

# CONNECT WITH YOUR ROOTS

your real punjabi virsa



Golden Temple, Amritsar

## Connect With Your Roots' Scheme For Young NRIs (CYR)

***"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." Marcus Garvey***

A tree, to be well nourished and nurtured, needs to remain connected with the soil in which it grows. For the tens of thousands of Punjabi youth living on foreign soils, this is a unique opportunity to connect with their roots and rediscover their identity.

- The Punjab government's CYR programme provides them a platform to strengthen their roots by visiting their native place or the town where their parents or grandparents were born or the place where they spent their early years. A two-week programme, open to young boys and girls between 16-22 years of age, especially those who have never visited India, will give these youngsters a chance to learn and speak their native language.
- Besides a home-stay programme in a village for 2 days, the initiative would include visits to old monuments and the chance to savour traditional delicacies and famous food joints in Patiala, Amritsar, Ludhiana and other places of their interest. It would also encompass visits to historic, cultural and tourist places, such as Golden Temple, Jallianwala Bagh (Amritsar), Indo-Pak Border at Wagha (Amritsar), Bhagat Singh Memorial at Banga, Khalsa Heritage Memorial (Anandpur Sahib) etc.

Initially, the programme will be aimed at young boys and girls from UK, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and USA.

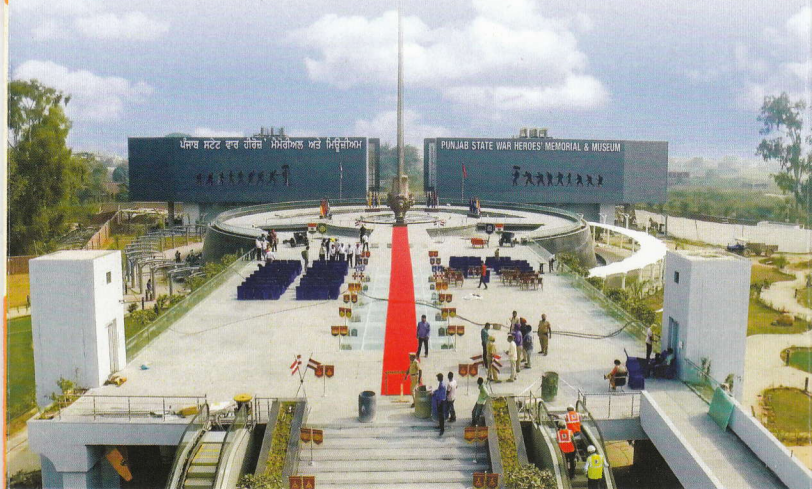
Time then, to pack your bags and fly down for an experience to cherish and remember. And carry back with you a piece of Punjab.

Qila Mubarak, Patiala





## War Memorial, Amritsar



The visiting group will consist of 15 boys and girls (the number can be altered as per requirement). The participants will be required to pay for travel expenses to India (New Delhi) and back. The expenses of boarding and lodging, sight seeing or local travel will be borne by the Government of Punjab. Publicity material will be made available through the Embassies/High Commissions of India. The details of the scheme are available on the NRI portal of the Government of Punjab. The proposed tour will normally be for 10 days. The boys and girls who wish to visit Punjab should ordinarily apply to the Government forty five days in advance. The Department of NRI Affairs would finalise the list of visitors, at least a month prior to their visit so that they can plan their travel and complete the formalities like getting the visa etc. Hon'ble Chief Minister has initiated this scheme during his visit to U.K. on 13-09-2017 where he addressed the Non-Resident Punjabis at Indian High Commission London.

