

ACHIEVEMENTS: AWARDS AND HONOURS

FELLOWSHIP/AWARDS/HONOURS BY ACCREDITED/PROFESSIONAL BODIES

FACULTY OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

PSYCHOLOGY

1. Ms Nishtha Mehra awarded best paper for Paper entitled “Adjustment as a mediator variable in the relationship between Cultural Intelligence and Well Being” presented at 52nd National Conference of Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, Bangalore University, 6-8th May, 2016.
2. Ms Harjot Kaur awarded best paper for Paper entitled “Socio-cognitive predictors of health promoting behaviors among adolescents” presented at 5th International Conference on Recent Advances in Cognition and Health, Banaras Hindu University , Varanasi, 19-21st December, 2016.
3. Ms Jashandeep Kaur awarded best paper for Paper entitled “To study the relevance of cognitive styles and reinforcement in the performance and attention based cognitive tasks” presented at 5th International Conference on Recent Advances in Cognition and Health, Banaras Hindu University , Varanasi, 19-21st December, 2016.
4. Ms Jeshtha Angrish awarded JRF award and joined the department under PhD program (Psychology).

SOCIOLOGY

5. Prof. Gurpreet Bal, Member of the ‘Seminar Grant Committee’ of ICSSR North-Western Regional Centre for 2016-17.
6. Prof. Gurpreet Bal, Member of College Development Council of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar for three years 2016-18.
7. Prof. Gurpreet Bal, Member of the Advisory committee of the Centre of Excellence, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 2016-17.
8. Dr. Rachana Sharma, appointed as Treasures of R.C.-03, Economy, Polity and Society of Indian Sociological Society.
9. Dr. Neena Rosey Kahlon, Co-Convener of R.C.-12, Population, Health and Society, Indian Sociological Society.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

10. Prof. Sandeep Sharma, appointed as member of Expert Committee to evaluate ongoing Major Research Projects for Science, Engineering and Technology by UGC.
11. Prof. Sandeep Sharma, appointed as member of Expert Committee for evaluate of proposal submitted by various state universities for wi.fi connectivity by UGC.

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

12. Ms. Milanpreet Kaur awarded UGC-SRF.
13. Mr Ranjeet Singh, Mr Harpuneet Singh, Ms Jasdeep Singh, Ms. Neha Aggarwa awarded UGC-JRF.
14. Ms Rajna Vohra, Mr Mandeep Singh, Mr Rajdeep Singh, Mr. Maninder Singh awarded fellowship under Visvesvaraya Ph.d scheme for electronics and IT.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

GURU NANAK STUDIES

15. Four Scholars awarded Ph.D Degree in the faculty of Humanities and Religious Studies; Anmoldeep Kaur, Harpal Singh, Pinki Lakhanpal, Ranjit Kaur.
16. Six student cleared NET/UGC/Minority fellowship; Davinder Singh, Manpreet Kaur, Harpal Singh, Tejinder Singh, Taranjit Singh, Gurjeet Kaur

FACULTY OF LAWS

LAWS

17. Dr. Viney Kapoor Mehra appointed as Commissioner of RTI of Punjab State.
18. Ms Harsimrandeep Kaur awarded UGC-JRF.
19. Three Students won Silver Medal in Inter-University American Football.
20. Ms Pushp Lata, (Ex Student) Selected as a Judge in civil court, Himachal Pradesh.

FACULTY OF LIFE SCIENCES

BIOTECHNOLOGY

20. Prof. Gurcharan Kaur, Elected as a Vice President, Indian Academy of Neurosciences.
21. Prof Gurcharan Kaur, Member, Editorial Board of “Annals of Neurosciences” Journal.
22. Prof. Gurcharan Kaur, Member of DST Expert Committee for Women Scientist Scheme (WOS-A)
23. Prof. Gurcharan Kaur, Member, Academic Council, NBRC, Manesar.
24. Prof. Prabhjeet Singh, Member, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab, India.
25. Prof. Prabhjeet Singh, Member, Academic Planning and Development Committee (APDC), National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab, India.
26. Prof. Prabhjeet Singh Member, Project Advisory Committee on Plant Sciences, Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), DST, Govt. of India from Sept. 2015-Sept. 2018.

BOTANICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Faculty:

27. Dr. Renu Bhardwaj was awarded Eminent Scientist of the Year 2016 Award by International Foundation for Environment and Ecology in association with Conferderation of Indian Universities New Delhi. (Awarded on 7th March 2016, at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in 2nd International Conference on Environment and Ecology).
28. Dr. Renu Bhardwaj was appointed as NAAC-Peer Team Member for Jammu University, Jammu. Sept. 27-30, 2016.
29. Dr. Satwinderjeet Kaur was nominated as Executive council member of Environmental Mutagen Society of India in 2016.
30. Dr. Satwinderjeet Kaur was appointed as organizing secretary for 40th annual meet of EMSI along with ICEMCH-2016 held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar from 17-19 Feb, 2016.
31. Dr. Satwinderjeet Kaur was nominated as member of Institutional Animals Ethics Committee (IAEC); Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change, Government of India.

32. Dr. Adarsh Pal Vig Award of Honour by Govt. High School Cheecha, Amritsar.
33. Dr. Adarsh Pal Vig Editorial Board Member, Austin Environmental Sciences, USA.
34. Dr M.S. Bhatti was appointed as wastewater treatment expert for marriage palaces of Punjab by Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), Patiala in 2016.
35. Dr M S Bhatti reviewed Extra Mural Research (EMR) Projects, Early Career Research (ECR) Awards and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programme under (i) Engineering Sciences(Civil & Environmental Engineering) (ii) Chemical Sciences (iii) Physical & Mathematical Sciences & (iv) Earth & Atmospheric Sciences of SERB, DST in year 2016.
36. Dr M S Bhatti acted as expert member for verifying mining activities in Dera Bassi under Civil Writ Petition by High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh in June 2016.
37. Dr. Rajinder Kaur was appointed as Coordinator at Workshop on “Wastewater Analysis and Treatment” organized by KMV College, Jalandhar.2016 (Coordinator)
38. Dr. Rajinder Kaur was appointed as Deputy-Coordinator at Workshop on “Capacity Building on Climate Change” at GNDU, Amritsar on 29, March 2016.

Research Scholars:-

Young Scientist Award

39. Ms. Paramjeet Kaur was awarded for Prof. I.S. Grover Young Scientist Award of Rs. 10,000/- for Paper: Kaur, P., Kumar, M., Singh, A.P., Jain, A. and Kaur, S.J. 2016. Chemopreventive Effects of Ethyl Acetate Fraction of *Pteris vittata* L. against 2-Acetylaminofluorene-Induced ‘Alterations in Wistar Rats’. Paper presentation at International Conference on Environmental Mutagenesis, Carcinogenesis and Health and 40th Annual Meeting of Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI) (Feb. 17-19) organized by Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences, GNDU, Amritsar, India.

Prof. I.S Grover Memorial Quiz Competition Trophy-2016

40. Ms. Preeti Saroa, M.Sc. Botany IV Semester won first prize in Prof. I.S Grover Memorial Quiz Competition and won the overall Trophy.
41. Mr. Vivek Sardhalia, M.Sc. Botany II Semester won second prize in Prof. I.S Grover Memorial Quiz Competition.
42. Ms. Priyanka Pandey, M.Sc. Botany IV Semester won third prize in Prof. I.S Grover Memorial Quiz Competition.

Best Paper and Poster Awards

43. Mrs. Varinder Kaur was awarded Best Poster Award for Paper: Kaur V., Kumar M., Kaur P., Kaur S., Kaur S.J. 2016 Antiproliferative and Apoptosis-inducing efficacy of *Butea monosperma* on cultured human breast cancer (MCF-7) cells. International Conference on Environmental Mutagenesis, Carcinogenesis and Health (ICEMCH-2016) and 40th Annual Meeting of Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI) (Feb. 17-19) organized by Department of Botanical and Environmental sciences, GNDU, Amritsar, India.
44. Miss. Sukhmeen Kaur Kohli got Best Poster Presentation Award (2016) at ICEMCH-2016. Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. (Feb. 17th – 19th 2016).
45. Mrs. Parminder Kaur got Best Poster Presentation Award (2016) at 25th Indian Convention of Food Scientist and Technologists, Food processing for sustainable agriculture & industry, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab. (November, 10-12 2016).

