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## Sikh Superhero Day – In Memory of Bhai Jaswant Singh Khalra

We're excited to announce **Sikh Superhero Day**, dedicated to honouring the legacy of **Bhai Jaswant Singh Khalra**, a true human rights defender who courageously stood up for justice and truth. Participants will have the chance to choose from a set of thought-provoking questions and prepare a short presentation or speech. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about an inspiring Sikh figure, develop your public speaking skills, and strengthen your school portfolio.

The event will take place next month (exact date to be announced soon). There will be **special prizes** for the best presentations, and all participants will gain valuable experience in research and communication.

For any questions or guidance, please message us on Instagram at **@sikhsowales**.

### Speech & Presentation Topics

#### **Ages 7–13**

*(Up to 5 minutes)*

1. Why is Bhai Jaswant Singh Khalra remembered as a superhero?
2. Why should we always stand up to bullies, even if it feels hard?
3. How was Khalra brave when others were scared to speak?

4. What can we do in our own schools, gurdwaras, or communities to be brave like him?
5. Why is it important to remember heroes like Khalra so the next generation can learn from them?

### **Ages 13+**

*(Up to 7 minutes)*

1. In what ways does standing up for human rights make someone a “superhero” in real life?
2. Do you think it’s harder to be a comic-book superhero with powers, or a real person like Khalra standing up to governments and injustice? Why?
3. What dangers did Khalra (and other human rights defenders like Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, or Jerzy Popiełuszko) face for speaking the truth?
4. What do all these leaders have in common, even though their methods were different (research, speeches, peaceful protest, writing, activism)?
5. If Khalra were alive today, what modern human rights issues — in the UK or worldwide — might he speak out about, and why should we continue his legacy?

Relevant links you may like to use:

#### **Speech by Khalra:**

<https://youtu.be/6wGpWd9UUAQ?si=-plbu3UXVri7MyPC>

#### **Links for research:**

<https://punjabdisappeared.org/>

<https://www.amnesty.org/fr/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/asa200071998en.pdf>

<https://www.hrw.org/reports/2007/india1007/1.htm>

<https://www.ensaaf.org/article/the-murder-of-human-rights-defender-jaswant-singh-khalra>

[https://www.worldsikh.org/remembering\\_s\\_jaswant\\_singh\\_khalra](https://www.worldsikh.org/remembering_s_jaswant_singh_khalra)

<https://sikhri.org/articles/the-legacy-of-jaswant-singh-khalra>

In 1995, having recently addressed the Parliament of Canada about human rights violations in India; Bhai Jaswant Singh Khalra, was picked up and murdered - his body hacked and dumped into a nearby river. His crime? Discovering the illegal murder and cremations of thousands of Sikh men, women and children across Punjab.

### 6 FACTS ABOUT SHAHEED BHAI JASWANT SINGH KHALRA



#### Educated

A lawyer by profession, Bhai Sahib was able to use his education and knowledge to help those when the time came to it.



#### Motivated by his Roots

Baba Harmam Singh, Grandfather to Jaswant Singh Khalra was a great freedom fighter during the uprising against the British Raj. Bhai Jaswant Singh used this history of fearlessness and courage in his own life.



#### A Student Activist

At college he was a spokesperson for the Punjab Student's Union. He organised several protests against anti-police corruption and abuse of authority. In one particular case he organised a picket in solidarity of a low-caste woman who had been molested by a local police officer.



#### A Good Friend

It was the sudden and mysterious disappearance of Bhai Jaswant Singh's work colleague that started the journey of discovery that was to eventually take his life. His search uncovered the names of thousands of murdered and illegally cremated Sikhs.



#### Human Rights Defender

Khalra discovered over 25,000 cases of extra-judicial killings in the short time before his own disappearance. His work was recognised by Amnesty International and he was recently featured in their 50th year anniversary campaign to promote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



#### An Inspiration

For us all, Jaswant Singh Khalra showed courage, conviction and unwavering strength against darkness. May we be blessed to walk the path that the light of his soul illuminated.



To this day, justice has not been served for the extra-judicial killing of Jaswant Singh Khalra or the murder of the tens of thousands of Sikhs that his work uncovered. The struggle for the light of truth amongst the darkness of lies continues...

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**"I challenge the Darkness.  
If nothing else, then at least around  
myself, I will not let it settle.  
Around myself I will establish Light."**

*Shaheed Bhai Jaswant Singh Khalra*  
Human Rights Activist | 1952 - 1995