

**Remarks by H.E. Mr. Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India to the
Kingdom of Bahrain on the occasion of Gurburab at Salmabad
Gurudwara in Bahrain on 27 November 2023**

I am honoured to attend the celebrations marking the Gurburab of Guru Nanak Devji on the occasion of his 554th birth anniversary at Salmabad Gurudwara in Bahrain today. I wish to convey my greetings to all assembled here on this auspicious occasion.

Guru Nanak Devji emphasized SEWA or service to others and furthering brotherhood. His message and teachings gave strength to millions around the world. A true saint, Guru Nanak Devji highlighted the fundamental truth underlying all religions. He stressed the non-sectarian character of and importance of harmony among all human beings.

Friends,

We live in a globalized world where travel is easy. However, six centuries ago, Guru Nanak Devji gained great name as he was widely travelled, especially in Asia. His wisdom is reflected in the valuable messages he shared as a result of his travels. I would like to stress one such message, that of IK ONKAR or ONE GOD which resonates among all people throughout the ages.

I have had the good fortune to briefly visit the birth city of Guru Nanak Devji-Lahore-six years back. I also had the opportunity to pray at Sri Harminder Sahib at Amristar many times. The contributions of the Sikh community to mankind in general and to Indian society in particular is immense and praise worthy.

On this occasion of Gurburab, let us recall the support of the Gurudwara and the Sikh brethren to the Indian community in Bahrain. I have noticed their support in the Open Houses I chair at Embassy, specially the quiet and effective assistance the Sikh brethren give to their fellow beings in need.

I urge all of you to follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Devji and his successors who have guided the faithful through the centuries. My Embassy and I truly value the support of the Gurudwara Salmabad and the Sikh community in Bahrain and their role in promoting India-Bahrain friendship.

Thank you.