46. Miss Jagdeep Kaur received best poster award at “ICEMCH-2016 and 40th Annual Meeting of Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI)” organized by Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, February 17th -19th , 2016.
47. Mr. Navdeep Singh received best poster award at “ICEMCH-2016 and 40th Annual Meeting of Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI)” organized by Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, February 17th -19th , 2016.
48. Miss Saraswati received consolation prize at DBT sponsored National Conference on “Emerging Trends in Biological and Chemical Sciences” organized by Postgraduate Department of Botany and Chemistry, S. Government College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon March, 25- 26, 2016.
49. Mr. S.A. Shakoor was awarded with Fr. Antony-K.S. Manilal Award (2016) for the best paper in the category of Modern Techniques in Taxonomy: ‘Shakoor, S.A., Bhat, M.A. and Soodan, A. S. 2016. Taxonomic Demarcation of *Setaria pumila* (Poir.) Roem. & Schult., *S. verticillata* (L.) P. Beauv. and *S. viridis* (L.) P. Beauv. (Panicoideae, Poaceae) from Phytolith Profiles’ presented at International Seminar on Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Biodiversity (Nov. 7-9) organized by Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy (Calicut) India at Department of Botany, Shivaji University, Kohlapur (Maharashtra) India.
50. Mr. S.A. Shakoor was awarded with IInd Best Paper Prize for the poster ‘Kaur, R. and Soodan, A. S. 2016. Pollination biology of an invasive grass *Sorghum halepense* (L.) Pers.’ at International Conference on Entomology organized by department of Zoology and Environmental Sciences, (Dec. 3-5) at Punjabi University, Patiala (India).
51. Miss. Rajdavinder Kaur was awarded IInd Best Paper Prize for the poster ‘Kaur, R., Bhat, Z. A. and Soodan, A. S. 2016. Pollination as an Ecosystem Service with Special Reference to Grasses’ at ICEMCH-2016 organized by Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences in Collaboration with Environmental Mutagenesis Society of India.
52. Miss. Rajdavinder Kaur was awarded IInd Best Paper Prize for the poster ‘Kaur, R. and Soodan, A. S. 2016. Pollination biology of an invasive grass *Sorghum halepense* (L.) Pers.’ at International Conference on Entomology organized by department of Zoology and Environmental Sciences, (Dec. 3-5) at Punjabi University, Patiala (India).
53. Miss. Sandeep Kaur was awarded Best Poster Award for Paper: Kaur, S., Kumar, M., Kaur, P., Kaur, V. and Kaur S.J. 2016. Attenuation of NPD, NaN₃ and 2AF induced mutagenicity by the aqueous extract of *Cassia fistula* L. leaf and its growth inhibitory effects in human cervical cancer (HeLa) cell line. Poster presentation at ICEMCH-2016 and 40th Annual Meeting of Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI) (Feb. 17-19) organized by Department of Botanical and Environmental sciences, GNDU, Amritsar, India (Best poster presentation award).

HUMAN GENETICS

55. Dr. Anupam Kaur Expert in a meeting on “Autism Research Centre” coming up at Mohali, with the help of Punjab government, 24th December 2016, Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh.
56. Dr. Gursatej Gandhi Best Poster Award (as Mentor)
57. Kaur G., Salaria, M. and Gandhi, G. (2016). Genetic Damage and Malondialdehyde levels in Workers from Stone Crushing Industry. International Conference on Environmental Mutagenesis, Carcinogenesis and Health (ICEMCH) and 40th Annual Meeting of Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI) Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences, GNDU, Amritsar, February 17-19, 2016,(GTPO-04,p133).

58. Dr. Kamlesh Guleria Appointed as expert faculty member of Doctoral Student Research Committee (DSRC) of Ph.D. students of Department of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, J&K.

MICROBIOLOGY

Faculty:-

59. Dr Sukhraj Kaur received Travel Award for poster presentation in MICROCON-2016, 40th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, organised by Department of Medical Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, held from 23rd to 27th November, 2016 at PGIMER, Chandigarh

Research Scholars:

60. Mr. Rohit Rai won prestigious IUSSTF-DBT ACER (Bio energy) fellowship for working at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, USA for period of six months from 15 September 2016.
61. The paper “Cloning and expression of catalytically efficient xylanases (GH10 and GH11) from thermophilic fungus *Malbranchea cinnamomea* in *Pichia pastoris*” presented at International Conference on current trends in Biotechnology, held at Vellore 8-10 December, won the Best Poster award.
62. The research paper “*Mycothermus thermophilus* a rich source of lignocellulolytic glycosyl hydrolases and auxiliary enzymes” has won 2nd position award at Bio processing India 2016 Conference held at CIAB, Mohali 15-17 Dec 2016.

