

# THE UNIVERSITY PROFILE

## PREFACE

This year again Guru Nanak Dev University proved its supremacy by achieving superior positions/ranking in the field of higher education in the country. As per India Today Group-Nielsen survey of India's best universities in terms of ranking, Guru Nanak Dev University was placed at 5<sup>th</sup> rank among top five state universities of the country. As per Hansa Research Survey published in The Week in 2015, Guru Nanak Dev University is at no. 7<sup>th</sup> position in the category of multidisciplinary universities in the North Zone. "*Strengthening of quality research and education, improving fiscal position, revising syllabi keeping global requirements and health services will be on the main agenda*" was committed by Prof. A.S. Brar, while resuming his third term as Vice-Chancellor of the University this year. He credited the success of the University to the senators, syndics, faculty, students, employees, and Principals of colleges.

In 2015, the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO). The objective of MoU is to enhance academic interaction, and R&D collaboration between the two institutes of national repute. The inaugural function of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan, the building of Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib in the University was held this year. Jathedar Avtar Singh Makkar, President, Shromani Gurudwara Parbandak Committee, presided over the function. Mr. Tarlochan Singh, former Member of Parliament was also present on this occasion.

Many faculty members and researchers of the University visited other countries and presented their research papers in conferences and symposia of international repute. Our faculty members have bagged prestigious projects, worth crores of rupees, from the apex bodies like the DBT, CSIR, BARC, UGC, DST and other organizations during 2015. This year, there was a record breaking admissions of more than twenty thousand students in various faculties at University Campus, Regional Campuses and Constituent Colleges.

On the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Prize Distribution Function, over 400 outstanding players including 225 women, who brought laurels to the University in various sports disciplines at the International, National and All India Inter-University levels, were honoured with cash prizes worth Rs. 50 lakhs and trophies. This year, the University has achieved second position in highest sports award of the country, the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy. The University teams, overall, got six winner, six runners-up, two third and two fourth positions in the All India Inter-University games for the year 2014-15.

The University also honoured its student-artists, who brought laurels to the University in Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival & Inter-University National Youth Festival, in a special award ceremony and cultural evening in the Dasmesh Auditorium of the University. The University has been national champion for 9 times and the winner of the North-Zone-Inter-University Cultural Championship for 13 times.

Our 838 students were employed by reputed companies in India and abroad during 2015. They are all contributing to the credit worthiness of the University by their hard work and diligence. Almost all our engineering students were recruited by various companies through campus placements. Track record of employment of our students by big business houses and multinational companies has been very satisfactory.

As many as 14 General Orientation Courses, Refresher Courses and Short Term Courses were organized successfully by the UGC Human Resource Development Centre of the University during this year. The Phase-I extension of the University Health Centre comprising of New Emergency Ward and Laboratory Wing and extension of Architecture Department was completed and construction of buildings of Sports Hostel and University Business School is about to complete.

This year Vice-Chancellor formally inaugurated the Guru Nanak Dev University Regional Campus at Fattu Dyinga. The University built this beautiful campus building with the cost of 12 crores to spread higher education in the rural areas.

Governor of Punjab and Chancellor of the University, His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki presided over the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convocation of the University and awarded Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) degree upon Dr. Rattan Singh Jaggi, Life Fellow, Punjabi University, Patiala and Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) degree upon Dr. Bernhard Peter Jakob Blümich, Professor and Chair of Macromolecular Chemistry, RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany. About 700 degrees and medals in various disciplines including Ph.D., M.Phil., MBA, M.Tech., MCA, LL.M., M.Lib., MBE., M.Com., M.Sc., M.A., B.Tech., B.Sc., BCA, LL.B., B.Lib., etc. were awarded at this Convocation.

