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## ■ Message from the Chancellor ■

Dear Students, Faculty, and Members of the University Community,

It gives me immense pleasure to share my greetings through this issue of the Guru Kashi University Newsletter — a reflection of our collective achievements, programmes, and aspirations. Guru Kashi University continues to grow as a beacon of knowledge, creativity, and innovation, driven by the dedication and commitment of our students, faculty, researchers, and staff.



Education today is not merely about acquiring degrees but about nurturing the spirit of inquiry, empathy, and leadership. As we move forward, I urge each member of our academic fraternity to uphold the values of integrity, inclusiveness, and excellence that form the foundation of our institution.

Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and inspire — shaping minds that not only excel in their professions but also contribute meaningfully to society and the nation.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone whose efforts have enriched the academic and cultural vibrancy of our University. May we continue to progress with renewed energy and a shared vision for a brighter tomorrow.

I also congratulate Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor; and the Editor of the GKU Newsletter, for its timely publication and for effectively showcasing the progress and achievements of our University.

May the New Year 2026 strengthen our commitment to quality education and societal progress.

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 matter of great pride and joy to present this edition of the Guru Kashi University Newsletter, which encapsulates the vibrant spirit, achievements, and aspirations of our academic community.

At Guru Kashi University, we are committed to fostering an environment that encourages curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Our focus remains on developing competent, compassionate, and confident individuals who can meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

The University continues to make remarkable progress in academics, research, innovation, and community engagement. These accomplishments are the result of collective efforts — the dedication of our faculty, the enthusiasm of our students, and the steadfast support of our staff and management.

As we move ahead, let us reaffirm our commitment to excellence and inclusivity. Together, we must continue to build a future-oriented university that not only imparts knowledge but also inspires transformation and serves humanity with purpose and pride.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor, and the Editor of the GKU Newsletter for his dedicated efforts in bringing out this informative publication that showcases the dynamism and vibrancy of our University.

Wishing our students, faculty, and staff a new year filled with learning, innovation and success!

Happy New Year 2026

With warm regards,

**DR. RAMESHWAR SINGH**

Vice Chancellor  
Guru Kashi University



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## From Editor's Desk

It gives us immense pleasure to present this edition of the Guru Kashi University Newsletter, capturing the milestones and memorable moments of the past year. This period has been marked by significant progress, innovation, and a renewed commitment to academic excellence and holistic development of the University.

During the year, the University successfully conducted admissions to various undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, along with entrance examinations for doctoral studies across diverse disciplines. We were delighted to welcome new entrants through multiple admission channels, further strengthening our efforts to expand opportunities for higher learning and research at GKU.

At GKU, we continue to align our initiatives with the evolving needs of society, industry, and academia, while ensuring the physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being of our students. The University remains committed to promoting positivity, mindfulness, and effective stress-relief strategies for students, faculty, and staff. The establishment of the Department of Happiness marks a significant and forward-looking initiative.

Among the significant events featured is the successful organisation of the All India Inter-University Archery Championship (Men & Women) 2025–26, supported by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Archery Association of India. The event witnessed participation from over 1,600 athletes representing 168 teams, the largest sporting gatherings on our campus. We are proud to announce that GKU retained the championship trophy for yet another year—a moment of immense pride for the entire GKU fraternity.

The Newsletter also covers the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, cultural showcases by international students, and a wide range

of extracurricular engagements. Faculty development programmes, refresher courses for staff, educational tours, industrial visits, and student excursions—regular features at GKU—have also been highlighted. The awards, honours, and accolades earned by our faculty, staff, and students stand as a source of inspiration for all.

A remarkable milestone achieved during the year is the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with reputed institutions and universities across various countries. These partnerships will facilitate joint research, faculty and student exchanges, and collaborative learning opportunities, thereby strengthening global linkages.

Other noteworthy highlights include observance of National Days, insightful deliberations on evolving paradigms in higher education, an awareness campaign on sustainable paddy-straw management, and the celebration of Diwali, Baisakhi and other festivals with devotion and enthusiasm.

Furthermore, the University has launched its first multidisciplinary research journal, providing a platform for scholars to publish findings from their research work.

Students from various states of India and from countries across the globe come here to pursue their dreams, bringing with them their diverse traditions, attire, cuisines, and, above all, a shared sense of unity and patriotism. Together, they create a colourful mosaic of national and global cultures on our campus—truly making it a world in miniature.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as we enjoyed preparing it.

—♦♦ *Happy New Year!* ♦♦—

**- Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman**

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## ■ Bhai Mardana's Rabab: A Creative Creation ■

Guru Kashi University has taken a remarkable step in honouring the legacy of music, devotion, and creativity by establishing the Bhai Mardana Chair on its campus. Located within the Faculty of Arts, this Chair is an academic and cultural initiative dedicated to the study and celebration of Bhai Mardana Ji, the revered companion and musical associate of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

The Chair is being effectively led by Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, Director, Centre for Revenue Generation, and ably supported by Dr. Gurjit Singh Khalsa as Coordinator and Dr. Ramandeep Kaur as Co-Coordinator. The Bhai Mardana Chair aims to promote research, creative expression, and academic engagement through doctoral programmes, seminars, workshops, and cultural events focusing on Bhai Mardana's life, philosophy, and contributions to Sikh music and heritage.

Bhai Mardana Ji stands as an eternal symbol of divine melody and companionship. As the companion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, he travelled far and wide, playing the Rabab—a stringed musical instrument—whenever the Guru's Bani (divine hymns) descended from heaven. The harmonious sound of the Rabab not only accompanied the Guru's spiritual message but also served as a bridge between

the sacred and the soulful.

In today's modern world, however, the traditional Rabab has almost faded into oblivion. Recognizing this loss, the Faculty of Engineering and Technology at Guru Kashi University undertook a creative and symbolic initiative to revive and reimagine this timeless instrument. Using waste materials such as iron scraps, nuts, bolts, and discarded metal pieces, the faculty's workshop ingeniously crafted a Rabab sculpture—a beautiful fusion of art, engineering, and devotion.

