

Resume
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PERSONAL DETAILS

: **Dr. Gurnam Singh (17th April, 1959)**
Ph.D. (A Musicological Study of Guru Nanak Bani)
Punjab University, Chandigarh (1989)
M.Phil. (Punjabi Folk Music & Classical Music)
Punjabi University, Patiala (1984)
M.A. (Music Vocal)
Punjab University, Chandigarh (1981)

EXPERIENCE

Teaching & Research Experience : **34 Years** (In various Universities of India and abroad)
Administrative Experience : **18 Years** (As Dean, Head & Director in various Universities)

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION AS AN ADMINISTRATOR

Present Positions :

- Dean Alumni Relations (since 2014)**
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
- Professor & Head (since 2003)**
Gurmat Sangeet Chair
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
- Professor & Head (since 2005)**
Department of Gurmat Sangeet
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India

Previous Positions :

- Dean Academic Affairs (2016 - 2017)**
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
- Dean Research (2015-2016)**
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
- Dean Faculty of Arts & Culture (2009-2011)**
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
- Director (2007-2010)**
Bhai Randhir Singh Online Gurmat Sangeet Library
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
- Head (1997- 2000)**
Department of Music
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
- Head (1993-1994)**
Department of Music
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab, India

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION AS AN ACADEMICIAN

- * Academically established **Sikh Music** as an exclusive subject at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in various Universities in India & abroad.
- * **Founder** Gurmat Sangeet Chair (2003).
- * **Founder** Department of Gurmat Sangeet (2005).
- * **Founder** Bhai Randhir Singh Online Gurmat Sangeet Library (2007).
- * **Founder** Sant Sucha Singh Archives of Music (2011).
- * **Organising Director** more than 30 National - International Conferences, Music Concerts and Music Workshops in India & abroad.
- * **Founder** Festival Gurmat Sangeet Utsav - An Annual Sikh Music Festival (since 2003).
- * **Founder** Gurmat Sangeet Competition (since 2006).
- * **Founder** Rababi Bhai Mardana Classical Music Festival (since 2008).
- * **Founder** Sunad -A Monthly Classical Music Program (since 2010).
- * **Resource Person, Key Note Speaker, Lecture Demonstrator** in various Refresher Courses, Orientation Programs, Seminars, Workshops, National - International Conferences etc.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH & ACADEMICS

- * **Research Guidance for Ph.D.** - 10 (Completed), 07 (Registered)
- * **Research Guidance for M.PHIL.** - 05 (Completed)
- * **18 Published Books** (Punjabi University, Oxford University Press USA, Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee and other Publications In English, Punjabi and Hindi languages)
- * **37 Published Research Papers** (In English, Punjabi and Hindi languages)
- * **200 (approx.) Published Research Articles** (various Books, Magazines & Prominent Newspapers)
- * **27 Edited Books**
- * **03 Translated Books**
- * **04 Documentary Films** (In English, Punjabi and Hindi languages)
- * **23 Archival Recordings** (Sikh Sacred Musicians, Classical Musicians, Folk Musicians & other Music Scholars for Sant Sucha Singh Archives of Music)
- * **09 Video Lectures** (In English language) (Related to Gurmat Sangeet for Educational Multimedia Research Centre, UGC)
- * **26 Audio Recordings**
- * **04 Video Recordings**
- * **15 Audio and Documentary Films** in music direction & singing
- * **06 Signature Tunes** (Vocal, Composing & Music) (For Punjabi University, Patiala, Language Department, Punjab; and Parsaar Bharti)
- * Recorded **31 Raagas of Sri Guru Granth Sahib** produced by HMV Company.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION

- * Established **Gurmat Sangeet Chair** in 2003 by generating financial aid.
- * Established **Gurmat Sangeet Bhawan** at Punjabi University, Patiala by generating financial aid.
- * Established various **Gurmat Gyan Online Study Centres in Canada and USA** for the propagation of Gurmukhi, Gumat Studies and Gurmat Sangeet at global level.
- * Established **Bhai Randhir Singh Online Gurmat Sangeet Library** by generating financial aid.

MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC ORGANISATIONS & DIFFERENT BODIES

