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Salient points of joint press conference of BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin, Union Home Minister & Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah & Shiromani Akali Dal President Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal at BJP HQ, 6A DDU Marg, New Delhi

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On the auspicious occasion of Gurpurab, I wholeheartedly welcome all the colleagues of the Shiromani Akali Dal and Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal back into the NDA: Shri Amit Shah

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The people of Punjab have made up their minds that they will not accept a government and its leaders who insult the Gurus and betray the promises made to the people: Shri Amit Shah

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Instead of making Punjab drug-free, the drug trade continued to flourish under the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party governments: Shri Amit Shah

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Our resolve is to make Punjab completely drug-free by 31 December 2029 and eliminate corruption, the drug mafia and the terror of gangsters from the state: Shri Amit Shah

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The alliance between the BJP and the Shiromani Akali Dal is a completely natural alliance. We will work together for the development of Punjab: Shri Nitin Nabin

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Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi Ji, a double-engine government at the Centre and in Punjab will ensure the security, prosperity and development of the state's youth, farmers, traders and labourers: Shri Nitin Nabin

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The BJP-Akali alliance is not about coming to power; it is a resolve to serve Punjab: Shri Nitin Nabin

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The relationship between the BJP and the Akali Dal is not merely political; it is an inseparable bond, like 'Nakh-Maans', deeply rooted in the interests of Punjab: Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal

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I am very happy that the family-like relationship established by my father in 1996, along with the revered Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji and Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji, is being renewed once again: Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal

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The 10 years of Congress and Aam Aadmi Party rule have pushed Punjab towards devastation, drugs and gangsterism. Our mission is to eliminate drugs and gangsterism and establish an atmosphere free from fear and the rule of law in Punjab: Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal

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There is a need to safeguard Punjab's youth, farmers, traders and labourers and bring the state back on the path of development. Only a 'double-engine' government can accomplish this: Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal

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I wholeheartedly thank Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji and BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin Ji for assuring that Punjab will be taken back to its glorious days. I also assure them that we will work tirelessly, day and night: Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal

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Badal Sahib's birthday falls on the 8th. A grand gathering is being organised in Moga on this occasion, and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has personally agreed to attend the programme: Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal.

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Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Nitin Nabin, Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Shri Amit Shah Ji, and Shiromani Akali Dal President Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal addressed a joint Press Conference at the Bharatiya Janata Party Central Office in New Delhi on Tuesday, announcing that the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Shiromani Akali Dal would contest the upcoming Punjab Legislative Assembly elections together and that the Shiromani Akali Dal would rejoin the NDA as an official alliance partner. Shri Nitin Nabin highlighted that the alliance is aimed at eliminating drugs, corruption and gangsterism in Punjab, resolving farmers' issues, providing employment opportunities to the youth, ensuring the security of traders and strengthening Hindu-Sikh brotherhood. Shri Amit Shah Ji pledged to make Punjab completely drug-free by 31 December 2029. The two parties will hold detailed discussions over the next three months on issues concerning farmers, youth employment and the economic development of Punjab, and prepare a common roadmap for the state. Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Shri Amit Shah Ji and Shri Nitin Nabin for assuring their commitment to Punjab's development and the resolution of the state's problems. Punjab BJP State President Sardar Kewal Singh Dhillon, Punjab BJP In-charge Shri Satish Poonia, former Union Minister Sardar Ravneet Singh Bittu, former Punjab BJP State President Shri Ashwani Sharma, senior Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder and BJP National Spokesperson Sardar R. P. Singh were also present on the dais.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah Ji extended his heartfelt greetings on the occasion of Gurpurv to the Sangat across the world and the people of India. Shri Shah stated that a meeting was held today under the leadership of BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin, in which senior leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal and the Bharatiya Janata Party jointly decided that the upcoming Punjab Legislative Assembly elections would be contested together by the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Shiromani Akali Dal. From today, the Shiromani Akali Dal would function as an official alliance partner of the NDA. Highlighting the significance of the occasion, he observed that the entire country is celebrating Gurpurv and that it is a matter of great joy for all NDA alliance partners that the Akali Dal, the NDA's oldest ally, is returning to the NDA once again. Shri Shah extended a heartfelt welcome to all members of the Shiromani Akali Dal and Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal into the NDA and conveyed his heartfelt greetings to all brothers and sisters across the country on the occasion of Dev Deepawali

