

Odyssey Towards Excellence

University on the move...



Central University of Punjab
BATHINDA

Our Logo...

The famous tree 'Van' (*Salvadora oleoides*) known for remaining evergreen in harsh climatic conditions, has been carefully chosen as the basic motif of the Central University of Punjab's logo as it symbolises the perseverance of the will of people to live. Because of an organic relationship between a tree and a

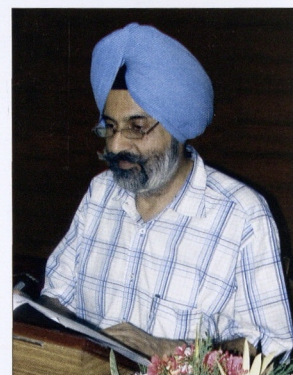


saint, it contains within itself the essential concomitants of human existence viz., 'knowledge and wisdom'. The open book below the tree denotes the human ways to achieve these twin aspects of life. The symbolic meaning of the tree 'Van' also expresses the mystical heritage of Sufi saint Peer Haji Rattan who meditated in Bathinda and also the spiritual and humanistic legacy of Guru Gobind Singh who visited this area in the beginning of 18th century.

From the Vice Chancellor's desk...

Starting from scratch in March 2009, the Central University of Punjab, set up in the educationally backward area of Punjab, has already made a quantum jump by initiating M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in four streams, viz., Biosciences, Environmental Sciences and Technology; Comparative Literature; and South and Central Asian Studies at its improvised 37-acre vast City Campus situated on the outskirts of Bathinda.

Within a short span of over a year only, the dilapidated buildings of an abandoned spinning mill lying in ruins have been transformed into the City Campus of the University. This campus having lush green lawns dotted with beautiful trees, state-of-the-art laboratories, conference hall, computer centre with fast connectivity and a large collection of latest books provides necessary academic ambience. This little quiet island of peace makes conducive environs for fostering new ideas. We endeavour to make this University an ultra-modern advanced seat of learning and turn our students into torch-bearers of knowledge and wisdom.



Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh
Vice Chancellor

About Bathinda

Situated in the Malwa region of Punjab and known earlier as Bikramgarh and Tabarhind, Bathinda has its roots in the ancient Indus Valley Civilization extending from pre to late Harappan period. The Bhattis ruled for a long period and it was Rao Bhatti who founded the town Bathinda. The fort "Qila Mubarak" was constructed by Rao Bhatti about 1000 years before the Qutab Minar. The imprisonment of the first woman ruler of India Razia Sultan, in this fort is now a part of the legendary history of this place.



A gateway that Bathinda is to the vast expanse of Thar desert in Rajasthan, it occupies a special place in the cultural and religious history of Punjab as it was home to a social reform movement initiated by the famous mystic Sufi saint Peer Haji Rattan who meditated here. Visit of tenth Guru of Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh in 1706 and his stay in the historic fort "Qila Mubarak" before going to Talwandi Sabo is another important milestone in the rich history of this town. Talwandi Sabo, also known as Guru Ki Kashi, where the Guru dictated Guru Granth Sahib, can be taken to be the foundation of a holistic university system in Punjab. It is a tragic part of the history that later on Bathinda became an educationally backward bastion. Though continuing to preserve the folk traditions of the people, this historic town and its surrounding areas could not reap fruits of the modern education.

It was only after being declared a district in 1948 that Bathinda appeared on the map of agricultural and industrial development in the post independence era. The arid and desert surroundings became rich in cotton production and a number of monuments of modern development in the form of Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Power Plant, Guru Hargobind Thermal Power Plant, National Fertilizers Limited, and Asia's largest Army Cantonment came up in this district.

Besides these developmental landmarks, Bathinda also became a centre for the spread of education as several schools and colleges imparting education in humanities, finance, science and technology came up here. Despite this, the stranglehold of backwardness was not broken. The establishment of Central University of Punjab at Bathinda would help this city to emerge as a hub of advanced learning in science, technology and humanities. It would not only become the breeding ground for the trained human resource but would also place this region on the map of developed India.





Camp Office at Vice Chancellor's residence

With the establishment of Central University of Punjab at Bathinda under the Central Universities Act 2009, and appointment of its first Vice Chancellor, it was a herculean task to find a suitable place for the University to commence its functioning. Initially, the University started functioning with its Camp Office at Vice Chancellor's residence.

