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 **VISION**

Empowering students through unparalleled educational journey for professional accomplishments, innovative potential and global well- being.

 **MISSION**

- To provide holistic education through multi-disciplinary and skill oriented curriculum, innovative pedagogy, ground breaking research with creation of knowledge in diverse environment.
- To develop community oriented professionals and entrepreneurs with creative talent to address local and global concerns through technology and value system.

Message From The Chancellor



Dear Students, Faculty Members, and Esteemed Members of the Guru Kashi University Family,

It is a matter of great pride and satisfaction to connect with you through the latest issue of GKU News. This newsletter stands as a testament to the dynamic academic environment, vibrant campus life, and continuous progress of Guru Kashi University. Each achievement highlighted here reflects the collective dedication, perseverance, and vision of our university community.

In an era of rapid change and global challenges, education must go beyond classrooms and curricula. It must cultivate critical thinking, social responsibility, ethical values, and leadership qualities. Guru Kashi University remains committed to fostering such holistic development, empowering our students to become capable professionals and responsible citizens. The university works on providing a need-based exposure to its students to take on to the prevailing and emerging concerns to the changing world order.

I encourage all members of the University to continue striving for academic excellence, meaningful research, innovation, and community engagement. Through cooperation and shared purpose, we can further strengthen our institution's contribution to society and the nation.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of our students, faculty, researchers, and staff whose enthusiasm and hard work continue to enhance the stature of the University. I also commend Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Vice Chancellor; and Editor-in-Chief for bringing out this issue of the GKU Newsletter timely and for effectively highlighting the University's milestones and landmark initiatives.

May Guru Kashi University continue its journey of growth, excellence, and service with confidence and renewed determination.

With best wishes,

Gurlabh Singh Sidhu
Chancellor
Guru Kashi University

Message From The Vice Chancellor



Dear Members of the Guru Kashi University Family,

It is a moment of immense pride and pleasure to present this issue of the Guru Kashi University Newsletter, which captures the enthusiasm, accomplishments, and forward-looking vision of our vibrant academic community. The Newsletter in hand effectively highlights the dynamism and achievements of our University.

At Guru Kashi University, we remain steadfast in our commitment to creating an enriching learning environment that nurtures curiosity, creativity, and critical inquiry. Our objective is to shape individuals who are not only academically proficient but also compassionate, confident, and prepared to address the demands of the society in an ever-evolving global landscape.

The University continues to achieve significant milestones in academics, research, innovation, and community outreach. These successes are the result of collective dedication—the unwavering commitment of our faculty, the energy and determination of our students, and the consistent support of our staff and management.

As we look to the future, let us renew our pledge to excellence, inclusivity, and purposeful growth. Together, we must continue to build a progressive institution that transcends the traditional boundaries of education, inspires meaningful change, and serves society with integrity and pride.

I express my sincere appreciation to S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, the Hon'ble Chancellor, S. Sukhraj Singh Sidhu, Managing Director, Er. Sukhwinder Singh Sidhu, General Secretary and the Director Campus, Dr. Harjaspal Singh Sidhu for their support and motivation that led the University to scale newer heights and excel in the area of academics, research and community engagement.

With warm regards,

Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman

Vice Chancellor
Guru Kashi University

From the Desk of the Editor-in-Chief

It is with great pleasure that I present this second issue of the GKU News, a reflection of the dynamic academic, research, and cultural life of Guru Kashi University. This newsletter serves as a platform to document and celebrate the milestones, initiatives, and achievements that define our collective journey as an institution committed to excellence and societal progress.

Each newsletter is an earnest attempt to capture the diverse activities unfolding across the University's scholarly accomplishments, research innovations, student's achievements, outreach programmes, and events that enrich campus life. These pages stand as a witness to the dedication, creativity, and collaborative spirit of our faculty members, students, researchers, and staff.

At Guru Kashi University, we believe that communication plays a vital role in strengthening

institutional identity and fostering a sense of belonging to the University. Through GKU Newsletter, we aim not only to inform but also to inspire, encouraging dialogue, reflection, and active participation in the University's growth and development.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the University leadership for their guidance and encouragement, and to all stakeholders whose activities and experience have been included in this issue.

Special appreciation is due to the team of IT, Lavlin Sachdeva professionals led by Dr Sunny Arora, Director IT the Deputy Director (Public Relations), Ms. Nancy Sahiba, the HR and Operations Head and all Deans/Directors for their commitment and meticulous efforts in bringing this publication to fruition. The painstaking work by Mr. Baljeet Singh Mallan for Designer, the Newsletter is thankfully acknowledged.

We look forward to your continued support, valuable suggestions, and active participation as we strive to make GKU Newsletter an engaging and meaningful chronicle of our university's progress.

Warm regards,

Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman
Editor-in-Chief



Support Your Alma Mater: Alumni Fundraising Appeal

The GKU Alumni Association (Regd) invites alumni to contribute to student support, research, and engagement initiatives. Every contribution helps strengthen GKU's future.

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Let's give back to the institution that shaped us!



5th Convocation Ceremony held at Guru Kashi University with Great Academic Pride

The 5th Convocation of Guru Kashi University was held on January 25, 2026 with great enthusiasm and academic pride on campus. The ceremony was graced by Mr. G. Pradeep Saputhanthri, Secretary to the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and Attorney-at-Law, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, as the Chief Guest. The event was presided over by GKU Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu.

Distinguished dignitaries present included Prof. (Dr.) K. Shivachithappa, Vice-Chancellor, Mandya University, and Prof. (Dr.) Raghavendra Prasad Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda along with members of the University Management, Deans, and faculty members.

Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Registrar, led the Convocation Procession and conducted the proceedings. He presented the citations of the honorary degree awardees and extended his best wishes to the graduating students.

In his address, the Chief Guest Mr. Saputhanthri congratulated the graduates and described convocation as a milestone in a student's life. He highlighted that the academic collaboration agreement between Sri Lanka and Guru Kashi University would serve as a bridge for launching new joint



programs in higher education. Emphasizing global educational transformation, he urged institutions to frame forward-looking policies aligned with international standards.

In his presidential address, Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu congratulated the medalists and graduates, expressing confidence that they would take meaningful initiatives in their respective fields. He also appreciated the University's growing international recognition in higher education.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh, in his report, outlined the University's key achievements, including the attainment of NAAC Grade A++. He described the bilateral agreement between Guru Kashi University and Oxford Chester University (Sri Lanka) as a historic

milestone that would open new avenues for academic, research, cultural, and diplomatic collaboration between India and Sri Lanka. He also highlighted the University's online education initiatives and developments under the National Education Policy 2020, along with progress in research, publications, the GKU Newsletter, library resources, and the Fine Arts Gallery.

On the occasion, Dr. Dulan Hitiyaarachi (Sri Lanka) was conferred the honorary D.Litt. degree for contributions to international diplomacy, while Mr. Gaurav Malhotra (Australia) received the D.Litt. for his work in social service.

Students with outstanding academic achievements were honoured with 12 A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Gold Medals, one Chancellor's Medal, and one Vice-Chancellor's Medal.

A total of 543 degrees were awarded during the ceremony, including 66 Ph.D., 10 PG Diploma, 142 Master's, and 325 Bachelor's degrees, marking a proud academic milestone for the University and its graduates.



