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## Celebration of the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji by Government of India

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## Press Release

- 1. Government of India has decided to build and develop 'Kartarpur Corridor' from Gurudwara Dera Baba Nanak (Gurdaspur District in Punjab) to the international border to facilitate pilgrims to visit the historical Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan. In this regard the Government of India will request Pakistan to develop a corridor with suitable facilities on their territory as well. This will help in realizing the long pending demand of the Sikh community to be able to visit Gurudwara kartarpur Sahib where the first Sikh Guru spent the last 18 years of his life.
- 2. The historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi, which is associated with the life of Shri Guru Nanak Devji, will be developed as a 'Heritage town'.
- 3. Chairs of Guru Nanak Devji will be set up in one University each in the UK and Canada by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- 4. A Centre for interfaith studies will be established at Guru Nanak Dev University in Amritsar (Punjab).
- 5. The Government of India will release commemorative coin and postage stamps.
- 6. An International seminar of life and ideals of Shri Guru Nanak Devji will be organized in New Delhi.
- 7. Doordarshan will arrange live telecast of programme on Shri Guru Nanak Devji.
- 8. A train passing through the different holy places associated with Shri Guru Nanak Devji for pilgrims and tourists will be run by Ministry of Railways.
- 9. Activities like kirtan, katha, prabhat pheri, langar, etc. will be organised throughout the country, especially at the places associated with the First Guru of Sikhs.

- 10. Gurbani will be published in different languages by the National Book Trust.
- 11. UNESCO will be requested to translate and publish anthology of the writings of Guru Nanak Devji in world languages.
- 12. Special events will be organized by the Indian Missions abroad to commemorate the 550th Anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Devji.

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