A number of buildings suggested by the District Administration were considered but the abandoned buildings of Bathinda Co-operative Spinning Mill (BACOSPIN) spreading over 37 acres was finally selected as the site for City Campus for initiating the University activities.



Signing of Lease Deed
with BACOSPIN



Bathinda Co-operative Spinning Mill Buildings when taken over

These were in dilapidated condition and extensively damaged. The premises were devoid of water and power supply connections. Heaps of debris were lying everywhere and wild vegetation had taken roots in deserted area.

Views of Bathinda Co-operative Spinning Mill Buildings



...Seminar Hall



...Administrative Block



...Boys Hostels

The
Dilapidated Buildings
Considered
for Conversion...



...Academic Block



...Academic Block



...Academic Block



...Auditorium



...Parking Sheds

Cleaning, Greening and Renovation in Progress



Cleaning of playground area



Cleaning work in progress



Greening of Campus on war footing
-ITBP lending helping hand



Vice Chancellor planting the
first sapling at the City Campus



Renovation of roads

Electricity and water supply connections were secured and 24 hour power supply was ensured through two silent diesel generator sets of 350 KVA and 90 KVA capacities, respectively.

In tune with the University's eco-friendly motto, two 5 KW Solar-Wind Energy Hybrid Systems were installed to ensure uninterrupted power supply for sensitive equipment. All roads in the campus are illuminated with solar street lights.



Generators Safe Zone

Solar Lights ▼

Solar-Wind Energy Hybrid System





Main Entrance of the University



Academic Block : After Restoration

Administrative Block : After Restoration



Creation of Academic Atmosphere

Liberal Grants from Government of India made it possible to undertake restoration and renovation of the buildings to create infrastructure conducive for University's functioning.

The University's entrance has been given a facelift through the grass belt dotted with beautiful plants. Academic and administrative blocks have been elegantly renovated for functional offices, classrooms, science laboratories, library and seminar rooms. A change in the outlook of the campus after the first phase of renovation is clearly visible.



◀ A new Science Laboratory with State-of-the-art Equipment

A computer laboratory equipped with latest softwares and fast internet connectivity was developed to cater to the academic needs.



A view of reading room



Computer Laboratory

24-hour open, air-conditioned reading rooms having text books and desktop PCs are operational near the transit hostels for convenience of students.



A well equipped air-conditioned library, with over 6000 books and 37 subscribed international and 12 national journals and online access to 238 e-journals through Science Direct and access to another 5000 e-journals through UGC-Infonet is functional.



Students Admission & Councelling...



Entrance Examination Registration



Students' Admission Process



Online Entrance Examination in progress at Central University of Punjab

The 2nd Online National Level Entrance Examination for admission to M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme was conducted by University at eight centres across India on July 25, 2010.

University endeavours to impart the best of current education to students for success at national and international levels. Efforts are being made to shape the Central University of Punjab to be a centre of excellence in education and research.



Students of First Batch



Research Laboratories are being equipped with modern sophisticated instruments



Video conferencing facility with wide plasma display and provision for simultaneous connectivity to 8 national/international locations

Well furnished, fully functional Guest House near the Transit Faculty Hostel



Guest House at City Campus

Staff quarters have been repaired and furnished to accommodate the faculty and students



Transit Accommodation at City Campus

Towards Blooming...

The academic curricula were framed after extensive discussions with experts from other universities and as soon as the class rooms were ready, the students were admitted to M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in four streams, viz., Biosciences; Environmental Science and Technology; Comparative Literature; and South and Central Asian Studies.



