

Before handing over the plume, a colourful “Nagar Keertan” (procession) was taken out by Sikhs who thronged Nanded to take part in the programme.

Jatha Tera Jatha rendered “shabad keertans” while Kalgidhar Dashmesh Jatha performed colourful “Gatka” (Sikh martial arts using weapons) throughout the procession.

S Amarjeet Singh and S Narender Singh, who were instrumental in preparing the Kalgi, said the artifice was fabricated by highly skilled craftsmen. The plume is made of nearly 20 tolas of gold embedded with American diamonds. The money was raised from Deccan Sikhs. Deccan Sikhs presented the offering coinciding with the remembrance of 300 years of the consecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib as the final and perpetual Guru of Sikhs as ordained by Guru Gobind Singh in 1708. This event is of great relevance to the worldwide Sikh community. Exactly 300 years ago at Nanded in Maharashtra, the tenth and last living Sikh Guru left for the heavenly abode.

Prior to his transition, he bestowed the eternal Guruship of the Sikhs upon the Sri Guru Granth Sahib. This year, in Nanded, there will be a special celebration of the 300th anniversary of both these events in which over 30 to 40 lakh Sikhs would converge between October 30 and November 4.

Guru Gobind Singh was famous for wearing a Kalgi on his turban. He enjoyed these pins so much that he was affectionately and reverently called ‘Guru Kalgidhar’.

The town is also important as Takht Sri Hazur Sahib, one of the five temporal thrones or seats of authority, is located here.

This is where Guru Gobind Singh, the Tenth Teacher, is known to have meditated on the banks of the Godavari where he spent his final days.