Three-day National Training Course on Land Safety Protocol Inaugurated

The Faculty of Physical Education at Guru Kashi University, in collaboration with the Rashtriya Life Saving Society (RLSS), commenced a three-day National Training Course based on Land Safety Protocol. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest Retd. Commodore Arvind Sharma, in the presence of Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh.

The inaugural session was attended by Dean Academics Dr. Zaved Ahmed Khan, Director Student Welfare, S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Deans of various Faculties, faculty members, and students.

Addressing the participants, Commodore Sharma emphasized strict adherence to road safety rules, highlighting alarming statistics on preventable fatalities

caused by negligence. He underlined that the first few minutes after an accident are critical, and timely first aid can



save precious lives. He also shared key insights into the objectives and structure of the training course.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Singh noted that the training would equip students with practical skills to respond effectively during natural disasters, road

accidents, and drowning incidents. He encouraged participants to become master trainers and spread awareness within society, calling for the initiative to evolve into a mass movement for public safety.

Dean Academics Dr. Khan described the program as a commendable initiative and expressed confidence that trained students would promote safety awareness and preventive measures within their communities.

Dr. Ravi Gehlawat, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education and Course Director, welcomed the participants and briefed the audience about the practical and theoretical components of the training. Around 50 students from various faculties took part in the course.

Course Convener Dr. Chandrakant Dhiman

introduced the Chief Guest and outlined the objectives of the program, describing it as a significant social service initiative. Dr. Arun Kumar delivered the vote of thanks, emphasizing the relevance of such training in contemporary times.



Alumni Meet Celebrates Memories, Mentorship, and Meaningful Collaboration

With the spirit of reconnecting, sharing experiences, and strengthening mutual support, Guru Kashi University organized a grand Alumni Meet that brought together over 500 alumni from across the country on January 24, 2026.

Mr. Anil Thakur, Chairman, Punjab Trade Commission, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Mr. Munish Kumar Garg, CEO of SRV Electricals, Bathinda attended as Guest of Honour. The event was also attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Dean Academics Dr. Zaved Ahmed Khan, the Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Piyush Verma, Deans of various faculties, and faculty members.

In his address, Mr. Thakur reflected on his student-life struggles and emphasized that determination and clarity of thought lead to success. He encouraged youth to contribute to



the Punjab Government's anti-drug campaign and remain connected to their roots. Highlighting the state's efforts to promote new industries, he stressed the importance of youth skill development and called for stronger collaboration to enhance student placements. He reminded alumni to always cherish their teachers and alma mater, where the foundation of success is laid.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Garg urged alumni to support current students through mentorship, professional networks, experience, and financial backing. He announced financial assistance for 10 GKU alumni to launch their start-ups and extended monetary support for the Alumni Meet. Sharing his entrepreneurial journey, he emphasized that

growth in industry is built on trust, cooperation, and positivity-laden relationships.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Singh underscored the importance of innovation and

fresh thinking for every growth and progress. Describing alumni as ambassadors of the University, he expressed confidence that they would continue to achieve new milestones. Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dhiman encouraged students to aspire to become job creators rather than job seekers.

Alumni Coordinator Dr. Vijay Lakshmi congratulated alumni on their achievements and informed that participants had come from 22 states across India. The event also featured vibrant cultural performances by students from various states under the guidance of Dr. Kanwaljit Kaur, Director, Youth and Cultural Affairs.

Some alumni fondly described their student life at GKU as a priceless treasure and pledged continued cooperation and engagement. The University honored the Chief Guest and distinguished alumni with mementos. The event was gracefully compered in a poetic and engaging style by Ms. Lovleen Sachdeva and Dr. Genius Walia, earning applause from the audience.



JKU NSS Unit Celebrates National Youth Day with Awareness Rally

Guru Kashi University's Faculty of Physical Education, through its NSS Unit and with support from the Institute Innovation Council, marked National Youth Day by organizing an awareness rally on January 12, 2026. The rally was flagged off by Director Student Welfare, S. Sardul Singh Sidhu and NSS Coordinator Ms. Narinder Kaur. Volunteers pledged to dedicate their talents to nation-building.

Dean Dr. Ravi Gahlawat addressed the participants, emphasizing that the youth are the future of the nation. He highlighted the crucial role of



youth in India's development and progress, urging them to contribute positively to society. Dr. Gahlawat encouraged volunteers to channel their energy and creativity for national welfare, adopt a constructive mindset, and work tirelessly to combat social evils and superstitions.

The NSS Unit also called on students to actively participate in campaigns against drug abuse and to engage in knowledge-enhancing activities for the betterment of society. The event reinforced the spirit of leadership and social responsibility among students.



JKU VC Releases Dr. Verma's Book on Climate-smart Agriculture

Guru Kashi University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rameshwar Singh recently inaugurated the book "Modern Agronomy: Integrating Science, Technology and Climate-Smart Practices" authored by Dr. Karan Verma in a simple yet impactful ceremony on



January 8, 2026. Director of Planning and Development Dr. Ashwani Sethi and Dean of the College of Agriculture Dr. Lokender Kashyap were also present.

Dr. Singh congratulated Dr. Verma, noting that global

climate change is creating multiple challenges for farmers, horticulturists, and related stakeholders. He emphasized that the book offers practical solutions and will be highly beneficial for them.

Dr. Sethi and Dean Dr. Kashyap praised the book, highlighting its usefulness for both scientists and practitioners. They encouraged more such publications aligned with ICAR guidelines to support agriculture and scientific advancement. Copies of the book were donated to the university library for wider reading.

JKU Chancellor Releases Multidisciplinary Research Journal, Issue 2

Guru Kashi University Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu released the second issue of the university's Multidisciplinary Research Journal. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman attended as the guest of honor.

Edited by Dr. Vijay Lakshmi and Dr. Rajinder Kumar, the journal showcases high-quality research and innovation across disciplines. Speaking at the release, Chancellor Sidhu expressed delight, noting that the journal will promote research,

highlight the university's academic identity, and encourage scholarly contributions.

Dr. Dhiman added that the journal will help researchers, faculty, and experts share their work with the wider scientific community, fostering collaboration and academic excellence.



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"
- Helen Keller

Press Conference

JKU Holds Interface with Mediamen

A press conference was organised by the Guru Kashi University at Bathinda wherein media persons from the regional print and electronic media were invited. The press meet was chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh, while it was presided over by the pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman, and the Huest of Honour was Dr Harjaspal Singh Sidhu, Director Campus.

Addressing the media men, the Vice Chancellor apprised

about the 5th Convocation of the University to be organised on January 25, 2026, adding that degrees of Ph.D, Master's, graduates and postgraduate diploma were to be awarded in the Convocation.

The proceedings were initiated by Mr Rajeev Arora, Director (Media Planning) and



Lavlin Kumar Sachdeva, Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, Dean, Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts, also addressed the media and informed them about the International Rabab Festival to be organised on January 26, 2026 as GKU.

A Kaleidoscope of Culture: University Fashion Show 2026

On February 25, 2026, the University Auditorium transformed into a vibrant aura of colours, traditions, and global heritage as the much-anticipated University Fashion Show 2026 took centre stage. The grand cultural extravaganza was organised under the dynamic leadership of Dr Kanwaljit Kaur, Director Youth Affairs and Culture, which was envisioned the event as a celebration of diversity, elegance, and intellect.

