# **ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

### 1. Wereld Reis in Eigen Stad ( Den Haag)

**DATE:** 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2012

An event organized by the The Hague City council & Bureau of Discrimination, in which the Dutch citizens are taken to various cultural focal centers in Den Haag to promote better understanding and harmony among a culturally diverse population. Regular presentations on Sikhism were organized at the Gurdwara Sahib which was visited by approximately 400 visitors on the day. They were briefed about the various activities and day-to-day working of the Gurdwara. The visitors were between 10-60 years of age. The entire program lasted for around 5 hours. There was also a Sikhi stall at the main centre on the day.

#### 2. Sikhism Presentations

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- With an aim of spreading awareness about Sikhs, contacted several secondary schools in the Netherlands and gave presentations. The feedback has been extremely positive and we intend to make it a regular event.
- Apart from this we continue to give regular presentations to various groups including NGOS, Government officials, tourists etc in Den haag and Rotterdam.

# 3. Collaborating with Other Individuals/Organizations

Worked together with other like minded Sikhs and non-Sikh individuals, organizations from the Netherlands and Belgium on issues of common interest to Sikhs like Preparing and sending a report about status of Sikhs in Netherlands to UNITED SIKHS for their annual Global Sikh Civil and Human Rights Report, drafting a letter briefing the Dutch/European governmental offices about Balwant Singh Rajoana's case, attended demonstration outside European Parliament (Brussels) etc

#### 4. Raad voor Levensbeschouwing en Religie

Together with local Sikh volunteers attended regular interfaith meetings in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Den Haag. If you would like to get involved in your local towns please get in touch with us.

## 5. Working on Sikh Comic Books in Dutch

Closely working with our Dutch friends and publishers of Sikh Comic books to get them translated and published in Dutch for the Sikh kids and grownups alike. These comic books shall be of professional quality in color with vibrant artwork making it overall a more enjoyable experience. By Wahegurus ji's grace we hope to get the first Dutch comic books ready by end of May- early June 2012. We would need support of one and all to spread the word.

#### 6. Blogs

Maintain and continuously update Sikhism related blogs

- 1) <a href="http://tuhitu.blogspot.com/">http://tuhitu.blogspot.com/</a> (Sakhis in English)
- 2) <a href="http://sikhgemeenschapnieuws.blogspot.com/">http://sikhgemeenschapnieuws.blogspot.com/</a> ( Sikh gemeenschap nieuws)

#### WEBSITE: WWW.SIKHS.NL

We are constantly trying to improve the quality of translation on the website and add new articles. If you would like to see something more on the website please do not hesitate to write to us.

#### **Latest Additions:**

- 1) <u>Sakhi's Section:</u> Sikhsime → <u>Verhalen</u> < http://sikhs.nl/sakhis.htm >
  - i) De kracht van Vijf
  - ii) Bhagat Prahlad Ji

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- iii) Een stuk vlees
- iv) Goeroe Ramdas ji en de yogi's
- 2) Sikh Leven Section:
  - i) Het omdoen van een Distar
- 3) Gurbani Section: Sukhmani Sahib < http://sikhs.nl/SukhmaniSahib.htm >
  - i) Sukhmani Sahib Asatpadee 9

# **FUTURE EVENTS / PLANS / NEWS**

#### Programs we are aware of:

- 1 21st Apr: Sikhism Presentation, Den Haag Gurudwara **Details**: 0622157488
- 2 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr: Vaisakhi Samagham and Katha Bhai Lakhvir Singh, Damdami Taksal **Details:** 0620682862
- 3 28<sup>nd</sup> Apr: Nishaan Sahib Sewa coverage on Ned 1 (Dutch National TV Channel) 11.00 hours.
- 4 28/29<sup>th</sup> Apr: Katha Bhai Manvir Singh@18.30, Den Haag Gurudwara **Details:** 0620682862
- 5 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Sikhi Camp, Sri Guru Nanak Gurudwara Sahib, Amsterdam **Details:** binda21@hotmail.com
- 6 13<sup>th</sup> May: Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan in Almere. **Details**: 036-782-1416

# Sikhs in News: http://sikhgemeenschapnieuws.blogspot.com

- 1. SIKHS Win Turban Case Against France at the UN
- 2. Persbricht Tempelcomplex 2 Mandirs en SIKH GURDWARA
- 3. Sikh-vrouwen dragen tulband als teken van emancipatie
- 4. Nederlandse sikhs bidden voor Friso
- 5. Truiense Sikhs klaar voor protest

#### **Future Plans:**

- 7 Make more Gurbani/History available in Dutch
- 8 Add more titles to Dutch Sikh Comic Books for the youths
- 9 Make Sikhism related books/booklets available in Dutch for the dutch public.

## WHO WE ARE?

Sikh Society Netherlands is een onpartijdige, a-politieke human development groep die nauw samenwerkt met de Gurudwara's (Sikh gebedshuizen) en andere organisaties in Nederland aangaande onderwerpen die van belang zijn voor de Sikh gemeenschap en andere minderheden, en ter bevordering van die belangen. Verder richt Sikh Society Netherlands zich op aspecten op het gebied van de ontwikkeling en het welzijn van de gehele mensheid.

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"The supreme religion of all religion is to remember Gods naam and perform serene and pious deeds"

(Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji – Ang 266 )

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