

46th FOUNDATION DAY

“The day is to celebrate and to introspect, self assess and evaluate, how much have we achieved so far and how has the journey been in the light of set goals”, said by H.E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor of Punjab, Haryana, Administrator UT Chandigarh and Chancellor of the Guru Nanak Dev University in his lecture on the 46th Foundation Day of the University at the Guru Nanak Bhawan of the University campus. He was here to preside over the celebrations of the foundation day. He congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for his dynamism and academic leadership. Many academicians, scholars, students and eminent personalities of the city participated in these celebrations. Governor also had *langar* together with others arranged by the University.

Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki exhorted the students to follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and other gurus in their action, conduct and thoughts. He said that students are future of the nation; therefore their character should be strong with purity of mind. Prof. Solanki said that at present communal harmony, sovereignty, tolerance and dedication are need of hour which were well taught by our great ten gurus. The students should follow the teachings of those gurus to excel in life to be a successful person, he added.

He further exhorted the students to pledge for maintaining the dignity and respect of the University, society and nation as a whole. He said that our nation demands their loyalty and dedication for its growth and national integrity. The Governor also congratulated the University fraternity on the foundation day. He praised the achievements of the University in various fields at national and international levels.

Prof. Mrinal Miri, Hon’ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and 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 this occasion.

Prof. Mrinal spoke on Nation Building and the predicament of role and responsibilities in the state and in the nation. Prof. Dhillon spoke on the philosophy of Guru Nanak and he cited the comments of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji on the political, social, and religious leaderships of his time. “Guru Nanak also gave the solution where He emphasized on the righteous living”, said Prof. Dhillon.

Earlier while welcoming the eminent speakers Prof. A.S. Brar highlighted the achievements of the University. The day-long celebration began with the Bhog Sri Akhand Path at the University Gurdwara Sahib followed by the Shabad Kirtan by Bhai Sukhjinder Singh, Hazoori Ragi, Sri Darbar Sahib.

Prof. Mrinal Miri inaugurated an exhibition of rare books and manuscripts arranged at the Bhai Gurdas Library of the University. Folklore Exhibitions were also organised on this day where teams from various affiliated colleges participated. A hockey match between men teams of Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar and D.A.V. College, Jalandhar was organised in the University hockey stadium. Kirtan Darbar was organised in the evening in the Gurdwara Sahib of the University. *Guru-Ka-Langar* was served and the winners of the competitions in folklore exhibitions, and painting were honoured on this occasion.

Prof. Sharanjit Singh Dhillon, Registrar coordinated the foundation day activities and Prof. Paramjit Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs of the University presented vote of thanks.