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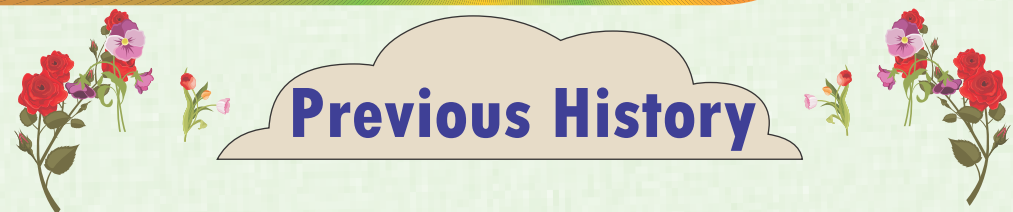
Unique War of World

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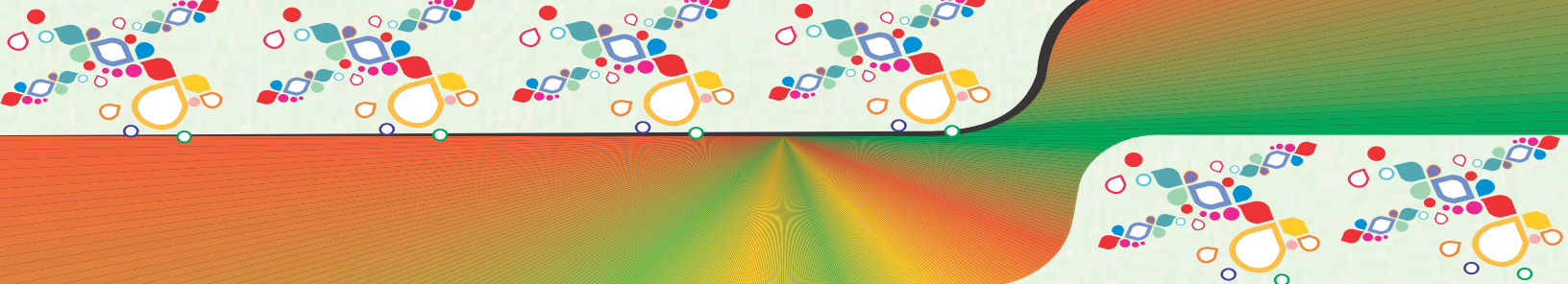
This history of bravery is of those children who scarified their life during childhood. Their father Sh. Guru Gobind Singh had been fighting with emperor of that time Aurangzab for a long time. Emperor Aurangzab being upset from war being fought for a long period sent a special massage. He took vow on pious Kuran and accordingly Guru ji could move to any part of country. Safty of his life and belonging would be taken care of the emperor provided Guru ji vacated the fort of Anandpur Sahib. The force of emperor would not check Guru ji from moving to any place and would not harm in any way.

Guru ji had no belief on the vow by Kuran of Aurangzab. He was aware that political people were unbelievable and as such he was conscious. But due to shortage of food in the fort, Sikh army was forcing Guru ji to vacate fort in view of good offer by the emperor. As per agreement, Guru ji would have protection by the administration. The agreement was counter signed by the entire administrator in addition to emperor. With precautions, Guru ji left the fort suddenly on the mid night of Dec, 20, and 1704. It was raining heavily & extreme cold.

Sacrifice at young age :

