

Khanḍā Explanation



This is a Khanḍā (ਖੰਡਾ). The name Khanḍā comes from the middle part of this symbol; it is called a Khanḍā or a double-edged sword. There is a circle around the Khanḍā. That is called a Cakar (ਚਰਚਰ). The Cakar represents the eternity of Vāhigurū. There are two Kirpāns (ਕਿਰਪਾਨ) or swords on each side of this symbol. They are called Mīrī-Pīrī (ਮੀਰੀ-ਪੀਰੀ). These two swords remind us that we have an important job. Our job is to work hard to be close to Vāhigurū by doing pāṭh (ਪਾਠ) and always remembering the Nām (ਨਾਮ). We also have another important job, we have to play a role in our community by helping our community become the best that it can be. When I say community, I'm not just talking about our Sikh community; I think we need to help our world community. If something bad happens in Africa, I should try to help by collecting money – because every penny helps. I should help clean up litter in my own environment. I can help by doing sevā (ਸੇਵਾ) at the Gurduārā (ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ). What can you do? What can we do as a class?