

# RETIRED SIKHS ON WAY TO SECOND INNINGS

The only motive of this new website [retiredsikhs.com](http://retiredsikhs.com) is to buoy the sagging productivity of aged Sikhs all over again

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Chandigarh: 'Wanted retired Sikhs, ready to swing into action once again and show the world they are still capable of more than just walking their dog!' And if you identify with this phrase, your promised 'second innings' could just be a click away. These are requirements sought by a website, [retiredsikhs.com](http://retiredsikhs.com) that promises deliverance from simply wasting away on the couch or sharing your evening drink with a grouchy lot who perhaps are indulging in bickering about lack of order, dismal tax systems prevalent in the country and a failed governance, for want of better things to do. But the prerequisite however remains that they should be Sikhs. Reasons? "A Chinese bonds with the Chinese, a Bengali bonds with other Bengali and so do most other communities, except Sikhs.

Besides tapping on their experience resources, the website provides opportunity for Sikhs to start bonding," defends Amrit Pal Singh, the initiator of this website. And on senior citizens day, Amrit counts it as his share of glowing tributes to the communities (Sikhs and seniors) that have contributed immensely towards nation building.

Launched one month ago the website has already spread across fifteen countries and 45 cities of India. An electronics entrepreneur based in Singapore, Amrit unveiled the site in city to tap into the large experience and skill sets part of this legion. "It is not that after retirement he does not wish to do anything apart from walking or visiting the Gu-

rudwara. He uses the alibi of leading a happily retired life to hide his inability and inaccessibility to opportunity," he adds.

Since money is not usually a parameter Amrit boosts their initiative by offering to post their date banks on the site free of cost. "Anybody is free to browse the site and select any date bank and contact the individual without even speaking to me. The only motive here is to buoy the sagging productivity of these people," he vies.

Bringing to their benefit his diverse experience of many years overseas, Amrit holds the site with pep talk and enthusiastic promises. "We are 25 million Sikhs globally, yet we are rarely ready to call out to our own even when we are abroad, Maybe it is to do with the quick temper of the Sikhs. But at times Sikhs vibes in sync.

" But above all Amrit says his reasons are more functional than emotion driven. "Sikhs are a hard working race. They are honest and sturdy, even in ripe old ages. World over companies are beginning to realise the potential and necessity of an experienced had vis a vis a young fresher. They need retired people maybe that is why I have already received calls from some US companies for placements." Moreover, Amrit believes there are more fortunate ones like him waiting in the greens to emerge and help their community. "Rich NRI's keep returning to India to invest the infrastructure and social needs. They are in fact looking for their community to aid them in their age."

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