This eco-creative Rabab, fashioned entirely from recycled materials, stands as a tribute to Bhai Mardana's musical genius and as a symbol of innovation, sustainability, and reverence. It will soon be installed at the Bhai Mardana Chair, serving as a landmark creation that embodies the spirit of Guru Nanak's teachings—where art, faith, and intellect harmoniously coexist.

Heartiest congratulations to the visionary creators of this Rabab for their artistic devotion and imaginative craftsmanship that bring together heritage and modernity in a truly inspiring manner.





## ■ GKU Leads the Green Mission: Say No to Paddy Straw Burning ■

In its continued commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable agriculture, Guru Kashi University (GKU) has launched a large-scale awareness campaign against paddy straw burning. The initiative aims to sensitise farmers, students, and the general public about the severe agrarian, environmental, and health repercussions of this harmful practice, while also promoting practical and eco-friendly alternatives for paddy straw management.

As part of the campaign, the University displayed informative flex boards and banners along roadsides and public areas, depicting the ill effects of

- Soil incorporation using machines like the Happy Seeder. Baling and transporting straw for use as animal fodder in neighbouring states
- Utilisation in thermal power plants as fuel
- Processing for packaging materials, cardboard, and bio-panels
- Cultivation of paddy straw mushrooms
- Composting through microbial inoculants to create bio-manure Use as cattle bedding during winter months



stubble burning and alternative solutions available to farmers. The highlight of the initiative was an awareness rally organised by GKU's National Service Scheme (NSS) and the Faculty of Agriculture, which was flagged off from the Administrative Block by Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor, along with Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor, S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Director Student Welfare, Dr. Lokender Kashyap, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, and Mrs. Narinder Kaur, NSS Programme Officer.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman elaborated on the detrimental impacts of stubble burning, including the loss of essential soil nutrients and microorganisms, increased air pollution, and smog formation, which often lead to respiratory diseases, eye irritation, and road accidents. He urged farmers to adopt sustainable straw management practices such as:

Dr. Dhiman highlighted that these practices not only prevent pollution but also generate income opportunities for farmers and improve soil health, aligning with the goals of sustainable development.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Rameshwar Singh emphasized that through such community outreach programmes, GKU is actively fulfilling its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and contributing to the clean and green Punjab movement. S. Sardul Singh Sidhu added that with the active involvement of NSS volunteers, the University is spreading awareness in 29 villages adopted by GKU, creating a positive ripple effect across rural communities.

The rally concluded with a strong message: **"Let's join hands to protect our air, our soil, and our future — Say No to Paddy Straw Burning!"**



## Friday Food Funda: A Campus Culinary Initiative at GKU

Friday Food Funda is a vibrant and engaging campus initiative at Guru Kashi University that celebrates food as a powerful medium of culture, creativity, and community bonding. Organized every Friday by students of the



Institute of Hotel Management (IHM)—the University's flagship faculty—the programme held in lawns near the IHM, offers students valuable experiential learning while enriching campus life. Under this initiative, students conceptualize, plan, and prepare a variety of cuisines, informing the university community in advance about the menu and pricing. On the day of the event, the student teams manage food preparation, service, and coordination, catering to students, faculty, and staff. Any special dishes are also announced beforehand, adding to the excitement and anticipation. The University supports

this hands-on entrepreneurial exercise by providing seed money. Earnings generated through the initiative are retained by the student organizers, and successful, profitable efforts make them eligible for enhanced seed funding in subsequent

editions. Through Friday Food Funda, GKU not only promotes inclusivity, cultural appreciation, and a lively campus spirit, but also equips students with practical exposure to hospitality management, teamwork, and entrepreneurship. The students learn about the functionality of the practical application of the concept of 'Earn, Learn and Return'

“Good food nourishes the body,  
fine delicacy delights the soul.”





## The Symbolic Monument: A Reflection of Guru Kashi University's Ethos

Guru Kashi University boasts a picturesque and serene campus that greatly enhances the overall learning experience. Aesthetically pleasing surroundings not only inspire creativity but also cultivate a sense of pride and belonging among students and visitors alike. Adding to the campus's visual and cultural appeal is an impressive monument located at the roundabout in front of the Administrative Block.

This monument, erected in 2011 when the University was established, is a multi-layered black granite structure crowned with the University's logo at a cube of black granite stone. On the side facing the Administrative Block rests an artistic pile of ten sandstone books in alternating shades of light and dark pink. Each spine of the book bears an inspiring message, such as ***"Shabad Guru Hai"*** (The Word is the Teacher), ***"Ek Onkar"***, ***"Music Connects"***, ***"Ignite Your Mind"***, ***"Sarbat da Bhala"*** (Welfare of All), ***"Inspire to Think"***, ***"Save Mother Earth"***, ***"Apna Mool Pehchaan"*** (Know Your Potential), ***"Chase***

***Your Dreams"***, and ***"Sikhan Layee Aao, Sewa Layee Jaao"*** (Come to Learn, Go to Serve).

The monument stands not merely as a decorative feature but as a symbol of the University's philosophy—promoting knowledge, service, creativity, and universal well-being. It has become a prominent attraction for visitors, many of whom are seen capturing photographs with this artistic landmark in the backdrop, preserving a memory of their connection with the University's inspiring spirit.



## Recognitions, Accreditations and Approvals





## ■ Mind Matters: GKU Leads with Healthcare ■

Among the major and widespread health challenges facing society, particularly the youth, are stress, anxiety, depression, and other psychological concerns. There is a growing need to provide effective counselling, accessible guidance, emotional support, and practical coping strategies through structured outreach initiatives.

To address these needs, Guru Kashi University has established a Psychiatric Cell on its campus. The Cell aims to create a

safe and supportive environment that fosters open dialogue on mental health, reduces stigma, and promotes emotional resilience among students and faculty members.

In line with this objective, the GKU Psychiatric Cell, in collaboration with the Faculty of Health and Allied Sciences, organized a Counselling Camp on November 10, 2025, at the University campus. Based on a survey of 42 students conducted using the PHQ-9

questionnaire, it was found that nearly 35% of students required counselling support, displaying symptoms such as stress, loneliness, forgetfulness, fatigue, overthinking, and mild obsessive-compulsive tendencies.

