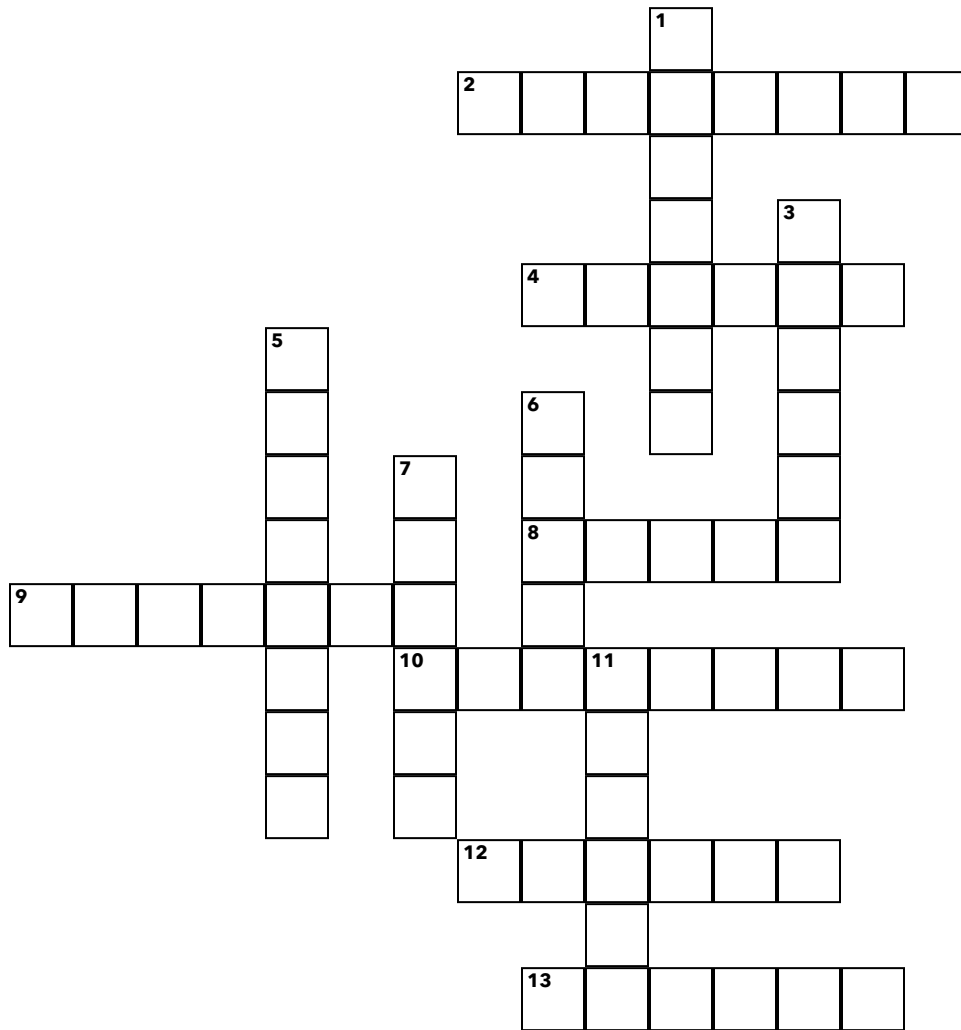


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- 2 The Takht at Anandpur Sahib where the grand Hola Mohalla procession begins, led by the Panj Pyare.
- 4 The devotional singing that runs alongside the martial displays at Hola Mohalla – body and spirit trained together.
- 8 A seat of Sikh authority – Anandpur Sahib is home to one of the five in the Sikh world, called Keshgarh Sahib.
- 9 The fort at Anandpur Sahib where Guru Gobind Singh Ji organised the very first Hola Mohalla gathering in 1701.

