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- 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



It gives me immense pleasure to present the Third Issue of the GKU Newsletter, which vividly reflects the vibrant academic, research, cultural, extension, and community engagement activities flourishing across Guru Kashi University. The Newsletter stands as a testimony to the collective energy, creativity, and achievements of our students, faculty, researchers, and staff members.

Guru Kashi University (GKU) has steadily emerged as a leading institution of higher education in both vision and practice. Our journey has been shaped by continuous reflection, reprioritization, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. As we move forward, our endeavours remain firmly focused on transforming GKU into a world-class institution of teaching, research, and service, rooted in need-based aspirations and responsive to the evolving demands of society and the global knowledge economy.

Education today is not confined merely to the dissemination of knowledge; it is about nurturing vision, values, creativity, leadership, and a spirit of inquiry. We must therefore continuously reimagine what meaningful and quality education truly entails. It is essential for us to define educational excellence within our own socio-cultural context while simultaneously remaining aligned with the rapidly changing global landscape. Our mission is to create a dynamic academic ecosystem that promotes critical thinking, innovation, skill development, ethical values, and social responsibility among learners.

At the dawn of India's independence, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru remarked: "A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old into the new." He further observed: "The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us." These timeless words continue to inspire institutions committed to shaping the future through knowledge, character, and service.

This is indeed a defining phase for GKU. It is a time for charting our own path, deciding what we teach, how we teach, and how effectively we prepare our students to become enlightened, responsible, and globally competent citizens. With collective wisdom, dedication, and the blessings of our founders, I am confident that GKU will continue to scale new heights and emerge as a distinguished center of academic excellence, innovation, and societal transformation.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Vice Chancellor and Editor-in-Chief, and his editorial team for bringing out this issue in a timely and commendable manner. Their sincere efforts in documenting the university's achievements, initiatives, and aspirations deserve high appreciation.

I convey my best wishes to the editorial team for continued success in carrying forward this meaningful academic tradition with the same zeal and dedication.

With best wishes,

Gurvinder Singh Sidhu
Chancellor
Guru Kashi University



Message From The Vice Chancellor



It gives me great satisfaction to note the publication of the Third Issue of the GKU Newsletter, a vibrant reflection of the academic dynamism, creative accomplishments, research initiatives, outreach activities, and institutional progress of Guru Kashi University (GKU). The Newsletter not only chronicles the milestones achieved during the period but also captures the spirit of innovation, dedication, and collective endeavours that defines the GKU fraternity.

Higher education institutions today stand at the crossroads of unprecedented transformation driven by technological advancement, globalization, interdisciplinary learning, and societal expectations. In such a rapidly evolving environment, universities must move beyond conventional models of education and emerge as centres of innovation, skill development, research excellence, and social responsibility. At GKU, we are consciously aligning our academic processes and institutional priorities with these emerging realities.

Our focus remains on creating a learner-centric ecosystem that promotes academic rigor, experiential learning, entrepreneurship, research orientation, and ethical leadership. We are continuously strengthening industry-academia linkages, promoting multidisciplinary education, encouraging innovation-driven research, and enhancing global exposure for our students and faculty members. Simultaneously, we remain deeply committed to our social responsibilities and regional aspirations, ensuring that education contributes meaningfully to community development and nation building.

The true strength of a university lies not merely in infrastructure or numbers, but in the quality of ideas it nurtures, the character it builds, and the impact it creates on society. At GKU, we believe that education must empower students with knowledge, competence, confidence, and compassion so that they can successfully navigate the challenges of the contemporary world while remaining rooted in human values and cultural ethos.

The achievements highlighted in this Newsletter are the result of the untiring efforts of our faculty members, researchers, students, officers, and staff, whose commitment continues to elevate the stature of the university. I sincerely appreciate their contributions and congratulate all those who have brought laurels to the institution through academic, research, cultural, sports, and extension activities.

I also place on record my appreciation for the efforts of the editorial team for compiling and presenting this issue in such an impressive and timely manner. Their dedication in showcasing the vibrant institutional life of GKU is truly commendable.

I am confident that Guru Kashi University will continue its journey towards academic distinction and institutional excellence with renewed energy, visionary leadership, and collective commitment.

With warm regards,

Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Singh
Vice Chancellor
Guru Kashi University

From the Pen of the Editor-in-Chief

Third Issue of the GKU Newsletter

I deem it a matter of immense pleasure and satisfaction to present the Third Issue of the GKU Newsletter, which captures the wide spectrum of academic, research, cultural, extension, and co-curricular activities undertaken at Guru Kashi University (GKU). More than a mere compilation of events, this publication reflects the vibrant intellectual culture, progressive outlook, institutional achievements, and collective aspirations of the GKU fraternity.

GKU earns its distinction not only through the programmes it offers or the infrastructure it possesses, but through the quality of ideas it nurtures, the achievements it celebrates, and the positive impact it creates on society. The activities highlighted in the Newsletter demonstrate GKU's sustained commitment towards academic excellence, innovation, community engagement, skill enhancement, and the holistic development of students.

In an era of rapid technological advancement, global interconnectedness, and evolving educational paradigms, institutions of higher learning must continuously adapt to remain relevant and be future-ready. GKU has been proactively strengthening its academic

ecosystem through interdisciplinary education, industry - academia collaborations, research and innovation initiatives, extension programmes, and learner-centric practices. The university's vision remains firmly anchored in quality education, ethical values, creativity, inclusivity, and meaningful societal contribution.



This Newsletter serves as an important medium for strengthening communication and academic connectivity within the university community and beyond. By documenting significant milestones, landmark achievements, initiatives, and accomplishments of our faculties, departments, students, and staff members, it provides a meaningful platform to showcase scholarship, creativity, talent, and institutional progress.

I express my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble

Chancellor, S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, Vice Chancellor, Deans, Directors, faculty members, students, and administrative staff for their constant encouragement, support, and valuable contributions towards this publication. I place on record my special appreciation for the dedicated efforts of Dr. Sunny Arora, Director IT; Mr. Lavleen Sachdeva, Deputy Director Public Relations; and Mr. Baljeet Singh Mallan, Designer, whose meticulous coordination and contributions in graphics support, news compilation, page layout, and designing made the timely publication of this issue possible.

I also gratefully acknowledge the support extended by Ms. Nancy Sahibi, Operations Manager (Human Resources), whose cooperation and assistance contributed significantly to the successful completion of this publication.

I sincerely hope that this Newsletter will continue to inspire meaningful academic engagement, strengthen institutional pride, and foster a deeper sense of belonging and shared purpose among all stakeholders of Guru Kashi University.

Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman
Editor-in-Chief
GKU Newsletter

Harmonics Strikes Its First Note: GKU Unveils Its Vibrant Student Band



Guru Kashi University (GKU) witnessed a vibrant and memorable celebration with the formal launch of its student band, 'Harmonica', in a grand and colorful function on April 29, 2026, marked by enthusiasm, cultural richness, and artistic expression.

The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. Amarinder Singh Sandhu, widely acclaimed as the “Bhangra Wizard of Punjab.” He was accompanied by distinguished guests Mr. Satnam Singh Sidhu and Mr. Sardul Singh Mann. The event drew the active participation of Deans, Directors, faculty members, and a large number of students, whose energy and excitement added a spirited dimension to the event.

Extending their best wishes, S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, Chancellor; S. Sukhraj Singh Sidhu, Managing Director; and Er. Sukhwinder Singh Sidhu, General Secretary, described the launch as a landmark milestone in the cultural journey of the University.

