



KARTARPUR CORRIDOR: PLACES IN NEWS

In a rare move of cooperation, India and Pakistan have agreed to extend the **visa-free Kartarpur Corridor** for another five years.

About Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur

- Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, often called just Kartarpur Sahib, is one of the holiest shrines for Sikhs.
- That is because Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev (the founder of Sikhism) preached there during the last eighteen years of his life.
- In Kartarpur Sahib, Guru Nanak passed away in 1539.
- After **Partition of India in 1947**, Kartarpur Sahib fell on the Pakistan side of the International Border. It is located in Shakargarh Tehsil, Narowal District, in Pakistan's Punjab Province.
- With India being the home for more than 95 per cent of all Sikhs globally, pilgrims from all over India always demanded access to go to Kartarpur Sahib.
- The Kartarpur Corridor was opened in 2019.
- The Corridor facilitates Indian Sikhs' access to the **Gurdwara Darbar Sahib** in Pakistan.
- The corridor allows pilgrims to make the journey without a visa, crossing from India to Pakistan in a symbolic act of religious freedom and cooperation.

