

Brief Profile of Dr Birendra Kaur, Secretary General, International Sikh Confederation

Dr Birendra Kaur, born in Ludhiana, Punjab, is a distinguished academic and Sikh scholar. She is a daughter of Dr. Kharak Singh Mann, an influential Sikh intellectual, scholar, and a prominent personality who worked on Sikh concerns. She earned her Ph.D. in Zoology from Panjab University, Chandigarh, in 1984. From 1991 to 2004, she served as Senior Lecturer at Sri Guru Gobind Singh College, Chandigarh. Deeply engaged in Sikh affairs, she holds key positions in several prominent organizations. Presently, she is Secretary General of the International Sikh Confederation and Vice President, Sikh Educational Society, Chandigarh and member Local Management Committee of Guru Gobind Singh College for Women. She remained President of the Institute of Sikh Studies, Chandigarh. She is also the Settler of the Dr Kharak Singh Trust.

Dr Kaur has authored two influential books—*Hail Hair!* and *On Sikh Identity*—and compiled *Turn of the Century – Sikh Concerns & Responses*. Her contributions to global discourse include three articles published in UNESCO–Tudor Rose UK volumes supporting the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. She has actively organized and participated in numerous seminars and conferences. Notably, she filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Supreme Court of India advocating for the independent identity of Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains. Her work reflects a lifelong commitment to education, identity, and social justice.