

Celebrating Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary

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More than 30 million Sikhs around the world today mark the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, with Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurpurab.

Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated on the full moon day of Kartik month is of huge significance for the global Sikh community.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for upholding his teachings and values. He was participating in a special event organised at Dera Baba Nanak on the occasion of the inauguration of the Integrated Check Post (ICP) and the Kartarpur Corridor. PM also released commemorative coin celebrating 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Prime Minister described Guru Nanak Dev as an inspiration not only to India but also the whole world.

The Sikh faith began in the 15th century in Punjab, a region including Kartarpur which is split today between India and Pakistan, when Guru Nanak began teaching a faith that preached equality.

Founder of Sikhism and a preacher of peace and servicing, Guru Nanak was born in a village named Rai Bhoi di Talwandi.

It is presently popular as Nankana Sahib, near Lahore, Pakistan.

He set up various spiritual, social and political platforms, which were constituted on the principles of quality, goodness, and virtue. His teachings are preserved in the holy texts of the Guru Granth Sahib.

Prime Minister said, on the



A display of 'Jalao' (Sikh symbolic items), inside the Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) on the occasion of the 550th birthday anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of the Sikh faith, in Amritsar

occasion of the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, several programmes are being held across the country and the world through Embassies.

Meanwhile, Hundreds of Indian Sikhs made a historic pilgrimage to Pakistan on Saturday crossing through a white gate to reach one of their religion's holiest sites, after a landmark

deal between the two countries separated by the 1947 partition of the subcontinent.

The shrine to Sikhism's founder Guru Nanak lies in Kartarpur, a small town just four kilometres (two miles) over the Pakistan side of the border where he is believed to have died.

Among the first pilgrims to pass through the gate was former Indian Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh, who told Pakistani state media that it was a "big moment".

The opening has even inspired a singular message of gratitude from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan for "respecting the sentiments of India".

The deal allows for up to 5,000 pilgrims a day to cross.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi releasing a commemorative coin celebrating 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji



Gurdwara Bangla Sahib seen illuminated on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, in New Delhi



Sikh devotees participate in a religious procession during the 550th birth celebrations of their founder guru, Guru Nanak Dev, in Patna



Sikh pilgrims visit the shrine of their spiritual leader Guru Nanak Dev, at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, Pakistan

Something fishy: Fish with a "human face" spotted in a pond!

● The extraordinary animal was discovered by a visitor in a tourist destination in the city of Kunming, China

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A woman visiting a village in China got the shock of her life when she spotted a human-faced fish swimming and splashing around in a pond.

She also shared a footage of the creature on Chinese microblogging site Weibo, which soon also started doing rounds on other social media platforms leaving netizens awestruck.

The 14-second-long footage, which equal parts bizarre and creepy, shows a carp sporting a man's mouth, nose and eyes on its head swimming in a water body in a Chinese village.

In the footage, the animal, with two black spots on its head resembling eyes and two stripes looking like a nose and a mouth, poking its head above the water at the edge of the lake.

A voice in the footage, uploaded on Weibo, China's equivalent to Twitter, can be heard saying: "This fish had turned into a fairy."

Soon, it went viral, leaving several Weibo users surprised, with one saying it made them "feel creepy".

Shot in Miao Village in China,

the video also went on to create a stir on other social media platforms.

One Weibo user wrote: "This is scary".

"Who dares to eat it?" wrote another.

Not the first time!

This, however, is not the first time a creepy creature like this has surprised netizens.

In 2016, a "humanoid carp", considered lucky in Chinese culture, caused a stir online after it was captured by a primary school teacher in Wugang City in the Hunan province, central China.

Qiu Xiaohua, who caught the fish said he had never seen anything like it in 20 years of fishing.

He had been planning to eat the fish, but instead opted to keep it in his home, a report said.

Similar sighting were also reported in Taiwan and the UK.

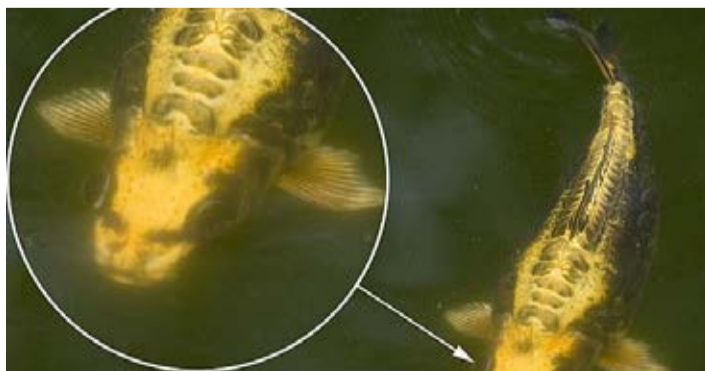
In 2010, a 44 year-old butcher from Essex reportedly found a similar "humanoid" carp, which was later valued at £40,000, said another report.

"It was astonishing. I could easily make out from the markings two eyes, a nose and a mouth. I thought I was suffering from sunstroke," the fish's owner Brendan O'Sullivan of Dagenham, Essex told Daily Mail.

Residents in northeastern Taiwan's Yilan Country also reported sighting a black-and-white carp with features resembling a human face.



The carp, with its face marking resembling a human, was found by a visitor to Miao Village in China



In 2010, a 44-year-old former butcher in Britain discovered that a fish he had bought five months earlier (pictured) started to develop facial features similar to those of a human (Daily Mail)



A side view of the British man's carp shows it looking a lot more fish-like. The fish, owned by Brendan O'Sullivan of Dagenham in Essex, was said to be worth an estimated £40,000 (Daily Mail)