

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR
ON THE OCCASION OF 350TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF GURU
GOVIND SINGH HELD AT RAJ BHAVAN, IMPHAL ON 27TH NOVEMBER,
2017.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Y. Khemchand Singh ji,
Dr. Avtar Singh Shastri ji, National Committee Member,
Singh Sahib Gyani Iqbal Singh ji, Jathedar-Takhat Shri Harmandir Sahib-Patna,
All the Members of Prabandh Committee, Imphal,
Friends from Electronic and Print Media,
All the distinguished invitees,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Sat Sri Akalji,

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you all today on the occasion of 350th Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh ji, organized by Prabandh Committee. I feel myself very lucky to join this sacred event.

Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji was a great spiritual leader, a great warrior and accomplished scholar. He sacrificed his entire family to protect the country (Rashtar) and religion (Dharam) and enlightened spiritualism and patriotism among people. This observance would be a true tribute to him.

I send this message to all the people of this State, especially our Sikh brethren while paying my obeisance to Guru Gobind Singh ji on his 350th birth anniversary. Guru Gobind Singh ji epitomized self-respect, vision, unprecedentedly strong willed and sacrifice. His compelling aura has special relevance in the history of the country and this has remained a source of motivation for the youth. His perspective on welfare of humanity is clearly visible from his compositions. His principles and ideas will always remain our guiding lights. I

congratulate Prabandh Committee for organizing this anniversary dedicated to Guru's memory.

Guru Gobind Singh ji, the tenth Guru was born in Patna on 22nd December 1666. Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti is one of the Sikh festivals that commemorates birthday of Guru Gobind Singh ji, who is the tenth Guru of the Sikhs. On this auspicious day, devotees visit temple and celebrate the festival with lot of zeal and enthusiasm. Large processions are taken out, where people sing devotional songs, share sweets and even observe special prayer gatherings which are held at Gurudwaras

Guru Gobind Singh ji's teachings and his guidance created a greater impact on Sikh community. During his entire life, he stood against the Mughal rulers and fought against injustice. This festival is one of the most religious and spiritual ones celebrated by people believing in Sikhism. There are many other people who follow the philosophy of Guru Gobind Singh ji and also be a part of this festival. The holy book of Sikhs, the Guru Granth Sahib is continuously chanted and processions are carried out and carrying the holy book decorated with flowers.

I wish the celebration of Birth Anniversary of Guru Govind Singh ji a grand success and I thank the organizers for inviting me to this sacred event.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.