The evening unfolded as a spectacular panorama of cultures from across India and around the world. Students representing 13 Faculties of the University participated with a remarkable enthusiasm, bringing with them the distinctive traditions of their respective states and countries. As many as 87 participants walked the ramp, each narrating a story through their attire - be it the intricate weaves of Indian handlooms, the royal grace of regional ensembles, or the striking silhouettes of international traditional wear.

The stage shimmered with magnificent fabrics, ornate

embroidery, and exquisite accessories, while the audience was enthralled by the confidence and poise displayed by the participants. From the vibrant *ghagras* of Rajasthan and elegant *suits* of Punjab to the graceful *sarees* of the South and iconic global costumes, the fashion show became a living museum of culture and heritage.

demonstrated that the evening was truly a celebration of both beauty and brain.

The judges had the challenging task of evaluating participants on multiple parameters -stage presence, originality, knowledge of culture, and overall impact. The competition culminated in the announcement of

various fashion-related awards across categories, recognising traditional representation, confidence,

and cultural awareness. The winners were greeted with thunderous applause, marking a proud moment for their respective faculties. Dr Kaur held that such platforms are essential in fostering cultural

understanding and unity among students. She remarked that the Fashion Show was not merely a contest but a

reflection of the University's commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and holistic development.

The University Fashion Show 2026 will undoubtedly be remembered as an evening where tradition met talent, style blended with substance, and the spirit of unity shone brightly through the threads of culture.



FLASHBACK MOMENTS

Reflected the legacy of the growth of GKU



Development at Guru Kashi University is a continuous process-comprising the creation of new infrastructure, the upgradation of existing facilities, and the expansion of academic and research spaces. Each foundation laying, inauguration of a laboratory, building, or any new establishment marks a significant milestone in the University's journey and stands as a moment of collective pride. These occasions, captured through photographs, become part of the institution's evolving legacy. A selection of such moments has been included in this Newsletter with a deep sense of pride.

- Editor-in-Chief



Youth in Action: NSS Initiatives At GKU

The National Service Scheme (NSS) units of Guru Kashi University (GKU) organized a series of activities on and off campus, addressing socially and nationally significant issues under the inspiring theme “Not Me But You.” These initiatives embodied the spirit of selfless service and reinforced the University's commitment to community welfare.

The programmes focused on Clean and Green India, environmental cleanliness, pollution prevention, awareness against drug abuse, discouraging crop residue burning, promoting girl child education, and tree plantation. Through awareness campaigns, plantation drives, outreach efforts, and interactive sessions, NSS volunteers engaged both the campus and the surrounding community. A key highlight was a series of awareness rallies from the University Campus to Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib, with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty across disciplines. The rallies were flagged off by University authorities, who appreciated the volunteers' dedication and discipline.



S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Director Students Welfare, noted that such initiatives are vital in shaping socially responsible citizens and help students develop leadership, empathy, and civic responsibility while strengthening the University's bond with society.

Through these sustained efforts, the NSS units at GKU continue to nurture socially aware and service-oriented youth committed to nation-building.

Ms Narinder Kaur, Coordinator of NSS Units at GKU, underscored the volunteers'

strong organizational role in planning and executing the events, stating

that their teamwork and commitment ensured the success of the campaigns and highlighted the value of service-learning.

Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor, encouraged students to

dedicate themselves to noble deeds and the welfare of others. He emphasized that the student years cultivate compassion and integrity qualities *essential* for lifelong personal growth and social harmony.

As part of its outreach, NSS also organized camps promoting community development and environmental sustainability. The “Special Cleanliness Drive – Swachhta Camp,” held on 21 January 2026, significantly enhanced campus hygiene while fostering environmental awareness, civic duty, and teamwork among participants.



Oilseed Crops and Beekeeping: A Sustainable Diversification Model of Punjab Agriculture

Punjab's agriculture is at a turning point. The wheat-paddy rotation, though historically successful in ensuring national food security, has placed immense pressure on groundwater, soil health, and farm economics. Rising input costs and stagnating profitability demand a strong shift toward crop diversification. In this context, oilseed crops, particularly rapeseed, mustard, and gobhi sarson, offer a scientifically sound, economically rewarding, and ecologically sustainable alternative, especially for the south-western region of the state. In Punjab, during 2023-24, oilseeds were grown on an area of 43.1 thousand hectares, giving an average production and productivity of 69.4 thousand ton, and 16.1 quintal/hectare, respectively.

India continues to depend heavily on imports to meet its edible oil demand. Increasing domestic oilseed production is, therefore, a strategic necessity. Rapeseed and mustard fit well into Punjab's rabi season, require comparatively less irrigation and provide multiple economic returns. The crop not only yields edible oil but also produces oilcake, a protein-rich by-product that strengthens the dairy sector. With proper management, farmers can obtain yields of 7-10 quintals per acre, and progressive

cultivators are achieving even higher productivity.

The south-western districts of Punjab, characterized by suitable winter temperatures and relatively lighter soils, are particularly ideal for rapeseed and mustard cultivation. Recommended varieties in the state include raya (PHR 127, RCH 1, PHR 126, Giriraj, RLC 3, PBR 357, PBR 97, PBR 91), gobhi sarson (*Brassica napus*) (PGSH 2155, PGSH 1707, GSC 7, GSC 6), African sarson (PC 6), and



Taramira (TMLC 2). Gobhi sarson is emerging as a preferred option due to its high oil content and better yield potential.

In the current season, Guru Kashi University has successfully demonstrated the GSL-7 variety of gobhi sarson in its research and instructional fields. The crop was sown in mid-October using 1.5 kilograms of seed per acre, maintaining a spacing of 45 cm between rows and 10-15 cm between plants, with a sowing depth of 5 cm. For optimal growth, about 90 kilograms of urea and 75 kilograms of phosphorus per acre

were applied, through single super phosphate. The entire dose of phosphorus and potash along with half of the nitrogen was applied at sowing, while the remaining nitrogen was top-dressed before the first irrigation. Irrigation needs to be ensured at critical stages such as flowering, pod formation and grain filling. Timely hand weeding, first after one month and again three weeks later, keep the crop free from weeds. If required, the recommended use of 350 ml pendimethalon 38.7 SC, per acre in 200 litres of water is used. The standing crop in the university fields clearly reflects the potential of gobhi sarson under scientific management.

However, our belief is that fertilizer use should ideally be guided by soil testing rather than blanket recommendations. Farmers can get their soil analyzed at the laboratories of Guru Kashi University or at the headquarters and outstations of Punjab Agricultural University. Balanced nutrient management not only reduces unnecessary expenditure but also safeguards long-term soil fertility.

Food and medicine are not two different things: they are the front and back of one body. Chemically grown vegetables may be eaten for food, but they cannot be used as medicine.

- Masanobu Fukuoka, The One-Straw Revolution

Mustard seeds contain around 38-42 percent oil, making the crop economically attractive. Oil extraction can be undertaken through traditional expellers or modern solvent extraction plants. The establishment of small-scale oil processing units in rural areas can generate employment and promote value addition. The residual oilcake remains a valuable livestock feed, creating an integrated farming advantage.

