

CENTRE ON STUDIES IN SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB

Director: Dr. Gulzar Singh Kang

Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib owes its origin to the public announcement of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Honourable Prime Minister of India. While participating in the Quadri Centennial Celebration of the first Parkash of Sri Guru Granth Sahib in Darbar Sahib, Amritsar in September, 2004, he had made an announcement that Govt. of India will establish a Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib in Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Subsequently, the proposal submitted by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar was discussed at various levels and finally U.G.C. vide its letter dated Feb.3, 2011 conveyed its approval for the establishment of Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib in Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Accordingly the U.G.C. approved the whole academic agenda and faculty positions besides sanctioning the budget of Rs. 4,705 lakhs for the next five years. Centre became functional w.e.f. April 1, 2011. Earlier the Centre had its camp office in A-1, University Campus. Now its building, Sri Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan has been constructed. It is spread over more than 70,000 sq. ft. area. Besides separate rooms for the Professors and Project Fellows, it comprises office, library, museum, auditorium, workshop and meeting rooms, etc. The Bhawan is a unique land mark which reflects the Sikh architectural features with state of the art infrastructure for research. Guru Nanak Dev University has constituted the Governing Body and Advisory Committee of the Centre, which are mandatory to run the Centre according to the U.G.C. guidelines. Prominent scholars of Sikh Studies have been taken as members of the above bodies.

Professors: N. Muthumohan, Ph.D.; Amarjit Singh, Ph.D.; Amar Singh, Ph.D.

Papers published in Conference Proceedings

1. Gulzar Singh Kang, presented a paper on *Guru Nanak Dev Ji di Bani Vich Sahanshilta* in the National Seminar on Religious Tolerance in the 'Bani' of Guru Nanak Dev Ji at Sikh National College, Quadian, Gurdaspur on March 23, 2015.
2. Gulzar Singh Kang, presidential Address at Principal Iqbal Singh Memorial Lecture *Janamsakhi to Adhunik Prsangikta* Organised by Guru Nanak Studies Department, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on March 26, 2015.
3. Gulzar Singh Kang, presented paper on *ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਦੇ ਸੰਦਰਭ ਵਿਚ ਫ਼ਲਸਫ਼ਾ-ਇ-ਵਾਹਦਤ-ਉਲ-ਵਜੂਦ* 5th International Sufi Conference on Sufism and World Peace Organised by Baba Farid Centre for Sufism, Punjabi University, Patiala, held on Nov. 9-10, 2015.
4. Gulzar Singh Kang, presented paper on *ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹਾਦਤ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਪਰਿਪੇਖ*, National Seminar on Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Bani: Sandarb Ate Sarokar, Guru Nanak Sikh Studies Department, Punjab University, Chandigarh, held on December 1, 2015.
5. Muthu Mohan, Lecture on *Recent Trends in Religious Studies*, Samikkannu Pillai Endowment, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras, January 11, 2015.
6. N. Muthu Mohan, Keynote Paper in the National Seminar on *Post Colonialism and Buddhism*, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras, January 11, 2015.
7. N. Muthu Mohan, Paper presented on *Educational Ethics as the Philosophy of Sikhism*, DRS-SAP-UGC National Seminar on "Educational Ethics and the Role of Religions" organized by the Department of Guru Nanak Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar from February 26-27, 2015.
8. N. Muthu Mohan, Valedictory address on the *Philosophy of Thirukkural* in the National Seminar on Translations of Thirukkural, organized by the Department of Tamil Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 20-21, 2015.
9. N. Muthu Mohan, presented paper on *The Philosophical Legacy of Guru Gobind Singh* in the Seminar on Guru Gobind Singh's Impact on Society organized by Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan and The Sikh Forum, New Delhi, March 28, 2015.

10. N. Muthu Mohan. Lecture on *Guru Nanak and His Socio-Cultural Milieu* in the workshop on Exploring Punjabi Language and Culture for Fulbright sponsored School teachers from New York, USA organized by St. John University and Guru Nanak Dev University on July 4-26, 2015.
11. N. Muthu Mohan, presented paper on *Sikh Culture and Sri Guru Granth Sahib* in the Seminar on Sri Guru Granth Sahib and Sikh Culture organized by the Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar held on August 30, 2015.
12. N. Muthu Mohan. Keynote Paper on *Globalization, Knowledge Societies and Culture* in Annual Research Conference, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Batticaloa, December 1, 2015.
13. N. Muthu Mohan, presented paper on *Colonialism, Globalization and the Making of Resistance Identities*. ICPR sponsored North Western Philosophy Teachers Meet on “Crisis of Multiple Identities in Contemporary World” Organized by the Department of Guru Nanak Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University, 20-31, 2015.
14. Amarjit Singh. Paper ‘*Guru Nanak di Sanvad Jugat: Saroop te Udesh*’ presented in Annual Seminar organised by Guru Nanak Studies Department, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar November 19-20, 2015.
15. Amarjit Singh. Paper ‘*Sikh Sabhiachar di Vilakhanta da Parteek: Anand Sanskar*’ presented in Seminar organised by Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib on August 30, 2015.
16. Amarjit Singh. Presidential address at *Manthan* Programme *Sau Sakhi :Kartitav te Mahatta* paper presented by Bikramjit Singh, Junior Research Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib on June 11, 2015.
17. Amarjit Singh. Participated in Special Lecture *Shahidi Sarot te Shahadat da Dharohar Panjvan Nanak* hosted by Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib by Dr. Balkar Singh. Patiala May 21, 2015.
18. Amarjit Singh. Presidential address at *Manthan* Programme *Anand Sahib: Ik Vishleshan* paper presented by Harpal Singh, Junior Research Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib on April 29, 2015.

