

# THE PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA

## AN INTRODUCTION

Punjab Assembly established Punjabi University, Patiala under the Punjab Act No. 35 of 1961. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the then President of India laid foundation of Punjabi University on June 24, 1962. He preached, "The institutes of higher education share the burden of nation-building in a critically important sense. Our aim is a strong, free and democratic India where every citizen has an equal place and full opportunity of growth. In this task, a vast responsibility rests on our universities." Established on April 30, 1962 in the erstwhile princely state of Patiala with the main objective of furthering the cause of Punjabi language, art and literature. Punjabi University has since evolved into the largest University in the state. This is the second University in the world to be named after a language, the first being Hebrew University of Israel. Its vision is to establish and incorporate a University for the advancement of Punjabi studies and development of Punjabi language as a medium of instruction or otherwise for providing instruction in humanistic and scientific subjects and generally for the promotion of education and research. The University started working from its present lush green, pollution free, 316 acres campus since 1965.

Initially University's jurisdiction area was fixed as the 16 km radius having only 9 colleges. In 1969, it grew into an affiliating university, with 43 colleges affiliated to it. Now the university caters to the educational needs of nine Districts of Punjab. Over the time since its inception, the University has evolved into a multi-faceted and multi-faculty educational institution for the promotion of higher education and research in Humanities, Arts, Sciences, Engineering Languages, Technology and many more. Spread over 600 acres of land, its 1500+ teachers are imparting instruction and guidance to nearly 14,000+ students in a multi-faceted, multi-pronged and multi-faculty environment comprising 70+ Teaching and Research Departments/Chairs on its Campus, 27 Regional Centre/ Neighbourhood Campuses/Constituent Colleges and 278 Colleges affiliated to it.

### **Our Vice-Chancellors**

The University was fortunate in having a galaxy of scholars and academic administrators as its Vice-Chancellors. These included

- Bhai Jodh Singh
- Sardar Kirpal Singh Narang
- Mrs. Inderjit Kaur Sandhu
- Dr. Amrik Singh
- Dr. S.S. Johl
- Dr. Bhagat Singh
- Dr. H.K. Manmohan Singh
- Dr. Joginder Singh Puar
- Dr. Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia
- Sh. Swaran Singh Boparai, Kirti Chakra, Padma Shri
- Dr. Jaspal Singh
- Dr. B.S. Ghuman

### **The Vision And Mission Of Punjabi University, Patiala:**

The vision and mission of Punjabi University, Patiala is to promote Punjabi language, literature, art and culture, and the development of Punjabi language as a medium of instruction and examination in various fields of study and generally for the promotion of higher education and research.

The University:

- grooms leadership at various levels
- Decisions are governed by management of facts, information and objectives
- prepares perspective plan document which is an important component of the University's strategy development and deployment process

- has a well-defined organizational structure with effective processes developed for all its major activities
- has an effective feedback system involving all stakeholders
- has an action plan and schedules for its future development
- has an effective Grievance Redressal Cell
- Effectively handles management and monitoring of the affiliated colleges through College Development Council
- Also considers Student Satisfaction Survey as an input factor for all policies of the University
- takes sustained interest in recruitment and promotion aspects of its employees
- adheres to Government of India/State Government policies on recruitment (access, equity, gender sensitivity and physically disabled)
- has an effective welfare mechanism for teaching and non-teaching staff
- ensures transparent use of Performance Appraisal Reports
- conducts programmes to enhance the competency of its faculty and non-teaching staff
- uses performance budgeting as a core planning activity for decision making
- incorporates gender auditing to enhance inclusiveness
- has effective welfare mechanisms for its teaching and non-teaching staff
- conducts programme for professional development of its staff
- HRD centre programmes forms an important feedback for improvement of programmes
- Strictly adheres to optimal utilization of budget
- conducts internal and external audits regularly for better monitoring and management of finances
- Leadership takes initiatives for mobilization of resources
- considers academic audit of departments and its impact as an important quality initiative
- has an effective quality management and enhancement systems
- reviews its teaching learning process, structure, methodologies of operations and learning outcomes at periodic intervals
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has contributed significantly to institutionalizing quality assurance strategies and processes
- Receives valuable feedback from the external members of the IQAC for its functioning
- encourages autonomy to its academic departments