From a health perspective, mustard and gobhi sarson oil offer significant benefits. They are rich in mono-unsaturated and poly-unsaturated fatty acids, including omega-3 and omega-6 in favorable proportions. Mustard oil contains natural antioxidants and exhibits anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties. Improved low-erucic acid (<2%) mustard types are comparable to canola oil, globally recognized for its heart-friendly characteristics. Gobhi sarson oil, with its mild flavor and nutritional richness, supports cardiovascular health when consumed in moderation and continues to hold cultural and culinary importance in North India.

An equally important



dimension of oilseed cultivation is its synergy with beekeeping. The bright yellow flowers of rapeseed and mustard are rich sources of nectar and pollen, making them excellent crops for honeybees. Active bee pollination can increase seed yield by 10-20 percent, directly enhancing farm returns. At the same time, farmers can generate additional income through honey production, beeswax and other bee products. The integration of oilseed cultivation with apiculture creates a diversified and resilient farm economy.

Recognizing this immense potential, Guru Kashi University has obtained a prestigious mega project worth ₹101 lakh from the National Bee Board for honey processing infrastructure. This initiative will strengthen honey value addition, quality control and marketing facilities in the region. The project aligns perfectly with the expansion of oilseed crops, as the extensive flora of rapeseed and mustard provides an ideal nectar base for large-scale beekeeping. The linkage between mustard fields and honey processing units creates a complete value chain, from crop production and pollination to honey extraction, processing and branding, thus multiplying income opportunities for farmers.

Guru Kashi University, through its

ICAR and PSCAE-accredited Faculty of Agriculture, continues to serve regional farmers through education, research and extension. Offering programs from Diploma to Doctorate level, the University collaborates with prominent organizations in seed production and farm research. It has adopted 20 villages adjoining its campus, where technological support is extended to farmers. The University promotes subsidiary occupations such as beekeeping, mushroom cultivation, seed and nursery production, gur making, and vermicomposting. Agreements with progressive farmers further strengthen this participatory extension approach.

Oilseeds are not merely an alternative crop; they represent a pathway to ecological balance, nutritional security and economic resilience for the farming community of Punjab.

The bumper gobhi sarson crop raised in the university fields is a living example of how diversification toward oilseeds can enhance farm profitability while conserving natural resources. By combining oilseed cultivation with beekeeping, value addition and scientific nutrient management, Punjab can move toward a more sustainable and income-secure agricultural model.

Gurlabh Singh Sidhu
Chancellor
Guru Kashi University

13th Annual Athletic Meet 2026: A Celebration of Grit, Glory and GKU Spirit

Guru Kashi University proudly hosted its 13th Annual Athletic Meet 2026 on February 26 & 27, 2026, transforming the campus into a vibrant arena of energy, discipline and sporting excellence. The two-day spectacle stood as a testament to GKU's growing stature in sports at both national and international levels.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with a majestic March Past, where contingents from various faculties, dressed in their designated sports kits and colours, displayed remarkable coordination and pride. The presence of renowned Olympians and distinguished players of the country added immense prestige to the occasion, inspiring young athletes to dream bigger and aim higher.

The celebration began with a ceremonial torch lighting, symbolizing the spirit of perseverance and fair play. This was followed by an impressive flag hoisting and a synchronized balloon release ceremony, filling

the event as the Chief Guest. In his address, he appreciated the professional organization of the Athletic Meet and extended his best wishes to all participants for excelling on the track and field.



The Inaugural Session was presided over by the Chancellor of GKU, S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, who formally declared the Meet open. In his motivating address, he encouraged students to adopt

the sky with colours and hope. The ceremonial band set an electrifying tone with patriotic and motivational tunes, while thunderous applause echoed across the sports complex, reflecting wholehearted participation from students, faculty and staff.

daily physical fitness routines, emphasizing that sports not only build stamina but also sharpen academic performance. He reiterated the University's unwavering commitment to providing world-class sports infrastructure for the holistic development of students and staff.

Mr. Vineet Kumar, Deputy Director General of Sports

Director of Sports, Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, outlined the





The Overall Trophy (Men & Women) was clinched by the Faculty of Physical Education. The Faculty of Engineering and Technology secured the position of First Runners-up with 158 points, while the Faculty of Sciences, Humanities and Languages finished as Second Runners-up with 88 points.

schedule and sequence of events for the two days, ensuring seamless coordination and spirited competition across disciplines.

of determination, teamwork and the indomitable GKU spirit. As applause resounded and medals were contested with passion, the event once again reaffirmed Guru

In the individual categories, Shiva was declared the Best Athlete (Men), and Khushdeep Kaur earned the title of Best Athlete (Women). Both

GKU continues to set benchmarks in sports excellence, backed by its state-of-the-art facilities for both indoor and outdoor games. From modern athletic tracks to advanced training infrastructure, the University provides an enabling environment where talent is nurtured and champions are shaped.



The 13th Annual Athletic Meet was not merely a competition-it was a celebration

Kashi University's commitment to fostering sporting excellence alongside academic brilliance.

athletes were honoured with cash prizes in recognition of their outstanding performances.



The trophies and prizes were presented by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr) Rameshwar Singh, along with the Director of Sports, Dr Raj Kumar Sharma, who congratulated the participants for their dedication and sporting excellence.



JKU Job Fair, Opening Doors To Promising Career Opportunities

Guru Kashi University organised a two-day Job Fair on February 10-11, 2026, bringing together 25 renowned recruitment companies on campus. The

event witnessed enthusiastic participation from final-year students across various faculties, who participated in interviews and interactive tete-a-tete sessions with HR representatives from leading organisations.

During the fair, industry experts interacted closely with students, assessed their skills, and identified suitable candidates for recruitment. As a result of the selection process, a significant number of final-year students were shortlisted and offered employment letters, marking a major milestone in their professional journeys.



Addressing the Inaugural Session, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Rameshwar Singh encouraged students to communicate effectively and confidently showcase their talent and knowledge before recruiters. He emphasised that strong self-expression plays a crucial role in making a lasting impression during interviews.

Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman highlighted that candidates gain valuable learning experiences from interview interactions. He noted that the contemporary professional landscape demands

smart work rather than hard work, and added that feedback received from recruiting companies is instrumental in preparing JKU students

for future placements.

Dean Academics Dr Zaved Khan advised students to face interviews with a smile and unwavering confidence, stating that a positive attitude significantly enhances performance. Director Campus Dr Harjaspal Singh Sidhu, emphasised that the University's robust infrastructure and modern facilities play a key role in equipping students to excel in recruitment drives.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Piyush Verma, Pro Vice Chancellor reaffirmed the University's commitment to making all necessary arrangements to enhance student employability, keeping in view the evolving global corporate requirements.

The Job Fair reflected Guru Kashi University's continued efforts to bridge the gap between academia and industry and to prepare students for successful professional careers.

International Rabab Festival at GKU Revives A Fading String Tradition



To revive the fading tradition of Rabab playing, the Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts at Guru Kashi University organized an International Rabab Festival in collaboration with the Guru Nanak Chair and Bhai Mardana Chair on January 26, 2026.

The event was graced by eminent Punjabi folk singer Padma Shri Hans Raj Hans, Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, and Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh. The highlight of the festival was an enchanting Rabab recital by internationally acclaimed maestro Humayun Sakhi (USA), whose soulful performance captivated the audience. He was accompanied by noted tabla exponent Siddharth Chatterjee and sitarist-vocalist Leena Bedi, whose jugalbandi

created a deeply spiritual ambiance.

