

PREFACE

With glorious past of the Guru Nanak Dev University, this year during 2017 the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has sanctioned “MYAS-GNDU” Centre for Sports Sciences” with a support of Rs. 25 Crore for the period of five years. This is the only Centre setup by MYAS outside their Ministry and will be the second Centre in India other than the one in Gwalior. In addition, during last year the University faculty received Research grant of Rs 13.89 crore from different funding agencies.

The new Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, took an initiative of reviving the University campus so as to scale the new heights of success. Under his innovative and visionary outlook, the University campus got new look with the implementation of students & employees beneficiary schemes, landscaping & eco friendly innovations etc. The efforts have been made to promote student centric activities, student-run clubs in the university to encourage the social activities among students. To groom the students for the interview etiquettes, short videos has been made by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Regional Campus, Jalandhar. The University will invite international fame company SPIC MACAY for performing in the campus without any charges.

This year, 48th Foundation Day was celebrated. A symposium on the theme 'Guru Gobind Singh and His Legacy' was hosted to mark the conclusion of ongoing celebration relating to the 350th birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

The attempts have been made to improve the hostel administration, for this the student’s wall in each department has been introduced so that the students can present their issues. The organogram of hostels has been set up for addressing the grievances of the students relating to mess issues, cleanliness issues and medical issues in hostels. The University is likely to introduce the induction courses for the students from the next session.

The promotion of teachers under career advancement scheme has been expedited; the induction courses for the teachers are being introduced. The Faculty Club on the campus has been operationalized. The empanelment of University Health Centre in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) has also been initiated and under this, the 16 hospitals have already given their consent to offer subsidized treatment and clinical tests to the employees of the University.

The sports persons of the University represented India in different international events such as Asian Canoe Slalom Championship, ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup-1, Asia Cup Cycling and World University Games in this year and won medals. In Cultural events, University students have participated and won top positions over the years in inter-university national youth festivals and in north zone inter-university youth festivals. In order to bring more transparency in the University level youth festivals, the declaration of result of Youth Festival Competitions immediately after the culmination of the events by the Judges has been introduced this year.

The installation of Rooftop Solar Energy Plant of 3 Mega Watt and Identity Cum Debit Cards for students in university campus for cashless transactions has also become functional. The Psychology Consultant for providing Psychological counselling to students as mandated by the University Grants Commission has been appointed. To ensure clean and purified drinking water, nearly 70 water coolers with R.O. have been installed in campus for the students/ faculty. In order to contribute to to a healthier earth, students are being encouraged to plant at least one plant & a group of volunteer students has already taken initiative for the same was done this year.

This year, Bhai Vir Singh Plants Exhibition-cum-Seminar was organized at Botanical Garden of the University. This exhibition was first time organized by University to associate students with nature and to promote floriculture and plantation in the society.

For upgradation of University functioning, the eminent personalities have been deputed in different administrative branches. A Centralized Purchase committee has been constituted to make all purchase beyond 5 Lacs from Vendors registered on Government e-Market Portal. To promote research, the Centre for Data Analytics and Research (CDAR) has been setup which has signed memorandum of understanding with

eminent institutions. A web link on University website has been created for conferences/seminars attended by various faculty members in last five years has been started during this year.

To reach out to the Alumni of the university throughout the country and abroad, a new website for Alumni Association has been launched. Research Portal, Online Leave Portal, Online Admission Portals, e-Transcript portal, regular e-Magazine, creating a dedicated email for feedback from students have been launched. The University has increased the Internet Bandwidth speed to 1GbPS. This year the University has also received good amount of grants from various funding agencies. The paper less examination system has been improved. University in an important decision would involve meritorious students in the process of syllabus amendment of their respective classes. The syndicate of the university has already accorded its approval to this decision. Guru Nanak Dev University will become the first University of the Country who involves students in the matters of syllabus.

The track record of employment of our students by big business Houses and Multi-National Companies has been very satisfactory. During this year more than 600 students from various departments has been selected through campus placements and the highest package offered was 15.20 lakh per annum. All these achievements has been possible with the innovative guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, students, researchers, faculty members and administration of the university.

Dr. Karanjeet Singh Kahlon

Registrar

ABOUT US

Guru Nanak Dev University was established at Amritsar on November 24, 1969 to mark the Birth Quincentenary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the apostle of universal brotherhood, truthfulness, non-violence, compassion, tolerance, harmony, humanity, strict observance of moral & ethical values in daily life, who is also revered as the founder of Sikhism. It won't be an exaggeration to state that His teachings and preachings & His own personal life are a perfect example to be emulated by the entire mankind even after about four and half a 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 48 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, 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 reaccredited the university in 3rd cycle with CGPA of 3.51 out of 4 point scale at "A" grade, the highest in the region. The University has risen to 16th rank in the top 50 universities of the country, as per recent survey conducted by a widely acclaimed news magazine '*India Today*' and has achieved 11th position, out of the 500 universities, in science publications.