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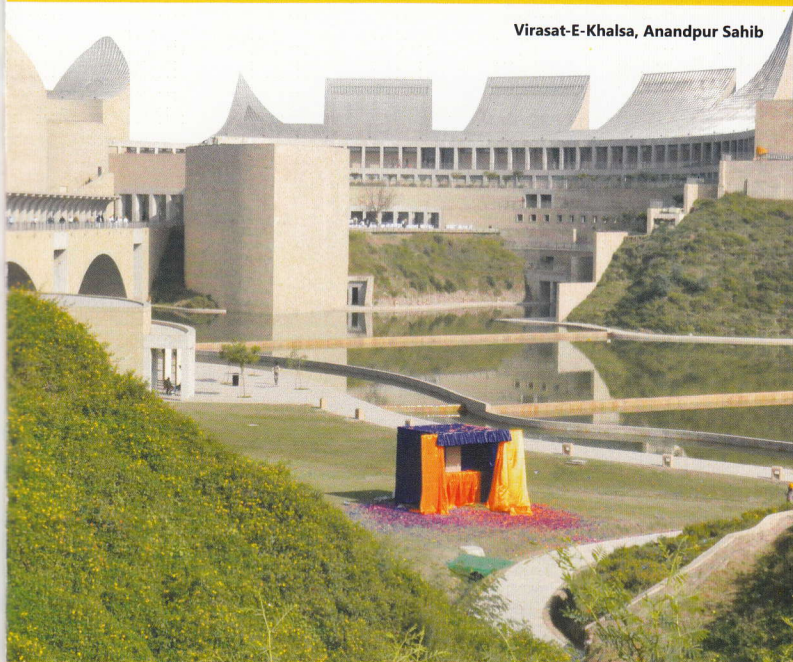
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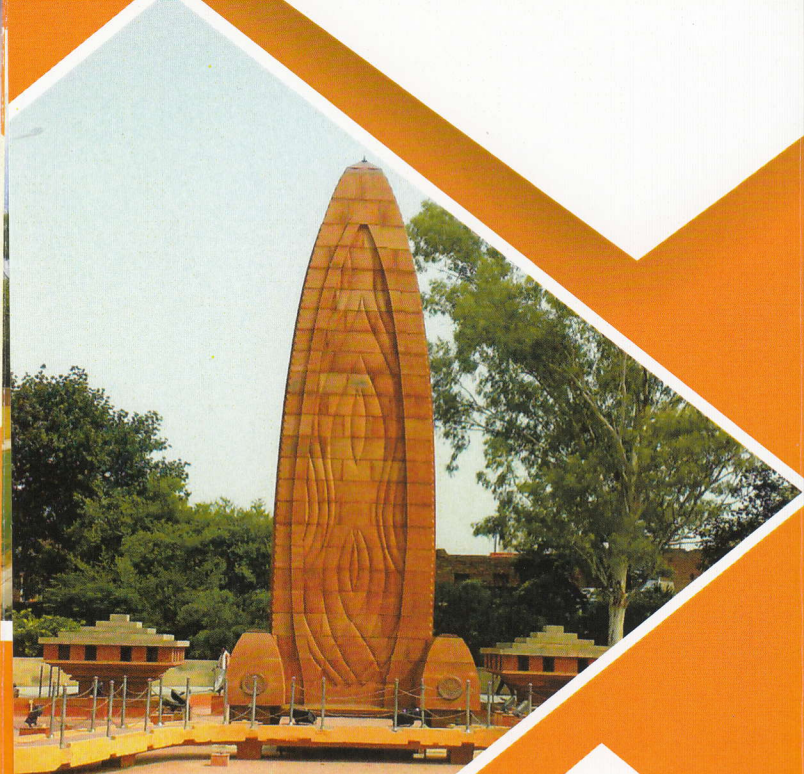
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The details of the CYR initiative are available on Punjab Government website [www.nripunjab.gov.in](http://www.nripunjab.gov.in) or <http://cyrnri.punjab.gov.in>. The App can also be downloaded from the Google Play Store. Online applications can be submitted on the portal <http://cyrnri.punjab.gov.in>

**Virasat-E-Khalsa, Anandpur Sahib**







Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar



Wagha Border,  
Amritsar

## The beneficiaries, under this scheme can visit the following places:

- Visit to ancestral places.
- Visit to old monuments, historical and cultural places such as: **Sri Harmandar Sahib, Jallianwala Bagh, Wagha Border, Bhagat Singh Memorial at Banga, Khalsa Heritage Memorial (Anandhpur Sahib), War Memorial Amritsar, Jang-e-Azaadi War Memorial**
- Visit to Schools, Colleges and Universities.
- Visit to Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Punjab Civil Secretariat and Punjab & Haryana High Court.
- Visit to centres of Excellence in the field of Punjabi Language, Agriculture, Industry, Dams/ Irrigation etc.
- Home-Stay programme in a village.
- Visits to old and famous food joints in Amritsar, Patiala, Ludhiana etc. to savour traditional delicacies and street foods, such as tikkas and Amritsari kulchas, kachorries and lassi.