The family of Guru Gobind Singh was separated due to stormy night and




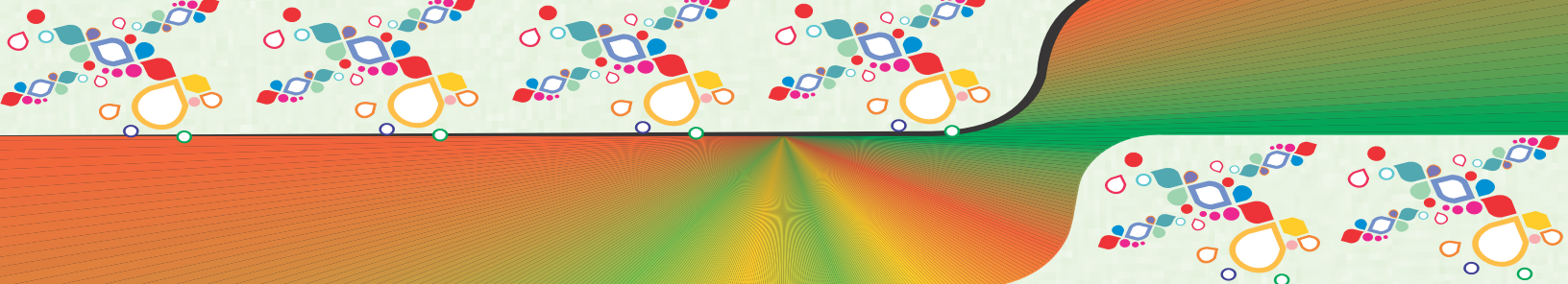


flood in river. Their younger two sons were with Mata Gujri. They lost their path while moving with Ganga Ram (Gangu). Mata ji was advised by Gangu to accompany him to his village sahari, so that the difficult time would pass. Mata gave consent and they reached village of Gangu. Mata ji was carrying bag containing gold coins. Gangu got sight of this bag.

He stole the bag lying under pillow of Mata Gujri who was sleeping. Gangu started shouting from the roof of the house about the entry of thief. Then Mata ji asked Gangu to remain calm even in the bag had been stolen but Gangu didn't sit silent. During those days Nawab Vajid had announced in the village that nobody should give protection to Guru ji or his family members. The person who gives protection will be severely punished. On the other hand the person who gives clue about them will be suitably rewarded. Firstly Gangu was frightened to know about the announcement, then he thought that he would be relieved from the cruelty of Suba, if he inform the where about of family of Guru ji and also he would be rewarded. Gangu betrayed Guru ji and he informed the police inspector of Morinda about the children for the sake of getting reward. The inspector enquired from Mata ji and he came to know that Gangu had stolen gold coins. Gangu was thrashed instead of getting reward.

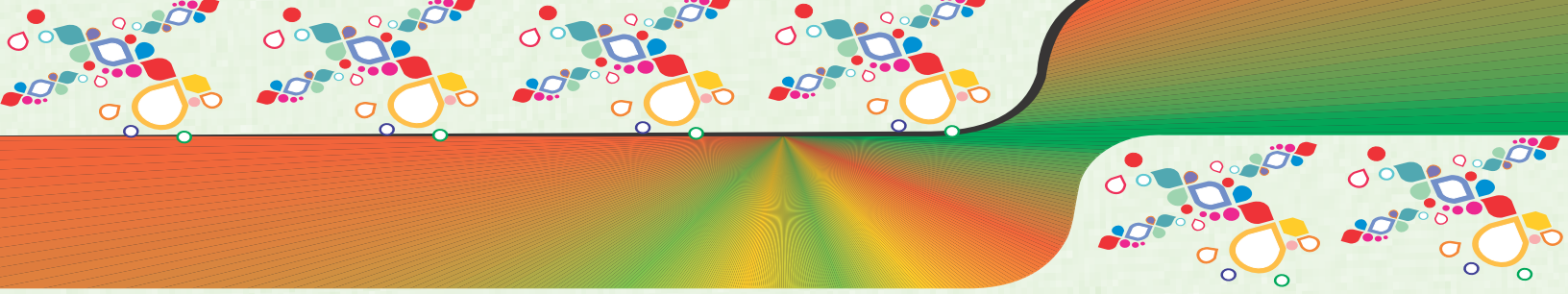
The police inspector sent Mata ji and children in cart to Nawab Vajid khan under protection. They were locked in the cold burj on a cold night. Nawab didn't arrange food for them. Next day a milk man (Moti Ram) served milk to Mata ji