On the occasion, Ustad Humayun Sakhi presented a traditional Afghan Rabab to the University as a gesture of goodwill. The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor appreciated the initiative of the Guru Nanak Chair and Bhai Mardana Chair and extended their best wishes to Ustad Sakhi on joining the



University as Professor of Practice. They reaffirmed the University's commitment to promoting Punjabi folk music, string instruments, and Gurmat Sangeet through large-scale conferences and research initiatives.

Hans Raj Hans lauded the University's efforts in preserving Punjab's rich cultural heritage and urged the younger generation to reconnect with traditional string instruments, describing them as a priceless legacy of the Gurus.

Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, Dean, Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts, in her vote of thanks, emphasized that such festivals play a vital role in safeguarding spiritual and cultural heritage. Distinguished guests and artists were honored with citations, shawls, and mementos in recognition of their contributions.

The festival successfully rekindled interest in the Rabab and celebrated the timeless legacy of devotional and folk music.

“Don't be afraid to take the tough jobs. You'll develop confidence in dealing with tough issues that will serve you for the rest of your career.”

- Geisha Williams

Advanced Career Transformer Seminar on AI and ML Organized

The Faculty of Computing and the Faculty of Engineering at Guru Kashi University, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized an Advanced Career Transformer Seminar on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) on February, 18, 2026.

The keynote speaker for the seminar was Mr. Aman S. Gupta, Co-Founder and CTO of Saras AI Institute. On this occasion, a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between Guru Kashi University and Saras AI Institute by Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman and Mr. Aman S. Gupta, marking a significant step toward academic and industry collaboration in emerging technologies.

During his address, Mr. Gupta shared valuable insights into emerging trends in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Generative AI. He elaborated



on how these transformative technologies are reshaping industries worldwide and creating new career pathways across multiple sectors. He emphasized that AI-driven innovations are expanding employment opportunities and redefining professional roles in the modern workforce.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman stated that the seminar reflects the vision of the Government of India's initiative of "AI for All," as it equips students with the skills

required to compete in global job markets. He highlighted the importance of ethical AI practices and encouraged students to stay updated with the latest technological advancements.

Dr. Zaved Ahmed Khan, Dean Academics and Director IQAC, addressed the students and emphasized that AI has become a foundational requirement for modern careers. He encouraged students not to limit themselves to seeking employment alone but to explore entrepreneurial opportunities and launch start-ups in emerging domains such as healthcare, engineering, agriculture, education, and design.

The seminar witnessed an overwhelming response, with a large number of students and faculty members in attendance, reflecting the relevance and timeliness of the topic. The event successfully provided a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, innovation, and future-ready career development in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

Eminent Canadian Scientists Visit GKU, Explore Collaborative Research Opportunities

Guru Kashi University (GKU) had the privilege of hosting two eminent Canadian scientists on February 20, 2026, Dr Shiv O. Prasher, Distinguished James McGill Professor at McGill University, Montreal, and Dr Ramesh P. Rudra, Professor at the University of Guelph, Canada. Both scholars had earlier been conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) by GKU at its second and third convocations, respectively, and were subsequently inducted into the University's International Advisory Board (IAB).

Dr. Prasher is internationally recognised for his pioneering work on Best/Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce non-point source agricultural pollution in tile-drained watersheds under changing climatic conditions. His research spans sustainable wastewater use in agriculture, hydrologic modelling, emerging contaminants (including hormones and veterinary antibiotics), pesticide transport, and the application of artificial intelligence in soil hydrology. His

current work focuses on the role of biochar amendments in reducing environmental pollution from antibiotics, hormones, nanoparticles, pathogens, pesticides, and fertilisers.



Dr Rudra's research has significantly advanced agricultural non-point source pollution control, particularly under Ontario's climatic conditions. His contributions include watershed-scale modelling, temporal variation in soil hydraulic and erosion characteristics, and multi-tier watershed management approaches. He played a key role in introducing advanced modelling tools such as GAMES, GAMESP, and later the SWAT model in the Canadian Great Lakes Basin. His recent research addresses variable source hydrology, climate change impacts on precipitation and temperature regimes,

and nutrient management strategies.

During their visit, the distinguished scientists interacted with the Vice Chancellor, Dr Rameshwar Singh, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, and faculty members from agriculture and engineering disciplines. Discussions focused on

pressing regional challenges, including brackish water, problematic soils, and the rising incidence of carcinogenicity in South-Western Punjab. The deliberations identified potential areas of academic collaboration and joint research initiatives.

The University authorities felicitated the visiting scholars and expressed confidence that the engagement would strengthen international research linkages and contribute to sustainable agricultural and environmental solutions.



Empowering Women, Advancing Equality: GKU Celebrates International Women's Day

Guru Kashi University (GKU) celebrated International Women's Day with a meaningful programme organised on March 6, 2026, under the aegis of the Guru Nanak Chair, an academic initiative dedicated to disseminating the universal teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and highlighting their relevance in contemporary society. The event brought together members of the



Dhiman as its Chief Organizer.

S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, the Hon'ble Chancellor of GKU was the Chief Guest while Mrs

management—Hon'ble Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, Managing Director S. Sukhraj Singh Sidhu, and General Secretary Er. Sukhwinder Singh Sidhu—for their encouragement and support in promoting socially relevant initiatives. The University has consistently observed International Women's Day, reaffirming that women's empowerment is a sustained



university community to reflect on the importance of gender equality and women's empowerment. The programme initiated by the office bearers of the Guru Nanak Chair, including Patron S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, Chairman Dr. Devinder Singh Ladher, President Mr. Major Nagra, and Mr. Karanjot Singh Sangha, with Dr Jagtar Singh

Baljinder Kaur Mann, the Civil Judge (SD)/CJM, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Bathinda was the Guest of Honour. They spoke about the importance of women in society and national development through their legal right protection.

The organisers expressed gratitude to the university

commitment of the institution. Through projects supported by PSCST and READ India, along with initiatives such as the revival of traditional Phulkari crafts and promotion of cottage industries, many women have been connected with skill development and self-reliance. These activities, guided by Dr. Kanwaljit Kaur, Director Youth Affairs and

Culture, reflect the GKU's commitment to women empowerment.

The programme also acknowledged the remarkable achievements of women in fields such as politics, science, business, and space exploration. Inspirational figures including Droupadi Murmu, Kamala Harris, Indra Nooyi, Kalpana Chawla, and Sunita Williams were cited as examples of women's leadership and global influence.

Speakers also reflected on past social challenges such as female foeticide and emphasised the positive change brought about by awareness campaigns and policy initiatives like *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* and the PC-PNDT Act, which have contributed to improvements in the sex ratio in Punjab and across



India. The celebration echoed the timeless teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who rejected gender discrimination and affirmed the dignity of women through the message, *“So kyo manda aakhiye jit jamme rajaan.”*

The programme featured a poetry session with poetesses Dr. Navdeep Kaur, Dr. Simran Aks, Dr. Jyoti Verma, Ms. Davi Sidhu, and Ms. Amandeep Mann, coordinated by

Dr. Jaspreet Kaur Falak. A scholarly talk by Dr. Ravinder Singh, Principal of Guru Kashi Gurmat Institute, Talwandi Sabo, coordinated by Dr. Gurjit Singh Khalsa, highlighted the contemporary relevance of Guru Nanak's teachings.

