



Introduction
Fatehgarh Sahib
 Situated north of Patiala, this is a town of historical significance, which has a deep association with Sikhism. Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib marks the site of the live entombment of Guru Gobind Singhji's two younger sons, Sahibzada Fateh Singh and Sahibzada Zorawar Singh on 12 December 1705, by the Governor of Sirhind, Wazir Khan. The town is surrounded by four memorial gates, built in memory of four important figures from the Sikh history: Deewan Todar Mal, Nawab Sher Muhammed Khan, Baba Banda Singh Bahadur and Baba Moti Ram Mehra. The fact that each of these historical personages belonged to different communities, bears testimony to the harmony and brotherhood among people of those times. The name 'Fatehgarh' means to the 'Fort of Victory',

which refers to the historical event of 1710, when the Sikhs, under the leadership of Banda Bahadur overran the area and razed the fort to avenge the killing of their Guru's Sons.

Sirhind
 There are different views about the origin and establishment of Sirhind. The earliest reference to this place is made by Varahamihira (505 A.D. 587 A.D.) in the 'Parashartantra', which is mainly a compilation of prophecies. Varahamihira refers to Sirhind as 'Satudar Desh' in his book 'Brihat Samhita' which is based on 'Parashartantra'. It is thought that Sirhind inhabited by the Sairhindhas Aryans in the ancient times, which may also have led to the name. It later became an important border town of Pal Kingdom. According to another manuscript, Sirhind was the Eastern Frontier of Kingdom of Brahmin dynasty of Kabul. In the eleventh century,

Mahmud of Ghazni invaded India and the hold of the Hindu kings ended in 1193 A.D. After this Sultan Aram Shah ruled here. Nasir-ud-din Qubacha conquered Sirhind in 1210 A.D., after which it was occupied by Ilutmish. Sher Khan, nephew of Balban, built a fort here. After Ibrahim Lodhi's defeat in battle of Panipat in 1526 A.D., the town came under Mughal rule. The importance of the town rose further during the Mughal Empire, when it became the provincial capital controlling the Lahore-Delhi Highway, the Grand Trunk Road. Beginning with the first decade of the eighteenth century, with the Mughal hegemony on the wane, Sirhind was plundered repeatedly by the Sikhs, Marathas and Afghans. Finally it was completely destroyed in February 1761 in an attack by the Sikhs, led by Jassa Singh Ahluwalia. Later Sirhind remained part of the Patiala territory until 1948.

Places to Visit
Sirhind Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib
 To commemorate the martyrdom of the younger sons of Guru Gobind Singh ji who were bricked alive in 1704 by Wazir Khan, the then Fauzdar of Sirhind, a magnificent Gurdwara has been constructed. The Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib marks the conquest of the Sikhs in 1710 when the Sikhs ran over the area and razed the fort (built during Balban's rule) to the ground under the leadership of Banda Singh Bahadur. The main entrance to the Gurdwara was built by Maharaja Yadvindra Singh of Patiala in 1952. Gurdwara Burj Mata Gujri and Gurdwara Shahid Ganj are also located in the main complex of Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib. Annual 'Jor Mela' (a

religious congregation) is held here in the month of December to commemorate the sacrifice of Sahibzadas, which attracts huge crowds of pilgrims

Gurdwara Thanda Burj
 Gurdwara Thanda Burj is situated at the place where the two younger sons of Guru Gobind Singh ji, Fateh Singh and Zorawar Singh along with their grandmother were confined by the then Governor of Sirhind Wazir Khan. This is so called because the place remained cool during summer, and as a punishment for the Guru's son and his mother, they were confined there in extreme winter. It was at this place that Mata Gujri collapsed on hearing the news of the martyrdom of her grandsons



Gurdwara Shahid Ganj
 Gurdwara Shahid Ganj has been built to commemorate the sacrifice of those brave Sikhs who were killed while fighting against the Mughal forces under the banner of Banda Singh Bahadur. They were cremated at this place. A very big hall has been constructed behind the main Gurdwara in the memory of Seth Todar Mal who purchased land by paying gold coins to Wazir Khan, the then Governor of Sirhind for the cremation of the Sahibzadas. A big water tank has also been built here

