

(Via email, dated 11th March, 2018)

Dear Sikhs of the 21st Century,
Sat Sri Akal ji

Sikhs of the 18th Century are on record for having rescued women who were abducted as war booty. Undoubtedly, the Gurus' teachings of protecting and ensuring justice for all infused in them virtuousness as also provided the verve and the nerve to do so.

India, in our times, is witnessing frequent incidences of rapes, child rapes, gang rapes. And, more often than not, the victims are brutally tortured and murdered. To commit such heinous crimes against innocent infants/ children/ women, speak of the low that the conscience of these perpetrators has touched. They are a blot on humankind!

Given the deeply distressing scenario, Sikhs cannot remain silent, and need to play a proactive role in addressing this aberration in society. The least the Sikh organizations and Sikh religious and political leaders could, and should, do is – raise their voice; raise an alarm; condemn such acts in the strongest of terms.

As Sikh tenets have the potential to mould/ transform individuals, we must, alongside this, highlight and promote the following Sikh values:

- * Respect and ensure equality for women;
- * Never attack a weak person, or an opponent who is unarmed;
- * Protect the one who is in need; and the similar.

Mankind needs the message of Guru Granth Sahib.
History beckons us!

Best Regards,

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