His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor of Punjab, Haryana, Administrator UT Chandigarh and Chancellor of the Guru Nanak Dev University presided over the celebrations of the 46<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. Prof. Mrinal Miri, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi and Prof. Balwant Singh Dhillon, Former Director, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib of the University delivered academic lectures on the foundation day. This Annual Report presents detailed activities of the University during the year 2015. I take this opportunity in thanking all those who have contributed in bringing the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the University in the present form.

**Dr. Sharanjit Singh Dhillon**  
*Registrar*

## ABOUT US

Guru Nanak Dev University was established at Amritsar on November 24, 1969 to mark the Birth Quincentenary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the apostle of universal brotherhood, truthfulness, non-violence, compassion, tolerance, harmony, humanity, strict observance of moral and ethical values in daily life, also revered as the founder of Sikhism. It won't be an exaggeration to state that His teachings and preachings and His own personal life are a perfect example to be emulated by the entire mankind even after about four and half a centuries. And will remain so eternally.

Ever since its foundation the endeavour of the University has always been to meet the objectives enshrined in the Guru Nanak Dev University Act 1969, which emphasized that the new University would make provision for imparting education and promoting research in the humanities, learned professions, sciences, especially of applied nature and technology. Studies and research on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak, in addition to working towards the promotion of Punjabi language and imparting knowledge educationally backward classes and communities, are the other commitments.

In consonance with these expectations, the University in its eventful history of 46 years has taken long strides in spreading the message of Guru Nanak Dev ji and promoting education in such fields as Science, Arts, Management, Information Technology, Industrial Technology, Environment, Planning and Architecture. To fulfill its commitment, the tuition fee charged from the students of the departments of Guru Nanak Studies and the School of Punjabi Studies has been waived.

The UGC conferred this University with status of "University with Potential for Excellence" in 2012. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore in November 2014 reaccredited the University in 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle with CGPA of 3.51 out of 4 point scale at "A" grade, the highest in the region. Earlier, it had been accredited in 2000 as a Five Star University and then reaccredited in 2007 with CGPA of 3.50 out of 4 point scale at "A" grade. The University has risen to 12<sup>th</sup> rank in the top 30 universities of the country, as per recent survey conducted by a widely acclaimed news magazine 'India Today' and secured 7<sup>th</sup> rank in the category of multidisciplinary universities in North Zone as per the survey conducted by another popular news magazine 'The Week'.

With the motto of the University as engraved on its emblem Guru's wisdom illumines all, the University has been leaving no stone unturned to meet the aspirations and expectations of the society. Spread over area of 500 acres towards the west of the city, Guru Nanak Dev University presents a picture of modern architecture. Traditional red brick geometrical blocks represent its regard for time-honoured values and commitment to scientific advancement. The University today boasts of 37 teaching departments at the Campus and 151 affiliated colleges and 68 Associate Institutes, many of which are located in the rural areas. The University has always strived hard to make the benefits of Higher Education accessible to the rural masses. In consonance with this policy, a few colleges were set up in rural areas like Chungh, Mithra, Verka, Narot Jaimal Singh and Patti under the Punjab Govt./UGC scheme and two Regional Campuses - one at Sathiala and another at Fattu Dhingra (Sultanpur Lodhi), District Kapurthala. New professional courses were introduced in the constituent colleges of the University. The newly constructed Sri Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan reflects the Sikh architecture. In this Centre, research work related to the studies of Sri Guru Granth Sahib is systematically undertaken. The construction of buildings of Sports Hostel and University

Business School is already about to complete and extension of Architecture Department and Health Centre is completed recently. University would soon be establishing University Institute of Technology where courses like Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering will be started.

More than twenty thousand students, an overwhelming majority of them being women, are enrolled in various Departments at University Campus and Constituent Colleges. On-line admission, On-line counseling, On-line re-evaluation, introduction of Credit Based Continuous Evaluation Grading System, etc. are a few hallmarks of the University. All the results have been computerized and OMR (Optical Magnetic Recognition) system is being used to bring in more efficiency and transparency. It is the first University in the region to have computerized its examination and registration system. The students now have an all time access to their results through SMS services.