Students also presented the skit *“Ret Diyaan Kandhan,”* directed by Dr. Kanwaljit Kaur, conveying a powerful message



about women's dignity and societal responsibility. The programme further included the screening of the inspiring video *“Nanak Ta Sanjha Pir Hai”* by Dr. Tara Singh Alam (UK), emphasising Guru Nanak's universal message of equality and harmony.

The event concluded with a reaffirmation of Guru Kashi University's commitment to promoting respect, dignity, and equal opportunities for women, in harmony with the inclusive vision of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



JKU Inks Collaborative MoU with ICAI to Enhance Education, Research And Professional Training

Guru Kashi University (JKU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament, to strengthen collaboration in academic and professional domains. The MoU, valid for an initial period of three years, aims to promote excellence

As part of the collaboration, ICAI will assist in designing curricula for the identified programmes and will organise special academic and professional sessions with members of the Chartered Accountancy fraternity. JKU has also agreed to recognise the CA PhD in Management, Commerce, and allied disciplines, subject to

Commerce, and on behalf of ICAI by CA (Dr) Jai Kumar Batra and CA (Dr) Rashmi Goel. The summit was organised by ICAI's Academic Board of Studies and was attended by Shri Arun Singh, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), CA Charanjot Singh Nanda, President of ICAI, along with other eminent dignitaries.

The Chancellor of JKU,



in education, research, and training.

Under the agreement, the two institutions will extend academic cooperation in programmes such as M.Com, B.Com (Hons), LLB, LL.M, BBA, MBA, and various certificate and diploma courses. The partnership seeks to create a common platform for developing collaborative and mutually beneficial initiatives that enhance intellectual growth and academic advancement within both organisations.

approval by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The JKU academicians will also contribute to designing the curriculum for the Chartered Accountancy preparations.

The MoU was signed and exchanged on 17 January 2026 during the Academic Global Education Summit on Commerce and Accountancy held in New Delhi. It was executed on behalf of JKU by Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Navneet Seth, Associate Dean, Faculty of Management and

S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, and the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Rameshwar Singh, congratulated the Faculty of Management and Commerce on this significant collaboration, noting that it will provide valuable exposure to students and faculty to emerging developments in finance, commerce, and related disciplines.

“The only way to do great work is to love what you do.”

- Steve Jobs

Faith and Scholarship Unite as Guru Kashi University Hosts Akhand Path

In a spirit of devotion and gratitude, Guru Kashi University organised the sacred Sri Akhand Path Sahib of Guru Granth Sahib to seek the blessings of the Almighty for the continued progress and prosperity of the institution.

The Akhand Path commenced on February 28, 2026, in front of the University's Main Auditorium and concluded with the Bhog ceremony on March 2, 2026. The solemn occasion was marked by divine Gurbani Kirtan rendered by the revered Ragis of Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib, followed by an enlightening Katha by Jathedar S. Jagtar Singh, Head Granthi of Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib.

During his discourse, he reflected upon the blessings of the Tenth Sikh Master, Guru Gobind Singh, who sanctified the land with the words, "*Eh hi pargtyo Hamari Kashi*" - signifying that this would be a seat of learning where thousands would gather in pursuit of knowledge. He remarked that the University has not merely adopted the name "*Kashi*," but has lived up to this

divine prophecy through its expansive educational programmes and outreach initiatives benefiting the wider community.



Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman shared that the University has embraced the Guru's utterances as its anthem, symbolising its deep-rooted commitment to spiritual and academic excellence. He highlighted that with institutions spanning engineering,



agriculture, education, healthcare, and other disciplines, the region has steadily evolved into a vibrant educational hub. He proudly noted that the University has earned the prestigious A++ accreditation from NAAC and

continues to play a transformative role in empowering rural youth and women.

On the occasion, distinguished individuals from various walks of life were felicitated for their outstanding humanitarian contributions, reflecting the University's commitment to recognising service to society.

Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh proposed the vote of thanks, expressing heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the successful conduct of the programme.

The ceremony witnessed the gracious presence of a large gathering of students, faculty members, staff, and senior functionaries of the University, including Deans, Directors, and Heads of Departments.

Special prayers were offered for the peace, progress, and prosperity of the University community and its stakeholders. The occasion concluded with a collective resolve that Guru Kashi University will continue to scale new pinnacles of excellence and credibility in the years ahead.

Dr. Rameshwar Singh Relinquishes Charge as VC of GKU

Prof. (Dr) Rameshwar Singh relinquished as the Vice Chancellor of Guru Kashi University on the forenoon of March 13, 2026. On the occasion, the University organised a farewell gathering in the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room to bid him a warm adieu.

The event was attended by the senior functionaries of the University, including Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor and Registrar, along with all Deans, Directors and other senior officials. Addressing the gathering, Dr Dhiman highlighted Dr Singh's significant contributions



to the University and appreciated the leadership he provided during his tenure.

Several speakers shared their reflections on Dr Singh's distinctive qualities and the initiatives he undertook to elevate the University's standards in academics, research, and outreach. They acknowledged his role in steering the institution towards

new milestones and strengthening its academic environment.

As a mark of appreciation, Dr Singh was presented with a shawl and a memento by Dr Dhiman on behalf of the University.

In his remarks, Dr Singh expressed his gratitude to the University fraternity for the warm send-off. He noted that whatever he was able to accomplish was made possible through the constant support and cooperation of colleagues across the institution. He also shared that he would always cherish his time at Guru Kashi University, describing it as one of the most memorable and fulfilling phases of his life.

GKU: A Catalyst for Rural Transformation

Guru Kashi University (GKU) is emerging as a strong force in rural transformation, with a focused commitment to enhancing the income and livelihood security of small farmers and farm women. By adopting 20 nearby villages, the University has created a vibrant model of agricultural sustainability, entrepreneurship, and community welfare. Through its Directorate of Extension Education, GKU delivers expert guidance, field visits, and extension camps in agriculture, healthcare, and legal aid. Regular interaction between farmers and university experts, strengthened by the Community Radio Station, promotes awareness of improved farming practices, crop diversification, government schemes, and educational opportunities for farmers' children. To strengthen supplementary



incomes, the University offers hands-on training in nursery raising, beekeeping, sericulture, vermicomposting, seed production, and mushroom cultivation. A key highlight of GKU's outreach is its strong emphasis on women's empowerment and skill development. Farm women are encouraged to undertake value-added activities such as Phulkari craftsmanship and converting domestic and agricultural waste into useful products, enabling them to supplement family income while

building self-reliance. Among the most impactful initiatives is sericulture, where women receive training in scientific silkworm rearing using larvae sourced from Jammu & Kashmir and locally grown mulberry leaves. The cocoons produced are sold to vendors, generating direct income for rural households. These sustained interventions are motivating farmers and rural youth to explore opportunities in nurseries and quality seed production, firmly establishing GKU as a trusted catalyst for rural transformation and resilient livelihoods.



Lighting the Lamp of Knowledge: GKU Celebrates Educators at Gyan Jot Ceremony

Guru Kashi University (GKU) organised the *Gyan Jot - Honour Ceremony* on March 14, 2026, at the University Auditorium to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of educators and academic leaders from across the region. The programme aimed to honour principals, headmasters, teachers demonstrating outstanding performance, trainers, and members of management bodies from schools, colleges, training institutes, and coaching centres. The event received an enthusiastic response, with more than 400 participants registering to attend.