- * Chairman, **Board of Under Graduate Studies**, Department of Gurmat Sangeet, Punjabi University Patiala (2007-2017).
- * Chairman, **Board of Post Graduate Studies**, Department of Gurmat Sangeet, Punjabi University Patiala (2004-2017).
- * Chairman, **Board of Post Graduate Studies in Music**, Punjabi University, Patiala (1996-2002).
- * Member, **Faculty of Visual Arts and Performing Arts**, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (2016-2018).
- * Member, **Syndicate**, Punjabi University, Patiala (2015-2017).
- * Member, **Senate**, Punjabi University, Patiala (2009, 2016-2017).
- * Member, **Finance Committee**, Punjabi University, Patiala (2016-2017).
- * Member, **Academic Council**, Punjabi University, Patiala (1998, 2009, 2011, 2016-2017).
- * Member, **Faculty of Arts & Culture**, Punjabi University Patiala (2001, 2003-2017).
- * Member, **Academic Council**, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib (2015-2017).
- * Member, **Board of Studies in Music**, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (2012-2017).
- * Member, **Research Award Committee**, Faculty of Arts & Culture, Punjabi University Patiala (2011, 2015-2017).
- * Member, **Board of Post Graduate Studies in Music**, Punjabi University, Patiala (1999-2006).
- * Member, **Board of Under Graduate Studies in Music**, Punjabi University, Patiala (1999-2004).
- * Member, **Research Degree Committee, Music**, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (2002).
- * Member, **Board of Studies (Dance & Tabla)**, Punjabi University, Patiala (1997-1998).
- * Member, **Board of Post Graduate Studies**, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (1993).
- * Member, **Board of Under Graduate Studies**, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (1993).
- * Member, **Sub Committee (Keertan)**, Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (2003-2004, 2010-2013, 2016-2017).
- * Member, **Sri Harvallabh Sangeet Samti**, Jalandhar (2002).
- * Member, **Raag Nirnayak Committee**, Aduti Gurmat Sangeet Samelan (1991).

- * Member, **Advisory Board**, Punjab Language Department, Patiala (2016).
- * Life Member, **Bhasha Academy**, Jalandhar.
- * Life Member, **Global Education Trust**, Ludhiana.
- * Life Member, **Punjab Sahit Academy**, Ludhiana.
- * Life Member, **Gurmat Sangeet Foundation**, Patiala.
- * Life Member, **Sri Guru Gian Parkash Foundation**, New Delhi.

PROMINENT AWARDS AND HONORS

- * **Award of Honor**, by *Cultural Minister, Bihar* on the eve of 350th Prakash Purab celebration of Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji at Takht Sri Patna Sahib, Bihar (2017).
- * **Best Video Award**, for Video Album 'Maagnaa Maagan Neekaa' on *PTC Music Awards* by PTC (2016).
- * **Kala Parvartak Honor**, *Faculty of Arts and Culture*, Punjabi University, Patiala (2016).
- * **Punjab Gharana Sangeet Award**, for the contribution in the field of Gurmat Sangeet by *Puratan Kala Punjab Gharana Tabla Vadan Sikhya Kendra Society, Hoshiarpur* in collaboration with Sangeet Academy, New Delhi (2014).
- * **Shiromani Gurmat Sangeet Award**, for the world wide achievements of Punjabi University in the field of Gurmat Sangeet by *Dashmesh Cultural Centre, Guru Ram Das Darbar and Khalsa Reflection at Calgary, Canada* (2013).
- * **Special Honor**, Punjabi University Alumni Association at *Mississauga, Canada* (2013).
- * **Gurmat Sangeet Academy Award**, on the occasion of Aduti Keertan Sammelan during 15th established year of Gurmat Sangeet Academy at *Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib, Anandpur Sahib* (2013).
- * **Special Honor**, by *Takshila Society* at Ludhiana (2013).
- * **Award for Excellence**, by *Syndicate, Punjabi University, Patiala* (2011).
- * **Shiromani Ragi Award**, by *Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar* (2011).
- * **State Award**, in the field of Music for valuable contributions by *S. Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab* (2010).
- * **Award of Honor**, by *President Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar* on Concert of Raagas (2008).
- * **Memorial Award**, in memory of *Sant Sujan Singh ji Maharaj* (2008).
- * **Best Ragi Award**, by *the Sikh Educational Society, Chandigarh* (2007).
- * **Senior Fellowship**, *Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi* (2003).
- * **Shiromani Ragi Award**, by *Language Department, Govt. of Punjab* (2001).

PRESTIGIOUS PERFORMANCES

- * Presented **more than 500 performances** since 1979 at various National-International Programs of Sikh Sacred Music in India, USA and Canada including *Sri Darbar Sahib, Golden Temple Amritsar, Talwandi Sabo, Patiala Heritage Festival, Patiala, Amritsar, New Delhi, Jammu, Mumbai, Kolkatta* etc. including Sikh Music Concert on Dec. 9, 2008 at *Hofstra University, USA*.
- * **'A' Grade Artist of Prasar Bharti Govt. of India** and special musical presentations in the field of Classical and Light music by Prasar Bharti.
- * **All India Radio and T.V. approved artist** and world wide regular performer of Classical Vocal, Light Music and Gurmat Sangeet since 1979.

HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION

- * For the first time in the world of **Music and Sikh history** a Solo Recital of complete ragas of **Sri Guru Granth Sahib** (31 Main Ragas + 31 Raga forms, 62 in total) produced by H.M.V.
- * Initiated performance with traditional string instruments at **Golden Temple, Amritsar**
- * Disciples of Dr. Gurnam Singh performed Sikh Music across the world from **Golden Temple to White House, USA**.
- * Initiated the **revival of Sikh traditional string instruments** i.e. **Rabab, Taus, Dilruba, Israj, Tamboora** in the field of academics.