First
Executive Council Meeting,
October 20, 2009



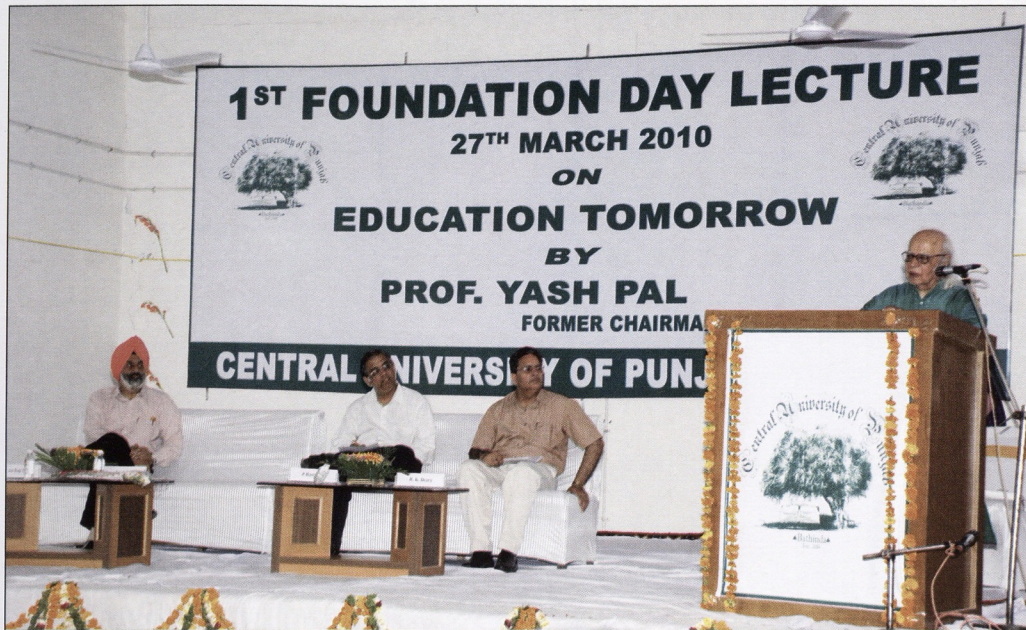
One of the
Syllabus Committee Meetings



First
Finance Committee Meeting,
August 13, 2009

First
Academic Council Meeting,
November 15, 2009

Foundation Day Lecture & other Seminars...



Prof. Yash Pal, former Chairman, University Grants Commission, delivered the First Foundation Day Lecture, "Education Tomorrow", March 27, 2010



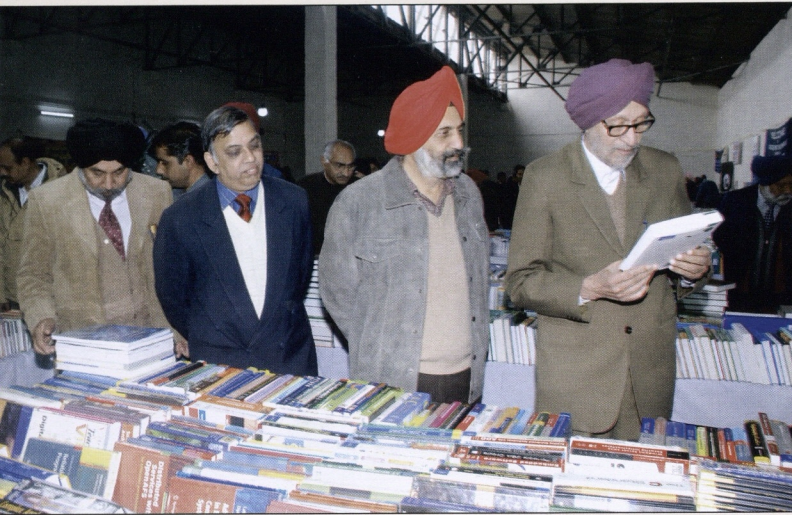
Prof. Gurjeet Singh
Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi
National Law University, Patiala,
during one of his seminars on
research methodology

S. Ramesh Inder Singh, I.A.S.
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab, during a seminar on
"Right to Information Act",
April 13, 2010

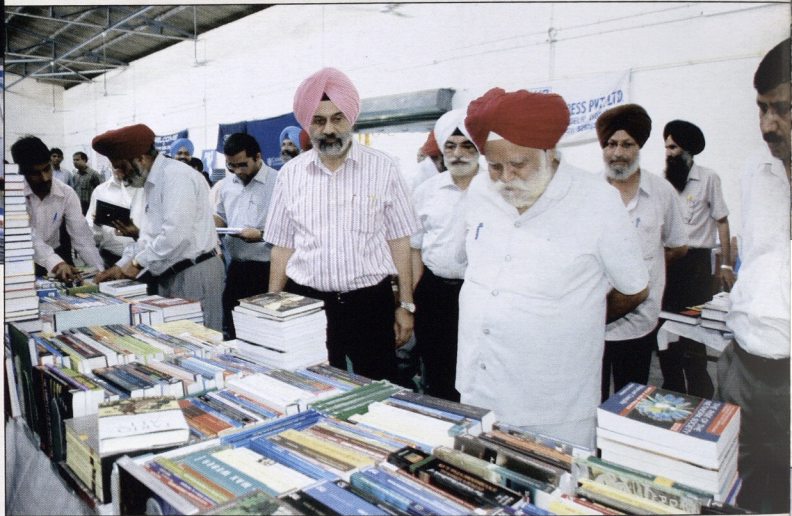


Book Exhibition

Two two-day book exhibitions were organized by the University at its City Campus. First exhibition organised on 22-23 January, 2010 was inaugurated by Gian Peeth awardee Professor Gurdial Singh, who is one of the most celebrated and honoured Punjabi writers. The second exhibition organised on 24-25 September was inaugurated by Professor H.S. Soch, Former Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar



Prof. Gurdial Singh going through Book Exhibition



Prof. H.S. Soch going through Book Exhibition

Indo-German Workshop



An Indo-German Workshop "Bioinformatics in Human Genetics: Mutations, Microarray Analysis and Ontologies" was organized at City Campus of the University in collaboration with Centre for Genetic Disorders, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and Institute of Medical Sciences, Cherité University Hospital, Berlin, Germany during January 27-29, 2010.

Important Visitors



Sardar Prakash Singh Badal, Honourable Chief Minister of Punjab on his visits to the City Campus



Dr. G.K.Rath of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi on a visit to the City Campus as Leader of the Cancer Research Team

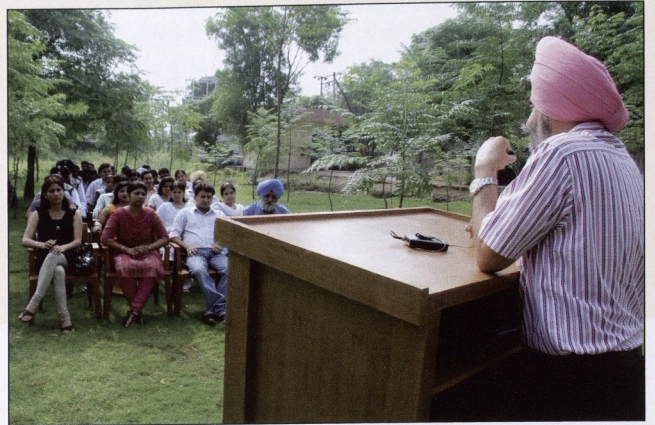


Dr. P.S. Ahuja, Director, Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur, during a visit to City Campus

Celebrations at the City Campus



Independence Day Celebrations



Republic Day Celebrations



Foundation Day Celebrations



The Main Campus

The main campus of the Central University of Punjab will come up on a 500 acre site located at village Ghudda on Bathinda - Badal road. The buildings would adhere to Green Rating for Integrated Habitat assessment (GRIHA) to economise resources and ensure their eco-friendly nature. Topographic survey of this site is complete and boundary has been marked. The construction activity will start as soon as the architectural designs are finalised.



Site for Main Campus
of Central University of Punjab



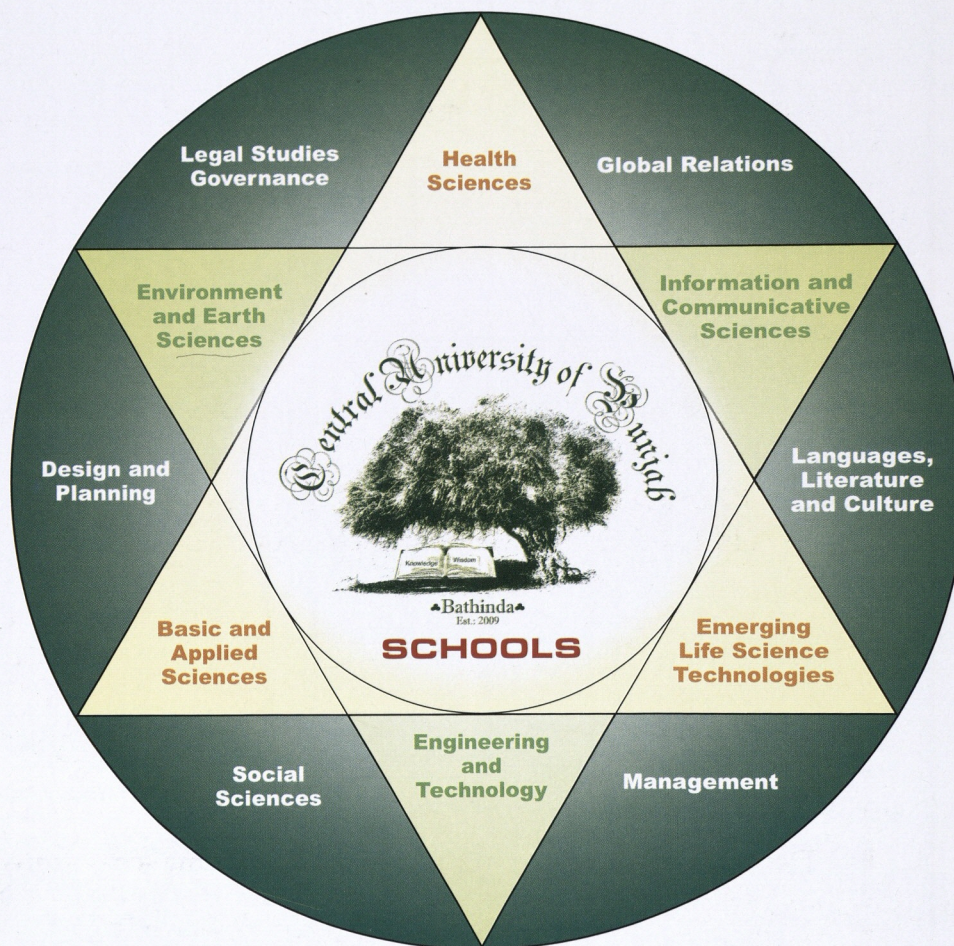
Students during a visit to
the site of the Main Campus



