



BRIDGES OF FAITH

A Dialogue on Seva and Community

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Presentation Abstract



This presentation explores Seva as a shared spiritual responsibility and a practical expression of interfaith harmony. Through Sikh teachings and examples—including Langar, Bhai Kanhaiya Ji and Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji—it invites Mandirs and Gurdwaras to turn dialogue into compassionate community action



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TOPIC 1 — SEVA: A SHARED SPIRITUAL VALUE



Naam Japna — remember the Divine • •

- Kirat Karo — live and work honestly
- Vand Chhako — share what we have

“Vich duniya sev kamaiye.”

In the midst of this world, earn the privilege of serving others.
Seva carries spirituality beyond places of worship and into everyday life.

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TOPIC 2 — LANGAR: EQUALITY IN ACTION



• Everyone sits together and shares the same meal •

- No distinction of faith, caste, wealth or status.
- Guru Amar Das Ji strengthened Langar and Pangat—sitting together as equals.

At Sri Harmandir Sahib, the Golden Temple, the community kitchen serves over 100,000 people daily. Langar makes equality visible and gives dignity through service.



TOPIC 3 — COMPASSION AND FREEDOM OF FAITH



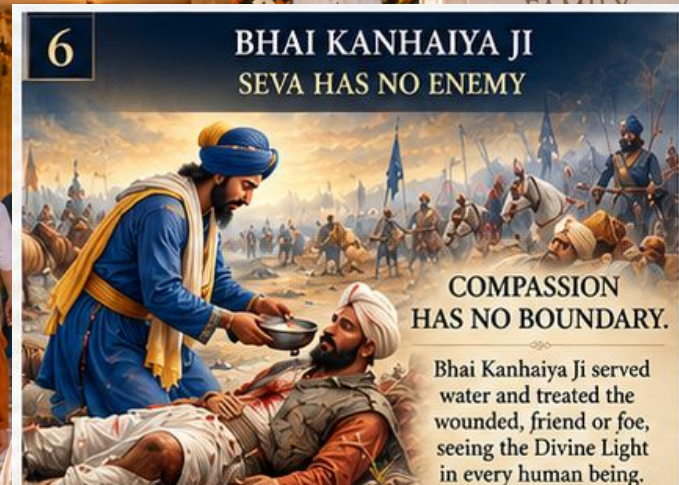
BHAI KANHAIYA JI .

He gave water to wounded soldiers on both sides, seeing the Divine light in every person.

GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI

He sacrificed his life defending the freedom of others to practise their faith.

Seva has no enemy. Compassion has no boundary. Our responsibility extends beyond our own community.



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TOPIC 4 — ONE WORLD, ONE HUMAN FAMILY



HINDU TRADITION

“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” — The world is one family

SIKH TRADITION

“Sarbat Da Bhala” — May there be well-being for all

“Nanak Naam Chandi Kala Tere Bhaane Sarbat Da Bhala.”

Different traditions, different prayers—but one shared humanity.

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GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI

STANDING FOR THE FREEDOM OF OTHERS



Our responsibility does not end with our own community.

Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji gave his life defending the religious freedom of the Kashmiri Pandits and all people.



Food Brings Hope

GOOD FOOD BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

SEVA SERVICE COMMUNITY

KINDNESS IN ACTION

PEOPLE PURPOSE PROGRESS

SEVA • UNITY • KINDNESS
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

HINDU

BUDDHIST

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TOPIC 5 — FROM DIALOGUE TO ACTION



Let Mandirs and Gurdwaras build practical partnerships
• Joint food drives and community service
• Support for vulnerable families and seniors
• Education, mentorship and youth volunteering
Our houses of worship should be lighthouses of hope.
MANY FAITHS. ONE SEVA. ONE HUMANITY.

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ONE WORLD – ONE HUMAN FAMILY

SARBAT DA BHALA
Welfare and well-being of all.
ਤਾਨਕ ਤਾਮ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਵਲਾ
ਭੇਵੇ ਭਾਲੇ ਮਥਵੱਤੋਂ ਦਾ ਭਲਾ ।

VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM
The world is one family.
वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्