Punjabi University, Patiala clearly addresses the needs of the society and students it seeks to serve as mentioned in the mission statement. Besides generation and transmission of knowledge, Punjabi University Act among others requires the University to make provisions

- For imparting education in the humanities, sciences, learned professions and such other branches of learning as it may think fit and for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge.
- provide for research in Punjabi literature.
- undertake measures for the development of Punjabi language.
- Progressively adopt it as a medium of instruction and examination for as many subjects as possible.
- prepare, translate and publish.
- assist other bodies and individuals in the preparation, translation and publication of books, journals, periodicals and any other material in Punjabi or other languages
- For the spread of education among classes and communities which are educationally backward.
- For the maintenance of NSS and Sports facilities or other similar training corps, physical and military training and students association and sports and athletic clubs.

Accordingly, the University has given a major emphasis on the promotion and development of Punjabi language, literature, art and culture. In order to fulfil this objective, besides the establishment of a teaching Department of Punjabi, the University has set up a number of research departments/centres & cells such as Department of Punjabi Development and under this Text book Cell and Translation Cell, Department of Punjabi Literary Studies, Department of Punjab Historical Studies, Department of Lexicography, Centre for Advanced Media Studies, etc.

For the promotion of art and culture, the teaching departments such as department of Theatre and Television, Department of Music, Department of Dance and Department of Fine Arts have been established in the University. Two TV films, one on the Painting Traditions of Punjab and the other on Excavation in Singhol have been undertaken for the promotion of art & culture of Punjab.

At UG level, Punjabi has been introduced as a compulsory subject for all the courses. At PG level in many courses students can also opt Punjabi as a medium of examination. Even M. Phil/Ph.D. thesis can be submitted in Punjabi language except in the case of languages other than Punjabi.

In order to promote Punjabi language, literature, art and culture, Punjabi University has launched a Punjabipedia Project and has started a new website [punjabipedia.org](http://punjabipedia.org). To know the meaning of English in Punjabi, the University has started Online English-Punjabi Dictionary.

The University has started online programme (Lets Learn Punjabi) to learn Punjabi in Gurmukhi Script through Research Centre for Punjabi Language Technology. To make it easier to learn computer in Punjabi for those people who know Punjabi, the University has started an online programme Punjabi Computer Help Centre.

To promote Punjabi language, literature and culture, the University organises every year the following conferences:

- Vishv Punjabi Sahit Conference
- Sarb Bharti Punjabi Conference
- Antar Rashtri Punjabi Vikas Conference
- Punjabi Diaspora Conference

The University has established Bhai Vir Singh Chair to promote Punjabi Literature. Annual lectures on prominent Punjabi writers such as Bhai Kahan Singh Nabha, Professor Harbhajan Singh and Prof Pritam Singh have been organized.

To promote the tradition of Gurmat Sangeet, the University has established exclusive department of Gurmat Sangeet. To preserve and promote the all inclusive treasure of Gurmat Sangeet, the University has started Gurmat Gyan online Teaching. For this Bhai Randhir Singh online Gurmat Sangeet Library has also been established by Gurmat Sangeet Chair.

Besides this, the University was the first in the region to establish a teaching department Shri Guru Gobind Singh Department of Religious Studies. This is housed in Guru Gobind Singh Bhawan. It offers Master level and M.Phil programmes in Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Jainism and Sikhism.

For carrying out research in Sikhism, special research departments such as Guru Granth Sahib Studies and Encyclopaedia of Sikhism have also been established. The University has also released a set of four volumes, on Encyclopaedia of Sikhism prepared by a renowned Professor Late Sardar Harbans Singh.

Taking into consideration the need of the hour, the University has introduced a number of new courses in the areas of Engineering, Management, Computer Science, Social Sciences, Advanced Media Studies, Hospitality and Hotel Management, Certificate Course in Guru Granth Sahib Studies. The University has also established Regional Centres, Neighbourhood Campuses and Constituent Colleges in the rural and remote areas such as Damdama Sahib, Jaito, Dehlan Sian, Joga Ralla and Jhunir. The goal is to take professional and job oriented courses to the door steps of the rural students and students of disadvantaged sections of the society.

