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Celebration of Punjab Day and the auspicious festival of Vaisakhi, organized by the Embassy of India in Mexico City in association with the Punjabi Diaspora Community

The Embassy of India in Mexico City, in collaboration with the Indian diaspora community from Punjab, organized vibrant celebrations of Vaisakhi and Punjab Day on Saturday, 11 April 2026 at the Embassy premises. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from members of the Indian diaspora and Mexican friends of India, reflecting the growing cultural connect between India and Mexico. The celebrations continued on 12 April 2026 with a community-led Vaisakhi event organized by members of the Punjabi community in Mexico City.

2. The programme on 11th April 2026 commenced with an exhibition of paintings in the Embassy garden area depicting the teachings and life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. It was followed by a Shabad Kirtan, presenting sacred hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib, which created a serene and peaceful atmosphere. The rendition conveyed the foundational principles of Sikh philosophy, including equality, compassion, and service.

3. In his address, Ambassador Pankaj Sharma spoke about the significance of Vaisakhi as a harvest festival and the beginning of a new year in the Sikh calendar. He noted that the occasion also commemorates the formation of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1699, representing values of courage, discipline, and collective identity. Referring to the enduring ideals of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, he described Punjab as a region where traditions and community life remain deeply interconnected. He further highlighted Punjab's significant contribution towards India's agricultural strength, for which it is known as the "Granary of India". He recalled the spiritual legacy of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Guru Gobind Singh Ji, and acknowledged the contributions of prominent figures from Punjab in India's freedom movement. Drawing attention to the spirit of Chardi Kalaa and the principle of Sarbat da Bhala, he noted that these values continue to shape communities across the world, including in Mexico.

4. The Ambassador also appreciated the Punjabi community in Mexico for its strong sense of cohesion and outreach, and for its role in fostering closer cultural and social engagement between India and Mexico. He noted the contribution of the Holy Gurudwara in Mexico City as an important center of faith and community service, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, when it extended support to those in need, reflecting the spirit of Seva. Building on these sentiments, members of the community also shared their perspectives.

5. Mr. Inder Pal Singh, a respected member of the Punjabi community in Mexico, shared his reflections on Punjab's enduring values and the importance of preserving cultural traditions within the diaspora. He described Punjab as a spirit defined by courage, resilience, and service to humanity, noting that despite its small geographical size, it has played an extraordinary role in shaping modern India through its contributions to the Indian independence movement, the Green Revolution, and its strong representation in the Indian armed forces and global enterprise. He emphasized that beyond these achievements, Punjab represents a deeper way of life, where faith, dignity of labour, and service to humanity remain guiding principles. Recalling the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, he underlined the spirit of selfless service and unity, and noted how Sikh communities across the world continue to respond in times of need by extending support without distinction. He also referred to the contributions of the Sikh community in Mexico, which has actively participated in relief efforts in collaboration with communities in North America. Referring to the principle of Sarbat da Bhala, he noted that the celebration reflected the many dimensions of Punjab and offered a glimpse into its vibrant culture and enduring values, while also celebrating the spirit of friendship.

6. This programme then transitioned to the cultural segment, beginning with a Kathak performance by artists from the Gurudev Tagore Indian Cultural Centre (GTICC), which was warmly received by the audience. This was followed by a multimedia presentation titled “Punjab: Spirit of Courage, Service & Progress”, offering a comprehensive overview of Punjab’s rich cultural heritage, economic dynamism, and tourism potential. The presentation provided a vivid portrayal of the state’s evolving aspirations and its growing engagement on the global stage.

7. Continuing the cultural segment, a special Punjabi heritage presentation by children showcased traditional attire from Punjab, reflecting the diversity and vibrancy of the state’s cultural traditions. The segment also included coordinated performances by the participants, demonstrating their engagement with cultural practices and the efforts of the community to pass on these traditions to younger generations. The programme further featured energetic performances of traditional Punjabi folk dances, including Giddha and Bhangra, which brought a lively and festive dimension to the celebrations. The performances were met with enthusiastic appreciation from the audience and contributed to the overall celebratory atmosphere. A set of books was presented by the Ambassador to the Holy Gurudwara, symbolizing continued engagement in promoting cultural and literary traditions. The event concluded with a community lunch featuring popular Punjabi dishes such as Chole Bhature, Lassi, etc, providing an opportunity for attendees to interact and further strengthen community bonds in an informal setting.

8. In continuation of the festivities, a Vaisakhi celebration was also held in Mexico City on 12 April 2026, reflecting the spirit of unity, faith, and Seva central to Sikhism. Organized by Mr. Arjun Singh and Mr. Inderpal Singh, the programme brought together both the Indian Sikh Sangat and the Mexican Sikh Sangat in a harmonious gathering filled with soulful Kirtan and Gurbani recitations, creating an atmosphere of peace and spiritual connection. It was especially inspiring to witness the active participation and dedication of the Mexican Sikh community, whose commitment to Seva and reverence for the Guru’s teachings is truly remarkable. Ambassador Pankaj Sharma attended the event. A representative from the religious affairs department of the Government of Mexico was also present, underscoring the spirit of inclusivity and interfaith harmony. The celebration concluded with Langar, where around 250 attendees ate together as one family, reflecting the Sikh principles of equality and selfless service. This Vaisakhi gathering stands as a powerful example of how Sikh values transcend borders, fostering unity, cultural connection, and shared humanity.

9. The two celebrations held on 11th and 12th of April 2026, marked a vibrant expression of Punjab’s rich cultural heritage and traditions, while further strengthening cultural ties and deepening people-to-people connections between India and Mexico. They also reflected the strong cultural identity of the Punjabi community in Mexico, which remains firmly rooted in India.

10. Pictures from the two events:



