

VEER BAAL DIWAS

26th December 2022

BACKGROUND

- Our Hon'ble Prime Minister on the day of birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji on 9th January, 2022 announced celebration of '*Veer Bal Diwas*' to pay homage to the courage of '*Sahibzade*' sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the 10th Guru.
- Accordingly, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India issued Gazette notification and declared 26th December, 2022 as '*Veer Bal Diwas*' to pay tribute to unparalleled sacrifices made by the sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji (Sahib Zada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahib Zada Fateh Singh Ji) while walking on the path of justice.

AMRIT MAHOTSAV

- This notification and the 1st commemoration of Veer Bal Diwas is happening as the country is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commemorating 75 years of independence.

DID YOU KNOW? THE STORY OF THE SAHEZADE

- The sons of the Tenth Guru - Guru Gobind Singh Ji are called Sahibzade.
- Baba Ajit Singh, Baba Jujhar Singh are called elder Sahibzade and Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh are called younger Sahibzade.

- When Guru Gobind Singh and his family left the Fort of Anandpur Sahib, a fierce battle broke out against the Mughals near the River Sarsa (also referred to as Sirsa).
- At the time of crossing the River Sarsa, Guru Ji's family members got separated from each other.
- Guru Gobind Singh Ji, his elder Sahibzade and a group of Sikhs reached the fortress of Chamkaur where on 23rd December, 1704, Baba Ajit Singh and Baba Jujhar Singh got martyred while fighting with 10 lakh cruel Mughal soldiers.
- Gangu (the old cook of the Guru) took the younger Sahibzade and Mata Gujri Ji to his village Kheri. Driven by greed, he got the younger Sahibzade and Mata Ji arrested.
- The tyrannical Nawab of Sarhind, Wazir Khan kept them imprisoned at Thanda Burj and made them appear in the Court for three days. They were threatened to be killed if they did not embrace Islam.
- When younger Sahibzade adamantly refused his proposal, he got younger Sahibzade aged 7 and 9 year bricked alive and martyred them in Sirhind on 26th December, 1704.
- Millions of salutes to the two young Sahibzade who sacrificed their lives at a very tender age, standing up for their beliefs and keeping the dignity of Sikhism high.



TAKE PART IN VEER BAL DIWAS

1. Take the Veer Bal Diwas Quiz (<https://quiz.mygov.in/quiz/veer-baal-diwas-quiz/>)
2. Participate in Essay writing competition on Veer Bal Diwas (<https://www.mygov.in/task/martyrdom-brave-sons-guru-govind-singh-ji-essay-contest/>)
3. Post on the topic in social media using #VeerBalDiwas