They emphasized that 'Harmonics' will serve as a dynamic platform for students to channel their creativity, emotions, and youthful energy into meaningful artistic expression.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman, termed the launch a historic moment for Guru Kashi University. Reflecting on the deeper significance of music, he remarked that music serves as a profound emotional outlet, fostering sensitivity and harmony among individuals. He noted that a person deeply connected with music is less inclined towards aggression, as music nurtures balance and inner peace. Drawing a parallel, he added that a band symbolizes coordinated effort and harmony- an orchestration of diverse elements working together in perfect synchrony, much like a progressive academic institution.

Dr. Kanwaljit Kaur, Director, Directorate of Youth Affairs and Culture, highlighted the cultural diversity showcased during the event. She noted that the fusion of regional dance forms lent

a distinctive charm to the programme. Performances including Haryanvi dance, Punjabi Gidha and Bhangra, along with cultural presentations from Kerala, Assam, Odisha, Bihar, and Kashmir, as well as Western dance, reflected the rich worth of India's cultural heritage and added vibrancy to the celebration.



The highlight of the event was the electrifying Bhangra performance by Mr. Amarinder Singh Sandhu, which captivated the audience with its energy and finesse. Equally enthralling was the debut performance by the GKU Band 'Harmonics', whose lively Punjabi beats and synchronized presentation received resounding appreciation from the audience.

MoU Between GKU and L&T EduTech For Industry-Oriented Cyber Security Programmes

In a significant step towards strengthening industry-driven skills,

academia collaboration and aligning education with emerging technological demands, Guru Kashi University (GKU) and L&T EduTech have signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) April 24, 2026 to launch industry-oriented B.Tech and BCA programmes in Cyber Security.



this partnership would further strengthen the quality of education

and open new career avenues for students. The programmes were officially inaugurated by Mrs. M. F. Fabeen, Chief Executive Officer, L&T EduTech, in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Singh, Vice Chancellor, Guru Kashi University, and Dr. Piyush Verma, Pro Vice Chancellor, GKU, along with senior officials and dignitaries from both organisations.

The MoU was formally signed on behalf of GKU by Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu and Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Piyush Verma, and on behalf of L&T EduTech by Dr. Praveen. The occasion was also graced by General Secretary Engg. Sukhwinder Singh and Dean Academics Dr. Zaved Ahmad Khan.

Chancellor Sidhu emphasized that collaboration between academic institutions and industry is essential for designing curricula that meet contemporary industrial requirements. He noted that the agreement would significantly enhance the employability of students and research scholars by equipping

Dr. Verma described the MoU as a meaningful initiative to bridge the gap between academia and industry. He appreciated the university leadership for this forward-looking step.

Representatives from L&T EduTech highlighted that cyber security is a critical challenge in today's digital era. They expressed confidence that this collaboration would pave the way for innovation and skill development in the domain, enabling students to build successful careers in this rapidly growing field.

Dean Academics Dr. Zaved Ahmad Khan reiterated the university's commitment to academic excellence, stating that

Addressing the gathering, Mrs Fabeen highlighted the growing trend of industry-integrated academic programmes to prepare students for the rapidly evolving technological landscape. She emphasised that close collaboration between academia and industry plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between education and employment by providing students with practical exposure, industry-relevant skills, and enhanced career opportunities.

She also shared insights into L&T's expanding footprint in emerging sectors such as semiconductors, defence technologies, railways, renewable energy, and advanced engineering domains.



GKU Archer Pragati Clinches Gold at Archery World Cup Stage-1

Pragati, a talented archer from Guru Kashi University (GKU), has brought laurels to the nation by winning a gold medal in the team event at the Archery World Cup Stage-1 held in Mexico City.



Madhura Dhamangaonkar, defeated the USA team by a narrow margin of 233–232 in the compound team event to secure the gold medal. This marks India's first gold

medal in the team event this season.

Congratulating for her remarkable achievement, Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu extended his best wishes for the upcoming World Cup Stage-2 and Stage-3. He remarked that this accomplishment has brought pride to both the region and the university.

Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman expressed his delight, stating that such achievements reflect a promising future for archery and highlighted that Pragati has consistently excelled at international competitions, securing multiple medals. He also acknowledged the university's continuous support in nurturing and refining the sporting talent of its students.

Providing details of the competition, Director Sports Dr. Balwinder Sharma informed that Pragati, along with her team mates Jyothi, Surekha Vennam, and

He elaborated that although the Indian team lost its initial lead in the closely contested final, they fought back strongly in the second and third rounds, scoring 114–117 and 173–174 respectively. In the decisive fourth round, the team demonstrated exceptional composure and precision, achieving a perfect score of 60/60 with six consecutive bullseyes, ultimately defeating the USA by a single point. Dr. Sharma congratulated the university management, the athlete, and coach Vipin Kamboj on this proud achievement.

“Winners must have two things, definite goals and a burning desire to achieve them.”

- Brad Burden

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Alumni Fundraising Appeal

The GKU Alumni Association (Regd) invites alumni to contribute to student support, research, and engagement initiatives.

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

GKU Organizes 9-Day First Aid and Education Awareness Camp on Khalsa Sajna Diwas

On the auspicious occasion of Khalsa Sajna Diwas (Vaisakhi), GKU organized a 9-day special education awareness and first aid camp from April 8 to 16 at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib

Dr. Dhiman emphasized that education dispels ignorance and guides individuals away from superstition and blind beliefs. He described the selfless service

calendars depicting the 52 *Hukammamas* of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji were distributed among the devotees. Special concessions for prospective students on the



Talwandi Sabo to serve the visiting devotees.

The camp was formally inaugurated by Head Granthi of Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, Bhai Jagtar Singh, with an *Ardaas* seeking the well-being of all. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Director Campus Dr. Harjaspal Singh Sidhu, Director Admissions

Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Camp Coordinator (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh Khalsa, along with Dr. Deepak, Dr. Aman, Sant Baba Lal Das, faculty members, and university officials actively participated in the service and paid obeisance.

rendered at the camp as a true service to humanity.

Director Campus Dr. Sidhu highlighted that university volunteers regularly organize three to four voluntary blood donation camps annually, helping save precious lives and supporting patients in recovery.

Director Admissions Dr. Gurpreet Singh informed that devotees were provided information about over 100 academic programmes offered at GKU and were guided towards quality higher education. He also shared that around 20,000

occasion of Vaisakhi were also announced.

Camp Coordinator Dr. Khalsa stated that more than 5,000 devotees were provided first aid services during the camp. Free medicines were distributed, and blood pressure check-ups were conducted.

Several distinguished visitors, including Manager of Takht Sahib S. Narinder Singh, SGPC member Mohan Singh Bhangi, Bhola Singh Khalsa, and other eminent personalities from the region, visited the camp and were honoured by the organizers.

Guru Kashi University Signs MoU with UltraTech Cement Company, Limited

To strengthen academia-industry linkages, Guru Kashi University (GKU), signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UltraTech Cement Limited on April, 6, 2026. The MoU was formally signed by Dean Dr. Rajinder Tiwari (GKU side) and Mr. Vipin Chaudhary (UltraTech Cement Limited side) in the presence of Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Piyush Verma and Mr. Baljinder Singh Mann (RHTCS).

The MoU reflects a mutual commitment to strengthening collaboration between academia and industry, as well as to designing courses and curricula aligned with emerging industry needs. Dr Verma elaborated that both parties will work together on optimal utilization of workforce



capabilities and the promotion of green technologies.

Dean, Dr. Tiwari informed that The university and UltraTech Cement will also jointly organize technical seminars, workshops, conferences, and training programmes and that the faculty members and students of the university will undertake industrial visits to UltraTech

facilities for professional exposure. Additionally, the company will provide training to GKU students to enhance their employability and support placement opportunities. He further noted that under this five-year agreement, both institutions will remain committed to mutual cooperation and sustained engagement. It is Win-Win situation for both participants.

