

# Hemkunt Sahib

Hemkunt Sahib is a Sanskrit name derived from Hem ("Snow") and Kund ("bowl"). The Dasam Granth says God ordered Sikh Guru Gobind Singh to take birth while he was in deep meditation at the mount of Hemkunt.

Hemkund Sahib (also spelled Hemkunt) is a Sikh place of worship and pilgrimage site in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand, India. It is devoted to Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1666–1708), the tenth Sikh Guru, and finds mention in Dasam Granth, a work dictated by Guruji himself. With its setting of a glacial lake surrounded by seven mountain peaks, each adorned by a Nishan Sahib on its cliff, it is according to the Survey of India located in the Himalayas at an elevation of 4,632 meters (15,197 feet). It is approached from Gobindghat on the Rishikesh-Badrinath highway. The main town near Gobindghat is Joshimath.



According to Bachitra Natak, the autobiographical account of the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, it was at Hemkunt 'adorned with seven snow peaks' that he meditated in his previous birth.

It was during the thirties of the twentieth century that the place was discovered by Sohan Singh Ji, Bhai Modam Singh Ji, Bhai Vir Singh Ji, Sikh Sangat and a leading figure of the Singh Sabha movement, played an important role first in helping these two gentlemen by verifying for them the location of the place and later by providing financial support for building a gurudwara at Hemkunt. Collective efforts of Sikh pioneers backed by the community support led to the construction of gurudwaras on route including Gobind Ghat (6,000 feet) and Gobind Dham (10,500 feet).

In spite of difficult terrain where Hemkunt is situated, devotees from all over the world make it to this unique Sikh shrine every summer. On the way they also visit other important gurdwaras in Rishikesh, Srinagar and Joshimath. On their way back they pay homage at Paonta Sahib, Bhangani Sahib, Tirgarhi Sahib and Shergah Sahib Gurdwaras. Apart from enjoying scenic beauty of the snow-clad peaks and taking a dip into visit the world famous Valley of Flowers not far from Sri Hemkunt Sahib.

Hemkund is inaccessible from October through April because of snow bound paths and glaciers. Sikh pilgrims arrive in May and set to work to repair the damage to the path over the winter, which tradition is called kar seva ("work service"), a concept which forms an important tenet of the Sikh faith.

The take-off point for Hemkund Sahib is the town of Govindghat about 275 kilometres (171 mi) from Rishikesh. The 13 kilometres (8.1 mi) trek is along a reasonably well maintained path to the village of Govinddham (also called Ghangaria). This path can be covered either by walk or by pony and a Gurudwara here gives shelter to pilgrims. In addition there are a few hotels and a camp ground with tents and mattresses. A 1,100-metre (3,600 ft) climb on a 6-kilometre (3.7 mi) of stone paved path leads Hemkund. Overnight stay is not allowed at Hemkund Sahib and so it is necessary to leave by 2 or 3pm to make it back to Govindghat by nightfall.



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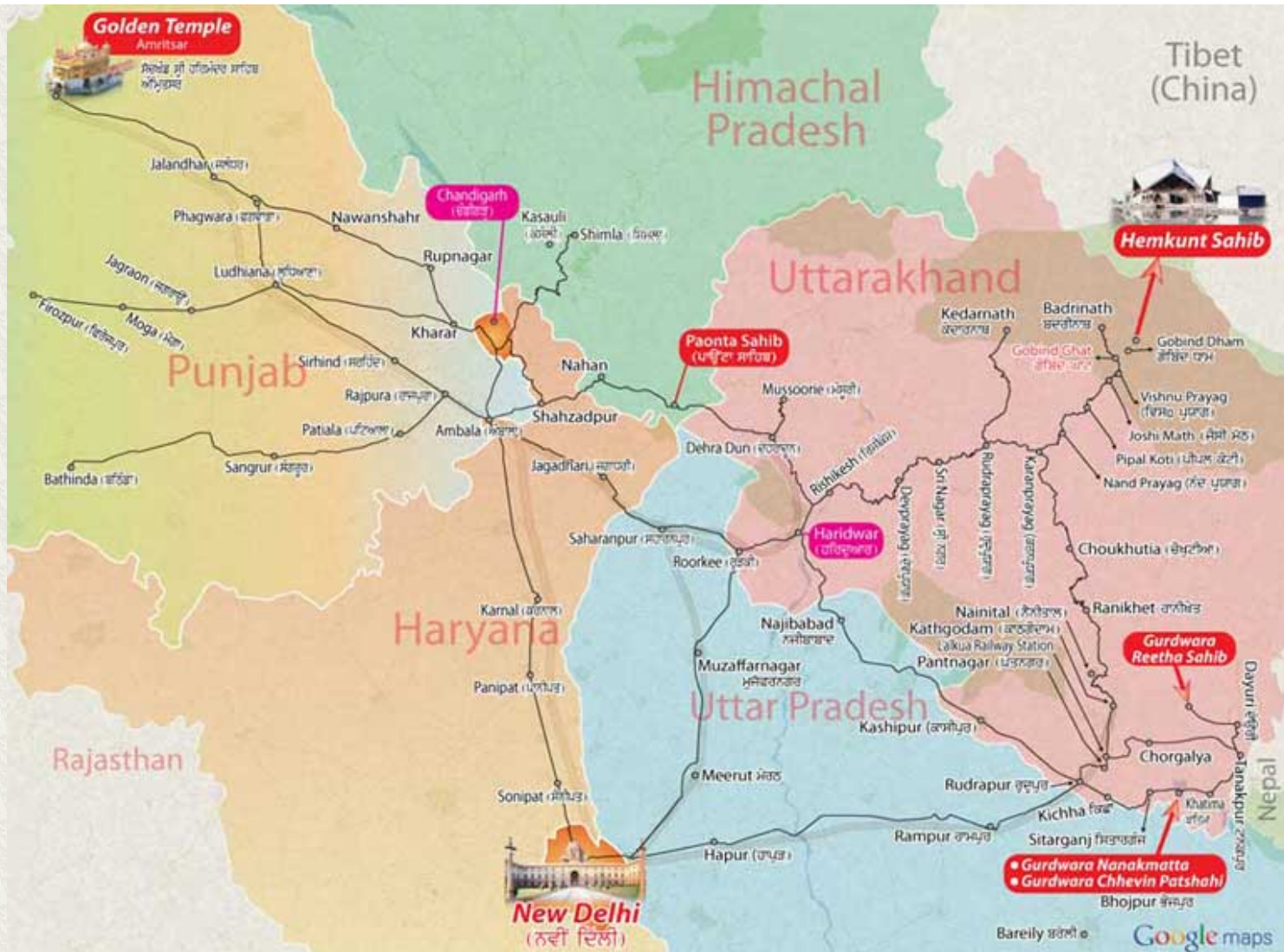
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## Gurdwara Sri Hemkund Sahib Yatra Information Website