and children. Nawab Vajid along with army had been trying to capture Guru ji alive for the last seven months but he was disappointed. He was very happy to see Mata ji along with children as his prisoners. He ordered for producing them in his court next morning. Mata ji was trying to warm up the children by keeping them closely with her body and make them asleep by hugging time and again. Mata ji awakened her children early in the morning and made them ready. She told them that you are son of lion (Guru ji) who never accepted defeat from cruelty. He scarified his all belongings for his religion and prestige. He persuaded his father to scarify. You should ensure that you did not show any weakness under pressure in your religion at the time when good offers are proposed. You should keep the prestige high of your father and his religion even if you had to scarify your lives.

The police men arrived to take the children for court of Vajid khan at the time, when grand mother was advising her grand children. The grand mother hugged the children at the time of sending them to court with the police men. The big door of court was closed and children were asked to enter through the window. On the way, they were advised to bow their heads before Nawab khan while reaching there. The police men accompanied them entered through the window after bowing their heads, the children following them put their feet ahead first and then their heads while entering through the window. The inspector advised the child to bow before the Nawab in the court but the children

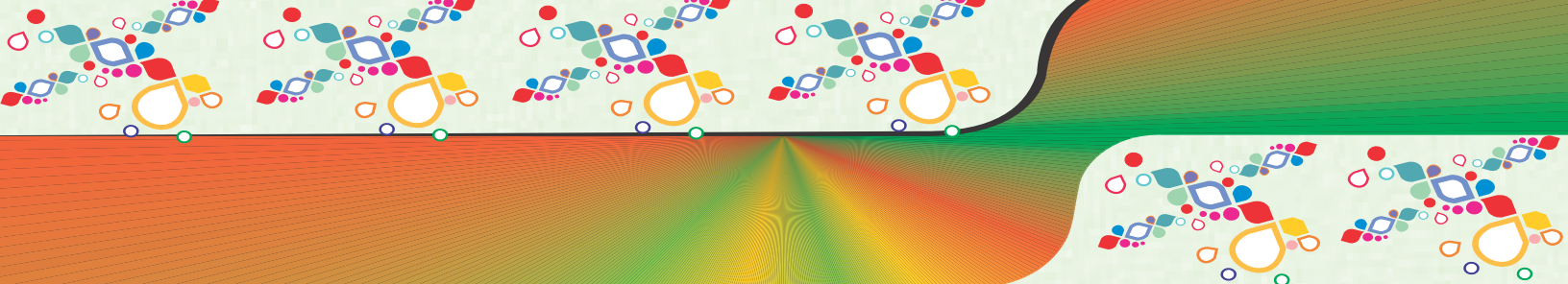


replied that they had offered their heads to their father (Guru Gobind Singh) and question bowing of heads before any other person does not arise.

Many darbari along with Nawab Vajid khan were sitting in the court. zorawar singh and fateh singh spoke loudly after reaching darbar.

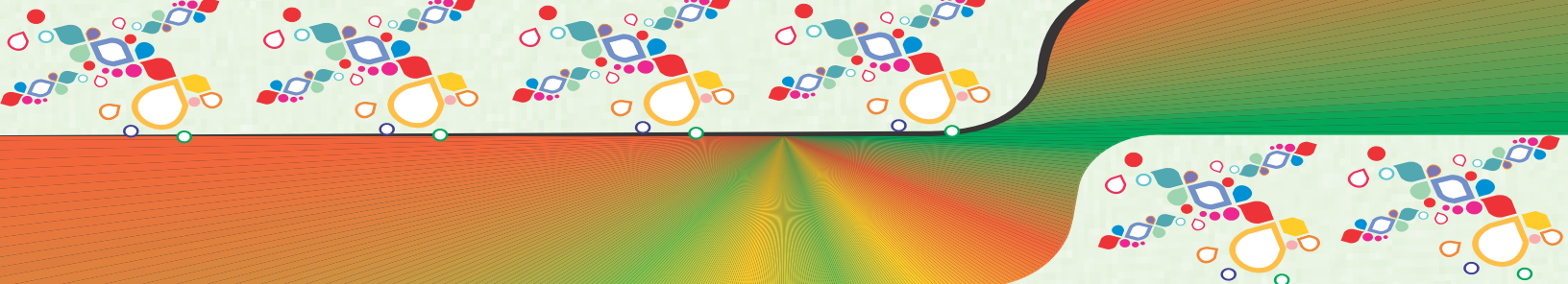
“WAHE GURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHE GURU JI KI FATEH”

