

Kartarpur Corridor

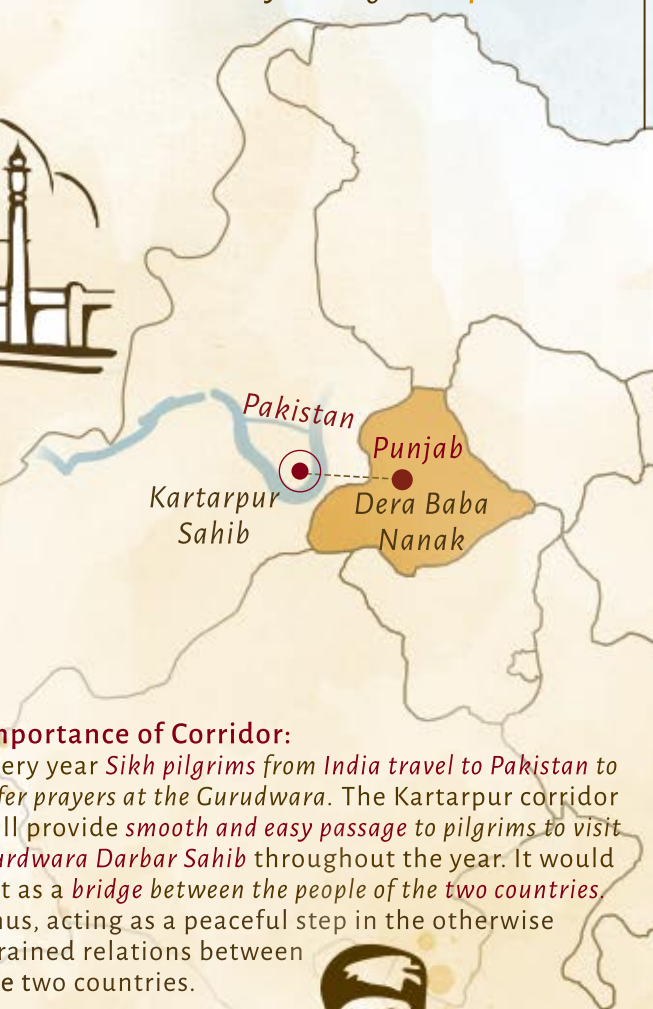
WHY IN NEWS?

Government of India has decided to commemorate 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji from November, 2018 at national as well as international level by building **Kartarpur Corridor**.



About the Project:

The proposed project will connect the *Dera Baba Nanak Sahib Gurdwara* in India's state of Punjab to the *Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur* shrine in Narowal district of Pakistan's Punjab province which is reportedly to be completed before the 550th anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in November 2019. The length of the corridor is about 2 km towards India and about 4 km from the international border towards Pakistan and runs across *River Ravi*.



About Gurdwara:

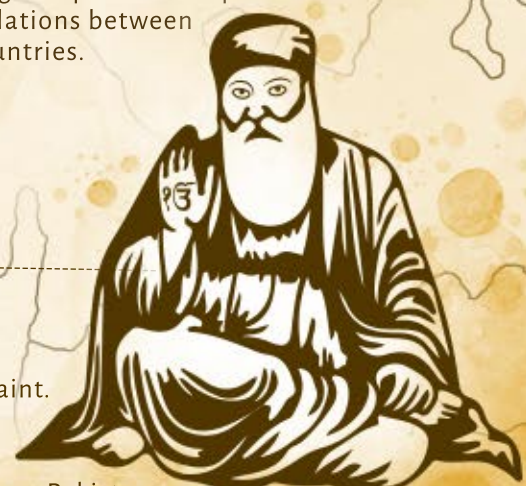
Maharaja of Patiala donated money to construct the Gurudwara in the between 1920's as the site is believed to be place where *Guru Nanak Dev ji* spent the final 18 years of his life.

Protocol on Visits to Religious

Shrines: Pilgrimages between *India and Pakistan* are governed by the 1974 Protocol on visits to Religious Shrines, which includes a list of shrines in *Pakistan and India* open for visitors from the other country, and for which visas are required. The Kartarpur Corridor, which will provide visa-free access from *India* to the shrine inside *Pakistan* may need a separate treaty.

Importance of Corridor:

Every year *Sikh pilgrims* from *India* travel to *Pakistan* to offer prayers at the Gurudwara. The Kartarpur corridor will provide *smooth and easy passage* to pilgrims to visit *Gurdwara Darbar Sahib* throughout the year. It would act as a *bridge* between the people of the *two countries*. Thus, acting as a peaceful step in the otherwise strained relations between the two countries.



ABOUT GURU NANAK DEV JI

- He was the *founder of Sikhism* (the first of the ten Sikh Gurus) and a Bhakti saint.
- He was *born in 1469 in Nanakana Sahib*, Punjab, Pakistan and *died in Kartarpur*, Pakistan.
- *Guru Nanak and Sikhism* were influenced by the *nirguni* (formless God) tradition of *Bhakti movement* in medieval India.