University experts offered professional guidance and emotional support to the affected

students, encouraging them to engage in social interactions, meditation, open communication, and periodic counselling sessions. Some students were also referred to

the University's Happiness Centre for holistic well-being and sustained emotional balance.



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“Release the strain, let balance stay,  
Strong mental health lights the way.”



## Chemical-free and Diversified Farming: Mansa Farmer Sukhjot Singh Turns Paddy Straw into A Success Story

The remarkable journey of Sukhjot Singh, a visionary farmer from Mansa, is making headlines these days. Recognising the limitations of the conventional paddy-wheat cycle, he diversified his fields by cultivating millets and other less water-intensive, yet highly nutritious crops. By reducing dependence on chemical fertilisers and incorporating paddy stubble back into the soil, he successfully restored soil health and promoted sustainable farming practices.



Driven by concerns for the health of his beloved son, whom he associated with the excessive use of agrochemicals, Sukhjot Singh embraced natural farming. Through his own experimentation, innovative approaches, and guidance from agricultural experts, he transformed into one of Mansa's most progressive and forward-thinking farmers.

In addition to sustainable cultivation, he has launched his own range of low-chemical organic

products, with plans to explore export opportunities, and has represented his work at the national level. His journey is a shining example of vision, resilience, and innovation in agriculture.

Faculty and students from Guru Kashi University recently visited his farm to witness his innovative practices first-hand. The University plans to invite Sukhjot Singh to share his valuable insights and experiences with our agriculture students and faculty, inspiring the next generation of sustainable farmers.





## ■ Faculty Induction Programme on NAAC Reforms ■

A Faculty Induction Programme was organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Guru Kashi University on November 4, 2025, with the objective of apprising the Deans and faculty members of various Faculties about the latest reforms introduced by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

The Vice Chancellor, Dr Rameshwar Singh, in his address, highlighted that NAAC is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India in 1994, headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He emphasised that NAAC's primary role is to assess and accredit Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) — including universities, colleges, and institutes — to ensure quality education and promote a culture of continuous improvement and accountability in higher education.

The Director, IQAC, Dr Ashwani Sethi, explained the objectives and evaluation criteria of NAAC. He noted that NAAC aims to evaluate the quality of teaching, learning, and research; promote institutional accountability and transparency; encourage innovation and best practices in education; and support self-evaluation and continuous improvement within institutions. He elaborated that NAAC assessment focuses on seven core criteria — Curricular Aspects; Teaching-Learning and Evaluation; Research, Innovations and Extension; Infrastructure and Learning Resources; Student Support and Progression; Governance, Leadership and Management; and Institutional Values and Best Practices.

Dr. Sethi also explained the new framework of NAAC accreditation, which distinguishes between NAAC-ranked and non-ranked institutions, placing greater emphasis on outcome-based education, transparency, and institutional benchmarking. He encouraged faculty members to align their academic

practices and documentation with the updated NAAC guidelines to sustain the University's high-quality standards.

In his concluding remarks, the Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, underlined the crucial role of teachers in the University's journey toward excellence and accreditation. He stated that faculty members are the driving force behind academic quality, and their contribution in teaching, research, mentoring, community engagement, and innovation directly impacts the University's NAAC grading and reputation.



Dr. Dhiman added that Guru Kashi University, which already holds a prestigious NAAC A++ accreditation, must continue its commitment to excellence by ensuring that teachers remain active participants in the process of quality enhancement and institutional development. He reiterated that NAAC accreditation not only enhances the credibility and visibility of an institution but also increases its eligibility for government funding, research collaborations, and student trust.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion, where faculty members shared their views on implementing NAAC quality benchmarks and reaffirmed their dedication to upholding the University's standards of academic excellence.

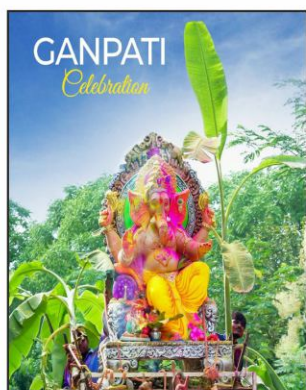


## ■ Unity in Diversity: The Cultural Soul of GKU ■

Guru Kashi University stands as a vibrant symbol of national integration and cultural harmony. Students from various states of India and countries across the globe come here to pursue their dreams, bringing with them their unique traditions, attire,

Chaturthi, and many others. Each event paints the campus in vibrant hues of India's rich cultural fabric.

When students perform the Bhangra and Giddha of Punjab, the Garba of Gujarat, the Ghoomar of Rajasthan, or the traditional dances of Haryana,



cuisines, and above all, their spirit of unity and patriotism. Together, they create a living mosaic of national and global cultures on campus, truly making it a world in miniature.

The Directorate of Youth Affairs and Culture regularly organizes a wide spectrum of on-stage and off-stage activities such as Youth Festivals, Independence/ Republic Days, Fashion Shows, and celebrations of culturally significant days, Lohri, Karwa Chauth, Baisakhi, Pongal, Durga Puja, Ganesh

Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh, the University resonates with the rhythm of a united nation. Even international students, especially from African countries, join the celebrations, swaying to Punjabi beats and sharing the joy of belonging to a home away from home.

Guru Kashi University takes immense pride in this cultural confluence, an embodiment of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**, the ancient Indian ideal that "the world is one family."





## GKU Hosts National Archery Championship, Retains Overall Trophy

Guru Kashi University once again made history by successfully hosting the All India Inter-University Archery (Men & Women) Championship 2025-26 and lifting the overall trophy for the second consecutive time.

The grand inaugural ceremony was graced by Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee, Olympic Gold Medalist Harvinder Singh Dhanju as the Chief Guest, and Dronacharya Awardee Jeewanjot Singh Teja, Director, Training and Curriculum, Government of Punjab, as the Guest of Honour.

The 12.5-acre, state-of-the-art Sports Complex of the University came alive with energy and enthusiasm as over 1,600 participants from 168 universities across India, along with their coaches, team managers, and representatives of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Archery Association of India (AAI), gathered for the prestigious event. The championship featured several renowned athletes, including Olympians, World Champions, and Asian Games medalists.

