

## Background of the 2011 SYA Seminars on Sikhism

### Prof Jaswant Singh, Sikh Centre Singapore

This will be Prof Jaswant's fourth visit to Australia as a guest of Sikh Youth Australia.

#### Academic Qualifications

- Graduate Delhi University
- PG in Religious Studies Punjabi University Patiala
- National Eligibility Test for Lectureship University Grants Commission
- Ph.D. Punjabi University Patiala

#### Other Courses

- Gyani (one year course in Punjabi literature) Punjabi University Patiala
- Two Years Sikh Missionary Course SMC, Ludhiana

#### Work Experience

Prof Jaswant has lectured on Sikhism at Gurmat College New Delhi, Punjabi University Patiala and various other institutions in India for more than 15 Years. He has also delivered lectures on various aspects of Sikhism and has conducted seminars and camps in:

- Singapore,
- Malaysia
- Thailand and
- Australia

#### Presently Employed

As a Lecturer of Sikh Studies at Sikh Centre, Singapore since July 2007

The courses conducted in Singapore include:

- Sikhism 101 - a 2 years comprehensive course in Sikhism
- Sikhism 201 - a 2 years advanced course in Sikhism

Other courses:

- Learning to read and write Gurmukhi
- Learning to read Guru Granth Sahib
- Understanding meaning and application of various compositions of Guru Granth Sahib, such as
  - Jap Ji Sahib, Anand Sahib, Sukhmani Sahib and Asa Ki Var etc.

He presents his lectures both in Punjabi and English and uses the latest teaching techniques in getting his message across. Participants will be encouraged to seek clarification and explanations of our wonderful Sikh philosophy contained in Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji .....in a non judgmental and inclusive environment.