Students participate in sports, cultural, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities at different levels. Many of these activities like Lok Mela, Lok Khedan (Local Sports), Folk Dances, etc. promote Punjabi art and culture.

The University has a modern well planned campus situated on Patiala-Chandigarh road at a short distance from the main city. Sprawling across 316 acres, the campus is away from the din and noise of the city. It presents a splendid sight of magnificent buildings which include the famous Guru Gobind Singh Bhawan. On December 27, 1967, Dr. Zakir Hussain, the then President of India laid the foundation stone of Guru Gobind Singh Bhawan, the iconic landmark building of Punjabi University.

The University has maintained research facilities for scholars at Dr. Balbir Singh Sahitya Kendra at Dehradun. There is a rich library with rare books and manuscripts bequeathed by Bhai Vir Singh, Dr. Balbir Singh and Prof. Puran Singh, the doyens of Punjabi literature. Research on comparative religions is carried out there. This centre is being developed as an Advanced Centre for Sikh Studies

### **NAAC Performance**

Punjabi University, Patiala, has kept up its spree of winning the highest "A" grade on a four-point scale amongst over 350 universities in the country. The status is awarded by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which is an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission, for a period of five years. The rare status is given by the NAAC on the basis of overall performance of a University during a space of five years.

Sr. No.	Cycle	Grade	CGPA	Year of Accreditation	Validity Upto
1.	1st Cycle	Five Star		2002	2002-2007
2.	2nd Cycle	A	3.11	2008	2008-2013
3.	3rd Cycle	A	3.34	2016	2016-2023

In the year 2016, 11 member NAAC team had visited the University from 20.01.2016 to 23.01.2016 and scanned the activities and achievements of its various departments to review the accomplishments at micro and macro levels.

- Various funding agencies as UGC, CSIR, ICMR, ISRO, DST, DBT, ICSSR and Industry are funding many research projects in the University.
- A large number of paid research scholars are pursuing research in the University under different schemes such as -UGC- NET JRF
- UGC BSR Fellowship in Sciences
- UGC Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship
- UGC-Maulana Azad National Scholarship
- ICMR Open Fellow
- DST Inspire
- ICHR Open Fellowship
- CSIR JRF Open Fellow
- ICSSR fellowship

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#### **Departments Research Activities**

The University has eleven departments which have been recognized for their research activities

- CAS: Physics , Punjabi, Economics;
- DSA-2: Botany, Computer Science;
- DRS-6: Chemistry, Forensic Science, Human Genetics, Pharmaceutical Science and Drug Research, School of Management Studies, Zoology and Environment Science.
- The University has six departments recognized by UGC-BSR (Botany, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Human Genetics, Pharmaceutical Science and Drug Research, Zoology and Environmental Sciences.
- The University also have eleven departments recognized as DST-FIST Departments and five as DBT-IPLS Departments.

#### **Foreign Institutions Collaborations**

The University has collaborations with some foreign institutions also. Some of the important collaborators are:

- Admas University, Ethiopia
- Aksum University, Aksum, Ethiopia
- Apex Group of Companies, Dubai
- Central Soil Salinity Research Institute Karnal of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research
- Centre for Religious Studies, QOM, IRAN
- Debra Tabor University, Ethiopia
- Debre Birhan University, Ethiopia