GKU adds Rs. 101-lakh Honey Processing Plant to its Expanding Infrastructure

GKU continues to strengthen its infrastructure, with new academic and research facilities across the campus. Reinforcing its commitment to agricultural innovation, it has established a state-of-the-art Honey Processing Plant under a prestigious ₹101-lakh project funded by the National Bee Board.

Located in the Faculty of Agriculture, the Plant is to become operational shortly. It will serve as a centre for honey processing, quality testing, bottling, packaging, and value addition while providing students

with hands-on training in scientific beekeeping and supporting farmers through technology transfer and entrepreneurship.



S-W Punjab is suited for rapeseed and mustard cultivation, whose flowers are ideal for honeybees. Beekeeping enhances crop pollination, increasing seed yield by 10-20%, enhancing

income. The new Plant will strengthen this value chain by enabling processing and marketing of honey. GKU actively promotes research, extension, and skill development. Through its network adopted villages and tie-up with farmers, it disseminates the farm technologies and allied enterprises.

It will provide students with practical exposure to the honey value chain, from beekeeping, honey extraction to processing, bottling, branding, and marketing-and creating income opportunities for farmers through this venture.



GKU Organizes Quiz Competition for Students

To foster the holistic development of students and encourage intellectual engagement, Guru Kashi University organized an Inter-Faculty Quiz Competition under the aegis of the Directorate of Media Planning. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various faculties.

Mr. Rajesh Sharma (PCS), SDM Talwandi Sabo, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme was also attended by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Dean Academics, Dr. Zaved Ahmad Khan, and Director Extension Dr. Jagdish Grover as distinguished guests. Deans of different faculties, faculty members, and nearly 300 students marked their presence and added vibrancy to the event.

During the prize distribution ceremony, Chief Guest Mr. Rajesh Sharma appreciated the initiative, stating that in today's competitive era, students must stay informed about current affairs and

their surroundings. He emphasized that such competitions enhance knowledge and contribute significantly to personality development. He congratulated the winners and encouraged them to aim higher in their pursuits.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Dhiman remarked that such competitions play a vital role in the all-round development of students and help refine their personalities. He advised students to go beyond textbooks and regularly read newspapers and magazines to stay updated. He also highlighted that the university provides coaching and guidance for competitive examinations conducted by public service commissions.

Sharing details of the

results, Director Media Planning Mr. Rajiv Arora informed that the competition was conducted in two stages. In the preliminary written round, 28 students from 11 faculties participated, out of which 10 students qualified for the final round. In a closely contested finale among five teams, Sandeep Kaur and Ashwani Kumar from the Department of Arts and Humanities secured first position. The team of Sahil Shukla and Harsharan from the Department of Sciences finished as runners-up.

The Chief Guest was honoured with a memento, and the winners were awarded trophies. The event was smoothly anchored by Lavleen Sachdeva, while Paramjeet Kaur served as the timekeeper.



JKU Organizes Free Dental Check-Up Camp

Guru Kashi University, in collaboration with Dost Welfare Society (Regd.), Bathinda, organized a free dental check-up camp for international students at the International Hostel of the university campus. The initiative was jointly undertaken by the NSS Department, International

A dedicated team of dental specialists, including Dr. Rajneesh Jindal and Dr. Yashika Aggarwal, conducted comprehensive dental examinations of more than 80 students. Free medicines and expert consultations were also provided during the camp to ensure timely treatment and preventive care.



Education Division, Directorate of Student Welfare, Public Relations Department, and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Expressing his views on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman stated that JKU students often face difficulty in visiting dental specialists in Bathinda due to their busy academic schedules and time constraints. Appreciating the initiative, he remarked that organizing the camp within the hostel premises was akin to

“taking the well to the thirsty,” as it enabled students to receive quality healthcare services conveniently at their doorstep.

Sharing further details, Director Student Welfare, S. Sardul Singh Sidhu and NSS Coordinator, Ms. Narendra Kaur pointed out that due to the poor quality of groundwater in the Bathinda region, dental and skin-related problems are relatively common among students. Keeping these concerns in view, the university organized the camp not only to provide immediate medical assistance but also to spread awareness regarding oral hygiene and preventive healthcare.

Dr. Vikas Gupta and the hostel warden played a significant role in coordinating and ensuring the medical checkup during the camp.

Free Bus Service From Talwandi Sabo Bus Stand To Campus and Back: A Gesture by JKU

Guru Kashi University has introduced a free bus service between the Talwandi Sabo Bus Stand and the university campus for the convenience of students, parents, and visitors.



Sharing details about the initiative, Director Campus Dr. Harjaspal Singh Sidhu stated that the increasing summer heat had been causing considerable inconvenience to students and their parents while commuting to the campus. Keeping public

convenience and student welfare in view, the university administration approved the launch of this free transport facility to ensure safe, comfortable, and hassle-free travel. The initiative has received widespread appreciation from the

public as a thoughtful step taken in the larger public interest.

Providing information regarding the bus schedule, Director Student Welfare, S. Sardul Singh Sidhu urged commuters to avail themselves of the facility. The bus departs from the university campus at 8:10 a.m. and returns from the Talwandi Sabo Bus Stand at 8:30 a.m. The second trip leaves the campus at 5:10 p.m., while the return journey from the bus stand is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Seminar Organized To Mark World Book Day

Adopting a Reading Culture is The Need of The Hour: Dr. Dhiman

With the objective of promoting reading habits among students and enhancing their awareness about the value of books, the Central Library of Guru Kashi University, in collaboration with the Student Career Counselling Cell, organized a seminar to commemorate World Book Day. Mr. Raminder Singh, Managing Director of Quantil Builders, attended the event as the keynote speaker.

Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Raminder Singh highlighted the indispensable role of books in shaping human life and



intellectual growth. He stressed the importance of cultivating a regular reading habit among students in the present digital era. He also shared valuable insights into the process of book writing, contemporary publishing

practices, and various technical and legal aspects related to copyright.

Addressing the gathering during the inaugural session, Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman elaborated on the historical background and significance of World Book Day. He observed that books are among the most trusted companions of students, offering timeless knowledge and guidance throughout life. Emphasizing the growing decline in reading habits, he remarked that adopting a strong reading culture has become the need of the hour. He encouraged students to develop a lasting relationship with books and actively participate in the exchange of ideas and knowledge.



Dean Academics Dr. Zaved Ahmed Khan, stated that books nurture fraternity, broaden perspectives, and contribute significantly to character building. He further added that meaningful literature inspires positivity, strengthens moral values, and elevates the human spirit.



Assistant Librarian Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur and Mr. Pritam Singh informed the audience that the University's Central Library has recently established the "GKU Student Book Club," an initiative aimed at encouraging students to exchange books, discuss literature, and engage in intellectual interactions beyond the classroom.

Guru Kashi University Organizes 'Hunar Mutiyaran Da' Workshop To Promote Punjabi Folk Dance Giddha

To promote skill development in the traditional Punjabi folk dance *Giddha*-an integral part of Punjab's rich cultural heritage-Guru Kashi University organized a workshop titled "*Hunar Mutiyaran Da.*" The event was conducted by the Directorate of Youth and Cultural Affairs with the aim of familiarizing young participants with the history, technical nuances, and stage performance of *Giddha*.

traditional folk dance among the younger generation and equipping young women with technical and performance-oriented skills. Around 250



especially at a time when the younger generation is increasingly influenced by Western culture.

Renowned scholar of Punjabi culture, Mr. Pal Singh Samao, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Ms. Amandeep Kaur Mall Singh Wala, Ms. Manjinder Boha, and Ms. Kamal Tandian participated as technical experts, sharing their insights and providing hands-on training to students in *Giddha* performance and stage presentation. Director Student Welfare, Mr. Sardul Singh Sidhu, and Director Security, Mr. Des Raj Kamboj, were also present on the occasion.



female students from various faculties of the University participated in the workshop.