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Faculty:-

63. Prof. P.M.S.Bedi received award, SPER Eminent Teacher Award 2016 at Society of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (SPER) 5th Annual International Conference & Exhibition 2016 organized by Chandigarh College of Pharmacy, Landran from 4th-5th March, 2016.
64. Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Prof. P.M.S.Bedi, Presented poster “Analgesic And Anti-Inflammatory Studies on *Grewia Asiatica* Linn” and Awarded 3rd position in poster presentation, at National Conference on Innovations and Challenges in Pharmaceutical Research (20th October 2016), GHG Khalsa college of Pharmacy, Sadhar.
65. Mr. Amritpal Singh, received Young Talent Award conferred by Society of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (SPER) at SPER 5th Annual International Conference & Exhibition 2016 organized by Chandigarh College of Pharmacy, Landran from 4th-5th March, 2016.
66. Ms. Anudeep Kaur, Mr. Amritpal Singh, Our research work entitled “Piperine aggravates ischemia reperfusion induced acute kidney injury through PPAR- β antagonism in rats” received Best Poster Award in SPER 5th Annual International Conference & Exhibition 2016 organized by Chandigarh College of Pharmacy, Landran from 4th-5th March, 2016.
67. Mr. Manjinder Singh, Mr. Amritpal Singh, research work entitled “Mast cell stabilizers cromoglycate and ketotifen mitigate high fat diet-induced cardiac remodeling in rats” bagged third best poster award at International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences - Indian section 8th International Conference on Translational Research in Cardiovascular Sciences organized by Anand Pharmacy College, Anand, India from 5th-6th February, 2016.

Research Scholars

68. Mr. Nikhil S. Sahajpal (Research fellow of Prof. Subheet Kumar Jain) has been awarded with the prestigious developing country eye researcher Travel Fellowship (DCERF) by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Foundation for Eye Research, USA
69. Mr. Harjeet Singh (Research fellow of Prof. Subheet Kumar Jain), Awarded 2nd price in poster presentation; Role of spray drying technique for making carrier based formulation at 2nd Annual

National Convention of association of Pharmaceutical Teacher of India organized by Govt. Polytechnic for Girls, Patiala, 18-19th March 2016.

70. Mr. Harmanpreet Singh (Research fellow of Prof. Subheet Kumar Jain), Awarded 2nd position in oral presentation; Development and characterization of pharmaceutically elegant formulation of DHA, 2nd Annual National Convention of association of Pharmaceutical Teacher of India organized by Govt. Polytechnic for Girls, Patiala, 18-19th March 2016.
71. Mr. Nikhil S. Sahajpal, (Research fellow of Prof. Subheet Kumar Jain), Awarded 3rd position in oral presentation; Sensitive, Rapid and Isocratic HPLC method for the determination of insulin in human plasma, 2nd Annual National Convention of association of Pharmaceutical Teacher of India organized by Govt. Polytechnic for Girls, Patiala, 18-19th March 2016
72. Mr. Dilpreet Singh, (Research fellow of Dr. Neena Bedi.), Management of Patenting Scenario in Indian Pharmaceutical Industries” . Awarded 2nd position in oral presentation; International Conference on Patent Cooperation Treaty System, in collaboration with World Intellectual Property Organization, at Global College of Intellectual Property, Delhi on 19th November 2016
73. Mr. Hasandeep Singh (Research fellow of Dr. Balbir Singh),. Pharmacognostic investigations and antidiabetic screening study of aerial parts of *Roylea cinerea* D. Don in rats. Awarded best poster award in 2nd Annual National Convention of Association of pharmaceutical teachers of India. “Emerging Scenario in Human Resource Development for Pharmacy Profession” held at Govt. Polytechnic for Girls, Patiala on 18-19th March, 2016.