A memorable moment marked the commencement ceremony when Khushal Dalal (World University Gold Medalist), Aditi Gopichand Swami (Arjuna Awardee), Ojas Parveen (Arjuna Awardee), and Bhajan Kaur (Olympian) carried the sacred torch to inaugurate the championship.

Adding a festive touch, the GKU cultural troupe enthralled the audience with traditional Punjabi

performances of Bhangra and Giddha. Each day's winners were felicitated by distinguished dignitaries, while Mr. Shakti Singh Rang (Arjuna Awardee) interacted with participants during the concluding ceremony.

Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Director Sports, expressed pride in GKU's growing reputation, stating that the University has carved a distinct niche in the national and international sports

arena, having successfully hosted this prestigious event for the second time.





## ■ Guru Kashi University at the Service of Farmers ■

Agriculture is one of the flagship programmes of Guru Kashi University. Farmers from the region frequently visit the University to seek practical solutions to their farming problems and expert advice



on agricultural practices. The University offers comprehensive farm advisory services covering crop planning, soil and water testing, pest and disease management, and farm record maintenance. It also motivates farmers to enhance their income through subsidiary occupations such as beekeeping, mushroom cultivation, nursery production, and direct marketing of farm produce.

In earlier years, the University facilitated farmers in obtaining high-yielding seeds and farm literature from the Punjab Agricultural University. However, it has now advanced to producing its own high-quality seeds for distribution. Under an MoU signed between Guru Kashi University and NSC, the University has ventured into the production of wheat seed. In the current season, it has successfully produced 50 quintals of certified wheat seed of the DBW-372 variety. Being licensed by the Directorate of



Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for wholesale seed distribution, the University announced the sale of its own certified seed. The seed has been produced scientifically, and the entire process was monitored



and inspected by the Regional Seed Certification Authority, Punjab.

Further expanding its Agri-entrepreneurship initiatives, the University has secured a mega project for honey processing with a capacity of 22 tons per year and a budgetary outlay of ₹101.1 lakh. The project aims to provide scientific training in apiculture and to help farmers generate income through the production and marketing of high-quality honey. For effective technology transfer and community outreach, the University has established strong linkages with farmers across twenty adopted villages in its vicinity and has planned to organise farmers' camps and farm fairs.

**“Sustainable agriculture must balance productivity with ecology, equity, and employment.”**

— Dr. M. S. Swaminathan



## Vice Chancellor Dr Rameshwar Singh Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from AMI



Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor of Guru Kashi University, has been conferred the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI), one of the country's oldest and most respected scientific societies, established in 1938.

The award recognizes Dr. Singh's exceptional contributions to the field of microbiology, particularly in dairy microbiology, the discovery of a new fungal genus, and pioneering research in probiotics and rumen fermentation. His career is distinguished not only by ground-breaking scientific research but also by outstanding leadership and administrative excellence, having held

eminent positions including Vice Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna; Registrar, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal; Project Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi; and now Vice Chancellor, Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda.

The award, comprising a memento, citation, ceremonial shawl, and cash prize, was presented to Dr. Singh during the 66th Annual Conference of AMI held on 13th November 2025 at Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, Dehradun.

Guru Kashi University warmly congratulates Prof. Singh on this distinguished honour and extends its best wishes for his continued contributions to scientific research, higher education, and academic leadership.





## ■ Dr. Dhiman Gets Honorary Membership of GERA ■

The Global Educational Research Association (GERA) has extended Honorary Membership to Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor, in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the GERA International Conference held recently.

Despite being invited on short notice, Dr Dhiman graciously agreed to address the delegates, demonstrating his professionalism and deep commitment to the academic community. His insightful presentation, particularly on the contemporary developments and transformative role of Artificial Intelligence, enriched the conference deliberations and received high appreciation from the participants. Delegates shared



that they greatly benefitted from his visionary outlook and practical wisdom.

In a formal communication, Professor S.P.Malhotra, President of GERA, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dr Dhiman for his timely support and impactful contribution. He highlighted that GERA's appreciation of Prof Dhiman's continued efforts in advancing the Association's mission and strengthening academic discourse.

The University congratulated Dr Dhiman on his distinguished honour and extends best wishes for his continued academic leadership and collaboration with global research communities.

## ■ A Gift of Life: GKU Organizes Blood Donation Camp ■

A blood donation camp was organized on December 12, 2025 at the Dispensary of Guru Kashi University, drawing enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff. Several students, who have been regular donors in the past, once again came forward to contribute to this noble cause. The event, jointly coordinated by the NSS Unit of Guru Kashi University and the medical team from Civil Hospital, Talwandi Sabo—led by Dr. Gunjan—was inaugurated by Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor, GKU. Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dr Zaved Khan, Dean Academics graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. In their addresses, both dignitaries encouraged the students to continue supporting such humanitarian initiatives, emphasizing that blood donation is a lifesaving service. They also highlighted that GKU organizes this camp annually as part of its commitment to community welfare.

NSS Coordinator Mrs. Narinder Kaur and Dr. Sukhdev

Singh, Incharge GKU Dispensary, appreciated the dedicated efforts of NSS volunteers, who played a key role in ensuring the smooth organization of the camp. A total of 120 donors registered for blood donation during the event. Director Students Welfare, S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, expressed pride in the spirit of service demonstrated by the students, noting that GKU students—especially NSS volunteers—have always been eager to contribute to blood donation drives, which they regard as a sacred responsibility. All donors were provided light refreshments after the donation as a gesture of appreciation for their invaluable contribution.





## GKU Pro-VC Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at Educon-2025

Guru Kashi University (GKU) Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, has been honoured with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to science, education, agriculture, literature, university leadership, and social service.

The honour was conferred during the two-day international conference EduCon-2025, jointly organised by the Global Education and Research Association (GERA) and the Central University of Punjab (CUP), and sponsored by Infotech 'N' Tainment Inc., Calgary, Canada. At the event, Dr. Dhiman delivered the prestigious Passi Memorial Lecture on “Indian Knowledge System as the Foundation for Modern Education for Sustaining Climate and Resilience.”

