

SGPC fumes over Gurbani distortion on Net, says will act

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The issue was raised by California-based Dr Gurinder Singh Grewal, former president of World Sikh News, urging the SGPC to take a lead in launching an authentic digital version of Gurbani on its official platform so that devotees could savor the essence of spirituality in its correct form.

Grewal brought to the notice of SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal about a service provider who offered 'altered' text of Guru Granth Sahib. To substantiate his claims, he also attached the screenshots of Gurbani verses that he had downloaded and underlined the errors it contained.

"I had downloaded a copy of Guru Granth Sahib from a web application titled 'Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, Living Guru of Sikhism'. Initially, I found it to be quite organised and easy to read, but later, I was shocked to find that several words from original script were replaced with Hindi letters. How can the original text of Gurbani be altered? We demand that the SGPC should upload the digital version of the holy scripture on its official website from where the precise version of Gurbani can be offered to download," he said.

The SGPC expressed gratitude towards Grewal for highlighting the blunders on web portals and promised to work on it.

