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Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, has been publishing a bilingual international refereed journal since 2013. Research papers are invited for the upcoming 2026 issue of this journal, which will focus on the special theme “Partition of Punjab (1947): A Multi-perspective Analysis.”

The Partition of India in 1947 remains one of the most defining and tragic events in South Asian history. It reshaped nations, displaced millions, and transformed the cultural and religious landscape of Punjab. For the Sikh community in particular, Partition meant both physical dislocation and profound spiritual and emotional upheaval. Yet beyond its political and territorial dimensions, Partition was a deeply human event—marked by suffering, resilience, and the enduring quest for peace and belonging.

This special issue of “The Journal of Religion and Sikh Studies” seeks to re-examine the Partition of Punjab through the lenses of religion, ethics, identity, and collective memory. It invites scholars to explore how faith traditions responded to the violence and displacement of 1947, how communities rebuilt themselves in the aftermath, and how the moral and spiritual lessons of Partition continue to inform interfaith relations and regional harmony today.

Possible areas of focus include religious and ethical reflections on Partition, migration and memory, the experiences of women and families, literary and artistic representations, intercommunity relations, and ongoing efforts toward peacebuilding and reconciliation across borders.

Through this issue, we aim to deepen understanding of Partition not only as a historical rupture, but as a continuing human experience—calling for remembrance, dialogue, and healing rooted in the shared spiritual heritage of Punjab and the subcontinent.

Sub-Themes / Focus Areas

1. Historical Dimensions

- Political, social, and religious roots of Partition
- The role of colonial policy and communal representation in shaping division
- Punjab’s unique experience of Partition

2. Religious and Ethical Perspectives

- Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim responses to Partition
- The role of religion in both healing and hostility
- Theological reflections on violence, suffering, and forgiveness
- Sacred shrines and religious heritage left behind during the Partition
- Faith, memory, and identity across divided Punjab
- Oral histories and lived narratives of Partition survivors
- Communal harmony, reconciliation, and interfaith dialogue
- Archival sources, maps, and documentation of Partition memories

3. Migration, Memory, and Identity

- Experiences of refugees and resettlement
- Oral histories, literature, and personal narratives
- Memory and commemoration of Partition in Sikh and Punjabi traditions

4. Women, Family, and Gender Experiences

- Women’s suffering and survival during Partition
- Honour, violence, and silence in Partition narratives

5. Cultural and Literary Reflections

- Partition depicted in Punjabi, Urdu, Hindi, and English literature
- Art, film, and folklore as memory-keepers of Partition

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- Sikh and Punjabi writers' representation of displacement and trauma

6. Borders and the Contemporary World

- The impact of Partition on India–Pakistan relations
- Cross-border religious sites and heritage (e.g., Kartarpur Corridor)
- Ongoing challenges of reconciliation and peacebuilding

7. Spiritual and Humanitarian Responses

- Guru Granth Sahib's message of *Sarbat da Bhala* amid division
- Interfaith initiatives for peace and healing after Partition
- Moral and philosophical lessons from Partition for today's world

For additional important topics or issues, please feel free to contact the Editorial Board.

Important Dates:

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| • Deadline for the Submission of Research Papers: | March 31, 2026 |
| • Preliminary Review and Approval: | April 30, 2026 |
| • Peer Review and Final Acceptance: | May 30, 2026 |
| • Issue Printing: | July 30, 2025 |

Paper Submission Guidelines:

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| • Length: | 10 to 15 pages (5000-7000 words) |
| • Fonts: | Asees for Punjabi and Times New Roman for English, Size 12, Spacing 1.5 |
| • File type | MSWord (Rich Text Format) |
| • References: | End Notes (APA style) |

Papers should be written in accordance with the research methodology adopted, including proper citations, and should be free from typographical and grammatical errors. The decision to approve or reject a paper for publication will be at the sole discretion of the Editorial Board based on the reports from peer reviewers. The paper should not be plagiarised or AI generated.

We are grateful for any suggestions to make the journal more valuable and impactful.

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