

NAMDHARAI GURU RAM SINGH CHAIR

Professor & Head: Dr. Joginder Singh

Namdhari Guru Ram Singh Chair was established in 2001. Since then it has produced 05 Books, 02 Ph.D Theses and 03 M. Phil dissertations on the Namdhari past and present. The Chair has been organising National Seminars and Lecturers by the prominent scholars periodically. Continuing the process of research, the Head of this chair wrote one manuscript under the title “*Namadhari Sikhian De Rastraiy Sarokar atta Rajneeti*” and submitted the same to the publication department, Guru Nanak Dev University for its publications in 2016. Dr. Joginder Singh also edited a book under the title *Reflections on the Kamagatamaru Episode* which has been published by Guru Nanak Dev University in 2016. To widen the scope of research of this chair, Dr. Joginder Singh has written a book under the title *Contemporary Sikh Saints, Babas, Gurus and Satgurus* of Punjab which has been published by Manohar Publications, New Delhi 2016.

CHAIR FOR STUDY OF THE GHADAR MOVEMENT

Professor: Dr. Sukhdev Singh Sohal

The Chair for Study of the Ghadar Movement has been established by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in the Department of History on July 1, 2015 in response to centennial celebrations of the Ghadar movement. Its objective is to bring in light the multi-layered struggle of the Ghadarite freedom fighters both in Punjab, India and North America. They waged a determined struggle against racism in North America and British imperial exploitation in India. Moreover, they practiced what they preached by waging a war against the British Empire thus giving definitive meaning to national movement. The Chair would revisit the context in which the Ghadar movement took shape in the early decades of the 20th century with a view to understand the spirit behind freedom struggle and sufferings which the Ghadarites passed through in Punjab and North America. It has contributed in giving direction to national movement and inspiring the revolutionaries such as Kartar Singh Sarabha and Bhagat Singh. The Chair is to conduct seminars, lectures and go for publications encompassing the gist of the Ghadar movement keeping in mind its message and relevance for the present generation.