Gurdwara Jyoti Saroop
 This Gurdwara is about 1 km from Fatehgarh Sahib on the Sirhind Chandigarh road. Mata Gujri, the mother of Guru Gobind Singhji as well as his sons, Fateh Singh and Zorawar Singh were cremated here. It is believed that Wazir Khan, the then Fauzdar of Sirhind refused to allow the



cremation of the bodies unless the land for the cremation was purchased in exchange of gold coins. Seth Todar Mal who was an ardent devotee of Guru Gobind Singh, purchased this piece of land by offering gold coins as demanded.

Aam Khas Bagh
 The Aam Khas Bagh was built for the exclusive use of the Emperor Shah Jahan. First built by Akbar and then additions were made by Jahangir and Shah Jahan. Originally the garden was spread in an area of one & half mile and was separated into two parts: Aam (public) and Khas (private i.e., for the Emperor's use). Rare plants of the Mughal period still exist here. The royal couple used to stay here on their way to and from Lahore. The other monuments here are 'Sheesh Mahal' (Daulat-Khana-E-Khas) as well as the Hamam and the Tank, where unique methods of heating water were used. At present, there is a

Tourist Complex known as 'Maulasari' located in the Aam Khas Bagh, which includes a beautiful garden and the nursery. A light and sound show showcasing the history of Sirhind and the martyrdom of the sons of Guru Gobind Singh is organised, visitors to the Aam Khas Bagh during the famous Jor Mela at Fatehgarh Sahib.

Floating Restaurant Sirhind
 The Floating Restaurant constructed over the Sirhind Canal is an important tourist spot run by the PHTPB. It is at a distance of 5km from Sirhind on the Sher Shah Suri Marg (GT Road). It attracts a large number of tourists, especially during summer; because of its picturesque location in the middle of the canal. In the peak season, the water reaches the flow rate of 10,000 cusecs; however the restaurant is built in a way that can withstand this pressure. The water level rises by 6 to 8 inches only and thus the structure is not threatened.

Sanghol Archaeological site
 Sanghol (Uchha Pind Sanghol) is a village located in Fatehgarh Sahib District of Punjab. The archaeological site of Sanghol situated 15 km from the city of Fatehgarh Sahib is notable for several reasons. It is one of the very few sites extensively excavated post-independence in Punjab. The excavations date back to the second millennium BC though the area has been continually inhabited till the present day. The Sanghol excavations have yielded a diverse range of coins and seals. In 1968, a Buddhist Stupa was excavated, which have been preserved for visitors to view. Large-scale excavations were undertaken in 1985 when 117 beautiful carved stone slabs including 69 pillars, 35 crossbars, figurines were unearthed. The site also has a museum that exhibits archaeological discoveries of significance from the excavations at Sanghol.

Haveli Todar Mal
 Haveli Todar Mal, situated close to Fatehgarh-Sahib, is also known as the Jahaz Haveli. The Haveli is built using Sirhind bricks. It was once the residence of Diwan Todar Mal. He honoured the Sikh community by buying the land to cremate the bodies of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh, Sahibzada Fateh Singh and Mata Gujri. It survived the sacking of Sirhind by Banda Bahadur. During the reign of the Sikh Confederacy, the Haveli was left untouched out of respect for Diwan Todar Mal.