The ceremony witnessed participation from over 50 school management representatives, more than 80 principals, and over 300 teachers representing schools, colleges, coaching centres, and training institutions across the region, said Dr Gurpreet Singh, the Chief Organiser and Director of Admissions, GKU.

In his opening remarks, the Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, emphasised that teachers and principals play a role far beyond that of instructors or administrators. He described them as sculptors of personality



and character who, through patience, commitment, and dedication, shape the potential hidden within every student. Citing the inspiring example of Manpreet Kaur from Mansa, who secured the 136th rank in the prestigious Union Public Service Commission Civil Services Examination, he noted that determination and hard work can lead to success regardless of geographical or social background. He remarked that the *Gyan Jot* initiative reflects the University's belief that talent from every corner of society deserves recognition and encouragement.

Welcoming the delegates, the Vice Chancellor, Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, highlighted the transformative role teachers play in shaping young minds and building the foundation of a progressive society. "Behind every confident student, every responsible citizen, and every professional who contributes to society, there stands a teacher who guided, encouraged, and inspired them," he said, acknowledging the dedication of educators who work tirelessly to nurture future generations. He also shared details about the *Gyan Jot* programme and provided an overview of the University's governance structure and academic initiatives.

The Guest of Honour, Ms Manpreet Kaur, who secured the 136th rank in the Civil Services Examination, addressed the gathering and encouraged students and educators alike to pursue their goals with perseverance and determination. She emphasised that diligence, discipline, and unwavering commitment are essential for overcoming challenges and achieving success.

Later in the programme, Dr Piyush Verma shared insights into the University's initiatives in skill development and student placement, emphasising the importance of equipping learners with practical competencies aligned with evolving industry needs. The Dean of Academics, Dr Zaved Ahmed Khan, presented an overview of the diverse academic programmes offered at Guru Kashi University and highlighted the institution's commitment to holistic education that integrates academic excellence, professional skills, and personal development.

Educators play a pivotal role in nurturing discipline, curiosity, compassion, and

confidence among students. Through their efforts, they help shape individuals who are knowledgeable, employable, and capable of navigating the complexities of modern life. Through the *Gyan Jot* Honour Ceremony, Guru Kashi University expressed its heartfelt appreciation to educators who tirelessly keep the lamp of knowledge burning in society.

One of the highlights of the *Gyan Jot* programme was a vibrant cultural panorama featuring dances and skits representing different states of India. The performances were organised under the direction of Directorate of Youth Affairs and Culture GKU.

As a token of appreciation for their dedication and service, participants were felicitated with certificates, mementoes, and shawls. The event concluded on a note of gratitude and a renewed commitment to strengthening the educational ecosystem of the region through collaboration and recognition of excellence in teaching.

Doing your best is more important than being the best.

- Shannon Miller

Agility, Stamina and Competitive Spirit Inspire at 45th National Veterans Athletics Championship held on GKU Tracks

Guru Kashi University hosted the three-day 45th National Veterans Athletics Championship beginning March 14, 2026, bringing together seasoned athletes from 12 states across India. The championship witnessed enthusiastic participation from veteran

attended the event as the Chief Guest, while Mr Sukhdev Singh Chahal was the Guest of Honour. Addressing the gathering, the Chancellor appreciated the commitment and enthusiasm of the veteran athletes, describing them as a source of inspiration for the younger generation. He

remain physically fit, mentally alert, and spiritually awakened. Dr Dhiman also highlighted the University's growing reputation in sports, particularly in disciplines such as archery, boxing, and gatka, and mentioned the institution's commendable performance in national



sportspersons in the 30–95 years age group, transforming the University grounds into a vibrant arena of endurance, determination, and sporting excellence.

The event offered a remarkable spectacle as veteran athletes demonstrated impressive agility, stamina, and competitive spirit. Their passion for athletics, even at advanced ages, inspired students and spectators alike, sending a powerful message that dedication to fitness and sports transcends age.

The opening ceremony was graced by the Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, who

remarked that their continued involvement in athletics demonstrates the importance of maintaining physical fitness and an active lifestyle throughout life.

Earlier, the championship was formally declared open by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, who reiterated the University's commitment to nurturing a culture of holistic well-being. He noted that Guru Kashi University encourages individuals to

competitions, including securing the fifth position in Khelo India.

As part of the ceremonial opening, Dr Dhiman hoisted the University flag and released a bunch of balloons, symbolising joy, success, and the spirit of sportsmanship. One of the most impressive moments of the opening ceremony was the march



past by participating teams, led by the melodious tunes of the Police Band. The torch ceremony, marking the beginning of the championship, added further grandeur to the occasion and symbolised the enduring spirit of



athletics and unity among sports persons.

Adding cultural colour to the event, students of the University presented lively performances of Bhangra and Giddha, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Punjab and energising the audience. The performances were presented by students of Guru Kashi University under the guidance of Dr Kanwaljit Kaur, Director, Youth Affairs and Culture. This vibrant segment

created a unique blend of culture and entertainment, beautifully complementing the spirit of the sporting activities.

Earlier, Mr Balwinder Singh Numberdar, President of the Milkha Singh Veteran Athletic Club, Bathinda (Regd.), introduced the prominent veteran athletes participating in the championship and appreciated Guru Kashi University for providing a platform that recognises and encourages lifelong participation in sports.

The championship was successfully organised under the



leadership of Dr Balwinder Sharma, Director Sports, and Dr Ravi Gehlawat, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education, whose

coordinated efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the event and a memorable experience for the participants.

The competition concluded with the felicitation of winners, who were awarded medals and certificates for their outstanding performances. The championship not only celebrated sporting excellence but also reinforced the message that age is no barrier to pursuing fitness, discipline, and the joy of competition.

By hosting the 45th National Veterans Athletics Championship, Guru Kashi University once again reaffirmed

its commitment to promoting a vibrant sports culture and encouraging active, healthy living across generations.



Shining Bright: The Pride Point of GKU

Guru Kashi University has added a dazzling new landmark to its campus - the Pride Point "I ♥ GKU", standing proudly in front of the Admission Cell. Radiating in glowing red and white lights, it transforms the campus atmosphere, especially at night, when its brilliance becomes a beacon of pride and belonging.

More than just an installation, the Pride Point has quickly become a favorite hangout spot. Students and visitors alike flock to capture selfies and group shots with the glowing backdrop, making it a must-visit corner of the university. For newcomers, it's often the first photo that marks

their journey at GKU; for alumni, it's a nostalgic reminder of the bond they share with their alma mater.

The Pride Point is more than a decorative feature - it's a symbol of identity, unity, and love for Guru Kashi University. It reflects the vibrant spirit of the campus and stands as a welcoming gesture to everyone who steps through its gates.

In just a short time, this glowing landmark has become a cultural icon of GKU, embodying the pride and passion of its community. It's not just a sign - it's a statement: We love GKU, and we shine together.

“If four things
are followed -
having a great aim,
acquiring
knowledge,
hard work,
and perseverance -
then anything
can be
achieved”

- A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



Guru Kashi University Integrates Research Ecosystem with Shodh-Chakra Portal

In a significant step towards strengthening research governance and transparency, Guru Kashi University has initiated the uploading of data related to its Ph.D. scholars across various faculties onto the Shodh-Chakra portal, a digital platform developed under the aegis of the University Grants Commission (UGC). To formalise this initiative, the university has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network) Centre, which administers Shodh-Chakra under the guidance of the UGC.

