

GURU GOBIND SINGHJI AND BABA BANDA SINGH: EXPLORING HISTORY AND MYSTERY BEFORE NANDED (HYDERABAD) IN 1708

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ABSTRACT

In popular accounts of Sikh history, the meeting between Guru Govind Singhji and Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Nanded has been shown as chance meeting without any previous background. It has been shown like unhistorical almost mythical happening without any care for background details. There are certain references in Gurmukhi historical literature which suggest that the meeting at Nanded was the first meeting and it was not a chance meeting either. Guru Gobind Singh Ji had blessed Madho Das Bairagi earlier also and their meeting at Nanded was destined for a bigger historical role for Madho Das, later Baba Banda Singh Bahadur.

KEYWORDS: *Guru, Rehatnama, Nanded, Sikh, Khalsa. Bairagi.*

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