- Faculty of Industrial Education and Technology King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Bangkok, Thailand
- Hawassa University, Ethiopia
- Jimma University, Ethiopia
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (USA)
- Kwantlen University College, Kwantlen (Canada)
- Kwantlen University College, Surrey (Canada)
- Maharaja Garden City Association (MGC), Bangkok, Thailand
- Mettu University (MEU), Ethiopia
- MoA of Asia Cooperation Dialogue in Siam University, Bangkok
- New Global Vision College Shashemene - Ethiopia
- Peppendine University (PU) Malibu, CA
- Punjabi Bhawan, Toronto, Canada
- Royal Academy of Bhangra, Canada
- Samara University (SU), Ethiopia
- San Jose State University, United States of America College of Humanities and the Arts
- Semarang State University (SSU/UNNSE) Indomasia
- Siam University, Thailand (Agreement)
- The Algonquin College of Applied Arts & Technology Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- The Regents of the University of California on Behalf of its Santa Cruz Campus
- University of Birjand, Iran (UoB)
- University of Gondar, Ethiopia
- University of South Pacific, Laucala Campus, Suva, Fiji
- University of the Highlands and Islands, Scotland, UK
- Wilkes University (WU) College of Science and Engineering (USA)
- Wolaita Sodo University Ethiopia
- Wollega University, Ethiopia
- World Gatka Federation
- University of the Fraser Valley, Canada

### **Indian Institutions as Collaborators**

The University also has many Indian Institutions as the important collaborators.

- Greenpeace India Society
- National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms (NABIM), Kusmaur, Uttar Pradesh (INDIA)
- American Institute of Indian Studies, New Delhi
- Baba Banda Bahadur Memorial Trust, Dera Baba Banda Bahadur, Distt. Riasi (J&K)
- Columbia Asia Hospital, Patiala
- Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi
- DBT Govt. of India, New Delhi
- Directorate of Mushroom Research, Chambaghat, Solan
- Gurmat Sagar Trust, Sri Anandpur Sahib (GST)
- Himalayan Biotesource Technology (IHBT)
- HNB Garhwal University Srinagar, Uttarakhand (INDIA)
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research, National Agricultural Innovation
- Indian Institute of Human Rights, New Delhi
- Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT)
- Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Colombo, Sri Lanka

- Jamia Mallia Islamia University, New Delhi
- Major Adarsh Pal Singh
- Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India (with School of Management Studies)
- National Research Centre for Mushroom (NRCM), Solan India
- National Research Development Corporation, New Delhi
- National Stock Exchange of India, New Delhi
- Office of the Director of Census Operations, Punjab, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Chandigarh
- Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu, Tawi (INDIA)
- Shriram Institute for Industrial Research (Sri), Delhi (INDIA)
- Spice Digital Ltd., Noida
- Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji Academy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Sri Guru Granth Sahib University, Fatehgarh Sahib
- The Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh (MoA)
- UGC and Consortium for Educational Communication and P.U.Pta
- University of Pennsylvania Institute for Advance Study of India (UPIASI), New Delhi (INDIA)
- Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital
- University Grants Commission (Faculty Recharge Programme)
- Indian institute of integrative Medicine (CSIR)

Research Centre for Punjabi Language Technology, Punjabi University, Patiala has carried out number of collaborative research projects for the technical development of Punjabi Language with national institutes like IIT Delhi, IIT Mumbai, IIT Karagpur, IIT Gauhati, IIIT Hyderabad, IIIT Allahabad, ISI Kolkata, CDAC, Pune, CDAC, Noida, IISc, Bangalore, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad and MS University, Baroda.

### Patents

Till to date 22 patents have been registered and accepted. 11 research journals are being published by the University. Around 94 awards have been bestowed upon the University faculty by duly recognizing their research. Large number of faculty members are on editorial boards of national and international journals.

The University has **20 regional centres/Neighbourhood campuses/Constituent Colleges** namely Guru Kashi Campus, Talwandi Sabo; Regional Centre, Bathinda; Regional Centre for Information Technology and Management, Mohali; Nawab Sher Mohammad Khan Institute of Advanced Studies, Malerkotla; Dr. Balbir Singh Sahitya Kendra, Dehradun; Neighbourhood Campus, Rampura Phul; Neighbourhood Campus, Jhunir, Punjabi University Baba Jogi Peer Neighbourhood Campus Ralla; Punjabi University Akali Phula Singh Neighbourhood Campus Dehla Sehan; Punjabi University Neighbourhood Campus, Sardool Garh ; Punjabi University Neighbourhood Campus, Jaito. In order to spread higher education in the rural areas the University has taken over a sick college at Maur and the admission has started from July 2009 onwards.