The award was presented by Prof. Pankaj Arora, Chairperson, NCTE New Delhi, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries, including GERA Presidents Prof. S.P. Malhotra and Prof. S.K. Bawa, Dr. Bhupinder Singh (CEO, Calgary, Canada), and Prof. R.K. Wasurika, Dean Academic Affairs, CUP.

In his address, Dr. Dhiman expressed gratitude for the recognition, noting that the honour further strengthens his resolve to work with greater dedication. He highlighted India's rich heritage of knowledge—spanning spirituality, philosophy, science, and agriculture—which forms the core of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS).

He referred to eminent Indian scholars whose

contributions have brought global acclaim, including Dr. Gurdev Singh Khush and Dr. M.S. Swaminathan in agriculture, Dr. Narinder Singh Kapany—the father of fibre optics, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, in missile technology, Dr. Har Gobind Khorana in biotechnology, and Rabindranath Tagore in literature. Their pioneering work, he said, has enlightened the world and improved human life in countless ways.

Dr. Dhiman also spoke about India's timeless philosophies—Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Sarbatta Bhala—and their relevance for global harmony, which is much needed for a proper world order. He

traced the evolution of Indian knowledge traditions from oral discourses to written scriptures, citing examples such as Lord Krishna's Gita Updesh and Guru Nanak's Udasīs, and emphasized the need to scientifically

explore, preserve, and promote Indigenous Traditional Knowledge (ITK).

The Lifetime Achievement Award comprised a citation and a ceremonial shawl. GKU Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu and the Vice-Chancellor congratulated Dr. Dhiman on receiving this distinguished honour, noting that his achievements will continue to inspire students, teachers, researchers, scientists, writers, and agricultural professionals across the country.





## Trainings on Bee-Keeping and Protected Cultivation Held at GKU

The Faculty of Agriculture at Guru Kashi University, with support from the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, and the Punjab Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (PAMETI), Ludhiana, conducted two training programmes on bee-keeping and one on protected cultivation.



and interacted with the trainees.

Farmers were encouraged to adopt subsidiary occupations such as beekeeping to enhance their income. They were also briefed on the potential of protected

Participating farmers received practical, technical guidance for undertaking these specialised agricultural enterprises. Dr. S. B. Singh, Director, PAMETI, visited the campus during the programmes

cultivation for producing high-value vegetables (cucumber, capsicum, tomato, brinjal), flowers (rose, gerbera), and fruits (papaya). The trainers highlighted that protected cultivation enables early, pesticide-free production, resulting in improved quality and higher market returns.





## ■ GKU Hosts International AI Conference IACE-2025 ■

Guru Kashi University's Faculty of Engineering & Technology, in collaboration with the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi, hosted a two-day International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Computer & Electrical Engineering (IACE-2025) on September 12–13. The conference explored how Artificial Intelligence can simplify human life, address emerging challenges, and support sustainable, technology-driven solutions.

The Chief Guest at the inaugural session was Dr. Ajay Kararha, Chief General Manager, BSNL. He highlighted BSNL's initiatives in adopting AI to enhance customer services and outlined the organisation's future plans. Eminent experts including Prof. (Dr.) R. C. Bansal (University of Sharjah), Dr.



Karunesh Arora (C-DAC, New Delhi), Dr. Sumanto Kar (IIT Bombay), Dr. Tanveer Singh (President's Awardee), and Dr. Labh Singh delivered keynote addresses. Other speakers emphasized AI applications in clean energy, telecom,

education, and agriculture, encouraging students to pursue research in emerging technologies. The conference drew participation from over 400 researchers, scholars, and students from India and abroad. More than 100 research papers were presented, and the poster sessions and exhibitions showcased innovative AI applications. The event was successfully coordinated by Dr. Sawtantar Singh Khurmi and Dr. Gurpreet Kaur.





## ■ GKU Signs MoU with Hasanuddin University, Indonesia ■

Guru Kashi University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hasanuddin University, Indonesia, on September 5, 2025, marking a significant step toward strengthening international collaboration in academics, research, and innovation.

The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Piyush Verma, Registrar, on behalf of Guru Kashi University, and by Prof. (Dr.) Jamaluddin Jompa, Rector, and Dr.

research with meaningful social impact.

Rector Dr. Jamaluddin Jompa described the agreement as an important advancement in international higher education. He highlighted that the partnership includes provision for dual-degree programs, which will open new avenues for learning, research, and career development for students of both institutions.



Ansadiadi, Director, representing Hasanuddin University.

Speaking at the ceremony, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rameshwar Singh stated that the partnership will provide students, researchers, and faculty members access to global academic resources, including shared libraries, laboratories, workshops, and joint research opportunities. He emphasised that the collaboration will promote intellectual exchange and support

## ■ Community Radio Station: A Landmark at GKU ■





## ■ GKU Celebrates 79th Independence Day ■ with Great Enthusiasm

Guru Kashi University celebrated India's 79th Independence Day with patriotic fervour on August 18, 2024, on campus. Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh unfurled the national flag and paid tribute to the martyrs, urging students and staff to uphold the nation's hard-won freedom and contribute to building a developed India. He emphasised the crucial role of youth in advancing the country through excellence in academics, research, technology, and sports.

The celebration featured an impressive march-past by NCC cadets and vibrant cultural performances by students from various states.



In his vote of thanks, Desraj Kamboj, Director, Student Welfare, conveyed greetings and reminded everyone that true patriotism lies in fulfilling one's duties with honesty and commitment. The programme was meticulously conducted by Manpreet Brar and Missal.





## ■ GKU Signs MoU with University of Florida, the USA ■

Guru Kashi University signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Global Food Systems Institute of the University of Florida, USA, on July 15, 2025, to strengthen international collaboration in research, innovation, and knowledge exchange. The agreement was signed by Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Verma, Registrar, GKU, and Elizabeth Keator, Associate Director, University of Florida, in the presence of Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh.

