

## PREFACE

With glorious past, Guru Nanak Dev University in the year 2016, emerged amongst the top ranking institutions of the country, as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (GOI). GOI in its first such ranking gave 25<sup>th</sup> rank to Guru Nanak Dev University in the country amongst all Universities & Institutes (both Govt. & Private). Starting of online submission of students' Feedback Forms, Grievance Redressal Cell web portal launching on the University's website, online admission to various hostels of the University, starting 'Open House' in the University to acquaint students about the University System and the concept of 'Gender Champions' for gender sensitization on the campus were among the other achievements of the year 2016.

This year the foundation stone for University Institute of Technology (UIT) was laid to cater the demand of engineering students of the region. Laying of foundation stones for Evaluation Centre, Food Court for Girls' Hostels and a Common Food Court were also done. Newly constructed buildings of University Business School, Sports Hostel for Men, Sports Hostel for Women and Boys Hostel were inaugurated digitally by Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, the then Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India from Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. Recasted website of the University has also been launched which is more dynamic and matches with IT Industry standards for the convenience of the students.

In 2016, change in the names of newly started five government colleges under Guru Nanak Dev University as: Govt. College, Pathankot to Guru Nanak Dev University College, Pathankot; Govt. College, Sujapur to Guru Nanak Dev University College, Sujapur; Baba Namdev Govt. Degree College, Kishankot (Gurdaspur) to Baba Namdev University College, Kishankot (Gurdaspur); Govt. College, Phillor (Jalandhar) to Guru Nanak Dev University College, Phillor (Jalandhar) and Govt. College, Nakodar (Jalandhar) to Guru Nanak Dev University College, Nakodar (Jalandhar) were also approved.

During this year, the University successfully organized and hosted national and international level events such as seminars, conferences and workshops. The placements of 681 students from various departments of the University and regional campuses with internationally renowned Indian multinational IT companies were also achieved. In sports, University successfully organized All India Inter-University Road Cycling, Judo, Shooting, Track Cycling (Men & Women) Championships. In cultural domain, University stood runners-up in Inter-University National Qwali Competition held at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara and stood third in Gidha competitions held at Punjabi University, Patiala during the celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Punjabi Suba.

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. To fulfill its commitment, the tuition fee charged from the students of the departments of Guru Nanak Studies and the School of Punjabi Studies had already been waived. The University today boasts of 37 teaching departments at the Campus and 145 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 with the total 14 University and Constituent Colleges and four regional campuses located at Sathiala, Fattu Dyinga (Sultanpur Lodhi), Distt. Kapurthala, Jalandhar and Gurdaspur.

At the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Prize Distribution Function over 300 outstanding players who brought laurels to the University in various sports disciplines at the International, National and All India Inter-Varsity levels were honoured with cash prizes worth Rs. 85 lakhs and trophies. The University also honoured its student-artists in the special 'Award Ceremony and Cultural Evening' in the Dasmesh Auditorium of the University who brought laurels to the University in Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival & Inter-University National Youth Festival.

Many faculty members and researchers of the University visited other countries and presented their research papers in various conferences and symposia of International repute. Our faculty members have bagged prestigious projects from the apex bodies like the DBT, CSIR, BARC, UGC, DST and other organizations worth crores of rupees during 2016. The University also signed MoUs with the objective to enhance academic interaction and R&D collaboration with various institutes of National repute. This year, there were a record number of admissions of more than twenty thousand students in various faculties at University Campus, Regional Campuses and Constituent Colleges.

As many as 13 General Orientation Courses, Refresher Courses and Short Term Courses were organized successfully under various faculties by UGC Human Resource Development Centre of the University during this year.

His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, the then Governor of Punjab and Chancellor of the University, presided over the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation of the University. About 842 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. Governor of Punjab and Chancellor gave away the Ph.D, M.Phil. & Post-Graduate degrees while the Vice-Chancellor conferred Under-Graduate degrees to the students.

Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, former Jathedar, Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Dr. Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi and Prof. S.S. Johl, Chancellor, Central University of Bathinda delivered their academic lectures on “Teachings of Guru Nanak and present scenario of education” on 47<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the University in 2016.

It goes without saying that all these achievements would not have been achieved, 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 lofty goals, for which it was founded after the name of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

**Dr. Karanjeet Singh Kahlon**  
*Registrar*

## ABOUT US

To mark the Birth Quincentenary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji on November 24, 1969, the apostle of universal brotherhood, truthfulness, non-violence, compassion, tolerance, harmony, humanity, strict observance of moral and ethical values in daily life, who is also revered as the founder of Sikhism, this Guru Nanak Dev University was established at Amritsar. It won't be an exaggeration to state that His teachings and preaching and His own personal life are a perfect example to be emulated by the entire mankind even after about five 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 spreading education among educationally backward classes and communities are the other commitments.

In consonance with these expectations, the University in its eventful history of 47 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, Media, 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 reaccruited the University in 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle with CGPA of 3.51 out of 4 point scale at "A" grade ("A++", highest level, as per the revised accreditation framework of NAAC dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017). Earlier, it had been accredited at "A" grade level in 2000 and then reaccruited in 2007 with CGPA of 3.50/4.00.

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 145 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 with the total 14 University and Constituent Colleges and four regional campuses located at Sathiala, Fattu Dzinga (Sultanpur Lodhi), District Kapurthala, Jalandhar and Gurdaspur. The building of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan reflects the Sikh architecture. In this Centre, research work related to the studies of Sri Guru Granth Sahib is conducted systematically.

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 service.

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 & Physiotherapy are a few to mention. Computer lab with the help of TCS has been established to strengthen the university infrastructure and to prepare students for employment. Presently, a Centre with Potential for Excellence in Life Sciences and a Centre for Advanced Study in Chemistry granted by UGC are working successfully in the University.

In the field of culture and sports the achievements of the University are also noteworthy. The University has been National Champion for 9 times and the winner of the North-Zone-Inter-Varsity Cultural Championship for 14 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-dependent by offering various skill development programmes.

The track record of employment of our students by big business houses and multinational companies has been very 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 achieved, but for the heart and soul put in by the students, faculty members, and administration of the university.

## ABOUT AMRITSAR

Sri Amritsar, known for rich cultural heritage of four centuries, is living symbol of historical and religious traditions of Sikhs tangibly expressed through the divinely blessed shrines. Historically speaking, the fourth Guru, Guru Ram Das Ji, secured the gift of a piece of land from Emperor Akbar, where he built the holy tank and laid the foundation of Amritsar, which became a sacred place for the pilgrimage of the community. The fifth Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji built Sri Harimandir Sahib in the centre of the holy pond (*Sarovar*). Maharaja Ranjit Singh captured the city in 1805 and his first important act was to gild the whole structure of Sri Harimandir Sahib with gold. The city has been the center of activities for various historical events and freedom struggle in the last four centuries.

After partition, 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.

Guru Nanak Dev University located here carries a pleasant mélange of all that is worth. Sri Harmandir Sahib, Jallianwala Bagh, Ram Tirath, Durgiana Mandir, Jama Masjid Khairuddin, Heritage Village, War Museum, Partition Museum, Heritage Street, Wagha Border and other religious places make Amritsar a popular tourist destination