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Vice Chancellor speaks on the need for strong research base in Higher Education



In most of the convocation addresses during previous years, the Hon'ble President of India, Sh. Parnab Mukherjee has shown his deep concern that none of our Universities figure in the upper 200 Universities of the world. It has made this issue a top most agenda in the National Higher Education System.



It is being discussed at different fora and meetings include efforts like implementation of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and bringing precision in evaluation by the NAAC. In such assessments by the NAAC or NAB and while evaluating and deciding appeal cases in NAAC, I have observed that most of the institutions, particularly colleges, do not attain

the grade of their expectations because of deficiencies in major indicator of assessment, that is Research. For any higher education institution, research is an important indicator which influences its ranking. Research was one of the important indicators along with teaching, citations and international outlook based on which University of Oxford was ranked at the top by Times Higher Education, this year. The overall review reveals that research component is very weak in most of the colleges. True, that we may not expect the magnitude or level of research in colleges equal to that of in universities but it is also unacceptable that it may be totally lacking in colleges. In certain debates some colleges put-forth the view that colleges are only teaching institutions but they forget that teaching and research are inseparable. It is research which generates qualitative teaching.

For this, it is sure that there is need to build up research environment and ambience, create required infrastructure and adequate facilities for the researcher and teachers. To support it, the UGC has a number of schemes and projects exclusively meant for colleges which should be availed. At present, students after college education largely remain unaware of research. It is also unexpected that colleges may produce researchers but research ambience in colleges will certainly produce "research ready" students for the university education which is not the scene at present. Hence, strengthening research in college education will generally contribute in introducing research minds into universities and help enhancing research standards in higher education.

Khalsa University contemplates to tie up with Nottingham Trent University of United Kingdom



During an interactive meeting amongst the Vice Chancellor of Khalsa University (KU), Dr. SS Chahal with the Nottingham Trent University (NTU) Vice Chancellor Prof. Edward Peck and Global program Director Prof. Stephen William, and Registrar (Dr J S Dhillon) of KU, the possibilities for collaboration between the two universities were worked out. It was opined that scientists and officers of both the universities will hold mutual discussions to identify the areas of educational collaboration for the benefit of students and the faculty. A general MoU will be signed subsequently followed by the specific Letters of Agreements (LoAs) as per need in due course of time. The exchange of faculty and students will go a long way to excel in academic ventures.

Brainstorming Session on API Scores organised

A brainstorming session on API Scores was organised by the University on January 11, 2017. The participants included Dr. N.S. Tung, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. A.K. Thukral, Prof., Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences, Dr. Harbhajan Singh Bhatia, Dr. R.S. Sandhu, Dr. A.S. Bhanwar, Prof., Department of Human Genetics, from Guru Nanak Dev University. Apart from them, officers from Khalsa University, Dr. Raghbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Sukhbir Kaur Mahal, Principal, Khalsa College for Women, Dr. Jaswinder Singh Dhillon, Principal, Khalsa College of Education, Dr. R.K. Dhawan, Principal, Khalsa College of Pharmacy, Dr. Amarpal Singh, Principal, Khalsa College of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Jaspal Singh, Principal, Khalsa College of Law, Dr. Gursharan Singh, Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences also participated. The session was presided over by the worthy Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.S. Chahal.



Dr. Chahal in his concluding comments expressed that the present API need amendments for judicious, logical and objective evaluation of teachers at different levels. He also reiterated that the weightage given to different criteria under the present API score system needs a relook. "The scoring system needs to be developed looking into the different objectives in different educational institutions", said he. The participants were unanimous in opinion that lacunae in the implementation of API score need to be plugged and gave concrete suggestions to make it more practical and comprehensive.

Khalsa University participates in the Nagar Kirtan



A magnificent Nagar Kirtan was organized by various institutions run by the Khalsa College Charitable Society, Amritsar from the University to the Golden Temple on November 12, 2016 to celebrate the birthday (Agman Purab) of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Management, the Deans/Principals, faculty, staff and the students participated with great enthusiasm and spiritual zest. The procession covered a distance of about 7 km on foot. Media covered the holy procession in its brightest shades.



College of Education gets 'A' Grade NAAC Accreditation

Peer team of NAAC visited Khalsa College of Education of the University on November 18-19, 2016 to re-accredit the College in Cycle -III. Prof. D.N. Sansawal, former Chairperson NRC-NCTE, and former Director & Dean, Institute of Education, Devi Ahilya University was the Chairperson. Inspection started with the meeting of the Principal followed by the presentation about the college. The Peer Team visited different departments of the college and were impressed with the academic growth of the College. The institution was accredited with CGPA of 3.28 on a seven-point scale at A Grade.