She added that the workshop enabled participants to learn valuable aspects of this creative art form, thereby enhancing their confidence and stage presence. Such initiatives help students overcome their stage fear and reconnect with their cultural roots,

Providing details about the workshop, Dr. Kanwaljit Kaur, Director of Youth and Cultural Affairs, stated that the initiative was aimed at popularizing the

*The dhol is more than an instrument;
It is the voice of Punjab's vibrant heritage. A single beat of the dhol can awaken the spirit of Punjab and unite hearts in celebration.*



Motivational Lecture on Personality Development and Self-Growth at GKU

The Department of Religious Studies under the Faculty of Humanities and Languages at Guru Kashi University, in collaboration with the Guru Nanak Chair, organized a motivational lecture



on April 6, 2026 to inspire students towards personality development and self-growth. Eminent thinker and scholar Mr. Satnam Singh Salhopuri delivered the keynote address, while Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman attended as the special guest. The event was attended by Dean Dr. Amrit Tuteja, faculty members, and nearly 400 students.

spiritual roots. He urged students to pursue their goals with dedication, maintain resilience during challenges, and lead a value-based life inspired by the teachings of the Gurus. Referring to the life of renowned Gurbani scholar Dr. Sahib Singh, he highlighted how perseverance and determination lead to success even in adverse circumstances. He also presented books related to

hardships are integral parts of life and encouraged students to remain optimistic and focused during difficult times. Referring to the philosophy of “*Apna Mool Pachhaan*,” he inspired students to recognize their inner strength and continue striving towards their goals.

While conducting the proceedings, Dr. Gurjeet Singh Khalsa stated that difficulties are



Addressing the gathering, Mr. Salhopuri motivated students through teachings from Gurbani and encouraged them to remain connected with their cultural and

Gurbani and Indian history to the students.

Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman remarked that happiness and

tests of life and emphasized the importance of faith, positivity, and righteous actions. The keynote speaker was honoured with a shawl and memento by the organizers.

GKU gets FSSAI Registration for Retail Sale of Low-erucic Mustard Oil

Healthier Oil Produced Through Scientific Farming and Value Addition

Guru Kashi University has achieved another milestone in agricultural research and value-added farm production by securing registration from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the retail sale of mustard oil produced at its university farm.

As part of its teaching, research, and extension activities, the university regularly cultivates crops during both *Rabi* and *Kharif* seasons. During the recent Rabi season, mustard variety GSC-7 was scientifically cultivated on 2.5 acres at the university's experimental farm, yielding nearly 12 quintals of high-quality mustard seed through recommended agronomic and crop management practices.

To ensure compliance with food safety norms, the mustard seed was processed at the Agro Processing Centre under supervision of the Directorate of Extension for extraction of edible oil. The Directorate subsequently obtained FSSAI registration for the university for an initial period of five years, enabling legal retail marketing of the product.

Sharing details, Director Extension Dr. Jagdish Grover stated that the mustard oil exhibited excellent quality parameters, particularly its very low erucic acid content of just 0.5 per cent, far below the permissible limit of 2.0 per cent. He explained that low erucic acid mustard oil is considered healthier and more consumer-friendly, as excessive erucic acid intake has been linked to adverse cardiovascular effects. The oil produced at GKU is

motivating farmers to adopt value-added and health-oriented agricultural practices.

The university administration expressed confidence that the initiative would strengthen agricultural education and research at GKU and encourage farmers to adopt scientifically improved crop varieties for better income and consumer health.



therefore safer, easier to digest, and better suited for regular consumption.

Dr. Grover emphasized that the initiative reflects the university's commitment to scientific agriculture, food safety, health promotion, and value-added processing. It also provides students with practical exposure in crop processing, post-harvest management, and agri-entrepreneurship, while

*“Choose food
that nourishes
your body today
and protects
your health
for tomorrow.”*

Dr. Dhiman Discusses on Contemporary Agricultural Challenges at IEI Seminar

The Rural Development Forum of the Institution of Engineers (India) organized a seminar on “Modern Farming and Sustainable Agriculture through Improved Irrigation Techniques” at Talwandi Sabo on May 6, 2026.

Prof. Baljinder Kaur, Chief Whip of the Punjab Cabinet and MLA from Talwandi Sabo, attended as Chief Guest, while Er. S.K. Banerji, IOFS (Retd.), Chairman, Board of Governors, Rural Development Forum, IEI, was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Amandip Kaur Sarao, Honorary Secretary, Bathinda Local Centre, was also present.



and erratic water flow in Kandi areas. He termed groundwater depletion an “alarm bell” for Punjab and stressed the need for sustainable water management and scientific farming practices.

Dr. Dhiman also discussed

cooperative culture, and rising social pressures in rural society. He traced India's agricultural growth after Independence through initiatives such as land consolidation, agricultural universities, assured inputs, and MSP-based procurement systems.

Prof. Baljinder Kaur appreciated the seminar for creating awareness among farmers regarding sustainable and technology-driven agriculture. Er. Banerji highlighted the role of engineering interventions, automation, and smart technologies in enhancing agricultural productivity and profitability.



Guru Kashi University Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman attended as Guest of Honour and delivered the keynote address. He highlighted Punjab's major water-related

the economic, ecological, and sociological challenges emerging in post-Green Revolution agriculture, including declining youth interest in farming, migration, weakening

The seminar was presided over by Dr. Jagpal Singh Ubhi, Chairman, IEI Bathinda Local Centre, and attended by experts from Punjab Agricultural University and other institutions.

“Doing your best is more important than being the best.”

- Shannon Miller

GKU Studies Distress Sale of Tractors in Punjab Mandis: A Sociological concern



Punjab's agrarian economy is facing serious financial stress, with nearly 89 per cent of farming households reported to be under debt. Rising input costs, dependence on the wheat-paddy cycle, expensive farm mechanisation, chronic disease expenses, lease rents, migration of the youth to other countries and social expenditures have significantly increased the burden on rural families.

One striking feature of this crisis is the growing trend of purchasing tractors beyond actual agricultural requirements. Punjab currently has nearly 4.5–5 lakh tractors operating on about 40 lakh hectares of cultivated land, reflecting a very high level of mechanisation. Studies indicate that while a tractor should ideally be used for around 1,000 hours annually to remain economically viable, the average utilisation in Punjab is only about 263 hours per year.

At several tractor mandis across the state, newly purchased tractors, many bought through bank loans, are being put up for resale within weeks or months of purchase. One such prominent mandi (Market) is held every Wednesday at Talwandi Sabo, Distt. Bathinda.

To understand the socio-economic factors behind this phenomenon, the Faculty of Management and Commerce at Guru Kashi University has initiated a field study on the analytics of the sale and purchase of tractors in Punjab mandis.

The study is being led by Dr. Navneet Seth. According to Dr. Seth, factors such as easy access to loans, income instability, social pressures, family obligations, unemployment, sending children abroad and drug addiction may be contributing to distress sales of tractors.

The research aims to generate ground reality-based recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders to promote rationalised mechanisation, sensible borrowing, and financial awareness among farming communities in Punjab.

“The distress sale of tractors reflects not the failure of farmers, but the growing economic pressures confronting Punjab's agricultural sector.”

Exhibition on Educational Props, Models and Innovative Pedagogies

In line with the vision of NEP-2020, the Faculty of Education at Guru Kashi University organised a vibrant exhibition on Educational Props, Models and Innovative Pedagogies to promote experiential, art-integrated and student-centric learning. Around 140 school students from nearby institutions enthusiastically participated by showcasing creative models, charts, 3-D projects, teaching-learning aids and electronic devices prepared by them.