Nawab and darbari were surprised to see that. One of the darbari Sucha nand asked the children “O! Children bow your head before Nawab, wish him”. The children replied that they had not bowed their head before any other person except to God and Guru. They had been given such advice. Nawab vajid khan said “your father and your elder brother had been killed in the war. You are lucky enough that you have reached safe and sound in my darbar. If you accept muslim religion you will be provided palace to live, delicious dishes to eat and silver cloths to wear. Many attendants will be at your disposal all the time. When you become older, you will be married with the beautiful daughters of big gernail. What you have to do with Sikhism. We shall uproot the Sikh religion and will not allow to exist it. If you don't accept muslim religion you will be penalized and killed. The pieces of your body will be hanged on the sides of road, So that nobody had the courage to become Sikh in future” Nawab kept on speaking. The children kept on smiling on his foolishness. Then, their faces become red when they were frightened by Nawab.



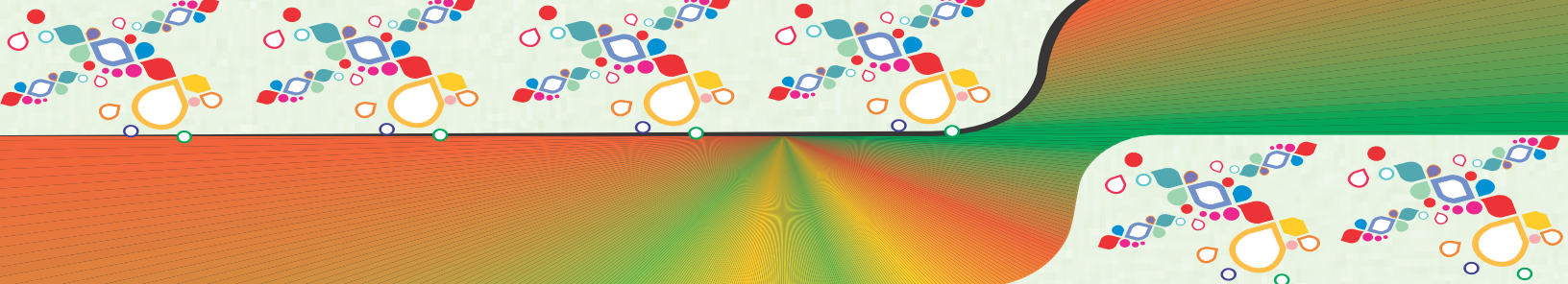
At that time Zorawar singh roared with saying that our father was immoral. No body had borne to kill him. God's hand is on him. It is impossible to kill brave gernail. Regarding acceptances of muslim religion, there is no question as Sikhism is dearer than their life. No worldly greed prevents us

from following of Sikhism. We shall never accept islam religion. You do what ever you want. Our grand father Guru Tegbahadur gladly accepted martyrdom but remained firm in his religion. It was silence in the darbar after hearing such brave words from seven year old Zorawar singh and five year old Fateh singh. Nawab Vajid khan also could not remain unaffected from bravery of children but he requested Kaji to pronounce penalty (sentence) for children. Kaji replied that no penalty could be pronounced. Then Sucha nand spoke, "if the children can show disrespect at such young age, they shall set the kingdom on fire". It is difficult to control Guru Gobind singh now. The children will surpass him (Guru). Snake should be killed at the time of birth. See the courge of children, they did not shirk from insulting Nawab. They should be finished right now. Nawab looked at the face of other darbaries to ascertain whether they also toe the line of Sucha nand but he found all other lifeless, nobody seconded the proposal of Sucha nand. Then Vajid khan enquired from Nawab Malarkotla about his opinion. His brother and nephew were killed by Guru ji during war at Chamkor sahib. Now there was opportunity for taking revenge by Nawab Malarkotla. I present you the children at your disposal. By killing the children you may take



