

## GURDWAR SAHIB LAKHPAT, KUTCH, GUJRAT

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In the Course of travel (*Udasis*) from Talwandi to Mecca and Middle East Guru Nanak visited Gujarat then onto Lakhpat. In old times Lakhpat was part of Sind (Now in Pakistan). Lakhpat is 170 Km from Gandhidham, Gujarat (India). During the 16<sup>th</sup> century it was known as "Basta Bander". Lakhpat used to be rice growing area and was a popular port also, but due to Earthquake of 1819 CE, the area became barren and crops withered away for want of water because river disappeared.



To commemorate the visit of Lakhpat by Guru Nanak, a Gurdwara was built in the early years of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and a vast tract of land was bestowed to Gurdwara to make up expenses for maintenance and to look after the visitors, from the revenue from the land and the crops grown there. Lakhpat is about 20 Km from KORIANI village where there is a big *Srover* in memory of the visit by Guru Nanak. From Lakhpat Guru crossed to SONMIANI port in Sind for onward travel to Mecca and Medina (Saudi Arabia).