### History of Gurdwara Hemkund Sahib

#### Route Map of Gurdwara Reetha Sahib

Guru Gobind Singh Ji the Tenth Master in one of his great holy compositions entitled "Bachittar Natak" while giving a hint or pointing out this good site Hemkund Sahib or Hemkunt Sahib:



Gurdwara Reetha Sahib

Ab mae apni katha bakhano.  
(Now I narrate my own tale)

Hemkunt parbat hae jahan. Sapat sring sobhit hae tahan.  
(Hemkunt Mountain is auspiciously situated among "Sapat Sring", a mountain-chain of the Himalyas)

Tah hum adhik tappasia saadhi.  
(At that site I meditated heavily on God in the previous birth)

Tin prabh jab aais muhe dia. Tab ham janam kalloo meh lia.  
(When the Almighty allowed me then I took birth in the dark age)

On the basis of the aforesaid holy composition uttered by Guru Sahib and with the Sikh Sangat's assistance some Gursikhs (the true Sikhs) Sant Sohan Singh ji Tihri wale, Hawaldar Modan Singh ji, Bhai Vir Singh ji etc. started the research work of this holy place Hemkund Sahib. In Samvat Nanakshahi 465-66 (1933-34 A.D.) they on the dint of the



## Route Map of Gurdwara Nanak Matta Sahib

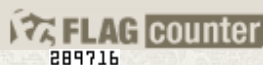


Gurdwara Nanak Matta Sahib

### Visitors

 IN 113,913	 SG 924
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 GB 8,627	 BR 690
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 AU 2,348	 IT 547
 MY 1,162	 CN 545

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Sikh Sangat's assistance and the Guru's kind grace were successful in reaching this holy place, Hemkund Sahib or Hemkunt Sahib. Roundabout Samvat Nanakshahi 468 (1936 A.D.) the Sikh Sangat got the Gurdwara Sahib constructed at Hemkund Sahib. The inauguration of the installation of Guru Granth Sahib ji was manifested in Samvat Nanakshahi 469 (August-Sep., 1937 A.D.)

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### When Does Gurdwara Sri Hemkund Sahib Yatra Opens

Gurudwara Hemkund Sahib opens for Darshans from May 25<sup>th</sup> in routine,,: Nagar Kirtan from Govind Ghat to Govind Dham will be on May 24 and from Govind Dham to Gurudwara Hemkund Sahib on May 25.

### When Does Gurdwara Sri Hemkund Sahib Yatra Close

Gurudwara Hemkund Sahib closes for Darshans from October 10<sup>th</sup> in routine

### Where is Gurdwara Sri Hemkund Sahib

Hemkund Sahib is a pilgrimage site in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand, India. With a setting of a glacial lake surrounded by seven mountain peaks and each peak is adorned by a Nishan Sahib on its cliff, it is located in the Himalaya Mountains at an elevation of 4632 meters (15,200 ft) as per the Survey of India. It is accessible only by foot from Gobindghat on the Rishikesh-Badrinath highway.

[View Location of Gurdwara Hemkund Sahib](#)

### Some Important Informations about GURDWARA SRI HEMKUNT / HEMKUND SAHIB

DistrictChamoli

Pin Code249401

ProvinceUttaranchal

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### Some Distance between Hemkund Sahib to other Important Cities

From Gobind Dham6 k.m. (afoot)



From Gobind Ghat 19 k.m. (afoot)

From Rishikesh 294 k.m.

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### ▶ **Necessary Material to carry along with you**

Rain-coat, First-aid Kit, Wind-Sheeter, Water-Bottle, Sweater, Torch and Cell (at Gobind Dham the supply of electricity is only till 10:00 p.m. So torch is very necessary), Gloves, Neckerchief/Muffler, Cloth-Boots, Scissor –Chappal etc.

### ▶ **Nearby Hill Stations of Hemkund / Hemkunt Sahib**

Nainital : While going to Hemkund Sahib or Hemkunt Sahib from Rishikesh, in the way from Karan Prayag after turning right side comes this famous hill station. From Nainital about 15-20 kms. ahead railway station Kathgodam lies from which one can leave for Delhi by train.

Mussoorie : While going to Rishikesh from Haridwar ahead at some distance from Raiwala Railway Station after turning left side from the Nepali Farm/Chowk this hill station is situated ahead approx. at 70 kms.