Dr. Singh said the partnership will provide students and researchers with access to world-class facilities and global learning opportunities, fostering joint research and innovation with real societal impact. He noted that the collaboration will open new pathways for development and career growth.

Registrar Dr. Verma highlighted that both institutions will work together in areas such as

agriculture, food security, and sustainable development. The MoU includes plans for joint projects, workshops, seminars, and conferences, supporting academic growth and meaningful exchange between faculty and students.





## ■ GKU Students Selected for World University Games ■

Guru Kashi University continues to excel in sports, with ten of its students selected to represent India at the World University Games, to be held from 16–27 July 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr) Rameshwar Singh congratulated the athletes, coaches, and university

shared details of the selection trials held at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar. Selected athletes include Gurindarveer Singh (100m sprint), Mohit (half marathon), Rashdeep Kaur (mixed relay), Sania Yadav (discus throw), Harshita Sherawat and Gurdev (hammer throw), Vishnu Chaudhary and Bhajan Kaur (recurve archery), and Kangbhanj



**Gurindarveer**



**Mohit**



**Rashdeep**



**Saniya**



**Harshita**



**Gurdev**



**Vishnu**



**Bhajan**



**Abhinash**



**Balram**

staff, emphasising GKU's commitment to promoting sports through world-class infrastructure, advanced coaching, scholarships, and support for deserving athletes. He encouraged the selected students to strive for excellence and elevate their performance on the global stage.

Director of Sports Dr Raj Kumar Sharma

Abhinash Meitei and Balram Joshi (fencing).

Notably, Gurindarveer Singh set a new national record in the 100-meter sprint, clocking 10.20 seconds. Dr. Sharma expressed confidence that these athletes will bring immense pride to India at both national and international levels.





## GKU Congratulates Dr. Jaskaran Dhiman for Fetching McGill University (Canada) Teaching Excellence Award



Guru Kashi University (GKU) proudly congratulates Dr Jaskaran Dhiman, member of its International Advisory Board, for receiving the prestigious Teaching Excellence Award 2025 from McGill University, Canada. The award, presented at McGill's Convocation Ceremony on June 4, 2025, recognises his outstanding contributions to teaching, mentorship, and fostering academic curiosity.

Chancellor Gurlabh Singh Sidhu hailed Dr Dhiman as “a source of pride for Punjabis worldwide,” while Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh described him as “a role model and lasting inspiration for faculty across India.” GKU takes immense pride in Dr Dhiman's achievement, reflecting the university's commitment to global academic excellence, innovation, and leadership.

## GKU Selected to Establish AIU Academic & Administrative Development Centre

Guru Kashi University has been chosen as the only university in Punjab by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) to host an Academic and Administrative Development Centre. The Centre was inaugurated under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr) Rameshwar Singh, who highlighted GKU's strong focus on advanced technologies, innovative curriculum design, and AI-enabled learning.

Nodal Officer Dr Amit Tuteja announced that GKU was selected from nearly 90 institutions across India, citing its exceptional vision, infrastructure, and academic standards. He also acknowledged the significant role of Dr. Navdeep Singh Grewal and Dr Sudhir Mittal from the R&D Cell in achieving this distinction.

The Centre will offer specialised short-term courses aligned with current educational needs, enhancing career growth and professional development for students, faculty, and researchers.





## GKU Signs Bilateral Agreement with Oxford Chester University of Higher Education, Sri Lanka



Guru Kashi University (GKU) has signed a significant bilateral agreement with the prestigious Oxford Chester University of Higher Education (OCU), Sri Lanka to enhance the quality and global reach of higher education and research.

The MoU was formalized in the presence of Dr Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor, GKU, and was signed by Dr. Dulan Hettiarachchi, Co-founder, OCU, and Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro-Vice Chancellor-cum-Registrar, GKU. Senior officials including Dr. Gayan Idamalgoda, Dr. Davinder Singh Ladhar, Dr. Piyush Verma, faculty Deans, and administrators, attended the ceremony.

Chancellor S. Gurlabh Sidhu congratulated both institutions, stating that the collaboration will further strengthen GKU's commitment to providing advanced learning and research opportunities. Vice Chancellor Dr. Singh emphasized that the partnership will enable joint research initiatives, workshops, training programs, and seminars benefiting students and scholars from both nations.

Dr. Hettiarachchi described the agreement as a

milestone in educational development and shared that both universities will explore possibilities for dual-degree programs and other collaborative ventures. The OCU delegation appreciated GKU's global-standard infrastructure during their visit.

Highlighting a major achievement, Dr Dhiman announced that GKU has become the first university in India whose programs have been recognized by the UGC (Sri Lanka) under this agreement. He added that the collaboration will open pathways for academic conferences, knowledge exchange, and new employment-oriented initiatives.

The event also featured a vibrant cultural presentation by students from various regions, coordinated by the Directorate of Youth Affairs and Culture, showcasing India's "Unity in Diversity." In the vote of thanks, Mr. Navdeep Heir, Director, Future Skill Development Division, expressed confidence that the MoU will open new avenues for mutual exchange for an impactful academic research.





## Durga Utsav Showcases Strength, Devotion, and Cultural Unity at GKU

The Directorate of Cultural and Youth Affairs at Guru Kashi University (GKU), organized a vibrant ten-day Durga Utsav celebrating the spirit of strength, devotion, and India's rich cultural diversity. Students from various states of the country enthusiastically participated, reflecting the true essence of “Unity in Diversity.”

The event, dedicated to India's cultural heritage, spirituality, and communal harmony, was inaugurated in the presence of Dr Rameshwar Singh and his wife Dr. Usha Singh, The celebration witnessed the participation of Sh. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Director Student Welfare; Deans of various departments; faculty members; and students from different regions and countries. On the first day, during the installation of the sacred idol of Goddess Durga, Dr. Singh emphasized that Maa Durga symbolizes divine strength and devotion. He encouraged students to draw inspiration from Indian deities, stand firmly against injustice, and work with dedication to achieve their goals.