Highlighting the importance of this development, Deputy Dean (Research), Dr Sudhir Mittal, stated that the initiative will enable systematic tracking of the authenticity and academic progress of PhD scholars. By making relevant information accessible through a centralised platform, the system enhances transparency and allows the stakeholders—including academic peers, institutions, and regulatory bodies—to verify research credentials with ease. He further noted that the portal ensures secure, long-term storage of academic data, safeguarding it for future reference and institutional record-keeping.

Shodh-Chakra is designed

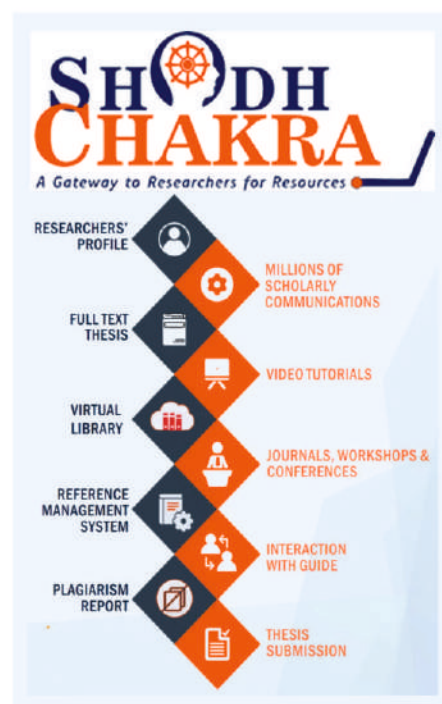
as a comprehensive digital workspace that supports the entire research lifecycle. It provides an integrated platform where researchers, supervisors, and institutions can collaboratively manage research activities—from proposal development to thesis submission.

The onboarding process involves the submission of verified details of researchers and their supervisors. Once registered, the

efficiently. Supervisors, in turn, can monitor progress, provide feedback, and ensure adherence to academic standards. For example, a doctoral scholar working on agricultural sustainability can upload research proposals, maintain datasets, track revisions suggested by the supervisor, and archive final submissions—all within a single, secure interface. This reduces administrative delays and promotes a more structured and accountable research process.

As a NAAC A++ accredited institution, Guru Kashi University continues to adopt progressive measures aimed at academic excellence, efficient governance, and meaningful stakeholder engagement. The integration with Shodh-Chakra reflects the university's commitment to professionalism in data management and the adoption of national-level digital frameworks.

In addition to this, all doctoral theses produced at the university are uploaded to the Shodh Ganga repository, ensuring wider accessibility and contributing to the global pool of academic knowledge. Together, these initiatives position Guru Kashi University at the forefront of digitally enabled research management and academic integrity.



system generates login credentials, enabling users to access and utilise the platform's full range of features.

Through this system, research scholars can create personalised profiles, organise their work, store research materials, and manage citations

FM GKU 90.4 MHz: Amplifying Voices, Joining Campus and Community

Guru Kashi University proudly stands among the few private universities in Punjab to have a fully functional Community Radio Station (CRS) on its campus, reflecting the university's commitment to innovation in education and meaningful community engagement. The foundation for this milestone was laid in 2017 through the vision and efforts of Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, who envisaged a platform to bridge academia with society. The CRS operates under the supervision of Mr. Rajeev Arora, Director of Media Planning, with strong technical support from RJ Manpreet Kaur Brar, ensuring its smooth functioning and a dynamic learning environment.

The station's inaugural recording took place on August 10, 2021, featuring a message by Dr. Dhiman himself, recorded by the Public Relation Officer, Mr Lavlin Sachdeva. Operating at a frequency of 90.4 MHz, the CRS has been duly approved by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.



Following test transmission in 2023, the station commenced regular broadcasts of four hours daily on September 16, 2024. Since then, it has hosted several eminent dignitaries from India and abroad, sharing their insights through recorded interviews and messages.

The daily broadcast begins with the station's signature tune, followed by Gurbani Kirtan, setting a culturally enriching tone. Programmes presented by students and faculty cover academics, research, cultural activities, outreach initiatives, and stakeholder engagement. Regular announcements about university events and important messages reach audiences within a radius of about 11 kilometres.

A daily programme for farmers features farm experts discussing the latest agricultural practices and techniques. Students actively contribute to various shows, gaining valuable opportunities to showcase their talent and enhance their communication skills. The “Know Your Teacher” series provides a unique platform for faculty members to share their academic journeys and professional experiences.

Highlighting its academic significance, Dr Dhiman describes the CRS as a living laboratory for students. It not only strengthens professional and communication skills but also connects GKU with the wider community by amplifying local voices, culture, and concerns. This initiative aligns closely with the vision of the NEP-2020, promoting experiential learning, skill development, and the integration of academics with real-world practice.

Distinguished visitors from India and abroad are also introduced to the CRS, often recording their messages and insights, thereby enriching the station's content and outreach. Guru Kashi University continues to amplify voices, nurture talent, and strengthen its bond with society. The CRS stands as a vibrant platform for knowledge sharing, student development, and meaningful community engagement.



Inquilab Zindabad was A Call for Transformation, Not Violence - Dr. Dhiman

Sri Aurobindo College of Commerce and Management, Ludhiana, solemnly observed Martyrdom Day on March 23, 2026, commemorating the sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. Students, faculty, and distinguished guests gathered to reflect on their enduring relevance.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Vice Chancellor, Guru Kashi University, on “The Relevance of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev for Youth in Contemporary Society.” Dr. Nirmal Jaura, Director Student Welfare, Punjab Agricultural University, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Welcoming the dignitaries, Principal Dr. Vishal Kumar emphasized reconnecting youth with ideals of sacrifice, justice, and nation-building.

Dr. Dhiman highlighted that for Bhagat Singh, freedom was incomplete without justice and an end to exploitation—whether colonial or domestic. He clarified that “*Inquilab*



Zindabad” signifies transformation of thought, society, and governance, not violence. Emphasizing critical thinking, he noted that Bhagat Singh urged questioning and reason over blind conformity.

He revisited key events, including the assassination of J.P. Saunders (1928) in response to Lala Lajpat Rai's death, and the Central Legislative Assembly incident (1929), where Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt used a non-



lethal bomb “to make the deaf hear,” protesting repressive laws and willingly courting arrest to awaken national consciousness.

Describing Bhagat Singh as a global youth icon, Dr. Dhiman underscored his blend of courage and intellect, prioritization of ideas over narrow nationalism,

and supreme sacrifice. He called upon youth to embrace ethical living, social responsibility, and moral courage, stressing the continued relevance of building a just, integrity-driven society.

The programme reinforced the importance of Martyrdom Day in preserving national memory and inspiring principled action. Suggestions included instituting social innovation awards in the martyrs' names and promoting academic engagement with their ideology. Contemporary challenges - unemployment, corruption, social inequities, and education quality-

were also discussed, with a call for youth-centric policies.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment to uphold the values of justice, integrity, and fearless inquiry exemplified by the martyrs. Dr Dhiman was honoured on the occasion with a shawl and a green bamboo plant.

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