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From the Desk of the Vice-Chancellor



Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana is committed to excel in its academic, research and extension endeavours for ascendancy of the animal husbandry sector and improving the livelihood of farmers. In pursuit of equipping farmers with latest scientific knowledge and technologies to promote livestock rearing in scientific manner, the University organized *Pashu Palan Mela* under the theme '*Nasal Sudhar hai, Pashu Palan Kितte di Jaan, Vadhere Utpaadan banaye Kisan di Shaan,*' emphasizing the significance of breed improvement in boosting productivity and profitability in livestock farming. It was an honour to have Padma Shri Dr. Gurdev Singh Khush, a world-renowned scientist to inaugurate the event. The *Mela*, witnessing participation of farmers, scientists, field functionaries, veterinary pharmaceuticals, agribusiness firms, banking sectors etc. underscored the importance of research, entrepreneurship and knowledge sharing in transforming the livestock sector. The University boosted the morale of five progressive farmers by conferring them with the 'Chief Minister Awards' for excellence in various fields of livestock farming.

In first quarter of the year 2025, the University witnessed a series of impactful events and initiatives reaffirming commitment towards academic and research excellence, besides distinguished civic contributions. In incessant efforts to uplift the next generation of professionals, the University administered Veterinarian's Oath to the passing out graduates reinforcing the ethical veterinary practices to safeguard animal health and contribute to public well-being. The Centre for One Health organized a workshop on "Addressing Emerging Zoonoses in India: A One Health Approach", under the aegis of the International Network for Government Science Advice (Asia Chapter), empowering the veterinary fraternity with essential knowledge and collaborative tools to tackle public health threats effectively. Similarly, the 21-days ICAR-sponsored training on "Innovative Strategies in Diagnostics and Therapeutics in Theriogenology" equipped participants with cutting-edge reproductive technologies.

The University expert(s) also contributed to the national discourse on zoonotic surveillance at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda, presenting a model framework for real-time disease monitoring. Training programmes on responsible antibiotic use were successfully conducted, increasing awareness among farmers and veterinarians alike. Beyond academics, the students showcased their cultural brilliance and social commitment through various programmes/events. All these activities are a testament to the dynamic and socially responsible spirit of the University. I congratulate all the faculty, staff, and students for their continued enthusiasm and contributions. Let us keep moving forward for ascendancy of the University and livestock sector.

(J.P.S. Gill)
Vice-Chancellor

Pashu Palan Mela

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana held *Pashu Palan Mela* under the theme '*Nasal Sudhar hai, Pashu Palan Kithe di Jaan, Vadhere Utpaadan banaye Kisan di Shaan*' (Breed improvement is the backbone of livestock which increases profitability) from 21-22 March 2025. Padma Shri, Dr. Gurdev Singh Khush, a world renowned scientist for rice production revolution inaugurated the *Mela* along with Dr. Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. Sh. Bal Mukand Sharma, Chairman Food Commission, Punjab, Sh. Muhammad Sadiq,



Former Member Parliament and noted Punjabi Artist. Sh. Jasvir Singh, Director & Warden, Department of Fishery, Punjab, Sh. Devinder Kumar, DDM, NABARD along with Deans, Directors and officers also graced the occasion. Dignitaries visited different stalls organized during the *Mela* along with Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University. Dr. Khush underpinned the remarkable contribution of the University in field of animal husbandry and emphasized the need to focus on nutritional value of diet, wherein livestock products have pivotal value. Dr. Gill motivated farmers to adopt livestock professions with scientific knowhow and technology and said that doors of the University are always open for them. Sh. Sadiq urged farmers to take guidance from the University to improve their socio-economic level.

The departments/colleges of the University showcased research, educational and extension programmes/activities at the mega event benefitting the participants. Special interactive session on livestock rearing in the scientific way was organized consisting of live lectures from experts and questions-answers for participants. The excellent germplasm of the University was demonstrated. The *Mela* provided a platform for farmers, scientists, extension workers, Dairy officers, Fodder & Fisheries officers, various veterinary pharmaceuticals and agribusiness firms and banking sectors for sharing their experience and information about the latest knowledge, technologies and schemes in the livestock sector. College of Fisheries introduced Aqua Derma-Fish skin collagen infused ointment, a moisturizer. A FISH-PRO-MAX novel protein powder derived from Pangas Catfish was also introduced.