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 38 teaching departments at the Campus and 161 affiliated colleges and 53 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 and two Regional Campuses - one at Sathiala and another at Fattu Dyinga (Sultanpur Lodhi), Distt. Kapurthala. New professional courses were introduced in the constituent colleges of the University. The Sri Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan reflects the Sikh architecture. In this Centre, research work related to the studies of Sri Guru Granth Sahib is systematically undertaken. The construction of buildings of Sports Hostel and University Business School is already about to complete and extension of Architecture Department and health centre is completed recently. University would start University Institute of Technology from session 2017-18.

More than twenty thousand students, an overwhelming majority of them being women, are enrolled in various Departments at University Campus, four Regional Campus, University Colleges and Constituent Colleges. On-line admission, On-line counseling, On-line reevaluation, 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, Deptt of Sports Medicine & Physiotherapy are a few of the jewels in the crown of the university. To more strengthen the university infrastructure and to prepare students for employments, shortly computer lab with the help of TCS would be established. Further, the UGC has granted the University the Centre with Potential for Excellence in Life Sciences and Centre for Advanced Study in Chemistry.

In the field of culture and sports also, the achievements of the university are noteworthy. The university has been national Champion for 9 times & the winner of the North-Zone-Inter-Varsity Cultural Championship for 13 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 & 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 Multi-National 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. Undoubtedly, the university remains committed to achieve the lofty goals, for which it was founded after the name of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

ABOUT SRI 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.

This city in northwestern India and the administrative headquarters of Amritsar district in the state of Punjab. The city lies about 25 km east of the border with Pakistan and is a major commercial, cultural, and transportation centre. It is also the centre of Sikhism and the site of the Sikh's principal place of worship.

The early name of the city was Chak Guru. Before its establishment, the area under the city was a part of the vast area covered under Indus valley Civilization during the early period of history. A city of historic walls and impressive gateways, Amritsar gained importance under the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, one of the most resplendent figures in Sikh history. The city lies on the Grand Trunk road, Asia's one of the oldest and longest major roads connecting Eastern & Western parts of Indian sub-continent, built by King Sher Shah Suri in year 1539.

The city of Amritsar a dazzling showcase of composite culture and secular heritage .It has a proud past a glorious present and a promising future .This most important city of Majha has rightly been called the mukutmani (Jewel of the crown)of the Punjab. Amritsar is like a diamond with many facets. The essential spirit of the city is found not only in its gurudwaras & temples, mosques & churches, takias & khankahs but also in its theatres & galleries, parks & gardens, archives & libraries, art & architecture, museums & memorials, havelis & forts, fairs & festivals, vibrant folk dances & scintillating taans, narrow lanes & winding alleys, parlours & boutiques, clubs & pubs, traditional bustling markets & lip-smacking cuisine eatable like traditional Papad -Wadian. In addition, the city is famous for its woolens, carpets and blankets, kites, juttis, cut-glass work, bangles and embroidered stuff.

In Amritsar, Sri Harimandir Sahib is not only a central religious place of the Sikhs, but also a symbol of human brotherhood and equality. Everybody, irrespective of cast, creed or race can seek spiritual solace and religious fulfilment without any hindrance. It also represents the distinct identity, glory and heritage of the Sikhs. To pen-down the philosophy, ideology, the inner and outer beauty, as well as the historical legacy of Sri Harimandir Sahib is a momentous task. It is a matter of experience rather than a description. In Sri Harimandir

Sahib Parikarma, Akal Takht literally means Eternal Throne. The Akal Takht is situated on the other end of the causeway connected to Sri Harmandir Sahib. Its foundation was laid by Guru Hargobind Sahib. The building of the Akal Takht opposite the Sri Harmandir Sahib has a special meaning. While the Sri Harimandir stands for spiritual guidance the Akal Takht symbolizes the dispensing of justice and temporal activity. The Akal Takht is the oldest of the Five Takhts. Amritsar is a center of the raag-based rendering of Shabad (Bani of Sri Guru Granth Sahib).The musical instruments are available around Town Hall and Jallianwala Bagh.The city boasts of maximum production of Musical instruments.

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.

Amritsar's international airport, Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport, has more than 400 domestic and international flights during the week with daily connections to Delhi, Mumbai, Srinagar and Jammu etc. Amritsar is connected by rail to almost every major city in India. Amritsar railway station is the main terminus. The Samjhauta Express and Bus runs from Delhi through Amritsar to Lahore in Pakistan. Sri Harmandir Sahib, Jallianwala Bagh, Durgiana Temple, Wagha Border, Partition Museum, Gobindgarh Fort, Summer place of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, Khalsa College, Heritage Street, Heritage Village and other religious places make Amritsar a popular tourist destination.

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