The University has maintained the estate of Dr. Norah Richards at **Andhretta** in Himachal Pradesh which the noted artist donated to the Punjabi University. The buildings of the estate have been renovated keeping the original architecture intact. Arrangements have been made for the stay of faculty members and students who wish to carry out study and research in the field of Theatre and Television. The Department of Youth Welfare organises youth activities during the summer at Andhretta (Youth Leadership Camps) and the Department of Theatre and Television also arranges theatre performances at Andhretta every year.

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## Central Facilities

Alumni Association	Centralized Admission Cell (CAC)
Directorate of Sports	Health Centre
Grievance Redressal Cell	Counselling Cell
Holiday Homes	Hostels
IAS Training Centre	National Service Scheme
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)	Punjabi Development and Sikh Studies
International Students	Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women Workplace Cell
Publication Bureau	RTI Cell
UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC)	Sophisticated Instruments Centre (SIC)
University School	University Enquiry
Fitness Centres	Youth Welfare Department
Women's Club	Women's Studies Centre (WSC)

## University Library

The University Library, named as Bhai Kahn Singh Nabha Library, housed in a spacious modern and Air-Conditioned, Wi-Fi enabled building stocks more than 5,20,000 volumes and subscribes to more than three hundred and fifty journals. Latest books are added regularly every year. The library is kept open for 360 days of the year from 8.15 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. every day. The library has a majestic reading hall, which has a capacity for more than 500 readers where they can sit and consult reference books and other relevant literature. A separate Night Reading Hall is available for readers 365x24x7 with facilities of A.C., Bathroom and Wi-Fi. The library is actively participating in the INFLIBNET programme. It caters to the requirements of all the teaching and research departments.

### Dr. Ganda Singh Punjabi Reference Library

A new specialized wing called the Punjabi Reference Library has been added in the recent past. The aim of this library is to build up a strong collection on Punjab History, Culture, Sikhism, Punjabi Language and Literature. The rich collection of this library comprises of more than 1.5 lakh documents. About 125 important daily, weekly, newspapers and periodicals published anywhere in the world are received regularly in this library. Nearly 70,000 documents have been collected from eminent historians and literatures. These contain newspapers, magazines, books, diaries and manuscripts pertaining to the 19th and 20th century. These documents contain mines of information, which is of immense value to the scholars.

### Online Access To

- Web-OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) (<http://202.164.54.52:8080/jopacv11>)
- Thesis
  - English Section
  - Punjabi Section
  - Hindi Section
- (To search the updated Theses database, Please goto Web-OPAC)
- List of Subscribed Journals (Print version)
- E-Journals (available in the University Campus Network)
- e-BOOKS (available in the University Campus Network)
- e-Books available Full Text online in Punjabi University Campus (Complete List)
- Manuscripts Catalogue
  - English Section Volume 1
  - Punjabi Section Volume 1
  - Punjabi Section Volume 2



- Periodicals (Recent Arrivals List)
- Punjabi Press Index
- Shodh-Sindhu
- Shodh-Ganga
- Delnet
- Dissertation and Thesis [Proquest]

#### **Highlights**

- Wi-Fi enabled & Air conditioned Library building
- E-Journals, E-Books and Web-OPAC
- RFID based Self Check-In/Check-out and Security Gates
- Automated Library, Book Drop/Self Check In Facility
- Internet/Digital Library Access Lab
- More than 14000 Members
- More than 4000 CD/DVD's database
- Member of DELNET, INDEST and UGC-INFONET consortium
- Participating in the INFLIBNET Programme
- Database of Current Periodicals & Backsets of Periodicals
- Digitisation of Manuscripts
- CCTV camera security system & R.O. based Drinking Water
- Elevator for Physically Handicapped users and staff
- Departmental Libraries