The event highlighted innovative teaching practices such as Outcome-Based Education, flipped classrooms, interactive learning, IKS-based Panchpadi Shiksha System, toy-based pedagogy and multidisciplinary approaches, with a strong emphasis on “learning by doing.” Demonstration classrooms illustrated how activity-based and participative methods make learning more engaging, concept-

oriented and learner-friendly. The exhibition also reflected how innovation in education can inspire young minds, nurture creativity and enhance the overall effectiveness of teaching and learning.

Dr. Singh Dhiman, Dean, Faculty of Education, Dr. Kavita Rani shared that the exhibits included manipulatives such as puzzles, blocks and counters for teaching mathematical concepts, along with digital tools like tablets, interactive boards and educational applications for simulation-based learning.

Storytelling kits using puppets and storyboards, as well as science and art projects developed from low-cost local materials, attracted special appreciation for their creativity, practicality and relevance to classroom teaching.

The exhibition was visited by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, who interacted with the participating students and appreciated their innovative ideas and presentation skills. He remarked that art and creativity enrich learning by helping students develop a deeper understanding of scientific principles and concepts. Such initiatives also strengthen qualities like confidence, communication skills, critical thinking and expressiveness, which are essential attributes of futuristic teachers and responsible citizens. The event reflected the university's commitment to implementing NEP-2020 through experiential, innovative and inclusive educational practices aimed at transforming the future of teaching and learning.

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“Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

- Malcolm Forbes

Andhra Delegation with Members of Legislative Assembly Visits GKU

A 65-member delegation from Andhra Pradesh visited Guru Kashi University on May 13, 2026, to explore academic collaborations and gain insights into the University's innovative educational ecosystem. The delegation interacted with the Vice Chancellor, Dr Balraj Singh, along with senior university functionaries including Prof (Dr) Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Prof (Dr) Piyush Verma, Dr Harjaspal Singh Sidhu, Prof (Dr) Zaved Ahmed Khan and Dr Gurpreet Singh. Discussions focused on higher education, research initiatives, skill development and emerging technologies. Prominent members of the delegation included Mr



During the visit, the delegation toured the Faculties of Agriculture, Physical Education and Engineering & Technology, where they held detailed discussions on emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence,

education during an interaction at the University's Community Radio Station.

The delegation later met the Hon'ble Chancellor, S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, and honoured him with Excellence in Education Award-2026 for his visionary leadership and outstanding contribution, dedication, and excellence in the field of education. Addressing the visitors, the Chancellor highlighted the distinctive features of Guru Kashi University,



Naqndanam Divakar, Mr Rahmat Shareef, Dr Syed Jahangir and Bajareddy Jaganmohan, along with media representatives and social leaders.

across diverse academic disciplines. Dr Syed Jahangir also shared his views on foreign languages and multilingual



Machine Learning and Quantum Computing, and their applications particularly its focus on innovation, industry-oriented learning, research and community engagement.

The visitors were also taken on a tour of major university landmarks and state-of-the-art facilities, which drew keen appreciation and interest from the delegation members.



Dr Balraj Singh joins as Vice Chancellor of GKU

A distinguished academician, administrator and visionary leader, Dr Balraj Singh assumed charge as the Vice Chancellor of Guru Kashi University on May 11, 2026. Having earlier served as Vice Chancellor of Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner, and Agriculture University, Jodhpur he brings with him rich and diverse experience in higher education, research, academic administration and policy planning.

Dr Singh has also served as Director of ICAR-National Research Centre on Seed Spices and as Project Coordinator, Honeybees & Pollinators at ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute. His academic and research contributions, particularly in protected cultivation of vegetable crops, high-tech horticulture and seed spices, have earned him wide recognition in the scientific community.

A Fellow of the Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Dr Balraj Singh is also the Founder Secretary of the Indian Society of Protected Cultivation. His appointment marks the beginning of a new era of academic growth, innovation and excellence for the University.

The University fraternity accorded a warm welcome to the new Vice Chancellor. Faculty members, officers and staff expressed confidence that under his dynamic leadership, the University would further strengthen its position as a centre of quality education, research, innovation and community engagement.



Welcoming Dr Balraj Singh and introducing him to the Deans and Directors of the University, Prof (Dr) Jagtar Singh Dhiman stated that strong and visionary leadership is essential to address the emerging challenges and opportunities in the education sector, particularly in the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). He reiterated that the University remains committed to providing transformative education and fostering a vibrant ecosystem of research, innovation and social responsibility.

In his address, Dr Balraj Singh emphasised the need for

academic excellence, outcome-based education, interdisciplinary research, innovation and industry-oriented learning in alignment with the vision of NEP-2020. He highlighted the importance of creating a student-centric environment that nurtures creativity, skill development, ethical values and global competitiveness. He further expressed his commitment to accelerating the University's mission of excellence in teaching, research, entrepreneurship and societal outreach.

The Hon'ble Chancellor, S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, extended his best wishes to the new Vice Chancellor and expressed confidence that the University would achieve new milestones under his stewardship and continue its journey towards academic distinction and societal impact.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Malcolm Forbes

Dr. Balraj Singh Delivers Talk on Beekeeping on World Bee Day

Guru Kashi University observed World Bee Day on May 20, 2026, by organising an awareness talk on the importance of honey bees and other pollinators. The programme was organised by the Faculty of Agriculture in collaboration with the National Bee Board. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Balraj Singh, Vice Chancellor.

Welcoming the speaker and participants, Dr. Lokender Kashyap noted that the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and students from various faculties of the University. World Bee Day is celebrated globally in honour of Anton Janša, who was born on this day.



In his address, Dr. Balraj Singh highlighted the rich diversity of bee species found in Punjab, including the Italian honeybee (*Apis mellifera*), the native Asian hive bee (*Apis cerana*), and wild species such as

the giant rock bee (*Apis dorsata*). He presented a comprehensive overview of beekeeping, covering its historical background, commercial potential, and role in improving the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers. He also emphasised the crucial role of



honey bees as pollinators in both open-field and protected cultivation systems.

Dr. Singh identified habitat fragmentation, excessive use of pesticides and agrochemicals, climate change, and the growing incidence of pests and pathogens as major threats to bee populations. He stressed the need for collective efforts to conserve bees and other pollinators through the establishment of biodiversity and pollinator gardens, reduction in chemical use, and support for local beekeepers.

Expressing gratitude to the speaker, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman highlighted the immense economic and ecological value of beekeeping. He noted that besides honey, several diversified products such as beeswax, propolis, royal jelly, bee venom, and maleic hydrazide are associated with apiculture. He also spoke about the floral resources required for honey bees in different regions of Punjab.

Dr. Dhiman remarked that Guru Kashi University aims to celebrate World Bee Day on an even larger scale in the coming years. He encouraged participants to include honey in their daily diet, noting that the Indian Knowledge System has advocated its benefits for centuries. He further observed that out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, nearly 15 are directly or indirectly linked to honey bees through biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture, and the empowerment of marginalised communities.



Guru Kashi University Emerges Gatka Champion with Six Gold and One Silver Medals

Students of Guru Kashi University delivered an outstanding performance at the All India Inter-University Gatka Championship held at the University of Kota, bringing laurels to the university by securing the Overall National Championship title in the men's category with six gold and one silver medal. In the women's category, the university clinched the Runner-up Championship title with four gold and one silver medal in Gatka events.



university has established a strong reputation in the field of Gatka and encouraged the sports persons to continue striving for greater heights.

Congratulating the winners, Chairman Gurlabh Singh Sidhu said that Gatka represents the rich cultural and martial heritage of Punjab, and the university is making continuous efforts to preserve and revive this traditional sport. He further added that sincere initiatives are also being undertaken to promote

Senior university functionaries, including S. Sukhraj Singh Sidhu, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman and Dr Harjaspal Singh Sidhu, also congratulated the students for their remarkable achievement and for bringing pride to the university.

across the country participated in the championship, in which Guru Kashi University excelled with an impressive tally of medals and a score of 48 points. Among the women players, Aarti, Arshdeep, Harleen and Prabhjot secured first positions in the Full Strike Singles category. He also mentioned that the championship witnessed a closely fought contest between Guru Kashi University and Punjabi University.



