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ABOUT THE GURMUKHI SCRIPT,
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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 ਝ ਞ
ਟ ਠ ਡ ਢ ਲ਼
ਤ ਥ ਦ ਧ ਨ
ਪ ਫ ਬ ਭ ਮ
ਯ ਰ ਲ ਵ ਝ
ਸ਼ ਖ਼ ਗ਼ ਜ਼ ਞ਼



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

WHERE IS PANJAB?



Panjab is situated in South Asia.

THE SIKH EMPIRE

The teachings of the ten Sikh Gurus led to a social, religious and political revolution, known as the '**Sikh revolution**'. This revolution led to the establishment of the **Sikh Empire** (1799 - 1849). The Sikh rule referred to as 'Sarkar-E-Khalsa' spanned across **Panjab and beyond** including Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh and a part of China, Tibet, Nepal and old Afghanistan.

The Sikh Empire was formed under the leadership of **Maharaja Ranjit Singh**. Maharaja Ranjit Singh's rule was secular and cosmopolitan. It was a **formidable power** and was in possession of one of the greatest treasure collections in the world - collections from the Sikh Empire can be viewed at exhibitions held in London by the Victoria and Albert Museum.

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AT ITS PEAK 1839

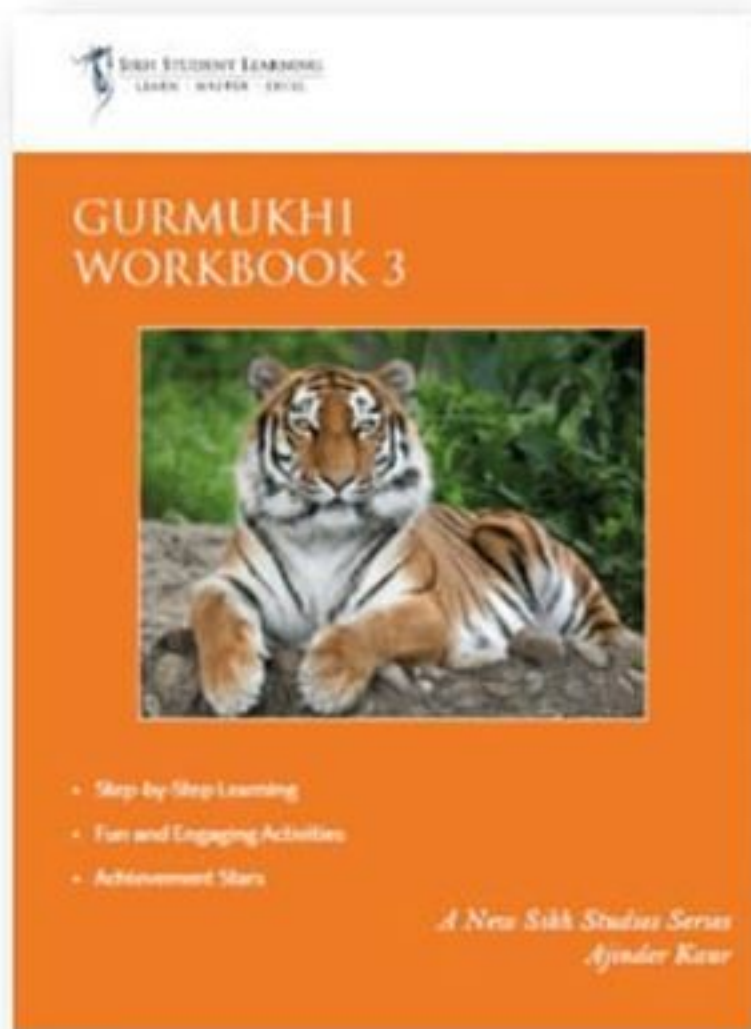


WHAT REGION IS REFERRED TO AS GREATER PANJAB?

After the death of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the Sikh Empire went through a period of instability. Instability, treachery and two **Anglo-Sikh wars** eventually led to the fall of the Sikh Empire in 1849.

In 1846, after the **first** Anglo-Sikh war, **Jammu and Kashmir** were **separated from the Sikh Empire** (the remaining region is referred to as **Greater Panjab** or **Historic Panjab**) and granted as a princely state, by the British, to Gulab Singh Dogra. Gulab Singh Dogra was an influential nobleman in the court of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and a soldier in the Sikh army. Jammu and Kashmir were granted to **Gulab Singh Dogra** for service to the British on the one hand and **treachery** against the Sikh Empire on the other.

After the **second** Anglo-Sikh war in 1849, **Panjab was annexed** by the British and **added** to British India. Panjab remained under British occupation, as part of British India, for approximately **one hundred years** (1849 -1947).



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