

SUGGESTIVE GUIDELINES FOR COMMEMORATION OF VEER BAAL DIWAS

(26TH DECEMBER 2023)

Aim of Veer Baal Diwas:

- To pay homage to the courage of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji, younger sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji, the tenth Guru of Sikhs.

Time period to mark commemoration

- Date of Veer Baal Divas: 26th December, the date on which Sahibzadas attained martyrdom in 1705.
- In case the schools are on winter break on the date of the Divas, some activities including Special Assemblies may be held in the run up to the Day.

Target Stakeholders

In order to commemorate Veer Baal Diwas on 26th December, 2023 and to facilitate participation of students, a few suggestive *low/zero-cost, high visibility activities are given below which can be undertaken by schools as per their suitability.*

Objectives of Suggestive Activities

- To create awareness about the sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji, younger sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji, the tenth Guru of Sikhs.
- To enable students to acquire the qualities of sacrifice, courage, steadfastness, confidence, mindfulness, and others as exhibited by the Sahibzadas.

Suggestive Activities

1. Awareness Generation Activities.
2. Literary Activities.
3. Art Activities.
4. Ongoing Activities to imbibe the qualities exhibited by Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji in the students.

1. Awareness Generation Activities:

Awareness about the sacrifice and courage of the Sahibzadas can be created using any of the following means:

- a. Display of digital exhibition on the theme at a prominent place in schools.
- b. Showcasing of animated movie on Sahibzadas “Chaar Sahibzaade’ (available in Punjabi, Hindi and English).
- c. Narrating the Story of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji to the students addressing the themes of sacrifice, courage, respect and responsibility.
- d. Reading of Comic Books on Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji.
- e. Inviting Experts in the area to deliver talks.
- f. Conducting Special Assemblies wherein the students can be informed about the lives of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji.

2. Literary Activities:

Once the students are aware about the courage and sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji, students may be asked to:

- a. Students to be encouraged to participate in interactive quiz being hosted on My Gov/ My Bharat portals in max numbers.
- b. Write an essay.
- c. Recite or write a Poem on their sacrifice, courage, and other values learnt from their lives.
- d. Identify similar acts of courage and narrate it to other students in the class.
- e. Create a map of major events in their lives.
- f. Create a story board on major events in their lives.
- g. Write an inspiring short story about an imaginary character who stood courageously against all challenges and adversities.
- h. Express their admiration and gratitude towards Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji through a 1 minute talk.
- i. Attempt motivating word games.
- j. Identify and write about the values which they learnt from the lives of the Sahibzadas and how they can incorporate them in their own lives.
- k. Talk or write about the difficult situation (s) they may come across and what they would do when faced with such situations and way.

3. Art Activities:

Art activities may also be organised for the students once they are quite aware about Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji. Students may be asked /guided to :

- a. Create a wall of appreciation on which they can hang **Thank You Cards** made by them to express their gratitude towards the sacrifice done by the Sahibzadas. The cards can be addressed to Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji.
- b. Make Promise Cards wherein they can make a promise to the Sahibzadas.
- c. Make Sahibzadas Themed New Year Calendar (as the new year will be around).

Culmination of Activities

The occasion may be used to honour the brave act exhibited by any of the student (s) of the school.

4. Ongoing Activities to imbibe the qualities exhibited by Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji in the students.

Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji exhibited confidence, steadfastness and courage in the face of tyranny. They were also able to speak up and stand tall against all odds. In order to make our children confident enough so that they can express themselves and ask questions, speak fearlessly in front of other people /large audience; they can be engaged in such activities in which they are interested and feel confident.

Apart from above qualities, Sahibzadas exhibited the qualities of respecting your parents, standing by your faith, being brave and fearless. Schools can devise such activities which can be integrated across the other curricular activities and which focus on imbibing these qualities in our children.

Please note: *A brief note or write up on the life of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji can be provided for the ready reference of the stakeholders.*