Gatka at the international level. Referring to the remarkable achievement, he stated that the

Director Sports, Dr Balwinder Sharma shared that as many as 36 universities from

“You are always a student, never a master. You have to keep moving forward.”

- Conrad Hall

23rd Meeting of The Academic Council of Guru Kashi University organized

Guru Kashi University convened its 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council on June 10, 2026, under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Dr. Balraj Singh. The meeting was attended by Punjab Government nominees, senior university functionaries, and internal members of the Academic Council. Welcoming the distinguished members, Dr Singh highlighted the University's commitment to academic excellence, quality assurance, and continuous institutional development through participative decision-making and robust academic governance.

Pro Vice Chancellor-cum-Registrar Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman presented the agenda items before the House for approval, ratification, and information. The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the previous Academic Council meeting was placed before the members, deliberated upon, and approved.

The Council reviewed a wide range of academic and administrative matters pertaining to the University's teaching, learning, research, and examination systems. All agenda items were discussed in detail, and valuable suggestions were offered by the members to further strengthen academic quality and institutional governance. After thorough deliberations, the Council approved the agenda

items and reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining high academic standards and promoting continuous improvement in the University's academic processes.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all members for their constructive participation and valuable contributions.



GKU Reveals Talent, Culture and Memories of Students at "AHSAAAS-2026"

The Directorate of Youth Affairs and Culture at Guru Kashi University (GKU) organised "Ahsaas-2026: An Emotional Farewell" to honour graduating student artists for their exceptional contributions to the University's cultural activities and achievements during their academic journey.

The programme was attended by deans, faculty members, and student artists representing all eleven faculties of the University. Vice Chancellor Dr Balraj Singh, the Chief Guest, commended the students for promoting Punjab's rich cultural heritage and bringing laurels to the University through their outstanding performances in inter-university and national-level cultural competitions.

In his address, Dr. Singh underscored the importance of remaining connected to one's cultural roots and preserving traditional values in an increasingly globalised



world. He highlighted the role of arts and culture in fostering creativity, emotional well-being, and holistic personality



development. Extending his best wishes to the graduating students, he encouraged them to strive for excellence and

pursue their aspirations with dedication and confidence.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Kanwaljit Kaur, Director, Youth Affairs and Culture, informed that student artists who had distinguished themselves in national and inter-university cultural competitions were felicitated with mementoes and certificates of appreciation in recognition of their achievements.

The event featured vibrant performances of Giddha, Bhangra, folk songs, a photo exhibition, and self-composed poetry and shayari, showcasing the artistic talent and cultural spirit of the students. The programme concluded on a joyful yet nostalgic note, celebrating the accomplishments of the graduating artists and cherishing the memories of their enriching journey at Guru Kashi University.



GKU Strengthens Farmer Outreach Through Supply of Quality Seeds

In line with its commitment to advancing sustainable agriculture and improving farmers' livelihoods, the Directorate of Extension, at Guru Kashi University (GKU) has undertaken several initiatives to support the farming community in the region. One of the key interventions has been the scientific production and supply of quality seeds of improved crop varieties under the guidance of agricultural experts and the technical supervision of the Punjab State Seed Certification Authority (PSSCA), operating through the Director of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Punjab.

As part of this initiative, the University successfully produced and distributed certified seed of wheat variety DBW 372 during the previous cropping season. The seeds were made available to farmers visiting the University as well as through sale points established in villages adopted by GKU. The response from farmers was highly encouraging, reflecting their confidence in the quality and performance of the seed produced by the University.

Building on this success, the University has produced Foundation Seed of rice variety PR 126 for the current season. Known for its high yield potential and suitability to the agro-climatic

critical factor in enhancing agricultural productivity and ensuring better economic returns. He added that such farmer-centric initiatives not only facilitate the dissemination of improved agricultural technologies but also strengthen the linkage between the farming community and the University.

In addition to supplying quality seed, the University is providing farmers with technical guidance and crop management advisories to help them achieve optimum productivity from the recommended varieties. Through these efforts, Guru Kashi University continues to play an active role in transferring scientific knowledge from laboratories and research farms to the fields, thereby contributing to the growth and sustainability of agriculture in the region.



conditions of Punjab, consuming relatively lesser irrigation water, the variety is expected to contribute significantly to improved crop productivity and farm profitability.

Sharing details of the initiative, Dr Jagdish Grover, Director of Extension Education, stated that the supply of quality seed will promote timely seed replacement among farmers, a

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

- Steve Jobs

GKU Organizes Eye Care Camp for Staff and Students

The Faculty of Allied & Healthcare Sciences at Guru Kashi University organised an Eye Care Camp on the University campus on June 1, 2026, with the objective of promoting preventive healthcare and creating awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, essential health services, including blood pressure monitoring and body weight assessment, were also provided, ensuring a holistic approach to preventive healthcare and community well-being. Approximately 200 participants, including students, faculty members, and staff of Guru Kashi University, registered for and

culture of health consciousness within the University community. It not only facilitated early detection of potential eye problems but also encouraged participants to adopt healthy practices for maintaining long-term physical and visual health. The event reflects GKU's continued commitment to community health, wellness promotion, and holistic development of its students and staff. Patients who registered in this programme will get a special discount on all types of eye surgeries.



faculty members, and administrative staff from various departments of the University.

Faculty members and students of the Department actively volunteered and contributed to the successful organisation and smooth conduct of the camp. A team of experienced ophthalmologists, led by Dr. Karan Sabharwal, Ophthalmologist at Neo Polus Healthcare, conducted comprehensive eye examinations and provided expert medical consultations to the participants. In addition to eye screening,

benefitted from the programme. The medical experts interacted closely with the participants, conducted detailed examinations, identified common vision-related issues, and prescribed appropriate medications wherever necessary. They also offered personalised guidance on eye care and hygiene, balanced nutrition, healthy lifestyle practices, and preventive measures aimed at preserving good vision and promoting overall health and well-being.

The camp served as an important initiative in fostering a

*“The eyes are the
jewels of the body;
protect them
with care,
for they reveal
the blanty of
the world”*

- Henry David Thoreau

Pollinator Gardens: A Sustainable Pathway To Biodiversity Conservation

The fast-tracking loss of biodiversity and the growing challenges posed by climate change have intensified the need for innovative and sustainable



conservation strategies. Among the most effective yet often overlooked approaches is the development of pollinator gardens designed to support bees, butterflies, moths, birds, and other pollinating species, that play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance and ensuring food security.

Pollinators are indispensable for the health of ecosystems. They facilitate the reproduction of a vast range of flowering plants, including food and horticultural crops, trees, grasses, and wild species that sustain both human and animal populations. Honey bees, in particular, contribute significantly to agricultural crop productivity and ecosystem stability by transferring pollen between flowers, thereby enabling seed and fruit formation.

Despite their ecological and economic importance, pollinator populations are declining worldwide due to habitat destruction, excessive pesticide use, climate change, environmental pollution, and loss of floral diversity. This decline poses serious risks to biodiversity, crop production, and ecosystem resilience.

Consequently, the creation and conservation of pollinator-friendly habitats have become a global environmental priority.

Pollinator gardens provide a practical and sustainable solution to this challenge. These gardens are purposefully designed with flowering plants that offer nectar and pollen throughout the year, ensuring a continuous food supply for pollinating species. In addition to providing nourishment, they create safe habitats for nesting, breeding, and shelter. Whether established in rural landscapes, educational

institutions, urban parks, or residential areas, pollinator gardens contribute significantly to environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation.



