

Constitutional Resolutions

Panch Pardhani UK

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Letchworth Singh Sabha Gurdwara

Preamble

In remembrance of the Shaheedi of Guru Arjan Dev Ji (30 May 1606),
In affirmation of the doctrine of Miri–Piri revealed by Guru Nanak Sahib and further articulated by Guru Hargobind Sahib,
In fidelity to the Guru Panth as the enduring seat of Sikh collective authority,
We, the assembled members of the Sikh community in the United Kingdom,
conscious of our duty to uphold Gurmat, institutional discipline, and the collective dignity of the Panth,

do hereby adopt and proclaim the following Constitutional Resolutions of Panch Pardhani UK.

ਗੁਰੂ ਅਰਜਨ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ (30 ਮਈ 1606) ਦੀ ਯਾਦ ਵਿੱਚ,
ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਕੀਤੇ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਹਰਿਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਸਥਾਰਿਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਮੀਰੀ–ਪੀਰੀ ਦੇ ਸਿਧਾਂਤ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ,
ਗੁਰੂ–ਪੰਥ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਦੀ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਸਦੀਵੀ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਵਜੋਂ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ,
ਅਸੀਂ, ਯੂਨਾਈਟਡ ਕਿੰਗਡਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਸਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੇ ਇਕੱਠੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੈਂਬਰ,
ਗੁਰਮਤ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ, ਸੰਸਥਾਗਤ ਅਨੁਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਥ ਦੀ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਮਰਯਾਦਾ ਨੂੰ ਕਾਇਮ ਰੱਖਣ ਦੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਦਿਆਂ,
ਇਸ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਪੰਚ ਪਰਧਾਨੀ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀਆਂ ਸੰਵਿਧਾਨਕ ਪ੍ਰਸਤਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਪਣਾਉਂਦੇ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ।

Resolution I

On Panthic Sovereignty

1. The Sikh Panth is affirmed as a sovereign socio-religious collective whose authority derives from the Guru–Panth doctrine and applies to Sikhs living in every part of the

world. This authority is inherent to the Panth and is not contingent upon recognition by any state.

2. This autonomy is theo-scriptural in origin, moral in character, and collective in exercise. It carries the inherent right and responsibility of the Panth to regulate Sikh religious, institutional, and communal affairs in accordance with Gurmat and the established traditions of the Sikh faith.
 3. The Sikh Panth also affirms the legitimate right of Sikhs, as a distinct historical community, to aspire peacefully and lawfully to forms of territorial autonomy in regions where they possess enduring historical, cultural, and spiritual ties.
 4. In the United Kingdom, Panthic autonomy shall be exercised through organised constitutional governance, disciplined institutional order, and principled civic participation within the framework of British law.
 5. These Resolutions affirm the lawful right of the Sikh community to order its internal religious and institutional affairs with coherence, dignity, and autonomy while remaining consistent with the obligations of civic life.
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Resolution II

On Constitutional Order within Sikh Institutions

1. Gurdwaras and Sikh institutions are embodiments of the Guru's temporal authority and shall operate under constitutional discipline.
 2. Panch Pardhani UK establishes governance standards for participating institutions, including:
 - Clear separation between spiritual authority and executive administration.
 - Mandatory financial transparency and independent audit.
 - Defined electoral legitimacy and leadership accountability.
 - Codified standards of conduct and disciplinary procedure.
 3. Participating institutions shall progressively align their governing documents with these constitutional standards.
 4. All institutional reform shall operate in full compliance with UK charity law, company law, and statutory obligations, thereby reinforcing institutional credibility and legal integrity.
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Resolution III

On the Establishment of a Sikh Court

1. Panch Pardhani UK commits to the establishment of a **Sikh Court (Panthic Institutional Tribunal)** as a structured mechanism of Panthic self-regulation.
2. The Sikh Court shall adjudicate institutional and governance-related disputes among participating Sikh organisations.
3. Its authority shall be exercised:
 - On a voluntary and consensual basis between parties.
 - Through formal mediation and arbitration procedures.

- In accordance with Gurmat principles and recognised standards of procedural fairness.
 - 4. The Sikh Court shall operate strictly within the legal framework of the United Kingdom and shall not replace, supersede, or challenge the jurisdiction of British courts.
 - 5. It shall function as a recognised internal arbitration and mediation forum permitted under UK law, expressing the Sikh community's disciplined capacity for self-governance.
 - 6. Independent legal counsel shall be secured to ensure statutory compliance, procedural enforceability where applicable, and institutional durability.
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Resolution IV

On Relationship with the Akal Takht Sahib

1. Panch Pardhani UK affirms the doctrinal authority of the Akal Takht Sahib as the supreme temporal seat of the Sikh Panth.
 2. Engagement with Hukamnamas and Panthic guidance shall be undertaken through collective study, contextual discernment, and disciplined consultation.
 3. Panch Pardhani UK shall maintain respectful engagement with established Panthic institutions while exercising responsible autonomy within the diaspora context.
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Resolution V

On Sikh Sovereignty within the British Civic Order

1. Sikh sovereignty is affirmed as a doctrine of collective moral self-determination rooted in Gurmat.
 2. This sovereignty does not constitute a territorial claim within the United Kingdom; it is expressed through institutional autonomy, disciplined governance, and organised civic participation.
 3. Panch Pardhani UK commits to:
 - Defending religious freedom and minority rights.
 - Promoting legal literacy and constitutional awareness within Sikh institutions.
 - Engaging British democratic structures from a position of dignity and principled identity.
 4. Civic engagement shall be understood as an expression of Sikh ethical responsibility.
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Resolution VI

On Education, Leadership, and Intellectual Formation

1. The strength of Panthic sovereignty depends upon intellectual discipline and moral preparation.
 2. Panch Pardhani UK establishes programmes for:
 - Structured leadership development for future generations.
 - A Sikh political literacy framework grounded in Gurmat and historical consciousness.
 - Collaboration with academic institutions to advance research in Sikh theology, governance, and jurisprudence.
 - Doctrinal reference standards to ensure institutional coherence.
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Resolution VII

On Public Representation and Communication

1. Panch Pardhani UK shall maintain a disciplined and coordinated Panthic voice.
 2. A structured mechanism shall be instituted to address misrepresentation affecting Sikh institutions or doctrine.
 3. Designated spokespersons shall operate under institutional accountability and in strict adherence to Gurmat principles and established communication standards.
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Resolution VIII

On Strategic Institutional Development

Panch Pardhani UK hereby establishes the following strategic commitments:

1. The publication of a Panthic Governance Framework (UK Context).
2. The formation of a Sikh Policy Institute.
3. The constitution of a Panthic Mediation and Arbitration Board under the authority of the Sikh Court structure.
4. The institution of an Annual Guru Arjan Memorial Lecture in the United Kingdom.

All such initiatives shall proceed with constitutional discipline, financial transparency, and full legal compliance.