revenge of brother and nephew. But Nawab Malerkotla was son of a pathan and he refused to take revenge. He said that if at all revenge is to be taken it should be taken from the father of the children and not from the children who are innocent. My father and brother died while fighting during the war, they were not killed. I considered it coward ness to kill the innocent children. Therefore I consider that they should be spared. Nawab of Malerkotla Sher Mohamod khan had just returned of Chamkor sahib along with Vajid khan. The advice of Sucha nand had a good effect on Nawab but Nawab preferred instead of killing children if they accept islam, it would be an example in history that children of Guru Gobind singh thought. Muslim religion better then their own and accepted muslim religion for having his wish fulfilled. He controlled himself and asked the children to go to their grand mother and come again the next day. They should take advice of their grand mother and consider the proposal thoroughly before giving the reply. It is possible that your grand mother may allow you to join the islam religion for the protection of your life.

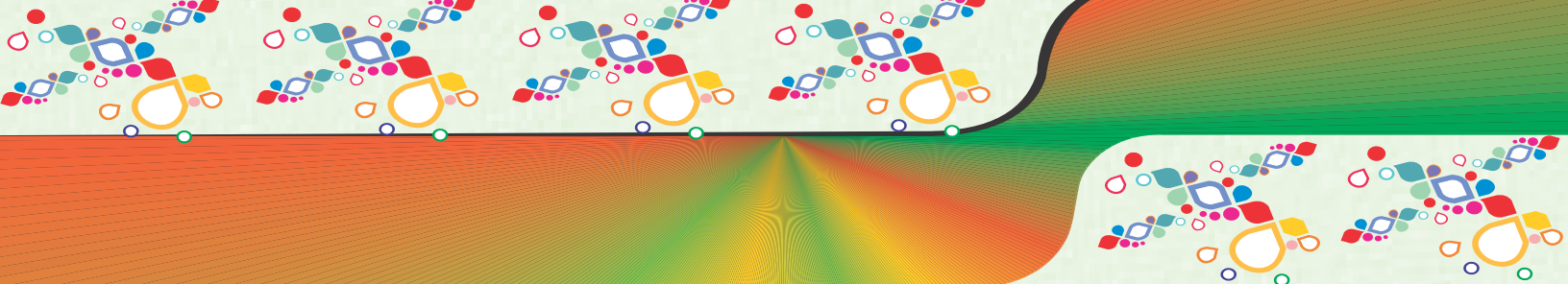
Children wanted to say something but Vajid khan went to other side. Police men took the children towards grand mother. Grand mother heaved sigh of relief after seeing the children in original Sikhi libas. She thanked God and put arms around children. Children were enjoying the affection of their grand mother. In the mean time she found that the police men had gone. Now the grand mother enquired about the conversation. The children starting telling it and also



informed about the role played by Sucha nand to exaggerate the situation. The grand mother applauded the children and told them to keep high prestige of their father and grand father. They would be offered more greedy proposals and more frightened but they should ensure that religion is more dear then life and remained firm. In case they are panelized bring the picture of martyrdom of Guru Tegbahadur and Guru Arjun dev before their eyes. Bhai Mati das and Bhai Dayla scarified by getting their body cutting into pieces and boiled respectively. After departure I shall also be pray God for keeping you firm in Sikhism. Grand mother took the children in lap and went for sleeping.

Next day, every thing happened as before and the children were threatened and given more greed. Nawab tried to take the children away from the religion for which he gave many offers full of greed such as huge amount in form of land, marriage with the daughters of Nawab, any quantity of wealth from treasury. But children were not trapped in the greed. They were children of Guru Gobind singh and not son of ordinary persons. They rejected the proposals of accepting Islam under any condition.