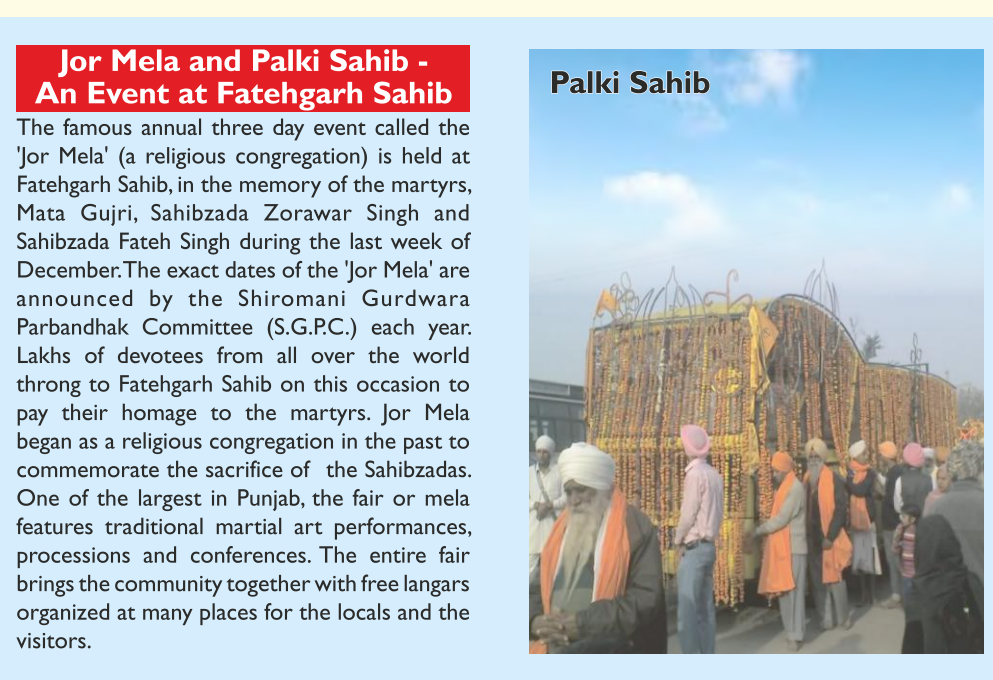
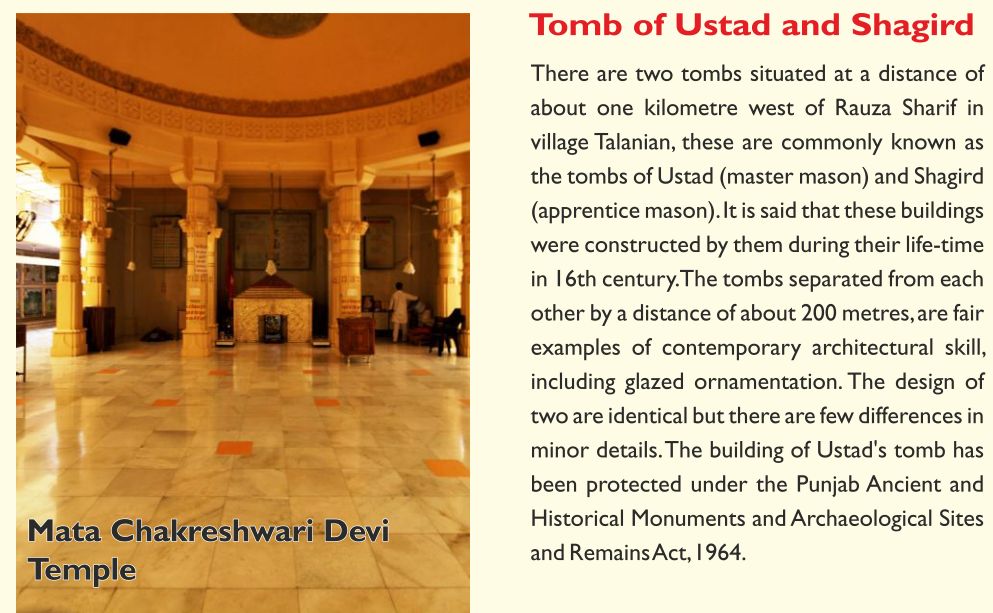
Mata Chakreshwari Devi Temple
 This ancient temple is believed to be 1000 years old. Legend is that when pilgrims were carrying an idol of Mata Chakreshwari Devi to the temple

of Adi Nath in Kangra Fort. They kept the idol at this place for the overnight halt. In the morning, no one could move it. Taking it as a divine intervention, the patrons decided to convert this site into a holy shrine. Every year, an annual function is held on the fourth day of Dusshera, which attracts large number of devotees.