#### **Regular Features / Facilities**

- Current Awareness, Computerised bibliographic and documentation Services
- Recent Arrivals: Periodicals
- List of Additions: Books
- Punjabi Press Index (Indexing Services of Newspapers and Periodicals received in Punjabi Reference Library)
- Subject Bibliographies
- Catalogues of Donors' Collections
- Topical Book Exhibitions on Eventful Days
- Readers' orientation Programmes for fresh entrants.
- Special lectures and Demonstrations for Faculty members, Research Scholars, Students and Staff
- Inter Library loan facility
- Reprographic services
- Microfilm reading/preserving
- Digitisation of Manuscripts
- In-house Library Automation Training for Staff and Project Students by Computer Section of Library

#### **Various Sections In The Library**

- Library Automation/Computer Section
- Internet / Digital Library Access Lab
- Acquisition Section
- Technical Section
- Circulation Section
- Periodicals Section
- OPAC Browsing Section
- Reference Section



- Text/Consultation books Section
- Theses Section
- Braille Library Section
- Special Collections Section
- Bound Periodicals Section
- Binding Section
- Photostat Section
- Reading Hall
- Night Reading Hall
- Office
- Departmental Libraries

**The Department of Distance Education** was established in the University in 1968 and has been a pioneer institute imparting education through the distant mode. It is the second institute in the country to adopt the non-formal mode of imparting education. For the first time in the country, this Department offered regional language as the medium of instruction and examination. Presently, the Department is managing 33 multi-faculty programmes including professional and job-oriented courses, like B. Ed., M. Ed., M. Com., Diploma in Journalism & Mass Communication, Diploma in Library Science, Bachelor of Library & Information Science, PG Diploma in Insurance Business and PG Diploma in Forensic Science. More than 8,000 students are currently on the rolls of the Department. Personal Contact Programmes are organised in the Department as well as at its four study centres at Barnala, Bathinda, Dhuri and Faridkot. The Department has a well-equipped library which supplies text and other reading material to the students. The Department plans to start new courses in the field of religion, information technology and community services. More information about the department may be obtained from its website <http://www.dccpbi.com> and E-Mail: [headdccpbi@yahoo.com](mailto:headdccpbi@yahoo.com).

**The Computer Centre of the University** provides central facility to cater the needs of students, research scholars, faculty and the various wings of the University administration. The Centre has established a local area network and all university Departments enjoy the facilities of Internet and e-mail through this network. The Centre as well as the teaching Departments are equipped with the latest computers and software.

The University has its own **website-[www.punjabiversity.ac.in](http://www.punjabiversity.ac.in)**, which is being maintained by the Centre. The website provides rich information about the University which is not only beneficial for the University community but also for the outside world.

**The Research Centre for Punjabi Language Technology** (Earlier known as Advanced Centre for Technical Development of Punjabi language, Literature and Culture) was established in 2004 with the aim of conducting research and development in linguistic and computational aspects of Punjabi Language as well as to spread the usage of Punjabi on computers and internet. It's the only Centre in the world dedicated for Technical Development of Punjabi.

The Centre has been successful in bridging the script barrier between communities in South-east Asia by developing transliteration software for Punjabi, Urdu and Sindhi languages. For the first time many language related software for Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu and Sindhi have been developed, including first word processor for Punjabi and Hindi and video lectures for Punjabi learning have been developed at the Centre.

The Centre has been awarded three international research projects in open competitions, funded under PAN Asia Grants Singapore and ISIF grants Australia. Research and development projects worth crores of rupees have been executed by the centre.

**Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC)** located in Punjabi University, is one of the seventeen centres in the country. It has been promoted under the Consortium for Educational Communication (ECE) Programme of Inter-University Centre of University Grants Commission for Countrywide Class Room teaching through educational films being telecast by the Doordarshan. This Centre has a well-equipped full-fledged shooting studio which is being upgraded with the latest digital apparatus. The Centre has already produced more than 64 educational films covering various aspects of different fields of education including art and culture of Punjab.

**The Publication Bureau**, established in 1966 has a unique and important place in the academic life of the University. It has been publishing the research works, books and journals, produced by different departments of the University. It has so far published more than 2000 titles on Punjab history, art, culture, theology, literature and sciences. The book van has been introduced by the university to make the university publications easily available to the masses.

