

# NIRANKARI MOVEMENT

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The sect was founded by **Baba Dyal Singh**, a **Sahajdhari Sikh**, who aimed at refocusing Sikhs on the **Adi Granth**, the religion's central holy text.

Baba Dyal's movement was originally confined to the **Rawalpindi** area, with followers being mostly **Sahajdhari** Sikhs of the **Khatri** and **Arora** castes.

The essence of the Nirankari hukamNama is contained in the words which every adherent is commanded to utter again and again, **Dhan Dhan ni ran kar**, meaning "**Glory be to Nirankar**."

He founded the Nirankari Darbar at Rawalpindi in 1851.  
Baba Dayal Singh (His eldest son succeeded him).

He founded new Centres and collected and recorded the  
Baba Dyal's essential teachings and established  
Nirankari communities outside of Rawalpindi.

His Brother **Rattan Singh** Succeeded Baba Darbara  
Singh.

After Partition of Punjab , Nirankari Darbar had to be shifted from Rawalpindi to **Amritsar**.

The Nirankari have always considered themselves to be Sikhs and not a separate sect. They do not believe that Adi Granth is the last and only eternal Guru for guide.

They also disapprove of the militant Khalsa.

They aim for standardized birth-death-marriage-rituals based on Sikh scripture.

They too advocate against meat, liquor and drugs.

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