Banyan Tree
 District Fatehgarh Sahib has one of the largest Banyan Tree is also known as the 'Kaya Kalp Vriksh'. The tree stands in village Cholti Kalan. It stands out amidst lush green fields and the canopy of the tree spreads over 3 to 4 Acres of land. It is believed that the tree is a few hundred years old. The tree has also been declared as heritage tree under the biodiversity Act.



Rauza Sharif
 On the Sirhind-Bassi Pathana Road, near Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib is the magnificent Rauza or Dargah of Shaikh Ahmad Faruqi Sirhindi, who lived during the time of Emperors Akbar and Jahangir. The Shaikh is held in high esteem and is considered by Sunni Muslims to be second to Prophet Mohammed. For this reason, this mausoleum is regarded as a second Mecca by Sunni Muslims. Every year, thousands of pilgrims from various parts of India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and other Islamic countries visit this mausoleum to participate in the Urs of Shaikh Ahmed Sirhindi. The date of the annual celebrations varies from year to year. The tombs of the Afghan ruler, Shah Zaman and his queen lie beside the Rauza.



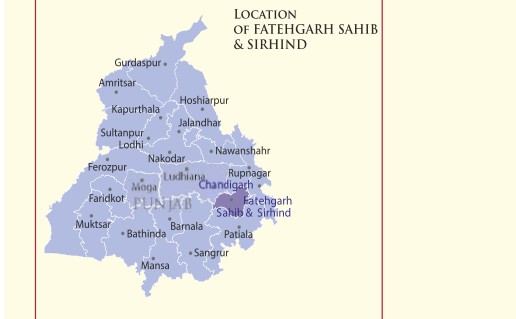
- Hotel**
- J.P. classic**
G T Road, Mandi Gobindgarh Near Bhavnagar Market
Cont: 98146-65405
 - Jaggi Resorts**
Madhopur Chowank, Grand Trunk Rd, Sirhind
Cont: 98148-22102
 - Motel Sahil**
G T Road Fatehgarh sahib
Cont: 95695-20177
 - Noormahal**
Chandigarh Road, Back Side Gurdwara Jyoti Saroop Sahib, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib
Cont: 01763-500399, 7837590909
 - Palm Residency**
Chunni Chandigarh road Sirhind, fatehgarh sahib
Cont: 77174-53858, 98148-26122
 - Times Square**
Near GPS School, NH 1, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab
Cont: 97796-40331
 - The Taj Motel**
Near Chungi no 4, Opp Krishna Palace, Sirhind
Cont: 01763-500004, 98881-03000
 - Red Rose**
Opp. Petrol Pump, Bassi Road, Sirhind
Cont: 78378-09800
 - Rutbah**
Chandigarh Road, Near Petrol Pump
Cont: 01763-511007, 9779773500

- Farms Stay**
- Hansali Organic Farm & Farm Stay**
Badali Ala Singh - Hansali - NH1 Road, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab 140406
Cont: 99888-92203, 98888-22221
 - Mayfair Farm**
Landran to Fatehgarh Sahib Road. Opp. Bhure da Dhaba Village Neamo Majra Fatehgarh Sahib Cont: 7238000001

- Other nearby places of Interest**
- Tomb of Ustad and Shagird, Sirhind
 - Mosque Bhagat Sadna, Sirhind
 - Tomb of Mir-i-Miran, Sirhind
 - Memorial Shaheed Uddham Singh
 - Sant Namdhari Temple, Bassi Pathana
 - Gurdwara Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, Mandi Gobindgarh

- Emergency Numbers**
- Police Control Room : 102
 Fire Brigade : 101
 Ambulance : 108
 Civil Hospital : +91- 1763-232194, 232136
 Women help line : 1091
 Child help line : 1098
 Railway inquiry : 139