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Fusion of Mexican and Punjabi Folklore



The mesmerizing performance by Mexican artists, led by Espirtu Maxicano group, marked 6th Amritsar International Folk Festival at Khalsa University on Nov 11, 2016. A fusion of Mexican and Punjabi folklore music and dance took the heritage campus by storm as the audience witnessed a rare magical performance. The festival was organized by the varsity in collaboration with Punjab Cultural Promotion Council (PCPC) Wearing their traditional, colourful dresses, the Mexicans took to the stage with full enthusiasm and won the hearts with the foot-tapping dances and melodious singing.

Mushroom Growing Unit established in the College of Agricultural Sciences

“Dhingri mushroom”, an edible variety of the mushrooms was grown in a recently established 'Mushroom Cultivation Unit' in the College of Agricultural Sciences of the Khalsa University. With a meagre input of wheat straw, polythene bags and the spawn, the mushroom could be grown profusely in an organic way. The produce was also sold in the market as Organic Dhingri which was much liked by the consumers. This is the highly prized variety for its unique blend of nutrition enriched with vitamins and minerals apart from other fat-free dietary ingredients. It is contemplated to impart needed training to the students and farmers to develop the skill of mushroom growing.



National Education Day celebrated at the Khalsa University

The University organised a seminar on November 11, 2016 to celebrate the National Education Day. Two guest speakers delivered the key talks. The resource persons delved deep into the changing scenario of the education system in the country.

The first speaker, Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu, Additional Director General at Indian Council (Agricultural Research (ICAR) strongly advocated the new curriculum designs and research oriented activities in the varsities. He emphasised the need for starting job-oriented courses to cater to the needs of various stakeholders including industry and academia.

The second speaker, Dr. B.S. Ghuman from Panjab University, Chandigarh, stressed on achieving excellence in the higher education. He made an empirical comparison of the state of the higher education with the other countries of the world. He advocated the need for opening more Universities and Colleges. The Pro-Chancellor, S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina in his presidential address said that the higher education in the country needs to be revamped and made skill-oriented. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. S. Chahal said that the higher education institutions must evolve themselves to fulfil the needs of the modern world.



notes but the targets shall take a long time to be achieved. Dr. Satish Verma, another economist also stated that though aims were high but the implementation of the whole process was full of flaws. Dr. S. S. Chahal, in his presidential remarks deliberated on the short term and medium term advantages and disadvantages of demonetization. Earlier the Pro-Chancellor, S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, in his inaugural address said that the Modi government had taken a daring step to check the black money.



Seminar on Legal Awareness for Women



A two-day seminar on legal awareness was organised at the Khalsa University on Dec 19-20, 2016. The legal luminaries focused on the women rights and the need to sensitize the general public about the need

to curb atrocities and violence inflicted on women and children. The seminar was organized by Punjab State Commission for Women in association with National Commission for Women. District Session Judge, Gurbir Singh narrated the detailed legal history of women rights protection by the judiciary citing various examples. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Girish Bansal gave description on how the legal service authorities were providing free legal aid to the victims especially the women. A Sikh historian from Holland, Mr. Bhupinder Singh also spoke on the sensitive issue. Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. S. Chahal welcomed the guest speakers and stressed on the need for legal knowledge awareness.

Demonetization: Daring initiative and alarming challenges

Renowned economist and former Director General of Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh Dr. Sucha Singh Gill in his address at the seminar on demonetization organized by the University found grooves in the policy of the demonetization. He expressed doubts on whether demonetization will fully curtail the growth of black money and lead to total digitization of the economy. No doubt, the initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi aimed to reduce corruption, end terrorism and gets rid of counterfeit



The Vice Chancellor advocates the need for Credit Based Syllabi and Evaluation

During a special talk organized at the Khalsa University, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.S. Chahal spoke at length about the relevance of the Credit Based Syllabi and Evaluation system, which is the latest to be adopted by the Central and State Universities. He said that the University is in the process of developing ordinances, schemes of study, and courses/syllabi for various teaching programs, as per the new guidelines.

Emphasising on the revision of courses through semester system, more diverse choice of credits and selection of courses, fool proof comprehensive evaluation, structuring of programs, Dr. Chahal stated that the University Grants Commission (UGC) had been spearheading the movement for the universities to adopt the new system. He also added that quantification of syllabus covered and credit evaluation, design of courses through the semester system mode with a credit based scheme involved development of curriculum of university programmes, must be the focus.