Shri Shah highlighted that discussions had taken place with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji the previous day regarding the expansion of the NDA. Expressing his happiness over the development, the Prime Minister telephoned Shiromani Akali Dal President Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal and remarked that the NDA becomes complete only with the association of Sardar Badal's party. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, revered former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji and Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji have shared a longstanding and close relationship with Sardar Badal. The Bharatiya Janata Party and the Shiromani Akali Dal have contested several elections together, experienced both victories and defeats, but their strong relationship has always remained unbreakable. He expressed great happiness over the renewed unity between the two parties. This alliance will serve as a symbol of Hindu-Sikh brotherhood not only in Punjab but also across the country and the world, and both parties will continue to work together in this direction. The Bharatiya Janata Party and the Shiromani Akali Dal will contest the Punjab Legislative Assembly elections together under the NDA banner and will make several key announcements in their manifesto. Their primary objectives will be to eradicate drugs and corruption from Punjab and strengthen nationalist forces in the state. The current Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, along with Arvind Kejriwal, had come to power promising to eliminate drugs from Punjab within three months; however, instead of declining, the menace of drugs has increased. Similarly, in 2017, Rahul Gandhi had also promised to eliminate drugs within one term, but his party too took no steps in this direction. Shri Amit Shah reiterated the commitment to the people of Punjab that the state would be made completely drug-free by 31 December 2029.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation stated that, over the next three months, BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin and Shiromani Akali Dal President Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal will hold detailed discussions on issues concerning Punjab's farmers, the state's economic development and employment opportunities for its youth. The forthcoming NDA government will proceed on the basis of a roadmap prepared through these discussions. The present Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab is a government that has failed to honour its promises and has fulfilled none of its commitments. The people of Punjab have resolved that they will not accept a government and its leaders who disrespect the Gurus. The coming together of the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Shiromani Akali Dal will bring change in the state and further strengthen the resolve of the people. Shri Shah expressed confidence that the people of Punjab would give the NDA a resounding mandate under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and form its

government in the state. The people would bless the NDA's commitments to restoring Punjab's prosperity, making the state drug-free, eliminating the problems faced by farmers at their roots and strengthening Hindu-Sikh brotherhood. Shri Shah extended a heartfelt welcome to Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal and the lakhs of Shiromani Akali Dal karyakartas into the NDA family.

BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin extended his heartfelt greetings to everyone on the auspicious occasions of Kartik Purnima and Gurpurv, when such a significant decision was being taken in the interest of Punjab and the country. He noted that he himself hails from the city of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and expressed confidence that, on the occasion of Prakash Parv, the light of development, justice and good governance would spread across Punjab. The Shiromani Akali Dal's joining the NDA will further strengthen the collective strength of the alliance. He described this as a completely natural alliance, as there is an inherent bond among the people, karyakartas and leaders of both parties. By coming together once again, both parties will work towards the development of Punjab and take forward the Gurus' message of the welfare of all, along with the ideals of justice and good governance exemplified by Maharaja Ranjit Singh Ji. Hindu-Sikh unity is also deeply connected with the sacrifices made by the Gurus. In 1675, Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji laid down his life to protect Kashmiri Pandits and prevent religious conversion, for which he was bestowed the honorific title of 'Hind Di Chadar'. The two parties would take these very messages of the Gurus to society and the people of Punjab.

Shri Nitin Nabin highlighted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has consistently made significant contributions towards upholding the honour of the Sikh community and the development of Punjab. He expressed confidence that the coming together of all NDA alliance partners would further strengthen this resolve. Under the Prime Minister's leadership, the NDA has resolved to provide Punjab with a development-oriented government based on good governance, which will make the state drug-free, create employment opportunities for the youth within Punjab, ensure the safety of women and extend the benefits of development to the last person in society, while addressing the concerns of every common citizen. Punjab would once again be transformed into a 'Viksit Punjab', restoring its glorious history, prosperity and the honour of its brave sons, and making an invaluable contribution to the creation of a 'Viksit Bharat'. Discussions on seat-sharing will take place at a later stage; however, the coming together of the two parties today has sent a clear message that they have united to serve Punjab. Shri Nabin extended a warm welcome and felicitations to Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal and all his senior colleagues on joining the NDA family.