Academically also, the University has carved a niche for itself in the field of Higher Education in the country. Our University is recognized as one of the leading institutions in North India in the domain of Science and Technology. Many coveted projects from the apex bodies like the DST, CSIR, BARC and other organizations worth crores of rupees have been awarded to our faculty members. One of the four Nodal Calibration Centres established by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is set up at our campus. The Centre of Emerging Life Sciences equipped with the state-of-the-art scientific instruments worth crores of rupees, well-maintained Botanical Garden, Department of Sports Medicine and Physiotherapy are few jewels in the crown of the University. To strengthen the University's infrastructure and to prepare students for employments, shortly Research Laboratory in the area of Information Technology would be established with the help of TCS. Further, the UGC has granted the University the Centre with Potential for Excellence in Life Sciences and Centre for Advanced Study in Chemistry.

In the field of culture and sports also, the achievements of the University are noteworthy. The University has been National Champion for 9 times and the winner of the North-Zone-Inter-University Cultural Championship for 13 times. The winning of the coveted Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy, the highest sports award for a University in the country, for a record number of 22 times, speaks volumes about its supremacy in the field of sports. An Astro Turf for hockey, a swimming pool of international standards, a velodrome, a Gymnasium hall, shooting range and many other state-of-the-art sports facilities are the prized possessions of the University. The Lifelong Learning Department of the University is successfully catering to the female folk of the region to make them self-reliant by offering various skill development programmes.

The track record of employment of our students by big business houses and multinational companies has been satisfactory. Our students of engineering, management and commerce field are employed by companies in India and abroad. They are all contributing to the creditworthiness of the University by their hard work and diligence. In the last year alone, almost all our Engineering and Management students were recruited by various companies through campus placements. It goes without saying that all these achievements would not have been possible, but for the heart and soul put in by the students, faculty members, and administration of the University. Undoubtedly, the University remains committed to achieve the higher goals, for which it was founded after the name of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

## THE CITY OF AMRITSAR

The city of Amritsar is known for its rich cultural heritage for the past more than four centuries. It is a living symbol of historical and religious traditions of the Sikhs, tangibly expressed through the divinely blessed shrines, including the most premier one, the Harimandir Sahib or the Golden Temple, as it is popularly known the world over. The town, first of all, came to be known as *Guru ka Chak* or Chak Ramdaspur after the name of the Guru Ram Das. The fifth Guru, Guru Arjan Dev, completed the holy tank which was dug by the fourth Guru, Guru Ram Das, and filled it with water and named it as *Amritsar* (a pool of nectar). He also completed the building of a temple in the centre of the holy pond (*sarovar*), whose foundation stone was laid by a Muslim divine, Sai Mian Mir of Lahore in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century, at the behest of the Guru. Over a period of time, the city of Amritsar developed as a spiritual and commercial centre of the Sikhs and the Punjabis as well. In the eighteenth century, it was a rallying political centre for the Sikhs. The temple was rebuilt during the period of Sikh rule. It was destroyed by the Afghans more than once, and was finally built in its present form in marble and gold by Maharaja Ranjit Singh. Since then, the city has been the center of activities for various historical events and freedom struggle.

After the partition in 1947, Amritsar has become the gateway of India by land route from Central Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other countries on the western side. With its glorious heritage, Amritsar is proudly holding its status of an internationally known city, not only historically but also in context of social welfare, philanthropic activity and higher learning. The city has an international airport and road and rail connectivity with major tourist, political, administrative centers of North West India. It has a number of educational institutions of higher learning.

Guru Nanak Dev University established in 1969, now carries a pleasant mélange of all that is worth. Harimandir Sahib, Jallianwala Bagh, Gobindgarh Fort, Ram Bagh, Durgiana Temple, Wagha Border and other religious and secular places make Amritsar a popular tourist destination in North Western India.

**OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY**  
**(As on 31.12.2015)**

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