

Anand Karaj



This is the name of the marriage ceremony, which translates as 'blissful union'.

Mehndi



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Chura



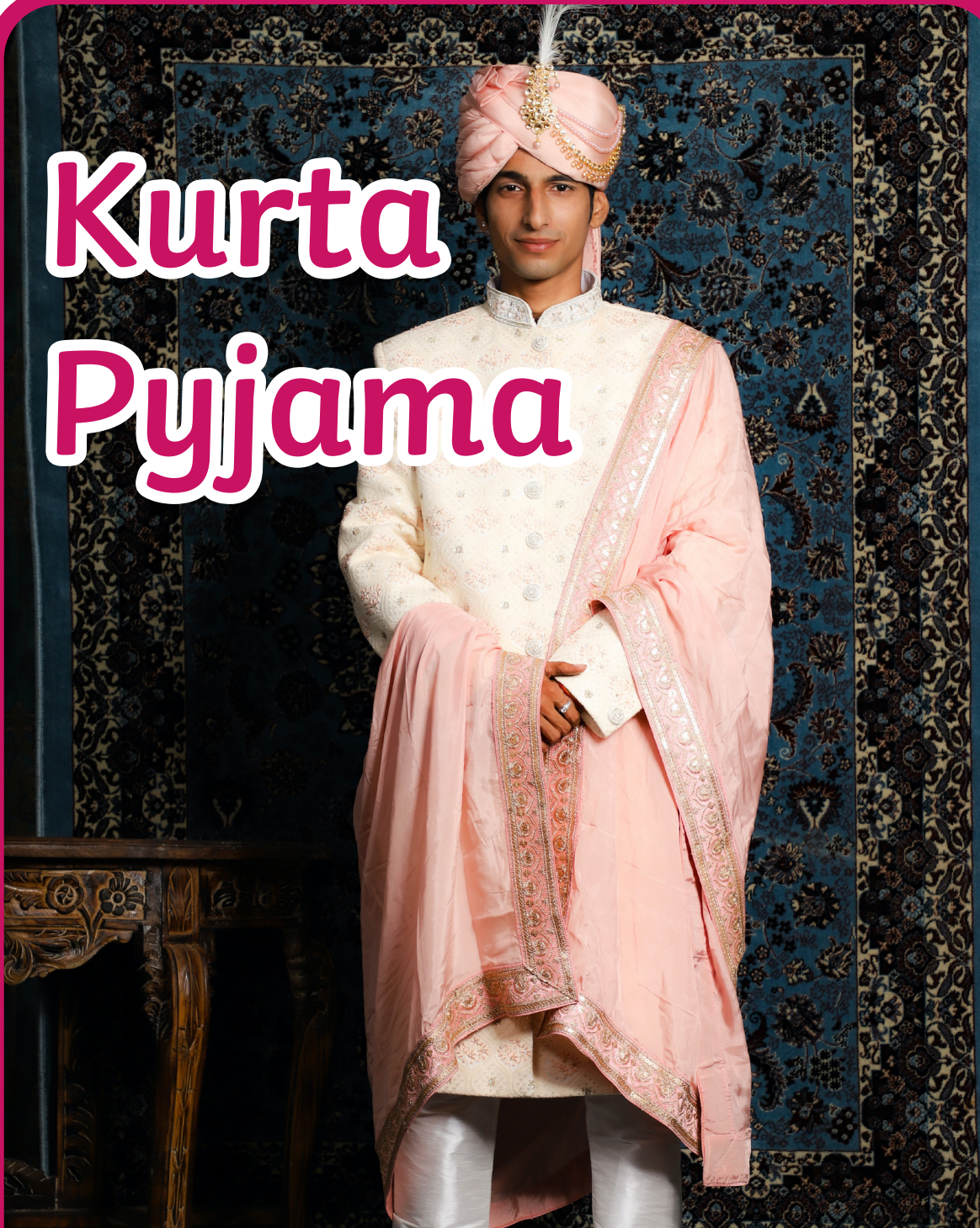
The bride usually wears a set of red and white bangles known as 'chura'.

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Kurta Pyjama



Sikh grooms often wear a loose, collarless shirt (kurta) covered by a long overcoat, pajama (trousers) and embellished slippers (shoes).

