

Vice Chancellor's Message



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I feel privileged and honoured to get an opportunity to serve my *alma mater*, Punjabi University, Patiala which is among the premier institutions of higher learning. Established on April 30, 1962, it was endowed with a mandate to further the noble cause of Punjabi language, literature and culture. In this endeavour the University has stood the test of time. It has been promoting and nurturing Punjabi language, literature and culture through Department of Development of Punjabi Language, Department of Punjabi Literary Studies, Department of Punjabi, Department of Linguistics and Punjabi Lexicography, Centre for Technical Development of Punjabi Language, the Departments and Centres devoted to Sikh Studies, Gurmat Sangeet and the Performing Arts. In addition, significant contribution to this end has been made in the shape of the teaching of Punjabi as a foreign language and the work on Punjabi Pedia.

The University has not only contributed immensely to the development of literature and culture but has also emerged as a key institution for imparting teaching and for carrying out research in life sciences, physical sciences, medicine, engineering and technology, business studies, law, social sciences, languages, education, information sciences, and arts and culture. Ensuring quality education has been on top of the agenda of this University, which has done exceedingly well on the parameters of quality in higher education prescribed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It is a matter of

satisfaction that NAAC has awarded the University 'Five Star' grade in the first cycle (2002-07) and 'A' grade in the second (2008-13) and the third (2016-21) cycles.

Currently, the University has 65 teaching and research departments and enrolls nearly 14000 students in various courses. It has been untiringly fulfilling the requirements of a large part of Punjab, mainly the Malwa region, through more than 275 affiliated colleges, five neighbourhood campuses, 14 constituent colleges and four regional centres. The University's performance in sports and games has been equally unmatched. It has the distinction of winning 10 times (and six times in a row) the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy awarded by Government of India for promoting competitive sports at the University level to the Best Performing University.

In taking forward the mission of Punjabi University for promoting Punjabi language, literature and culture and in its pursuit of excellence in higher education, the endeavour would be to make the University a natural home for the germination and cross-pollination of ideas; a centre of academic excellence promoting access to inclusive and quality education; a knowledge cluster in partnership with neighbouring institutions of higher learning, industry and civil society; an institution attracting and retaining internationally acclaimed faculty; and a premier institution producing highly employable and committed students imbued with critical thinking, scientific temper and humane, secular and ethical values.

From humble beginnings, the University has consistently scaled greater and greater heights with the distinguished contribution and services rendered by the faculty and the zeal and work of its students, non-teaching staff and other stakeholders. The University sincerely acknowledges the seminal contribution of each one of them.