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** is established to take the initiative for the quality improvement of education in the University. This cell also monitors and keeps the record of academic and admission progress. This cell also publishes annual reports regarding the University

**The Directorate of sports** works for promoting sports in the University and its affiliated colleges. It organizes inter-college competitions in various games and trains students for participation in inter-university, National, International games. Well maintained infrastructure and facilities for games such as hockey, football, cricket, basketball, volleyball, athletics etc. have been maintained. The Punjabi University also has a large gymnasium and a hall for indoor games. It is one of the very few institutions in India to possess its own Velodrome and Synthetic track.

**The Youth Welfare Department** of the University organizes youth activities all round the year. The Punjabi University has won unique distinctions in Youth Festivals organized by the Association of Indian Universities in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt. of India; Directorate of Youth Services, Panjab; Directorate of Higher Education, Panjab and Panjabi Academy of Delhi State. Students of Punjabi University have had the privilege of representing India in the Festivals of India held in the former USSR, Mauritius, Spain, China, Germany and U.A.E. (Dubai). This department also organizes Hiking, Trekking, Mountaineering, Rock Climbing courses, and Youth Leadership Training Camps.

**The National Service Scheme** is one of the most significant programmes of the university. It inculcates the spirit of voluntary work among students and teachers through sustained community interaction. The major activity of NSS on the campus include regular camping programmes, environmental pollution control health awareness, adult education and blood donations.

**A Sadbhavna Club** is working under the auspices of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur National Integration Chair. The major objective of the club is to promote spirit of National Integration among the students. All the students of the University Campus are eligible to become its members. The activities of the club include organisation of National Integration Camp, Seminar, Interstate Youth Exchange Programmes, Personality Development Programmes, etc.

A well equipped **Health Centre**, with qualified physicians and paramedical staff, is at the service of the students round the clock. The Centre has an x-ray unit and also a laboratory for medical tests. The Centre has an AIDS awareness wing. Students of various teaching departments at the campus are entitled to free medical aid by the University Health Centre. The Health Centre is equipped with basic necessary and modern equipments.

The University has established **Centerized Admission Cell (CAC)** in the year 2012. This cell monitors online admission of all courses run by the university and conduct entrance tests and counseling of various courses mentioned in the Handbook of Information. This cell is also issue identity Cards of students and employees.

A **Counseling Cell** for students and employees of the University has been established in the University. This cell is monitored by the Department of Psychology. Multidimensional pressures of modernization and globalization are triggering psychological problems among students relating to their personalities, conduct and work. Unable to resolve the psychological conflicts and identity crises, many of them develop complexes and may seek solace in drugs or alcohol. Counseling and supportive psychological corporate houses and multi-national companies for making mass recruitments. Among these are included Infosys, Quark, Siemens, HCL, Satyam, Canon, Dabur and many others.

There are six residential **Hostels** for boys and seven residential Hostels for girls. The Hostels have all modern amenities for comfortable living for 4000 students. There are two (one for boys and one for girls) hostels at Guru Kashi Campus, Talwandi Sabo and two hostels (one for boys and one for girls) at Punjabi University Neighbourhood Campus, Rampura Phul. The strength of these four hostels is 550 for boys and 550 for girls. All the Hostels have wi-fi facility & CCTV Camera.

The **University Enquiry and Information Centre** has been set up at the Main Gate to provide all facilities under one roof to the students and parents with regard to admissions, results, information regarding Distance Education and general courses, receipt of examination forms and canteen facilities. The Centre also provides computerized results to the students and handles enquiries of all sorts. The students also get counseling services during admissions.

The **Transport Department** of the University runs a fleet of buses for linking the campus to various parts of Patiala city.

**The Placement Cell:** We believe that long-term sustainability of the University and her relationships with industry for training & placement of our students can only be achieved by making assiduous efforts in the following directions:

- Grooming our students with the right combination of skill-set required for becoming a successful employee or entrepreneur.
- Assessing the needs of industry and providing inputs to concerned departments in the form of internal feedback or through interaction with our alumni as well as senior delegates from industry/premier educational & research institutions, so that relevant skill-set is imparted to our students.
- Achieving high degree of responsiveness through dedicated human effort, coupled with application of information technology.
- Maintaining good work-ethics.