Salwar Kameez



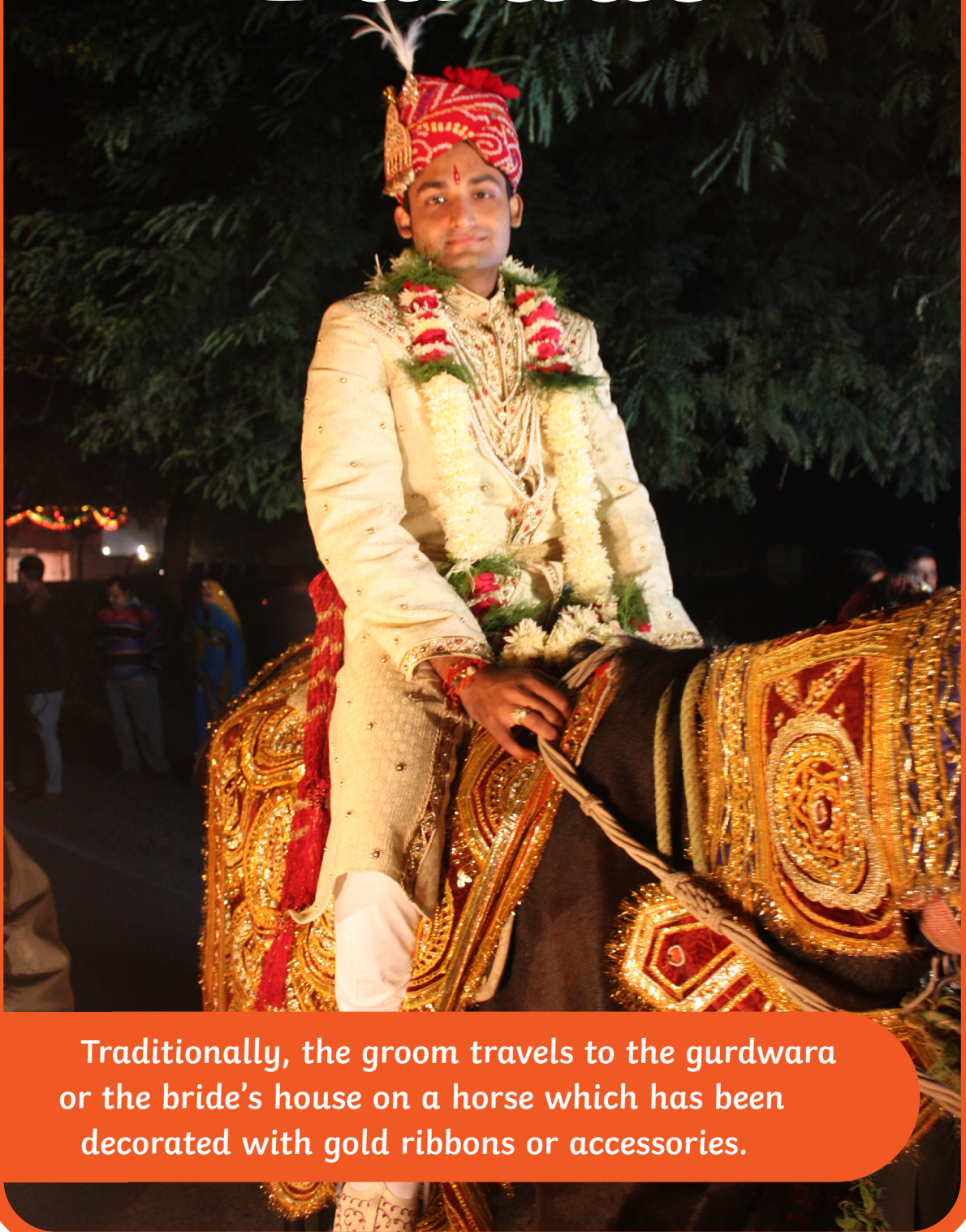
Sikh brides often wear a beautifully embroidered dress (salwar kameez). Traditionally, brides wear a red wedding dress, although some may opt for other colours. Brides usually wear traditional jewellery, including necklaces, earrings and bangles.

Milni



The groom's wedding party (the baraats) is welcomed at the gurdwara by the bride's family and friends.

Baraat



Traditionally, the groom travels to the gurdwara or the bride's house on a horse which has been decorated with gold ribbons or accessories.

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Wedding Carriage

outside the Gurdwara



Baraat



The groom's family and friends travel behind in procession, accompanied by music, singing and dancing.

Talwar



Sikh grooms often wear a wedding kirpan (sword), known as a talwar, as a traditional part of their wedding costume.

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Gurdwara



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The Sikh wedding ceremony takes place inside the gurdwara.

Guru Granth Sahib Ji

The wedding ceremony takes place around the Sikh holy scriptures - the Guru Granth Sahib Ji. The groom leads the bride in a slow procession four times around the Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

The Priest



The priest reads aloud from the Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

Lavaas (Wedding Vows)



Vows (lavaas) are taken and rings are exchanged.