The students' performance of Ramleela left the audience deeply moved. The scene depicting Lord Rama's 14-year exile—an expression of obedience and devotion toward parents—touched every heart. The inspiring portrayal of Raja Bharat's sacrifice in honour of his elder brother also received great appreciation. Another highlight of the Utsav was an energetic evening of Dandiya folk dance, where students and faculty joyfully participated, adding colour and enthusiasm to the festivities. The ten-day



celebration concluded with the *visarjan* (immersion) of the idol of Maa Durga and heartfelt prayers for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of all.



## ■ GKU Releases Its First Multidisciplinary Research Journal ■



Guru Kashi University (GKU) released its first-ever Multidisciplinary Research Journal in a simple yet impactful ceremony presided over by Dr Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor. The event was attended by Dr. Piyush Verma,

Registrar, university officials, and faculty members from various departments.

In his congratulatory message, Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu stated that the journal will serve as an academic bridge for scholars working across diverse research domains in the country. He added that the publication will also provide emerging researchers

and students an opportunity to publish their scholarly work.

Dedicating the journal to “Youth Power – Nation's Power,” the Vice Chancellor highlighted that the inaugural special issue focuses on the theme of Physical Education. He encouraged faculty members and researchers to utilize modern technologies, advanced equipment, and innovative tools to produce socially relevant research. He also emphasized exploring emerging areas such as climate change and artificial intelligence.

Dr. Vijay Lakshmi, Editor, described the journal as a significant achievement for the university, reflecting GKU's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and service to society. She shared that each future edition will be dedicated to a specific theme, with plans to publish four issues annually.





## ■ GKU NCC Cadets Bring Glory at Annual Training Camp ■

The cadets of Guru Kashi University made the institution proud with their outstanding performance at the Annual NCC Training Camp, organized by the 6 PB Battalion NCC, Malout, under the supervision of Commanding Officer Col. Bhupinder Singh Mann.



The GKU contingent excelled across multiple events, securing First Position in Kho-Kho and Line Area competitions, Second Position in the Hurdle Race, and Third Position in the Debate Contest. Their achievements were acknowledged with certificates and medals presented by Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor, GKU, and Dr. Harjaspal Singh Sidhu, Director Campus.

Addressing the cadets, Dr. Dhiman congratulated them on their commendable performance and emphasized that participation in NCC instills discipline, patriotism, and a deep commitment to nation-building. He also appreciated the mock exercises conducted by cadets in disaster response and encouraged them to create awareness about staying away from social vices.

Dr. Harjaspal  
Singh Sidhu



highlighted that NCC camps provide young cadets with invaluable opportunities to value time, respond promptly, and work with diligence, determination, and discipline.

Ms. Misal, Camp  
Adjutant of GKU,

informed that during the ten-day camp, cadets underwent rigorous training in physical drills, weapon handling, map reading, field craft, gas safety, cyber security, and firefighting. She added that the cadets learned the significance of punctuality, leadership, and effective response during disaster management situations. They also showcased exceptional talent in cultural and creative competitions, bringing further laurels to the university.

Guru Kashi University congratulates all participating cadets for their exemplary achievements and spirited representation.



## ■ GKU NSS Leads with Service, Spirit and Social Impact ■

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Wing of Guru Kashi University continues to set a benchmark in community engagement, youth leadership, and social responsibility. With ten active units and nearly 1,000 dedicated student volunteers, the NSS at GKU has been a vibrant force throughout the current semester, organizing impactful activities steered at the zonal, district, state, and national levels.

From Independence Day celebrations to Special Seven-Day Camps, Blood Donation Camps, Sanitation Drives, 'Do Not Burn Stubble' Awareness Rallies, Nukkad Nataks, and Tree Plantation Drives, the NSS volunteers have tirelessly worked to promote civic consciousness and environmental stewardship. They have also led significant observances such as National Unity Day, National Constitution Day, World Human Rights Day, AIDS Day, Cyber Security Awareness Seminars, and sessions on Road Safety and Traffic Rules. Students from various faculties enthusiastically participated, reflecting the university's commitment to holistic education.

In alignment with national priorities, NSS volunteers regularly conduct village-oriented initiatives in 20 adopted villages surrounding the campus, contributing to grassroots development and community welfare.

A major highlight of the semester was GKU's proud hosting of the State-Level Pre-Republic Day

Parade Camp, organized by the NSS Regional Directorate, Punjab (Chandigarh). The camp aimed to identify and groom potential candidates for the prestigious Pre-Republic Day Parade. The selection

process was conducted under the supervision of officials from the Regional Directorate NSS (New Delhi), Department of Youth Services, Punjab, and the Republic Day Parade Cell, Chandigarh. Senior university officials, including Director Students Welfare S. Sardul Singh Sidhu,

NSS Coordinator Mrs. Narinder Kaur, and other dignitaries, were also in attendance.

GKU proudly celebrates the selection of two of its students for the North Zone Pre-Republic Day Parade, held at Chitkara University, Rajpura, from 21st to 30th November 2025: Harpreet Singh, BALLB (3rd Year), University School of Law, and Tamanna, B.P.Ed. (2nd Year), Department of Physical Education. Their achievement reflects the dedication of the NSS Wing and the strong culture of discipline, service, and leadership nurtured at Guru Kashi University.





## ■ GKU Hosts NHRC-Sponsored National Seminar on the Right to Mental Health ■

Guru Kashi University organised a two-day national seminar sponsored by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on the theme “Right to Mental Health: Bridging Gaps in Access, Awareness & Advocacy” on December 5-6, 2025. The event brought together distinguished experts, administrators, scholars, and students to reflect on the growing significance of mental health as an essential human right. Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Hon’ble Member, NHRC, graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest, while Sh. Jagdish Bishnoi, PPS, Superintendent of Police (H), joined as the Guest of Honour. In his keynote address, Justice Sarangi highlighted that independence, equality, and a healthy life are inherent rights of every individual, and reiterated NHRC’s commitment to safeguarding these constitutional



guarantees. Delivering his presidential remarks, Chancellor Gurlabh Singh Sidhu congratulated the organisers and reaffirmed the University’s dedication to promoting mental health awareness and support systems. Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro-Vice Chancellor,