Our specific objectives of are to:

- Create awareness among students regarding available career options and help them in identifying their career objectives.
- Guide the students in developing skills and job-search strategies required to achieve their career objectives.
- Identify suitable potential employers and help them achieve their hiring goals.
- Organize activities concerning career planning.
- Act as a bridge between students, alumni and employers.
- Take feedback from industry and provide inputs for curriculum.

**Women's Studies Centre** was allocated to Punjabi University by University Grants Commission under XI Plan, in August 2009 and was established under the able guidance and dynamic leadership of Dr. Jaspal Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala in October 2009. Its main objective is the pursuit of a comprehensive critical and balanced investigation of the cause of gender disparity. The centre also aims at revitalizing University education bringing it closer to burning social issues and working towards their solutions.

**UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC):** The history of Academic Staff Colleges in India is about 23 years old. However, credit of establishing of Academic Staff College at Punjabi University Patiala in 2009 goes to Dr. Jaspal Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala. In a short span of time, the Academic College has conducted many Refresher Courses in Orientation Courses, Workshops/Short Term Courses and Principals' Meet successfully. All these courses acquired National Character because participants were from as distant states as Goa, Karnatka, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Meghalaya H.P. Assam, Haryana, etc. The Academic Staff College is equipped with latest technological Gadgets, Guest House, Computer Lab, a lecture theatres etc.

The Media industry is witnessing a whopping 50% growth rate, while the Indian entertainment industry comprising mainly Television and Cinema is crossing Rs. 50,000 crore mark. With opportunities in the Print Media now playing the elusive, Television channels on the other hand are mushrooming without waiting for the apposite weather, with acute shortage of skilled Media professionals worrying the owners and producers in Television and Film industries, Advertising and PR Agencies. Considering all this, Punjabi University took the 'exclusive initiative' by evolving a **Centre for Advanced Media Studies (CAMS)** to start new kinds of technical, professional, advanced and specialised courses to befittingly train students for a plethora of jobs awaiting them in the glamorous Television and Film worlds. The department has started **M.B.A. (Media Studies and Entertainment), M.A.(Hon's) in TV and Film Production (Five Year Integrated Course), Short Term evening courses in Still Photography and Videography; Video Editing and Compositing; and Acting and Direction of 3 Month, 6 Month and 1 Year Duration, three year B.A.(Hons) Course in Journalism, Mass Communication and Media Technology.** The latest milestone that CAMS has now achieved is signing of an agreement with Communications Studies and Integrative Media Department of Wilkes University, Pennsylvania, USA.

Punjabi University, Patiala has established a sophisticated Instrument Centre is which costly measuring and analyzing instruments are installed as a centre facility for all the departments of the University Research students one benefited with this facility.

The Centre for Diaspora Studies was established in the year 2012 and was subsequently supported financially by UGC for Advanced Studies. The Centre is running P.G. Diploma successfully and is planning to introduce some other Certificate/P.G. Diploma courses along with Doctoral Research.

As per guidelines of UGC for Swachh Bharat Scheme, University has appointed Dr. Jagbir Singh, Prof. & Head, Department of Zoology and Environmental Science as Nodal Officer The monitoring and implementation of this centre will be done under Director, Planning and Monitoring, Punjabi University, Patiala.

As per direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and guidelines laid down by UGC, Punjabi University, Patiala has "**Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Cell**" to deal with issues of gender based harassment and violence on the campuses. The cell addresses the complaints of sexual harassment nature from students, research scholars, teachers and non-teaching employees of the various departments of the University, its constituent colleges, regional centres and neighbourhood campuses. The information is available at: <http://punjabiuniversity.ac.in/pbiuniweb/pages/testingWHC/>

#### **Viva-Voce Through Video-Conferencing**

To keep in mind, the employment and academic future of the students (abroad and even in India away from the University), Punjabi University, Patiala allowed the students to conduct their viva through Video Conferencing. For this purpose, students have to pay viva fee of Rs. 10000/- for student in India and Rs. 20000/- (US \$ 300/-) for students in abroad.

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