The Vice Chancellor bereaved

Dr. (Mrs) Surinderjit Kaur Chahal, wife of Dr S S Chahal, the worthy Vice Chanveller of the Khalsa University left for her heavenly abode on February 13, 2017 leaving all near and dears in a state of untold shock and grief . The *Antim Ardas* was held on 22nd Feb, 2017 where a condolence message from the management, administration and faculty was presented by S Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, Pro-Chancellor of the Khalsa University. We all pray for peace of the departed soul and God may give strength to Dr Chahal and his family to bear this loss.



The University braces up for the new admission

Various colleges of the University shall be admitting students in the UG and PG programmes in the academic session 2017-18 for the following courses:

College of Basic and Life Sciences	College of Agricultural Sciences	Khalsa College of Pharmacy	College of Commerce & Management Studies	Khalsa College for Women	Khalsa College of Legal Studies & Research	Khalsa College of Education	Faculty of Engg. Science & Technology
B.Sc. (Medical /Non Medical)	B.Sc.(Hons) Agriculture	B. Pharmacy	Bachelor of Tourism & Hospitality Management	B.A. (Hons) Humanities and Social Sciences	B.A.LL.B(Integrated)	B.Ed.	MCA
B.Sc. Forensic Science	B.Sc.(Hons) Bakery Sci. & Tech.	B. Pharmacy (LEET)	Bachelor of Event Management	B.Sc. Physical Sciences (Non Med./Computer Sciences)	B.Com. LL.B.(Integrated)	B.Ed.-M.Ed.(Integrated)	MCA (Integrated)
B.Sc. (Hons) Environmental Sciences	M.Sc. Agronomy	B.Sc. MLS	Bachelor of Real Estate and Urban Infrastructure	B.Sc. Physical Sciences (Non Med./Computer Sciences)	B.B.A LL.B.(Integrated)	B.A.-B.Ed./B.Sc.-B.Ed.(Integrated)	M.Tech. CSE
M.Sc. (Hons) Environmental Sciences	M.Sc. Food Sci. & Technology	B.Sc. MLS (LEET)	MBA (integrated)	B.Com. (Hons)	LL.B. (TYC)	B.P.E.S.	
M.Sc. (Hons) Zoology	M.Sc. Food & Nutrition	M. Pharmacy (Pharmaceutics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology, Pharmaceutical Analysis)	MBA (integrated)	B.Voc. in Fashion Styling and Grooming	LL.B. (TYC)	M.Ed.	
M.Sc. (Hons) Botany	M.Sc. Horticulture	M.Sc. MLT (biochemistry, Microbiology)	MBA M.Com. (Hons)	M.Sc. in Fashion Design & Technology (Integrated)	LL.M.	PGDCA (TE)	
M.Sc. (Hons) Chemistry	M.Sc. Soil Science			M.Sc. Fashion Designing & Merchandising			
M.Sc. (Hons) Physics	M.Sc. Entomology			Short Term Courses:			
M.Sc. (Hons) Maths	Diploma in Agro-chemicals			i. PG Diploma in cosmetology			
				ii. PG diploma in Textile Designing			

Two new Deans join the Khalsa University

A well-known Professor of Commerce and Business and former Dean Academics, GNDU, Amritsar, Dr. Raghbir Singh was appointed as Dean, Academic Affairs of the Khalsa University. He is holder of the prestigious Fellowships and Scholarships and has substantial administrative experience. He is an alumnus of Panjab University, Chandigarh and Delhi University.



Dr. R. C Sharma, a former Dean at the SPUHF, Nauri, (Solani) took additional charge of the Dean, College of Life Sciences after joining

as Professor at the Khalsa University, Amritsar. Earlier he also served as a Professor of Environment Earth Sciences, Controller of Examinations, Dean Students Welfare & Registrar in Central University of Punjab (CUP), Bathinda.



Dr. H S Thind, former Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science, PAU, Ludhiana joined the Khalsa University, Amritsar as Professor of Soils on November 17, 2016. He is an accomplished scientist who has won several honours and awards including fellowship of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS). He has the distinction of being awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship for pursuing doctorate from the University of Reading, UK.



Mesmerizing performance by Khadim Hussain Warsi

Khalsa College of Education of the University organized a magical musical performance of renowned Pakistani Folk singer Sai Khadim Hussain Warsi, widely known for his soulful singing of Heer-Waris.



S. Amar Singh Chahal (IPS), Commissioner of Police, Amritsar graced the occasion as Chief Guest and S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, Honorary Secretary, KCCS presided over the function. Ms. Samarine Shahid from Pakistan and other dignitaries enjoyed the evening.

The audience was transported to a time flux of Heer Ranjha saga and the musical moments shall remain imbibed in their memories forever.