Now the Nawab started threatening and told them angrily that if they did not accept Islam they may be killed or buried alive in the wall. He inquired from them what is acceptable, death or Islam. Zorawar Singh smiled and said to his brother, “time has come to sacrifice our selves. It will be likewise our grand father scarified his head at Chandani Chowk in Delhi. What is your idea?” Fateh

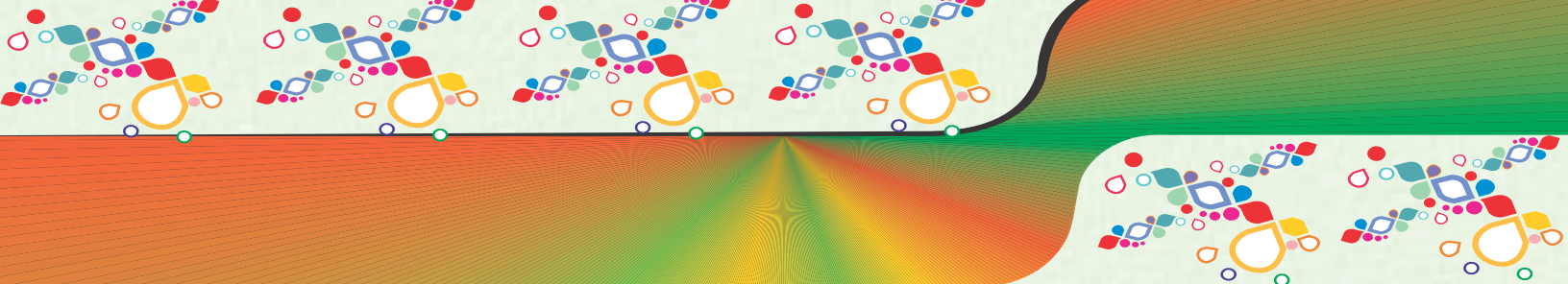


Singh said, “Our grand father scarified his head but did not yield to give up religion. His example is before us. We should not worry for death and we should sacrifice for the sake of religion and condemn the cruelty bestowed by mugals.” Zorawar Singh said “we are sons of great Guru Gobind Singh, we shall maintain the tradition likewise our grand father has sacrificed for their religion. It is custom in our religion that we may scarify our head but cannot give up tradition of Sikhism.”

Fateh Singh said to subedar, “we reject your religion, We shall not leave our religion. Why you offer worldly greed? We will not be trapped in your offers. By killing our grand father mugals have created abnormal conditions and they will finish themselves. Our death will further exaggerate the situation.

Sucha nand suggested that children should be put through examination. They were provided toys of different kinds. They selected toys of sword, arrow type commonly used in war. When they were asked what they would do with the toys, they told that they would practice for war. Vajid khan heard the views of high morale of children. Kaji also became of this opinion that Sucha nand was right. After discussing again with Kaji, he asked Kaji to give his religious decision. This time Kaji said that the children were bent upon opposing, they should be burred in the walls of fort.

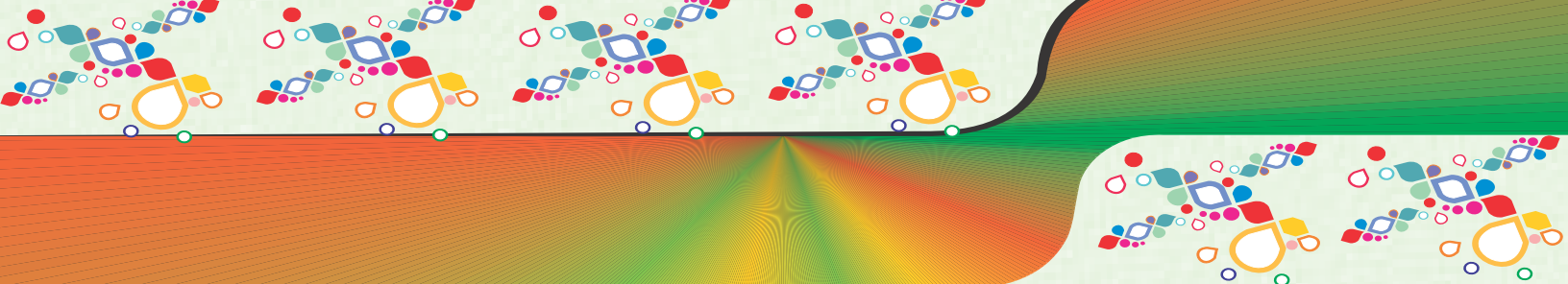
Nawab Malerkotla who was also sitting in the court said that the children