Details of Published Books

1. N. Muthu Mohan. Book on European Philosophies (Tamil), 2015, NCBH, Chennai.
2. N. Muthu Mohan. Booklet on Tamil Philosophical Traditions in Sub-continental Dimensions (Tamil), 2015, NCBH, Chennai.

Details of International Conference-Attended

1. Gulzar Singh Kang. Participated in 5th International Sufi Conference Sufism and World Peace Organised by Baba Farid Centre for Sufism, Punjabi University, Patiala, held from Nov. 9-10, 2015.

Papers Presented in International Conference

1. Gulzar Singh Kang. Presented paper on *ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਦੇ ਸੰਦਰਭ ਵਿਚ ਫ਼ਲਸਫ਼ਾ-ਇ-ਵਾਹਦਤ-ਉਲ-ਵਜੂਦ* 5th International Sufi Conference theme Sufism and World Peace Organised by Baba Farid Centre for Sufism, Punjabi University, Patiala, held from Nov. 9-10, 2015.

Invited Lectures/Extension Lectures/Talks/Chairing a Session/Discussant

1. Amarjit Singh. Live TV Discussion ‘*Religious & Historical Importance of Establishment of Amarjit Singh. Anandpur Sahib*’ on Doordarshan Kendar, Jalandhar, 17-06-2015.
2. Amarjit Singh. Live TV Discussion ‘*Dhan Nanak Teri Vaddhi Kmaee*’ on Doordarshan Kendar Jalandhar, 25-11-2015.
3. Amarjit Singh. Live TV Discussion ‘*Punjabi Bhasha Conference*’ on Doordarshan Kendar Jalandhar, 26-12-2015.
4. Amarjit Singh. Radio Talk ‘*Prabh Kirpa te Sant Pae*’ All India Radio Jalandhar 06-10-2015.

5. Amarjit Singh. Radio Talk 'Bal Bal Jaon Siaam Sundar Kauo' All India Radio Jallandar 06-10-2015.
6. Amarjit Singh. Radio Talk 'Taha Baikunth Jaih Kirtan Tera' All India Radio Jallandar 30-04-2015.
7. Amarjit Singh. Radio Talk 'Naam Bina Sab Kuurh Gali Hochhian' All India Radio Jallandar 30-04-2015.

Seminars/Symposia/Workshop Organized by the Centre

1. A Workshop was held on *Exploring Punjabi language and Culture* by Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar with the collaboration of St. John University, New York from July 4-26, 2015.

Special Lectures

1. *Gurbani Research: Sri Guru Granth Sahib* by Dr. Kulbir Singh Thind, California, on March 5, 2015.
2. *Shahidi Sarot te Shahadat da Dharohar Panjva Nanak (ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਤ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਹਾਦਤ ਦਾ ਧਰੋਹਰ ਪੰਜਵਾਂ ਨਾਨਕ)* by Dr. Balkar Singh, Patiala on May 21, 2015.
3. *Amrika Vich Sikh Studies di Vivsatha, (ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੱਡੀਜ਼ ਦੀ ਵਿਵਸਥਾ)* by Dr. Jasbir Singh Mann, California on November 17, 2015.
4. *Amrika Da Education System (ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ)* by Dr. Charanjit Singh Gumtala, America on November 26, 2015.
5. *Gurbani Vich Kudrat da Sankalp (ਗੁਰਬਾਣੀ ਵਿਚ ਕੁਦਰਤ ਦਾ ਸੰਕਲਪ)* by Dr. Devinderpal Singh, B.C. Canada on December 24, 2015.

Lectures organized by the Centre under *Manthan Programme*:

1. A lecture on *Sikh Virasat di Sambh Sambhal (Takhat Sri Hazur Sahib Nanded de Vishaseh Sandarabh Vich)* (ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰਾਸਤ ਦੀ ਸਾਂਭ ਸੰਭਾਲ (ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਜ਼ੂਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨਾਂਦੇੜ ਦੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਸੰਦਰਭ ਵਿਚ) by S. Salinder Singh, Senior Research Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on April 15, 2015.
2. A lecture on *Anand Sahib: Ik Vishlashen (ਅਨੰਦ ਸਾਹਿਬ: ਇਕ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ)* by S. Harpal Singh, Junior Research Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on April 29, 2015.
3. A lecture on *Guru Nanak Bani Vich Vismadi Anubhav (ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਬਾਣੀ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਸਮਾਦੀ ਅਨੁਭਵ)* by Dr. Rupinder Kaur, Project Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on May 15, 2015.
4. A lecture on *Towards Understanding the Concept of Sachiar* by S. Sukhdeep Singh, Junior Research Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on May 27, 2015.
5. A lecture on *Nihang Singh Sampardai da Arambh, Visthar te Anandpur Sahib* by S. Sukhpal Singh (ਨਿਹੰਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਪਰਦਾਇ ਦਾ ਆਰੰਭ, ਵਿਸਥਾਰ ਤੇ ਅਨੰਦਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ), Senior Research Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on June 29, 2015.
6. A lecture on *Sihahi ki Vidhi da Mahatav: Hath Likhath Garntha de Sandharbh Vich* (ਸਿਆਹੀ ਕੀ ਵਿਧੀ ਦਾ ਮਹੱਤਵ (ਹੱਥ ਲਿਖਤ ਗ੍ਰੰਥਾਂ ਦੇ ਸੰਦਰਭ ਵਿਚ) by S. Rajwinder Singh, Senior Research Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on September 9, 2015.
7. A lecture on *Development of Persian Language and Literature (ਫਾਰਸੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਤੇ ਸਾਹਿਤ ਦਾ ਵਿਕਾਸ)* by ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਅਲਤਾਫ ਭੱਟ, Project Fellow, Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on November 11, 2015.