

Scripture 101

The contributors to the Granth

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Who wrote the hymns of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji: the Gurus, the Bhagats, the Bhattas and the Gursikhs, with their dates, places and sources — the roster the site and the app show.

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The roster names 36 voices. Each *name in the corpus* is the author string of the database, so `/api/analytics/author` and the [structure page](#) join to it, and the [Ang explorer](#) shows their lines. A voice the attribution repair in sggs-data is still adding has no lines in the corpus yet. Dates come only from the sources each entry cites; an unknown date is left blank (c. marks an uncertain one, *fl.* the century a voice is known from). Every entry is a draft until the scholar signs the [review pack](#) (gate G3). This is historical context, never a ranking.

The Gurus (6)

Name in the corpus	Name	Lived	Era	Region	Tradition
Guru Nanak Dev Ji (M1)	Guru Nanak Dev Ji	1469–1539	Founder · 1469–1539	Punjab (Talwandi / Kartarpur)	First Guru
Guru Angad Dev Ji (M2)	Guru Angad Dev Ji	1504–1552	Second Guru · 1504–1552	Punjab (Khadur)	Second Guru
Guru Amar Das Ji (M3)	Guru Amar Das Ji	1479–1574	Third Guru · 1479–1574	Punjab (Goindval)	Third Guru
Guru Ram Das Ji (M4)	Guru Ram Das Ji	1534–1581	Fourth Guru · 1534–1581	Punjab (Lahore / Goindval / Amritsar)	Fourth Guru
Guru Arjan Dev Ji (M5)	Guru Arjan Dev Ji	1563–1606	Fifth Guru · 1563–1606	Punjab (Goindval / Amritsar / Lahore)	Fifth Guru · Compiler
Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (M9)	Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	1621–1675	Ninth Guru · 1621–1675	Punjab (Amritsar / Anandpur) · Delhi	Ninth Guru

- **Guru Nanak Dev Ji** — The first Guru and founder of the Sikh faith; the Granth opens with his Mool Mantar and Japji.
- **Guru Angad Dev Ji** — The second Guru; his Bani is saloks, set within the Vaars of the Granth.
- **Guru Amar Das Ji** — The third Guru; author of the Anand Sahib.

- **Guru Ram Das Ji** — The fourth Guru, who founded Amritsar; his Laavan are sung at the Sikh wedding.
- **Guru Arjan Dev Ji** — The fifth Guru, who compiled the Adi Granth (installed 1604); the author of Sukhmani Sahib.
- **Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji** — The ninth Guru, martyred at Delhi in 1675; his saloks close the Bani of the Gurus in the Granth.

The Bhagats (15)

Name in the corpus	Name	Lived	Era	Region	Tradition
Bhagat Jaidev Ji	Bhagat Jaidev Ji	fl. 12th c.	12th century	Bengal or Orissa	Vaishnava poet
Sheikh Farid Ji	Baba Sheikh Farid Ji	1173–1265	12th–13th century	Punjab (Multan / Ajodhan)	Sufi (Chishti)
Bhagat Trilochan Ji	Bhagat Trilochan Ji	b. c. 1267	13th–14th century	Maharashtra	Vaishnava sant
Bhagat Namdev Ji	Bhagat Namdev Ji	c. 1270–1350	13th–14th century	Maharashtra (Pandharpur) · Punjab (Ghuman)	Varkari / Sant
Bhagat Ramanand Ji	Bhagat Ramanand Ji	c. 1300–1410	14th–15th century	Prayag · Banaras (Varanasi)	Vaishnava bhakti teacher
Bhagat Sadhna Ji	Bhagat Sadhna Ji	fl. 14th c.	13th–14th century	Sindh (Sehwan) · Punjab (Sirhind)	Sant / butcher by trade
Bhagat Kabir Ji	Bhagat Kabir Ji	b. c. 1398	15th century	Banaras (Varanasi) · Magahar	Sant / weaver-mystic
Bhagat Dhanna Ji	Bhagat Dhanna Ji	b. c. 1415	15th century	Rajasthan (Tonk)	Sant / farmer
Bhagat Pipa Ji	Bhagat Pipa Ji	b. c. 1425	15th century	Rajasthan (Gagraun) · Dwarka	Sant / renunciant king
Bhagat Ravidas Ji	Bhagat Ravidas Ji	fl. 15th c.	15th century	Banaras (Varanasi)	Sant / cobbler-saint
Bhagat Sain Ji	Bhagat Sain Ji	fl. 15th c.	15th century	Central India (Rewa) or the Deccan (Bidar)	Sant / barber
Bhagat Bhikhan Ji	Bhagat Bhikhan Ji	c. 1480–1573	15th–16th century	Not recorded	Sant
Bhagat Parmanand Ji	Bhagat Parmanand Ji	b. c. 1483	15th–16th century	Maharashtra (Barsi)	Vaishnava saint-poet
Bhagat Surdas Ji	Bhagat Surdas Ji	b. c. 1529	16th century	Awadh (Sandila) · Banaras	Bhakta poet
Bhagat Beni Ji	Bhagat Beni Ji	not recorded	uncertain (medieval)	Not recorded	Sant

- **Bhagat Jaidev Ji** — Poet of the Gita Govinda; two of his hymns are in the Granth.