did not commit any sin. They should not be made to suffer for the action of their father. The person who is at fault should suffer and not other Kaji said to sher mohamad that he knew religious rule more than him. I have pounced that sentence according to Islamic law. The picture of coming event was becoming clear before grandmother on the third day. She was confident that this separation would be the last one. But mata gujri was confident that my grand children will protect the religion by sacrificing their lives.

She loved grand children, hugs their forehead and applauded their backs and sent with the policemen to fight with the destiny. She kept on seeing them till they were visible

Mata gujri started praying in cold burj after seeing off the children. She prayed to God that He should help the children in keeping their Sikhism intact. He should give courage and energy to face the situation bravely. The children were brought to court third day. They were told that in case they accepted islam religion, their blunder can be pardoned and they might be given preiviligious of princes. The children were firm in their mission. They were determined to live with prestige without any loss to Sikhism. They started preparation for burying them in the wall of court, but no jalad was ready to burry them. Suddenly the royal jalad Sheshal Beg and Bashal Beg had come to Sirhand in connection with the court case. They agreed to kill them with the condition that they will be pardoned by the court. The children were handed over to them. They made




Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh to stand in the foundation and started constructing wall around them. When the wall came up to the head of Fateh Singh, Zorawar Singh became sad. Kaji thought that they were afraid and might be ready for change of religion. He was asked the reason for becoming sad. Zorawar Singh said, “I am not afraid of death but I am sad to think that I am elder to Fateh Singh and had come in the world earlier than Fateh Singh. I should have the right to die and leave the world first.

Younger brother encouraged the elder brother by reciting Gurbani,

**“CHINTA TANKI KIGIE, JO ANHONI HOI
EH MARG SANSAR KO NANAK THIR NAHIN KOI”**

They repeated their determination for religion. The children made their pray to Guru and started reciting Gurbani. Kaji, who was standing beside, said, “Even now, if you accept the islam, you will be pardoned.” The children did not care to Kaji's word and set their mind towards God. The sons of Guru Gobind Singh attained martyrdom in this way at young age. Mata Gujri was awaiting their return and was standing on the gumbad of minar. Some enemy pushed her from back and threw her at the ground. She also died. Local resident Johri Toder Mal went to court to release the children and offered his entire wealth for this purpose. The children had already been killed. He asked for giving him the dead bodies of children for performing last rites. Vajid Khan told him that bodies



could be handed over to him only if he was ready to purchase the land for this purpose by making payment in gold coins in standing position equal to the area of land. Toder Mal purchased the land and performed their last rites.

This episode was narrated to Gura Gobind Singh by Noori Mahi one of the Sikhs. Guru ji uprooted a small plant with point of arrow and said, “In the way I have uprooted plant, similarly the islam religion will be uprooted.”

Guru ji enquired whether any other person spoke favorably, the Sikhs replied in negative. The Guru ji said, “Even if the islam will be uprooted but the roots of Mlerkotla Nawab will remain intact. My Sikhs will ruin Sirhand one day.” This happened on 27th, Dec 1704.

***Note: - The roots of Malerkotla Nawab are intact.
Banda Bahadur ruined Sirhand in 1710.***

