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**FACTS FOR KIDS**  
**ABOUT THE GURMUKHI SCRIPT,**  
**PANJABI LANGUAGE AND PANJAB**

**WHO DEVELOPED THE GURMUKHI SCRIPT?  
WHERE WAS THE GURMUKHI SCRIPT DEVELOPED?**

**The Gurmukhi script originated in Panjab. It was developed by the second Sikh Guru, Guru Angad Dev Ji (1504 - 1554).**

**Guru Angad Dev Ji wrote the first Gurmukhi primer and prepared the first Gutka of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Bani at a village called Khadoor Sahib in the Taran Taaran district of Panjab.**

## GURMUKHI ALPHABET

ੳ ਆ ਏ ਸ ਹ

ਕ ਖ ਗ ਘ ਙ

ਚ ਛ ਜ ਤ ਵ

ਟ ਠ ਡ ਢ ਲ਼

ਤ ਥ ਦ ਧ ਨ

ਪ ਫ ਬ ਭ ਮ

ਯ ਰ ਲ ਵ ਝ

ਸ਼ ਖ਼ ਗ਼ ਜ਼ ਫ਼



A new letter ੜ has recently been added to the Gurmukhi alphabet.

## WHERE IS PANJAB?



**Panjab** is situated in South Asia.



## WHAT DOES THE WORD 'PANJAB' MEAN?

The word **Panjab** is a compound of the Persian words '**panj**' which means '**five**' and '**aab**' which means '**water**'.

'Panj' 'aab' refers to the **five most-notable rivers** of Panjab, that flow into the Indus River.

Panjab is known as '**the land of five rivers**'.

The name Panjab is also spelt as 'Punjab'. 'Punjab' is the old British spelling and is more commonly used. However, the spelling '**Panjab**' is phonetically more precise than 'Punjab'.

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