Quick Facts:
 Area : 3967 sq km
 Temperature : Summer - upto 39°C
 Winter - 12°C to 20°C
 Annual Rainfall : 726 mm
 Best Season : Mid September to Mid April
 STD Code : 91-1763
 Language : Punjabi, Hindi, English



Location
 Fatehgarh Sahib is the headquarters of Fatehgarh Sahib District, whereas Sirhind is a city and a municipal council in Fatehgarh Sahib District. Fatehgarh Sahib is located at 76°27' East and 30°38' North.

Getting There
 The cities Fatehgarh Sahib/Sirhind do not have an airport of their own and Chandigarh Airport is the nearest, at a distance of 41 km. Fatehgarh Sahib/Sirhind has its own train station that connects to major cities in India. Sirhind Junction Railway Station is on the Delhi-Amritsar section. This junction links to Ropar and Nangal Dam. Many Express trains halt at Sirhind Railway station. Fatehgarh Sahib/Sirhind is 250km from the national capital, New Delhi. All buses traversing the Delhi-Amritsar section halt here.

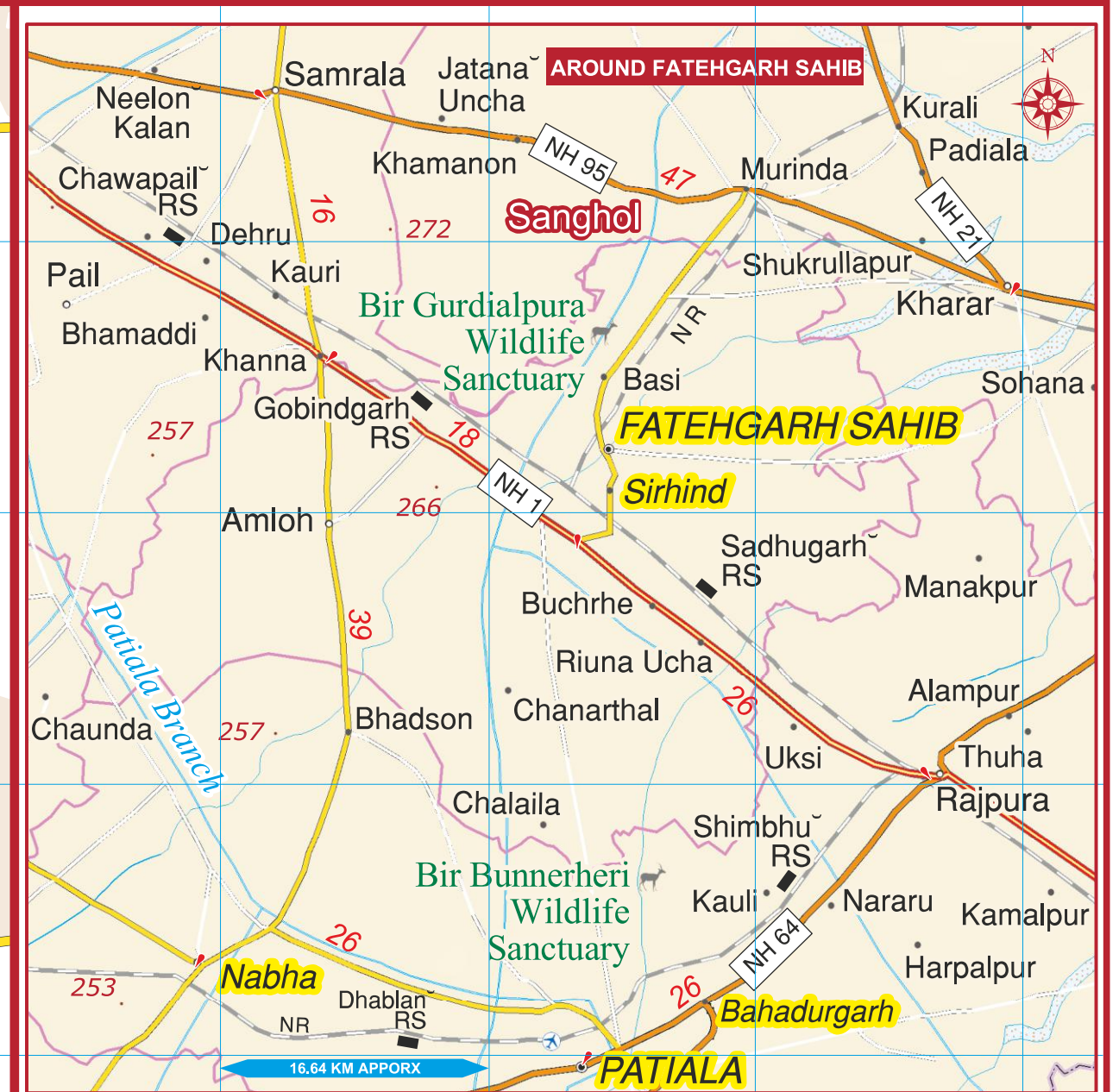
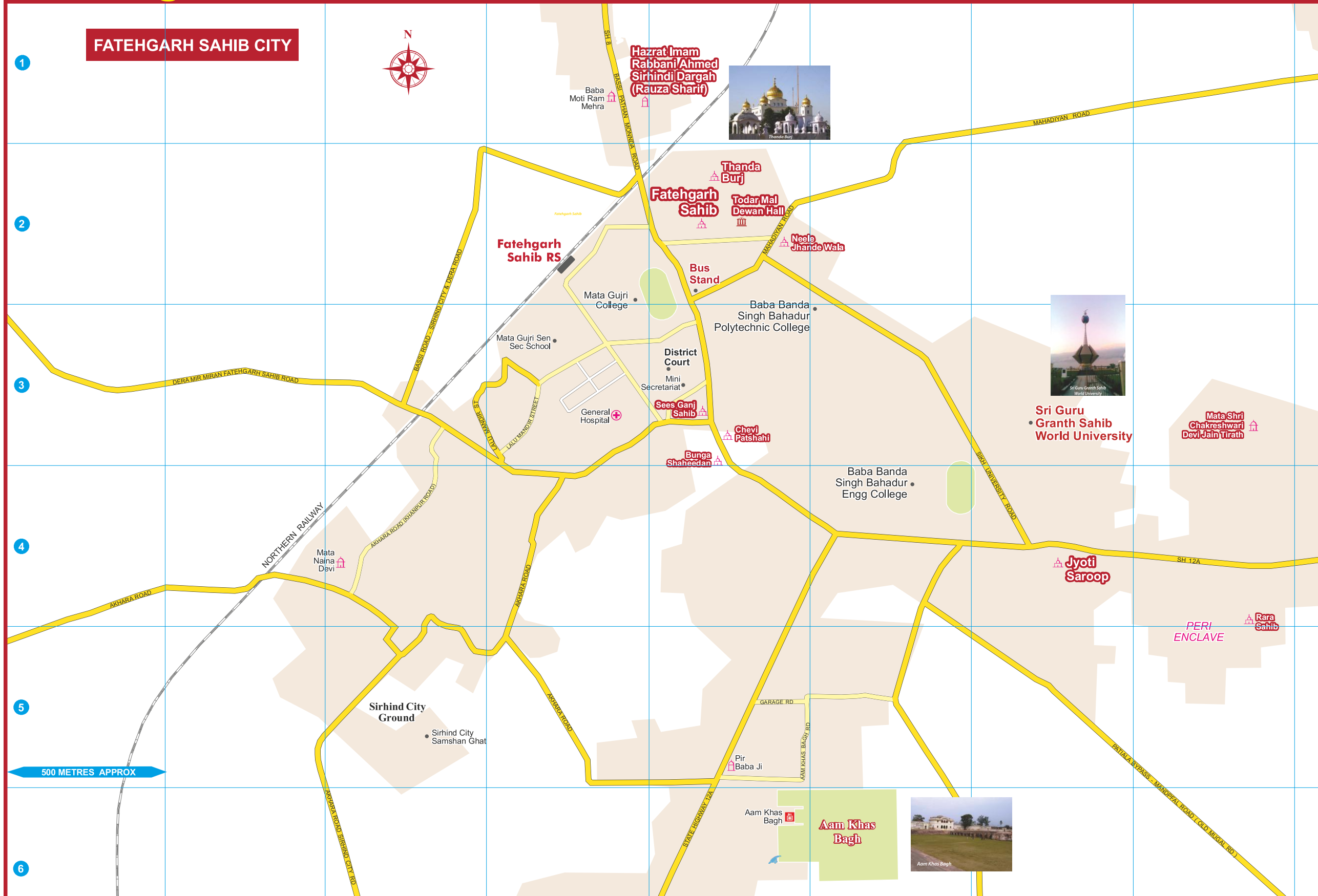
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Fatehgarh Sahib - Sirhind