highlighted that while expert care can effectively address mental health concerns, lasting progress depends on society’s willingness to overcome entrenched stigma. The seminar’s technical session featured several eminent speakers, including Dr. P. D. Bansal, Head of the Department of Psychiatry at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College (BFUHS), Faridkot; Ms. Baljinder Kaur, Chief Judicial Officer-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority; Dr. Punit Pathak, Associate Professor; Dr. Bawa Singh, Professor of International Relations at the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda; Dr. Sanyam Gupta, Senior Consultant, Tele-MANAS Punjab; and Dr. Ravinder Puri, Psychology Educator. Their insightful presentations explored diverse dimensions of mental healthcare, legal safeguards, technological advancements, and policy interventions. In his welcome address, Dr. Amit Tuteja extended warm greetings to all dignitaries and offered special acknowledgement to the Chief Guest, noting that his presence served as an inspiration for the academic





community. He emphasised the importance of strengthening awareness, advocacy, and access to mental health rights. Dr. Piush Verma, Pro-Vice Chancellor, delivered the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the NHRC, esteemed guests, expert speakers, and participants. The Chief Guest and other

dignitaries were honoured with shawls and mementoes as a token of respect and appreciation. The seminar concluded with a collective reaffirmation of the need to foster a compassionate, informed, and stigma-free society that upholds the right to mental health for all.

## A Festival Beyond Borders: South African Students Dazzle at GKU

Guru Kashi University (GKU) organised a vibrant International Youth Fest, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of students from South Africa and other African nations. Jointly hosted by the Directorate of International Division and the Directorate of Youth Affairs & Culture, the festival was marked by enthusiastic participation, colourful performances, and an atmosphere of global harmony. More than 300 international students from Tanzania, Rwanda, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, South Africa, and several other countries captivated the audience with traditional dances, folk songs, and cultural presentations. GKU Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu presided over the event as the Chief Guest, while Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman graced the occasion as Special Guests. The event also witnessed the presence of the Dean

Academics,

Director Student Welfare, Director Security, senior university functionaries, Deans of various faculties, and faculty members.

Chancellor reaffirmed GKU's commitment to empowering international students through quality education and global opportunities. Vice Chancellor Dr. Singh highlighted GKU's introduction of new industry-relevant programmes, including cutting-edge fields such as AI, to strengthen global employability. He encouraged students to channel their talents and efforts towards personal growth and nation-building. Prof. (Dr.) Dhiman applauded the diverse cultural showcases and acknowledged the significant contributions of South African leaders to world peace and human rights. He commended the organisers for bringing the vibrant culture of African nations to GKU, creating a microcosm of global unity on campus. Dr. Kanwaljit Kaur, Director Youth Affairs and Culture, honoured the participating students with mementoes. The meticulous event coordination led by Mohit Verma and his team was widely appreciated,

while the stage management by Dr. Vikas Gupta and Dr. Genius Wallia earned enthusiastic applause. The rhythmic folk dances and soulful musical performances transcended borders, leaving an enduring impression on the audience.





## GKU Judoka Himanshi Tokas Achieves World No. 1 Junior Ranking

Guru Kashi University takes immense pride in celebrating a historic sporting milestone achieved by its judoka, Himanshi Tokas, who has secured the World No. 1 Junior Ranking in the 63 kg weight category. With this remarkable achievement, Himanshi has become the first Indian judoka to attain the top junior world ranking, bringing laurels to the University, State, and the nation.

Himanshi earned this prestigious global position through an outstanding performance in 2025, accumulating the highest international ranking points.

Her gold medal victories at the Casablanca African Open, the Taipei Junior Asian Cup, and the Asian Junior Championships in Jakarta showcased her consistency, discipline, and excellence on the world stage.

Congratulating Himanshi and the entire GKU fraternity, Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu termed the achievement historic and deeply inspiring for young sportspersons. He attributed this success to the combined efforts of the sports faculty, coaches, and support staff, while reaffirming the University's commitment to further strengthening sports

infrastructure and training facilities.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Rameshwar Singh described Himanshi's feat as a golden chapter in GKU's sports history, emphasising that such accomplishments are the result of robust infrastructure, modern facilities, and a culture that nurtures talent. Expressing his pride, Director Sports

Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma highlighted that Himanshi Tokas is the first Indian judoka, across both men's and women's categories, to achieve the World No. 1 junior ranking. He added that her success has significantly



enhanced GKU's growing medal tally and serves as a powerful motivation for other athletes to follow in her footsteps.

**Sports build the body,  
discipline the mind,  
and strengthen the spirit**



## ■ GKU Holds Programmes Dedicated to Sahibzadas ■

Guru Kashi University organised a series of philanthropic activities to commemorate the supreme martyrdom of the Sahibzadas, who sacrificed their young lives for the cause of faith, justice, and humanity. Their unparalleled sacrifice holds a revered place in history and continues to inspire generations. Across Punjab, their martyrdom is traditionally observed through the recitation of Gurbani and remembrance of their noble legacy.

Honouring this sacred tradition, Guru Kashi University paid tribute to the Sahibzadas and the revered Guru family, including Mata Gujri Ji, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Sahibzada Ajit

Singh Ji, Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Ji, Sahibzada Zoravar Singh Ji, and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji, by translating remembrance into meaningful social service. As part of the observance, the University reached out to underprivileged slum dwellers, distributing winter essentials such as blankets, warm clothing, shoes, and other necessary commodities. Eatables were also provided to support families during the harsh winter season.

The programme was conducted under the aegis of the Faculty of Computing, with active participation from faculty members, students, and volunteers, reflecting the University's commitment to community service and humanitarian values, under the supervision of S. Sardul Singh Sidhu, Director Student Welfare, and Dr. Vijay Laxmi, Dean, Faculty of Computing.

To seek divine blessings for the welfare of Punjab, its people, and global harmony, a Path of Sri



Sukhmani Sahib was also organised on the occasion. The initiative was highly appreciated by GKU Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, Vice Chancellor Dr. Rameshwar Singh, and members of the University management, who described it as a true expression of the humanitarian spirit inspired by the teachings and sacrifices of the Sikh Gurus and the Sahibzadas.





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