Shiromani Akali Dal President Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal extended his heartfelt greetings to the people across the country, the people of Punjab and the Khalsa Panth on the Prakash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj. On this extremely auspicious occasion, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Shiromani Akali Dal were once again coming together in an alliance. This alliance was not merely political but also deeply emotional. His late father used to describe the relationship between the Akali Dal and the BJP as being like 'Nakh-Maans', symbolising an unbreakable bond. During the tenures of governments formed through this alliance in the interests of Punjab, the country and the Sikh community, Punjab had consistently progressed, while peace, harmony and mutual brotherhood prevailed in the state. The Shiromani Akali Dal is nearly 106 years old and the second-oldest political party in the history of India. The party's leadership and karyakartas made the greatest contribution

to the country's freedom struggle. Even after Independence, the party consistently fought for the rights and interests of the poor, labourers, Punjab, the Sikh community and the nation. During the Emergency imposed by the Congress and Indira Gandhi, the first protest movement against the atrocities was launched under the leadership of Sardar Parkash Singh Badal Ji. He expressed immense happiness that the family-like relationship established in 1996 by his father, revered Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji and Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji was being renewed once again. Sardar Sukhbir Badal stressed that Punjab needs to be saved today. Over the past ten years, the Congress brought devastation to the state during its first five years in power, followed by the Aam Aadmi Party, which ruined Punjab over the subsequent five years. He alleged that gangsters and drug mafias now hold sway in the state, while Arvind Kejriwal and his team are looting Punjab. There is neither any development in the state nor any visible presence of governance. The Aam Aadmi Party government has created such an atmosphere of anarchy in Punjab that has not been witnessed in any other state.

Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal emphasised that Punjab's youth, farmers, traders and labourers need to be protected, and the state must once again be brought back on the path of development. This task can be accomplished only by a 'double-engine' government. At the Centre, there is a strong government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji and BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin. With an NDA government in Punjab alongside it, this strength will become even greater. Referring to the vision outlined by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji, he stated that the mission is to eliminate drugs to safeguard Punjab's youth and put an end to the atmosphere of fear and insecurity among traders and common citizens caused by gangsters. He pointed out that this situation has become so alarming that people are even afraid to visit Punjab. He expressed full confidence that, in keeping with the faith reposed in them by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji, Punjab would once again be restored to a better environment. Punjab was once known as the 'sone ki chidiya' and the most progressive state in the country, but unfortunately, its condition has deteriorated over the past ten years. He informed that he had held discussions with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji and BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin on all issues concerning farmers and the Sikh community. Considering these matters their responsibility as members of the same family, they had assured him that all such issues would be resolved through mutual discussions. Sardar Badal also assured them that, as a border state, Punjab has never allowed the enemy to gain a foothold along its borders, and that the farmers and soldiers of the state have always remained ready to defend the nation.

The Shiromani Akali Dal President highlighted that, in all the wars fought against Pakistan and China since Independence, 50 per cent of the soldiers who received gallantry awards and those who laid down their lives in the service of the nation belonged to Punjab and made the supreme sacrifice in defence of the country. Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji and BJP National President Shri Nitin Nabin for assuring that Punjab would be restored to its glorious days. He assured them of the party's commitment to work tirelessly towards this goal. Recalling his father's contribution, he noted that Sardar Parkash Singh Badal Ji had earned people's trust by respecting and extending love to all religions and had established an atmosphere of peace, harmony and brotherhood in Punjab. The same atmosphere would be restored, ushering in a new era of brotherhood,

peace, harmony and development in the state. Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal informed that Badal Sahib's birthday falls on the 8th and that a grand Samagam is being organised in Moga on the occasion, which Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has personally consented to attend. Recalling the close relationship between the two leaders, he mentioned that memories of their association are still preserved at their farm. The cows sent by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji from Gujarat were earlier cared for by Badal Sahib and are now looked after by Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal. He also recalled the deeply emotional letter written by the Prime Minister following his father's demise, the words of which remain unforgettable.

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