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**This Gurudwara in Ahiyaganj is still
discharging its historical traditions**

**Chief Ministers pays obeisance at the
historical Gurudwara Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Saheb**

**Chief Minister participates in the
'Khalsa Sajna Diwas' program on Baisakhi**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Yogi Adityanath has greeted the people on Baisakhi and has said that it was on this date that Guru Govind Singh ji established the Khalsa Panth for protection of the country and religion. Calling Shri Guru Govind Singh ji a 'avataari purush', the Chief Minister said that he had published about his life and times in many books penned by him.

He added that through his valour and inspiration to the youth, Guru Govind Singh ji was able to re-establish the primacy of the country from a pitiful situation due to successive aggressions by foreign invaders. He set a great example of self sacrifice by establishing the great Khalsa Panth, the Chief Minister further stated. The Chief Minister was today speaking at a function - Khalsa Sajna Diwas - organized at the historical Gurudwara Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Saheb, Yahihyaganj.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister paid obeisance at the Shri Guru Granth Saheb ji and had a view of the hand written 'Hukmnama' of Guru Govind Singh ji and a hand written Guru Granth Saheb. Underlining the relevance of the festival of Baisakhi in the Sanatan religion, the Chief

Minister said the motive of safeguarding religion and the country as espoused by Guru Govind Singh ji were still relevant as were in his times.

Referring to the vandalizing and extraction of various religious places by foreign invaders, specially the wrong treatment to women, Mr Yogi Adityanath said to safeguard the society what happened to the four children of Guru Govind Singh ji is well known. Unfazed by the personal tragedy, Guru Govind Singh ji dedicated his children to the country and society.

The Chief Minister exhorted the people to get inspiration from the sacrifice and renunciation from Guru Govind Singh and said that the historical Gurudwara at Yahihaganj was still discharging its historical responsibilities. This gurudwara, he further pointed out was so sacred as both Guru Govind Singh and Guru Tag Bahadur stayed here. Referring to the great discrimination and torture perpetrated during that times, the Chief Minister said that when a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits met Guru Govind Singh and sought his protection, the great Guru tag Bahadur laid down his life for this.

He also shed light on the great traditions of the Khalsa Panth and said that whenever the country and religion will be endangered, the youth of today will get inspired by the great sacrifices of the Sikh Guru's and move ahead. Rather than making the sacrifice and renunciation of these great souls a matter of controversy, inspiration should be sought from them so that a society bereft of caste-community and untouchability is established, Mr. Yogi said.

Referring to the historical perspective of the Shri Harminder Ji Patna Saheb, the Chief Minister pointed out how some time back, the 'Prakashotsava' was celebrated at Shri patna Saheb in which Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has participated. He also narrated how he

himself had gone to pray at the Shrine Patna Saheb on his first visit to Patna. This is a pure religious place as Guru Govind Singh, who braved adverse conditions to march ahead with the flag of Sikhism, was born here.

Mr. Yogi also said that while establishing the Khalsa Panth, the 'panch pyara's who were given the 'amrut' were Hindu followers suffering untouchability, thereby giving a message to weed out this bane from the society. The Chief Minister exhorted the people to ensure that ills of the society were done away with and a society full of mutual harmony established.

Adding that the whole nation was indebted to the Sikh Guru's and their rich tradition, the Chief Minister said the prime minister was also continuously working for the unified, strong and harmonious nation. The Chief Minister was gifted Saropa, Shawl, Angavastra, Kripan and a memento of the Gurudwara. Others who were present on the occasion were Law and Justice Minister Mr. Brajesh Pathak, Minister of State for Minority welfare (Independent Charge) Mr. Baldev Olakh, Secretary of Gurudwara Management Committee Mr. Manohan Singh Happy, Dr. Gurumeet Singh, Dr. Kamarjot Singh and Chief Granthi Gyaani Paramjeet Singh and a large number of people.

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