- **Baba Sheikh Farid Ji** — Sufi mystic, known as the first recorded poet of the Punjabi language.
- **Bhagat Trilochan Ji** — A Maharashtra sant, learned in Puranic lore; four of his hymns are in the Granth.
- **Bhagat Namdev Ji** — Marathi sant of fervent devotion; sixty-one of his hymns are in the Granth.
- **Bhagat Ramanand Ji** — Teacher of Vaishnava bhakti at Kashi; his single hymn in the Granth rejects idol-worship.
- **Bhagat Sadhna Ji** — A butcher by trade whose single hymn asks the Lord to save his honour.
- **Bhagat Kabir Ji** — The weaver-mystic of Kashi; his Bani is the largest of any Bhagat in the Granth.
- **Bhagat Dhanna Ji** — A Jatt farmer of Rajasthan, drawn to devotion by Namdev, Kabir, Ravidas and Sain; three hymns are his.
- **Bhagat Pipa Ji** — A prince of Gagraun who gave up his throne; his one hymn finds the Divine within the body.
- **Bhagat Ravidas Ji** — Poet and mystic of Varanasi who rejected caste; forty of his hymns are in the Granth.
- **Bhagat Sain Ji** — A barber-saint whose one hymn in the Granth calls praise of the Lord the true aarti.
- **Bhagat Bhikhan Ji** — A sant in the tradition of Ravidas and Dhanna; two of his hymns are in the Granth.
- **Bhagat Parmanand Ji** — A Maharashtra saint-poet whose one hymn puts devotion and service above ritual reading.
- **Bhagat Surdas Ji** — A bhakta poet of whom the Granth keeps one line, answered by a shabad of Guru Arjan.
- **Bhagat Beni Ji** — A sant of single-minded meditation; three of his hymns are in the Granth.

The Bhatt (12)

Name in the corpus	Name	Lived	Era	Region	Tradition
Bhatt Bal (ਭਟਕਲ)	Bhatt Bal Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Bhal (ਭਟਕਭਲ)	Bhatt Bhal Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Bhikha (ਭਟਕਭਿਕਾ)	Bhatt Bhikha Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)

Name in the corpus	Name	Lived	Era	Region	Tradition
Bhatt Gayand (ਭਟ ਗਯੰਦ)	Bhatt Gayand Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Haribans (ਭਟ ਹਰਿਬੰਸ)	Bhatt Haribans Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Jalap (ਭਟ ਜਲਪ)	Bhatt Jalap Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Kalsahar (ਭਟ ਕਲਸਾਹਰ)	Bhatt Kalsahar Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Nal (ਭਟ ਨਲ)	Bhatt Nal Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Sal (ਭਟ ਸਲ)	Bhatt Sal Ji	fl. 16th c.	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
The Bhattas (ਭਟ)	The Bhattas	fl. 16th c.	Court bards · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhattas (collective)
Bhatt Kirat (ਭਟ ਕਿਰਤ)	Bhatt Kirat Ji	d. c. 1634	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)
Bhatt Mathura (ਭਟ ਮਥੁਰਾ)	Bhatt Mathura Ji	d. c. 1634	Court bard · late 16th c.	Punjab	Bhatt (bard)

- **Bhatt Bal Ji** — Balh, son of Tokha (a brother of Rayya), wrote Swaiyye on the spiritual oneness of the Gurus, in the set praising Guru Ram Das.
- **Bhatt Bhal Ji** — Bhalh, a son of Sekha, wrote one Swaiyya, in praise of Guru Amar Das.
- **Bhatt Bhikha Ji** — Bhikha, son of Rayya, was a Brahmin bard of Sultanpur Lodhi who received initiation from Guru Amar Das.
- **Bhatt Gayand Ji** — Gayand's Swaiyye glorify Guru Ram Das.
- **Bhatt Haribans Ji** — Haribans, eldest son of Gokha (a brother of Rayya), wrote two Swaiyye, both in praise of Guru Arjan.
- **Bhatt Jalap Ji** — Jalap, a son of Bhatt Bhikha, moved to Goindval with his father.

- **Bhatt Kalsahar Ji** — Kalh, also called Kalsahar or Kal Thakur, was a son of Bhatt Bhikha and is reckoned the most learned of the Bhatt.
- **Bhatt Nal Ji** — Nalh's Swaiyye are all in praise of Guru Ram Das.
- **Bhatt Sal Ji** — Salh, a son of Sekha (brother of Rayya, Bhikha's father), wrote Swaiyye on the pre-eminence of Guru Amar Das and Guru Ram Das.
- **The Bhatt**s — The Bhatt were bards of Brahmin families from the banks of the Sarasvati; some had settled at Sultanpur Lodhi.
- **Bhatt Kirat Ji** — Kirat, a son of Bhatt Bhikha, wrote Swaiyye in praise of Guru Amar Das and Guru Ram Das.
- **Bhatt Mathura Ji** — Mathura, a son of Bhatt Bhikha, sang the praise of Guru Ram Das and Guru Arjan.

Gursikhs (3)

Name in the corpus	Name	Lived	Era	Region	Tradition
Bhai Mardana	Bhai Mardana Ji	1459–1534	15th–16th century	Punjab (Talwandi / Kartarpur)	Companion of Guru Nanak
Baba Sundar Ji	Baba Sundar Ji	fl. 16th c.	16th century	Punjab (Goindval)	Great-grandson of Guru Amar Das
Satta & Balwand	Bhai Satta Ji & Bhai Balwand Ji	fl. 16th c.	16th–17th century	Punjab (Lahore)	Rababis of the Gurus' court

- **Bhai Mardana Ji** — Guru Nanak's companion and rabab player on his travels. Saloks at Ang 553 carry his name (ਮਰਦਾਨਾ ੴ); many read them as Guru Nanak's words addressed to him — under scholarly review.
- **Baba Sundar Ji** — Author of the Sadu, which tells of Guru Amar Das's peaceful, God-willed passing.
- **Bhai Satta Ji & Bhai Balwand Ji** — The two rababis whose Vaar praises the one light passing from Guru to Guru.

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