Within one year's time the University, though in infancy yet, has emerged like the classical mythological bird phoenix, young and beautiful to live a long life, becoming a symbol of immortality

Schools and Centres of Study at the Central University of Punjab

The Central University of Punjab will have 12 Schools having 68 Centres of Studies. At present four centres viz. Centre for South and Central Asian Studies under School of Global Relations, Centre for Environmental Science and Technology under School of Environment and Earth Sciences, Centre for Biosciences under the School of Basic and Applied Sciences, and Centre for Comparative Literature under School of Languages, Literature and Culture have been established. Seven more Centres of Studies will be established in 2011



Plans under Implementation

- **International accreditation**
- **New courses in 2010-11**
 - Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
 - Computational Sciences
 - Genetic Diseases and Molecular Medicine
 - Social Studies
 - Computer Science and Technology
 - Environmental Law
 - Green Architecture & Landscape Design
- **Academic collaboration with leading national and international institutes**
- **Creation of Infrastructure for sports**
- **E-Governance for efficient and effective administration**
- **Strengthening of**
 - Research Laboratories
 - Computer Centre
 - Library with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and Electromagnetic Security System

The Mission of the University is to:

Offer a wide range of instructional and research facilities across integrated and cross-disciplinary studies

Promote innovation in teaching, learning, evaluation, research and consultancy services

Create an ignited workforce responsive to regional, national and global needs in tune with the requirements of academics, industry, business and administration

Participate in the problems and concerns of the surrounding community and the civil society

The vision statement

Uplifting and upgrading the standards of teaching, learning and research to global levels of excellence

Creation of international benchmarks in research, patents and consultancy services

Strategizing to become a global epicenter of knowledge, culture, skills and technologies

Developing a scientific temper and a performance culture of pro-active decision-making

Serving as a catalyst of change by setting high benchmarks in infrastructural growth, in academic and co-academic excellence, in learning and evaluation, in social interfacing with the stake-holders, in human resource development, in safety and security systems, in process management, and in seamless integration with the surrounding communities

Cross-pollinating with new ideas, new technologies, new platforms and new world-views

Continue to expand and explore locally, nationally and globally

Central University of Punjab

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Central University of Punjab

City Campus Map



Legends

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| 1. University Power Plant | 10. Guest House |
| 2. Main Entrance | 11. Girls Reading Room |
| 3. ATM | 12. University Health Centre |
| 4. Administrative Block | 13. Faculty Housing |
| 5. Parking | 14. Girls' Hostel |
| 6. Academic Block | 15. Proposed play ground |
| 7. Canteen/Convenience Store | 16. Boys' Hostel |
| 8 & 9. Wind Mills | 17. Boys' Reading Room |

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| | Campus Boundary |
| | Barbed Wire Fencing |
| | Asphalt Roads |
| | Gravelled roads/ |
| | Roads under construction |
| | State Highway (Mansa Road) |
| | Approach Road |
| | Railway line |

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