

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY, AMRITSAR

AND

SARDAR JASWANT SINGH RAI MEMORIAL TRUST, JALANDHAR

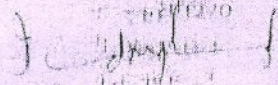
The Guru Nanak Dev University (hereinafter called the University) and S. Jaswant Singh Rai Memorial Public Charitable Trust, Jalandhar (hereinafter called the Trust) undertake to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to institute S. Bishan Singh Samundri Memorial Lectureship Award in Agricultural and Allied Sciences.

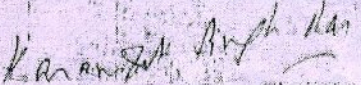
The Trust, established by Prof. Karamjit Singh Rai, founder Head of the Department of Biology of Guru Nanak Dev University, and retired Professor Emeritus University of Notre Dame, U.S.A. has instituted an endowed, annual, Lectureship Award in the memory of the S. Bishan Singh Samundri, the Founder Vice-Chancellor of the University. The objective of the Lectureship Award is to posthumously honour and pay homage to the revered educationist, and an exceptionally astute administrator, who not only established the early contours and the road-map of the development of the University, but was also a visionary for the advancement of agriculture and rural social structures in Punjab. His lifelong commitment to promote higher education and agriculture, and to enhance the quality of rural life in Punjab is legendary.

The Memorial Lectureship Award will bring truly distinguished, scholars of national and international reputation in agricultural research with particular attention to the emergence of correlated social problems in Punjab, such as overuse of fertilizers and pesticides, depleting water table, and other environment related issues to the University for a period of 1-2 days each year, to deliver an invited Public Lecture, and to interact with the faculty and students. Such a synergistic interaction would help to sensitize the University community for a multi-faceted approach to problem solving related to agricultural sustainability and societal welfare.

The terms and conditions of the Memorial Lectureship Award shall be as follows:

1. S. Jaswant Singh Rai Memorial Trust has established an endowment of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rs. Five lac only) for a period of five years in the first instance which may be extended further for such period as may be mutually decided by both the parties.
2. The Principal amount shall be kept by the University in a fixed deposit account. The interest accruing from this endowment shall be used to bear the cost of travel, award of Rs. 25,000/- and an engraved plaque/memento to the awardee commemorating this Award and its sponsorship, and for miscellaneous expenses.
3. University will provide local hospitality and lodging to the invited scholar in the University Guest House.
4. The Memorial Lectureship shall be preferably delivered in the month of November each year, to commemorate the foundation day celebrations. Alternatively, depending on the availability of the speakers and other considerations, it may also be held in the month of February or March.
5. A committee comprising of the following members shall be responsible for the selection of Visiting Lectureship, dates of lectures, and its smooth functioning:
 - ✓ (i) Dean, Academic Affairs - Chairman
 - ✓ (ii) Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences - Convener
 - ✓ (iii) Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture
 - ✓ (iv) Senior most Professor of the Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences
 - ✓ (v) Head of the Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences
 - ✓ (vi) Prof. Karamjit Singh Rai, or a representative of the Trust
6. The members of the Committee shall take measures as may be required for the successful implementation of this MOU.


 Registrar,
 Guru Nanak Dev University,
 Amritsar


 Chairman,
 S. Jaswant Singh Rai Memorial
 Public Charitable Trust, Jalandhar

Dated 12.12.2020
 Amritsar