

Happy Bandi Chorr Divas

For Sikhs, there are specific historical events associated with Divali.

Our 6th Guru, Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji was released from imprisonment in Gwalior Fort in 1619.

He negotiated the release of 52 Hindu Kings at the same time. The emperor of the time, Jahangir, agreed to let go of those who could hold on to Guru Ji's coat.

Guru Ji made a special coat with 52 tassels and freed all the prisoners.

The release of the prisoners established the Sikh community's distinct identity and commitment to Justice.

This event is known as Bandi Chhor Divas, meaning "Prisoner Release Day" and it coincides with the Divali festival.

Bandi Chhor Divas represents the triumph of Light over darkness. Sikhs celebrate Divali as a day to commemorate this historical event and to honour the principles of justice and freedom.



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