

Sri Guru Ramdas Ji

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In news:

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has greeted the people on the occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Ramdas Ji.

More information:

- Guru Ram Das was the **fourth of the ten Gurus of Sikhism.**
- He is **credited with founding the holy city of Amritsar in the Sikh tradition.**
- He invited merchants and artisans from other parts of India to settle into the new town with him.
- His son built the Gurudwara Harmandir Sahib and installed the scripture of Sikhism inside the new temple in 1604.
- He has **composed 638 hymns, or about ten percent of hymns in the guru Granth sahib.**
- He was a celebrated poet and composed his work in 30 ancient ragas of Indian classical music.
- Ram Das, along with Amar Das, are **credited with various parts of the Anand and Laavan composition in Suhi mode.**
- It is a part of the ritual of four clockwise circumambulation of the Sikh scripture by the bride and groom to solemnize the marriage in Sikh tradition.
- Ram Das **extended the Manji system of religious organization by adding the masand institution.**
- The *masand* were Sikh community leaders who lived far from the Guru, but acted to lead the distant congregations, their mutual interactions and collect revenue for Sikh activities and temple building.