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As the Sikh Research Institute (SikhRI) commemorates our 10th Anniversary, we have embarked on an exciting new phase in our mission to provide educational resources for Sikhs to lead a Guru-inspired life. The success of Sojhi, our Gurmata and Panjabi education resource was a keystone achievement made possible by our team of educators, generous donors, and early adopters in 2006. By supporting this program in its earliest stages they recognized the need for a professionally developed educational system that focused on the unique needs of our community's youth. We thank them for their continued commitment and support of these goals.

Our aim in pouring so much energy and effort into Sojhi was to inspire Guru's love in the daily lives of all people. It is our experience that the many issues confronting individual Sikhs and the panthic whole are resolvable through access to knowledge and quality educational resources. To that end, Sojhi was designed to provide the tools for Sikhs to explore their strengths as individuals, and as a collective people throughout history.

It is in this spirit that the Sikh Research Institute will post our Gurmata and Panjabi curriculum of over 400 Boli(language arts) and Virsa(heritage) lesson plans online, available for download anywhere in the world. This move to Phase 1 (lessons in Kindergarten to Grade 2) of Sojhi online is possible because of the generous sponsorship of *Gurdwara Baba Makhan Shah Lobana Sikh Center, Inc of Richmond Hill, NY* and we extend our deepest thanks to them. Phase 1 was successfully launched and made available to the world on 23 July 2013.

We would also like to say to all users of Sojhi curriculum that though we took the initiative in creating these resources and lessons, we do not purport to be the authority on teaching such important material. After careful research into the most effective teaching methods, SikhRI Education Team developed standards for Khalsa/Panjabi schools that are included with each lesson. However, while the lessons in the curriculum are designed to be used chronologically to maximize the benefit of the standards developed, we have also provided individual lessons that can be used independently for a specific topic of interest at any time. SikhRI wants every user to know that we are open to any and all feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact us and be assured that we will take your message to our team and work to see if any changes can be made immediately or can be implemented in future revisions.

It is with great excitement that we release the full set of the remaining elementary school lesson plans for Grades 3 to Grades 5.

Vahiguru Ji Ka Khalsa! Vahiguru Ji Ki Fatih!

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