FACULTY OF PHYSICAL PLANNING & ARCHITECTURE

GURU RAMDAS SCHOOL OF PLANNING

74. Prof. Ashwani Luthra, Member, GIS Academia Council of India, ESRI India, New Delhi.

FACULTY OF SCIENCES

CHEMISTRY

75. Prof. Kamaljit Singh, Council member, National Organic Symposium Trust (NOST), India.
76. Sonika Arti, Prof. Parampaul K. Banipal, Prof. Tarlok S. Banipal, Best Poster Award:, entitled “Volumetric, viscometric and ¹H NMR spectroscopic studies in (polyhydroxy solute + CTAB + H₂O) ternary solutions” at 11th National Conference of the Indian Thermodynamics Society On Advances in Chemical Sciences and Thermodynamics held by Department of Chemistry, University of Jammu, J & K, India, on December 2nd -3rd, 2016.
77. Prof. S.S. chimni, Best Poster Presentation Award to Ms. Jasneet Kaur for her poster entitled “Organocatalytic Asymmetric Synthesis of Indolynitroalkane derivatives and computational in-sight into transition state structure” at "18th CRSI National Symposium in Chemistry" at Panjab University, Chandigarh, 2nd -7th Feb, 2016.
78. Dr. VandanaBhalla, Fellow, Royal Society of Chemistry, London, U.K.
79. Dr. VandanaBhalla, Bhagya-Tara award by Panjab University for contribution in organic Chemistry 2015-2016
80. Dr. VandanaBhalla, Council Member, Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI), Bangalore from 2014-2017.
81. Dr. VandanaBhalla, Committee member, Task Force Committee, SERB, New Delhi.

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

82. Prof. Narpinder Singh was awarded for “Excellence in Carbohydrate Research” award by Association of Carbohydrate Chemists & Technologists (India)-2016.

83. Dr. Maninder Kaur was awarded Second Prize for Oral Presentation at National Conference on Food Processing and Technology: Current status and future prospects (NCFPT-2016) organized by School of Bioengineering and Food Technology, Shoolini University, Solan (25-26 Feb, 2016).
84. Dr. Amritpal Kaur was granted fellowship as 'NASS Associate-2017' by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.

MATHEMATICS

85. 1Prof T.D. Narang, Bio-data appeared in 'Who-Who in the World, 2016' published by Marquis Who Who Publication, U.S.A.
86. Prof. T.D. Narang selected for The Cambridge Certificate for Outstanding Scientific Achievement by International Biographical Center, Cambridge, England.

PHYSICS

87. Prof. N P S Saini, PhD student Yashika Ghai, obtained DST awards for participating in the meeting of Nobel Laureates and students at Lindau, Germany.
88. Prof Atul Khanna, Best Poster Prize, COMPEC-2016, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai.
89. Prof K J Singh., Best poster Award at 9th world drug delievrvry summit-2016 at New Orleans, USA, Kulwinder Kaur.

FACULTY OF MUSIC

90. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Nominated Member, NAAC Peer Team Committee for Institutional Accreditation of the Indian Universities; Rabindra Bharti University, Kolkata, West Bengal, (January 10-13, 2016), Rani Padmavati University, Tirupati, (A.P.) (July 2016), Kamla Raja P.G. College, Gwalior, (Madhya Pradesh) (November, 2016), Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda (Gujarat) (Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 2016).
91. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Appointed Visiting Fellow in Department of Music, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, 3-10, Ootober, 2016.
92. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Nominated Member Senate, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, July 2016.
93. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Nominated Member Advisory Board, Department of Lifelong Learning, H.P.U., Shimla (2016-17).
94. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Subject Expert, Board of Moderation, Rajasthan Lok Sewa Ayog, Rajasthan, 9-10 June, 2016.
95. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Acted as Member, Board of Studies in Music & Dance Deptt. of Music Pbi. University Patiala (2016).
96. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Appointed Visiting Fellow in Department of Music, Indra Kala Sangeet Vishavidyalaya December, 2016
97. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Appointed External Examiner for Ph.D thesis in Chaudhury Charan Singh Univesity, Meerut, May 2016.
98. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Appointed External Examiner for Ph.D thesis in Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.
99. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Acted as Member Faculty of Art & Cultural, Punjabi. University Patiala.
100. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Nominated VC Nominee/Enternal Expert by various Selection Committee to appoint Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Principal (Colleges).
101. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Appointed paper Setter to Set the P.G. level Entrance Test of All the Central Universities in Music, June 2016.

102. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Appointed External Examiner to Conduct Ph.D. Viva-Voce in music at B.H. University, Varanasi., H.P.U., Shimla, K.U. Kurukshetra, Punjabi University, Patiala.
103. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Nominated member RDC in Department of Music, H.P.U., Shimla.
104. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Acted as Member Advisory Board for preparing Encyclopedia of Sikh Music by Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib (Pb.) (2016).
105. Dr. Rajesh Sharma Appointed External Examiner in Delhi University, Delhi, Punjabi University, Patiala.
106. Dr. Rajesh Sharma Appointed Paper Setters for Punjabi University, Patiala, M.D.University Rohtak and H.P.U., Shimla.
107. Dr. Rajesh Sharma Appointed member selection committee to appoint Assistant Professors in Music, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.