



GURPREET SINGH KHALSA

Akademi Award: Martial Arts (Punjab)

Born on 22 April 1948 at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Gurpreet Singh Khalsa received his training in Gatka from Jathedar Baba Pritam Singh ji of Patiala.

Shri Gurpreet Singh Khalsa stands as a well-known figure in the realm of Gatka, the traditional Sikh martial art. Hailing from Punjab, Khalsa has dedicated his life to mastering and propagating this ancient art form. Shri Gurpreet Singh Khalsa's journey in Gatka began at a young age, under the guidance of esteemed gurus, where he honed his skills in the art of wielding the traditional weapons used in Gatka. Over the years, he has not only excelled in the practice of Gatka but also emerged as a passionate teacher, imparting his knowledge to numerous disciples. Khalsa's dynamic performances, showcasing the fluid movements and precise techniques of Gatka, have captivated audiences worldwide. He has also conducted workshops and demonstrations to raise awareness and appreciation for this traditional martial art.

Shri Gurpreet Singh Khalsa has received numerous awards, including the Desh Sena Rattan Award and Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his remarkable contribution to the traditional Sikh martial art of Gatka.

Shri Gurpreet Singh Khalsa receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to the martial arts of Punjab.