One of the primary benefits of pollinator gardens is their ability to augment biodiversity. By supporting a wide variety of plant species, these gardens attract diverse pollinators and other beneficial organisms, creating interrelated ecosystems that strengthen ecological stability. They also support agricultural productivity by improving pollination services, leading to increased crop yields and better-quality produce.



Beyond their ecological value, pollinator gardens serve as powerful educational tools. They provide opportunities for students, researchers, and community members to learn

about the complex relationships between plants, pollinators, and ecosystem health. Educational institutions can utilise such gardens as living laboratories for environmental education, biodiversity studies, and sustainable agriculture initiatives.

The successful development of pollinator gardens requires careful planning and management. Native and regionally adapted plant species should be prioritised, as they are better suited to local climatic conditions and provide the most effective resources for indigenous pollinators. Gardens should include a diverse selection of plants with staggered flowering periods to ensure year-round availability of nectar and pollen. Equally important is the avoidance of harmful pesticides and herbicides, which can



adversely affect pollinator populations. Provision of water sources and suitable nesting habitats further enhances the effectiveness of these conservation spaces.

The establishment of pollinator gardens in arid and semi-arid regions presents unique challenges, including water scarcity, extreme temperatures, poor soil quality, and limited plant diversity. However, these constraints can be overcome through the adoption of drought-tolerant native species, efficient irrigation systems, rainwater harvesting techniques, mulching, and soil improvement practices. Collaborative efforts involving local communities, educational institutions, environmental organisations, and government agencies can further strengthen conservation outcomes.

Several plant species suitable for India's arid and semi-arid regions have been identified as valuable nectar and pollen sources. These include Babul (*Acacia nilotica*), Gum Arabic Tree (*Acacia senegal*), Umbrella Thorn (*Acacia tortilis*), Ber (*Ziziphus mauritiana*), Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Moringa (*Moringa oleifera*), Jamun (*Syzygium*



cumini), Gulmohar (*Delonix regia*), and a variety of flowering species such as Tecoma, Gaillardia, Dombeya, and Goldenrod. Their inclusion in pollinator gardens can create vibrant and resilient habitats capable of supporting diverse pollinator communities.

As the world seeks sustainable solutions to environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, pollinator gardens emerge as a simple yet highly impactful intervention. By creating spaces that nurture pollinators, communities can contribute to ecosystem restoration, agricultural sustainability, and environmental awareness. The promotion of pollinator gardens and biodiversity parks is therefore not merely a conservation initiative but an investment in a healthier, more resilient, and sustainable future for generations to come.

Dr Balraj Singh
Vice Chancellor
Guru Kashi University

Comprehensive Document on Research Guidelines Prepared

With a view to enhancing the quality of research and equipping scholars with vital skills for conducting impactful scientific studies, the Research Division of Guru Kashi University has prepared comprehensive guidelines on research methodology, scientific writing, and publication practices for postgraduate and doctoral scholars. The guidelines serve as a valuable resource for promoting research aptitude, academic excellence, and scholarly competence.

Giving details, the Deputy Dean of Research, Dr Sudhir Mittal, explained that the document provides detailed guidance on all stages of the research process, beginning with the identification of a research problem and the preparation of a well-structured synopsis. He added that scholars are guided in formulating research objectives, developing testable hypotheses, selecting apt methodologies, and designing scientifically sound experiments capable of generating reliable results. Elaborating further, he shared, "Special emphasis has been laid on conducting an effective review of literature using authentic databases and research repositories." The guidelines help scholars identify research gaps, critically analyse published studies, and build a strong theoretical foundation for their studies. Detailed directions have

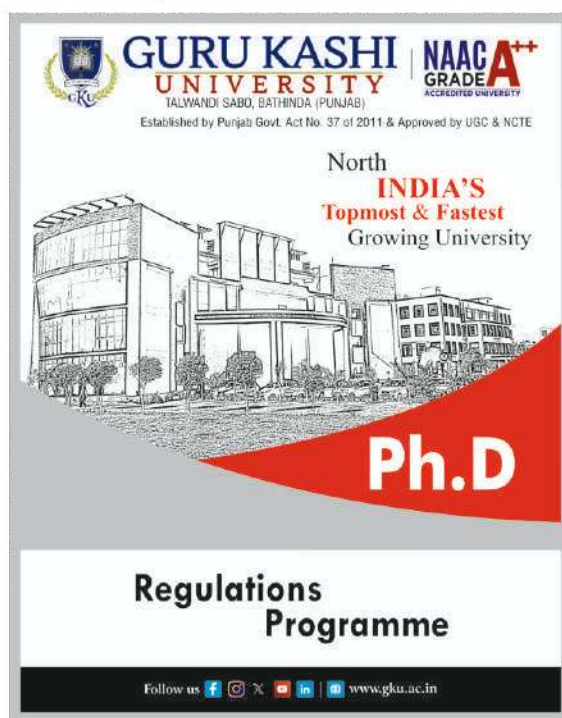
also been provided on experiment planning, maintenance of research records, and ethical research practices.

To strengthen analytical capabilities, the guidelines introduce scholars to various statistical tools and software used for data management, analysis, and interpretation. Guidance has been provided on selecting appropriate statistical techniques, presenting data effectively, and drawing scientifically valid conclusions from experimental findings.

maintain the highest standards of academic integrity and originality. Highlighting the significance of the initiative, Dr Navdeep Singh Grewal, Assistant Dean of Research, stated, "High-quality research begins with a strong foundation in scientific methodology and ethical practices. These guidelines have been prepared to provide scholars with a structured roadmap for planning, conducting, analysing, and communicating research effectively."

He further remarked, "In today's competitive academic environment, researchers must not only generate quality data but also present their findings in a manner that meets international standards of scientific publication. The guidelines will help scholars enhance both the quality and visibility of their research."

Dr Grewal also emphasised the importance of publishing and noted that the document addresses current aspects of scientific communication, including manuscript preparation, publication ethics, responding to reviewers' comments, selecting suitable peer-reviewed and high-impact journals, understanding indexing and citation metrics, and avoiding predatory journals. "The ultimate objective is to cultivate a vibrant research culture that contributes meaningfully to society and strengthens the University's academic standing," he added.



A major component of the document focuses on dissertation and thesis writing. The structure and formatting of dissertations, presentation of results and discussions, citation and referencing methods, and strategies for avoiding plagiarism have been clearly explained. Scholars are encouraged to

World Environment Day : GKU Calls for Climate Action

Guru Kashi University observed World Environment Day on June 5 under the aegis of its NSS and NCC units, under the supervision of S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Ms. Narinder Kaur, and Ms. Misal. The programme focused on the growing challenges posed by climate change and the urgent need for collective action to protect the environment and ensure a sustainable future.



stressed that environmental stewardship is deeply rooted in Indian cultural and spiritual traditions.

The University also participated in the “एक पेड़ माँ के

नाम (Plant4Mother)” campaign launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister and promoted by the UGC. As part of the initiative, plantation drives were organised across the campus, with special emphasis on indigenous and climate-resilient species. The University also undertook awareness activities encouraging the care and maintenance of planted saplings and promoting sustainable environmental practices.

noted that the past eleven years have been the hottest on record. Rising temperatures, air pollution, land degradation, biodiversity loss, and shrinking forests are adversely affecting human health, livelihoods, and food security across the globe. Climate change is no longer a distant concern but a pressing reality, impacting agriculture, water resources, public health, and economic stability.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Balraj Singh, the chief speaker on the occasion, underscored the importance of a healthy environment for human well-being and sustainable development. He urged students and faculty members to adopt environmentally responsible lifestyles and actively participate in conservation initiatives, emphasizing that environmental protection is a shared responsibility.

