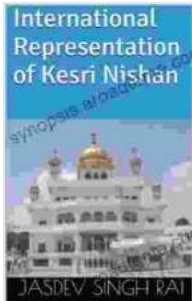


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The Kesri Nishan, a saffron-colored flag emblazoned with the Sikh symbol of Khanda, is an iconic emblem that embodies the identity, sovereignty, and aspirations of the Sikh faith. Its origins can be traced back to the 17th century, during the reign of Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth and last Sikh Guru. Over the years, the Kesri Nishan has evolved as a symbol of Sikh identity and autonomy, representing the faith's commitment to justice, equality, and self-determination.

Historical Origins

The concept of the Kesri Nishan emerged during the time of Guru Gobind Singh (1666-1708). The Guru, recognizing the need for a unique identity for the Sikhs, introduced the concept of the "panth" (collective identity) and

established the five K's (articles of faith) as symbols of Sikh identity. The Kesri Nishan, as a representation of the panth, was meant to symbolize the Sikh community's distinctiveness and unity.

Symbolism and Meaning

The Kesri Nishan is a potent symbol with profound religious and cultural significance. Saffron, the color of the flag, represents courage, sacrifice, and purity. The central emblem of the Khanda features two crossed swords representing the spiritual and temporal authority of the Sikhs, a circle representing unity, and a chakkar (circular blade) symbolizing the power of God.

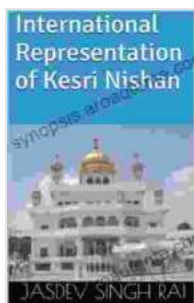
National and International Recognition

The Kesri Nishan has played a pivotal role in representing Sikhs both within India and on the international stage. In 1947, when India gained independence from British rule, the Kesri Nishan was recognized as the flag of the Sikh state of Patiala. However, with the merger of Sikh states into the Indian Union, the official use of the Kesri Nishan was restricted.

Despite this, the Kesri Nishan continues to be a symbol of Sikh identity and sovereignty. It is flown at Sikh temples and religious gatherings worldwide, serving as a reminder of the faith's rich history and its commitment to self-determination.

The Kesri Nishan stands as an enduring symbol of Sikh identity, sovereignty, and aspiration. Its international representation serves as a testament to the Sikhs' resilience, unity, and commitment to their faith. As a beacon of justice, equality, and self-determination, the Kesri Nishan

continues to inspire Sikhs around the world to strive for a more just and equitable society.



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