TOURIST MAP



POINTS OF INTEREST

- GURDWARA**
 Bunga Shaheedan E4
 Chevi Patshahi E3
 Fatehgarh Sahib E2
 Gurdwara Sahib Bara B10
 Jyoti Saroop G4
 Neele Jhande Wala E2
 Rara Sahib H5
 Sees Ganj Sahib E3
 Thanda Burj E2
- HISTORICAL PLACE**
 Todar Mal Dewan Hall E2
- OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST**
 Aam Khas Bagh F6
 District Court E3
 Mini Secretariat E3
 Sirhind City Ground C5
- TEMPLES**
 Baba Ram Moti Mehra D1
 Mata Shri Chakreshwari Devi Jain Tirath H3
 Mata Naina Devi C4
- TOMB**
 Hazrat Imam Rabbani Ahmed Sirhindi Dargah (Rauza Sharif) D1

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- EDUCATION INSTITUTES**
 Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engg College F4
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 Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University G3
- HOSPITALS**
 Devendar Berry C10
 General D3
 Patiala Ayurvedic Pharmacy C7
 Puri B10
 Rana C8
- LOCALITIES**
 Adarsh Nagar B8
 Amba Wala Dera H7
 Bank Colony C10
 Brahma Majra E9
 Peri Enclave H5
 Sirhind D7
- RAILWAYS STATIONS**
 Fatehgarh Sahib RS D2
 Sirhind RS C8

USEFUL PHRASES

ENGLISH	PUNJABI
greetings	sat sri akal
yes	haan
no	naan
thank you	dhanyavaad
time	taime
money	paisa
day	din
night	raat
morning	savera/tadke
evening	tarkala
afternoon	duphar
today	ajj
tomorrow	kal
food	khana
water	pani
girl	kudi
boy	munda
what	ki
where	kithe
who	kaun
why	kyon

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LEGEND

TRANSPORTATION	NOMENCLATURE	SPECIAL SYMBOLS
NH 1 Arterial Road	NAMES	Airport
32 Distance in Kms	PERI ENCLAVE Locality/Colony	Bank
Main Road	Amba Wala Dera Town / Village	Cherna
Other Roads	Fatehgarh Sahib Point of Tourist Interest	Fort
Railway Line with Station	New Grain Market Other	Historical Building
PLACES OF WORSHIP	WATER FEATURES	Hospital / Nursing Home
Church	Canal	Hotel
Gurdwara	Waterbody	Petrol Pump
Mosque	VEGETATION	Police Station
Temple	Wooded Area	Post Office
	Park and Garden	Restaurant
BUILT - UP AREA		Tomb
Built-up Area	ABBREVIATIONS	
	Engg : Engineering	Pub : Public
	HPO : Head Post Office	RS : Railway Station
	Lib : Library	Sch : School
	NH : National Highway	Sr Sec : Senior Secondary