The Secretary-General called upon nations to accelerate the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, reduce methane emissions, protect forests and oceans, and strengthen climate adaptation efforts. “This is the moment to act-for our environment and for our future,” he emphasized.

Welcoming the participants, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, remarked that every day should be observed as an Environment Day. Quoting Guru Nanak Dev Ji's timeless words, “*Pawan Guru, Pani Pita, Mata Dharat Mahatt,*” he highlighted the sacred bond between humanity and nature and



Referring to the message of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, the speakers

Proposing the vote of thanks, the Director Extension, Dr. Jagdish Grover, highlighted the adverse impact of climate change on agriculture. He observed that rising temperatures, erratic rainfall patterns, declining soil health, and increasing pest infestations pose serious challenges to agricultural productivity and food security. He stressed the need to adopt climate-resilient agricultural practices and sustainable resource management strategies.

GKU Pedals for Fitness, and a Greener Future on World Bicycle Day

To celebrate World Bicycle Day, the Directorate of Sports, Guru Kashi University, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS) and 6 PB

rally carried messages advocating a drug-free society, environmental conservation, and the adoption of cycling as an eco-friendly mode of transport.

Half an Hour Every Day." University officials emphasised the multiple benefits of cycling, including reduced pollution, lower fuel consumption, improved public health, and a cleaner environment.



The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Narinder Kaur, NSS Coordinator, who encouraged students to adopt cycling as a regular habit and contribute to environmental conservation through tree plantation. Refreshments and a chilled beverage stall,

Battalion NCC, Malout, organised a mega cycle rally on June 7, 2026 under the supervision of the Director Student Welfare Sardul Singh Sidhu. The event was held in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, to promote fitness, environmental sustainability, and healthy living.

As part of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, participants planted fruit-bearing and shade-giving saplings on the university campus and pledged to nurture them, reinforcing the University's commitment to environmental stewardship.

were arranged for the participants with the support of the District Youth Office. The Chief Guest was honoured with GKU memento in recognition of his participation and support.

The rally was flagged off by Mr Jasjyot Singh, DSP, Talwandi Sabo, and was attended by nearly 300 students, NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, faculty members, Deans, university officials, and the University's Gatka team. Passing through the major markets of Talwandi Sabo, the



Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Singh remarked that maintaining personal fitness and preserving a healthy environment are collective responsibilities. He noted that the cycle rally and tree plantation drive reflected Guru Kashi University's steadfast commitment

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest appreciated the University's initiative in promoting physical fitness and public health in line with the national campaign "Fitness Dose,

to promoting sustainable practices, environmental stewardship, and the holistic development of students through meaningful community engagement.

JKU Organises Farmers' Awareness Camp Under 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan'

As part of the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' launched by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, JKU organised a farmers' awareness camp on soil health and sustainable farming practices at the nearby Village Fatehgarh Nau-Abad. The programme was organised by the Directorate of Extension Education in collaboration with the Faculty of Agriculture.

Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Singh attended the programme as the Chief Guest and keynote speaker, while Dr. Jagdish Grover, Director, Extension Education, highlighted the University's ongoing initiatives for the welfare of farmers. The camp was attended



Addressing the gathering, Prof. Singh emphasized that modern agriculture requires continuous skill enhancement alongside traditional farming practices. He encouraged young farmers to explore agri-based enterprises and value-added products rather than seeking opportunities abroad.

Referring to the growing demand for processed and protein-rich foods, he suggested that local farmers could tap these

diversification, including agroforestry and oilseed cultivation, and assured farmers of the technical support of JKU in improving farming.

Dr. Grover highlighted the close bond between farmers and the soil, urging them to avoid stubble burning and adopt scientific methods for crop residue management. He told about the University's activities in mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, and vermicomposting, and highlighted the cultivation of PR-126 paddy variety promoted by JKU among local farmers.

The participants appreciated the University's outreach initiative, observing that such awareness programmes equip farmers with practical knowledge, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and create new opportunities for increasing farm income through innovation and diversification.



by the village Sarpanch, Panchayat members, and around 40 farmers.

emerging markets by producing and marketing such products themselves, thereby enhancing their income. He discussed crop

"If agriculture goes wrong. nothing else will have a chance to go right "

- Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

GKU Observes 12th International Yoga Day with a Call for Health, Harmony, and a Drug-free Society

Guru Kashi University (GKU) celebrated the 12th International Yoga Day in accordance with the guidelines

Addressing the gathering, Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Singh described yoga as an invaluable component of India's

yoga and the correct methods of practice.

All participants took a pledge to work towards a drug-free society by promoting awareness against substance abuse and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

Delivering the vote of thanks, S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Director, Student Welfare, urged everyone to adopt yoga and regular exercise as a daily habit, observing that a healthy mind flourishes in a healthy body.

He also appreciated the dedicated efforts of the NSS volunteers and the Faculty of Physical Education for the successful organisation of the event.



issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The event was jointly organised by the Faculty of Physical Education, the Directorate of Student Welfare, and the National Service Scheme (NSS).

rich cultural heritage and a right path to physical fitness, mental well-being, and spiritual harmony. He emphasised that practising yoga for just 30 minutes a day helps improve physical health, enhances mental alertness, relieves stress, and promotes inner peace. He also encouraged women to make regular yoga and exercise an integral part of their daily lives alongside their household responsibilities.

The programme was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Singh, as the Chief Guest. Among the participants were S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Director, Student Welfare; Dr. Balwinder Sharma, Director, Sports; Dr. Ravi Gehlawat, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education; S. Kulvir Singh, Deputy Registrar; along with University officials, faculty members, staff, and students.

The practical yoga session was conducted by Dr. Sakshi, Yoga Acharya, who demonstrated various yoga asanas, pranayama, and Nadi Shodhana techniques. She explained their therapeutic benefits and familiarised participants with the history of



GKU Vice Chancellor Releases Dr. Dhiman's Motivational Book For Children

The Vice Chancellor, Dr Balraj Singh, released Little Lessons, Big Dreams: Every Step Counts, a motivational book authored by Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor, during a function attended by Deans, Directors, faculty members, and academic leaders.

Congratulating the author, Dr Balraj Singh described the publication as a significant contribution to character building and child development. He observed that in an era of rapid technological advancement and evolving social challenges, children need literature that nurtures values, confidence, empathy, and resilience.

“Education is not merely about acquiring knowledge; it is equally about nurturing character, compassion, and purpose. Books such as Little Lessons, Big Dreams play a vital role in shaping responsible, confident, and value-driven citizens,” he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Dhiman said the book has been

written for school students up to the 10+2 level to inspire young minds through simple yet meaningful life lessons on self-discovery, perseverance, kindness, courage, and responsible citizenship. Organised into five thematic sections comprising 25 chapters, the book opens each chapter with a motivational slogan and

Drawing inspiration from renowned personalities including Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Helen Keller, Mahatma Gandhi, Thomas Edison, Malala Yousafzai, and Mother Teresa, the book encourages children to cultivate positive habits, learn from setbacks, practise kindness, and contribute meaningfully to society.



presents inspiring stories, real-life examples, and reflective insights to engage young readers.

Describing the essence of the book, Dr Dhiman said, “Little Lessons, Big Dreams is a journey into the world of growing minds, helping children discover the greatness within them. Every child is like a seed with the potential to become a mighty tree when nurtured with love, guidance, and values.”

Appreciating Dr Dhiman's ability to present profound life lessons in a simple and inspiring manner, the Vice Chancellor noted that the book reflects the vision of holistic education envisaged under the National Education Policy by promoting the intellectual, emotional, ethical, and social development of learners.

The gathering congratulated Dr Dhiman on the publication and expressed confidence that the book would inspire countless children to dream big, believe in their potential, and contribute positively to society through knowledge, compassion, and purposeful action.

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