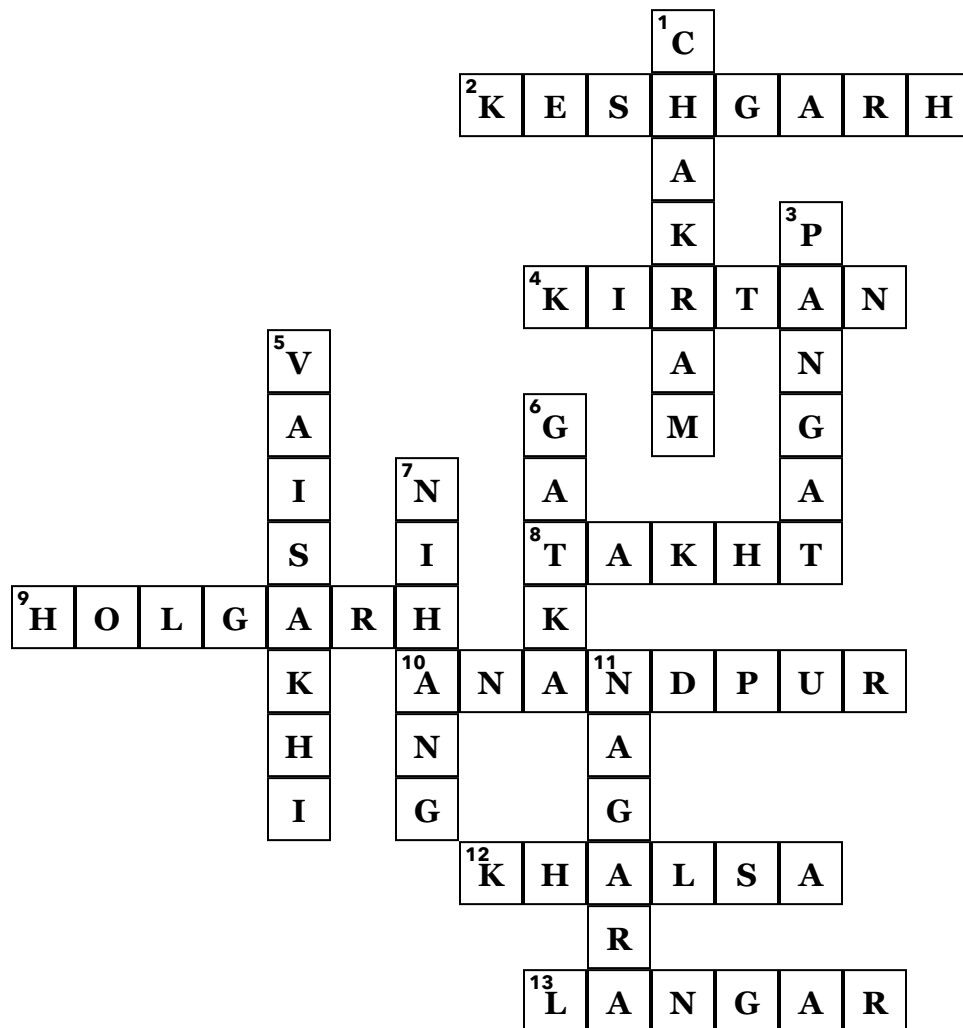
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- 1 The steel quoits worn in the towering turbans of Nihang Singhs – traditional weapons as well as adornment.
- 3 The rows in which everyone sits together at the Langar, eating the same food – a sign of equality before Waheguru.
- 5 The 1699 festival when Guru Gobind Singh Ji founded the Khalsa – just two years before the first Hola Mohalla.
- 6 The traditional Sikh martial art performed at Hola Mohalla with real swords, spears, sticks, and shields.

- 10 The city in Punjab where Guru Gobind Singh Ji held the first Hola Mohalla in 1701, and where hundreds of thousands still gather today.
- 12 The community of initiated Sikhs for whom Guru Gobind Singh Ji designed Hola Mohalla as a gathering of martial readiness and spiritual discipline.
- 13 The free community kitchen that operates at massive scale during Hola Mohalla – everyone sits in pangat and eats the same food.
- 7 The warrior order that has preserved Sikh martial traditions for over 300 years, wearing blue bana and towering turbans at Hola Mohalla.
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- 1 **CHAKRAM** – The steel quoits worn in the towering turbans of Nihang Singhs – traditional weapons as well as adornment.
- 3 **PANGAT** – The rows in which everyone sits together at the Langar, eating the same food – a sign of equality before Waheguru.
- 5 **VAISAKHI** – The 1699 festival when Guru Gobind Singh Ji founded the Khalsa – just two years before the first Hola Mohalla.
- 6 **GATKA** – The traditional Sikh martial art performed at Hola Mohalla with real swords, spears, sticks, and shields.

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