Sh. Sanjeev Arora, Member Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Sh. H.S. Barsat, Chairman, Punjab Mandi Board, Dr. Sukhpal Singh, Chairman, Punjab State Farmers and Farm Workers Commission, Dr. G S Bedi, Director, Animal Husbandry, Punjab, Sh. Harpreet Singh Sandhu, State Information Commissioner, Dr. Rajbir Singh Brar, DDG, (Agri. Ext.) ICAR, Dr. Parvender Sheoran, Director ATARI, Sh. Inderjit Singh, former Director, Dairy Development Punjab, Prof. Rajinder Singh Ranu, Professor Emeritus, Colorado and



Dr. Sulbha, Animal Activist graced the occasion on the second day. Sh. Sanjeev Arora motivated the farmers to understand the importance of tests for health care of animals, and emphasized the need to develop the dairy sector further. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, honored the dignitaries. The Chief Minister Awards were conferred under four categories viz. Buffalo Dairy Farming, Goat Farming, Fish Farming and Pig Farming. The best stalls amongst the University and industry categories were adjudged. The *Mela* attracted a huge gathering reinforcing a thought to develop livestock professions on scientific lines.

Athletic Meet

S. Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Food Processing inaugurated the 17th Annual Athletic meet of the University on 19 February, 2025. S. Khuddian underscored the pivotal role of sports activities for the holistic and constructive personality development, motivating students to take part in such activities for the betterment of their physical and mental health. He also announced a grant of Rs. One lakh for the University. The Hon'ble minister distributed prizes to the winners.

Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor said that the University always promotes the spirit of games amongst the students to keep them healthy and in high spirits. He appreciated the efforts of all involved in successful conduct of athletic meet and lauded the participants for delivering their best. Dr. Parkash Singh Brar, Director Students' Welfare-cum-Estate Officer shared the annual sports report of the University. College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana won the overall trophy. Mr. Avneet Singh Brar was declared the best athlete male whereas Ms. Jaismeen Malhi was selected as the best athlete female. A total of 200 students participated in the event. A spectacular horse show by 1 Pb. R & V Sqn. NCC of the University also added grandeur to the function.



Fish Festival

College of Fisheries organized 'Fish Festival' to create awareness for promoting fish consumption, attracting a huge public response. The Festival was inaugurated by Sh. Jitendra Jorwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Ludhiana as the 'Chief Guest' and Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor as the 'Guest of Honour'. Sh. Jorwal impressed up on the need for organizing such festivals to educate people, promote entrepreneurship and get public feedback. Dr. Gill underpinned the pivotal role of the University in developing shrimp farming in inland saline water-logged waste lands of the state and providing technical support for entrepreneurial push to youth for self-reliance. The event promoted fish as healthy food, educated the visitors with the health benefits of fish, and demonstrated value added ready to cook and ready to eat fish products of regional flavour. The festival highlighted fish processing as an entrepreneurial activity for youth and the aspiring farming community. Different ornamental fish species presented eye-catching vibrance for fish hobbyists. A survey was also conducted to record animal protein consumption preferences of the visitors to evaluate gaps pertaining to fish consumption.



Oath-taking ceremony of Veterinary Graduates



College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana conducted the Oath-Taking Ceremony of 93 graduates of batch 2019. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor was the 'Chief Guest' of the event and Dr. Amit Nain, Executive member, Veterinary Council of India was the 'Guest of Honour'. Dr. Jitender Mohindroo, Director of Clinics, shared the achievements of students who brought laurels to the University in the field of academics, sports and extra-curricular activities. Dr. S. S. Randhawa, Dean, College of Veterinary Science administered the Veterinarian's Oath to the passing out graduates. Dr. Amit Nain congratulated the outgoing veterinary graduates and emphasized the vital role of veterinarians in safeguarding animal health, public health and urged them to uphold the highest ethical standards in their practice. A video clip depicting the journey of students during their degree period was also presented. Dr. J.P.S. Gill congratulated the outgoing graduates and wished them success in all their future endeavours. The ceremony was sponsored by Carus Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. First three rank holders in the clinical subjects were awarded with a prize money of Rs. 51000/-, 35000/- and 25000/- by Carus Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.

Unveiling of State-of-the-Art Incubation Space for Livestock Innovation

Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the incubation space under Veterinary Livestock Innovation and Incubation Foundation (VLIIF), a Section 8 company at the University, along with Dr. Praveen Roy, Scientist G and Head of Technology, Translation, and Innovation at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), who joined the occasion virtually. Dr. Gill said that this space will serve as a hub for cutting-edge research and development in dairy innovation, as well as a supportive environment for startups and entrepreneurs in the field. He further added that the establishment of the Dairy Innovation and Incubation Centre is part of the University's broader vision to promote sustainable practices in the veterinary and livestock sectors while encouraging the translation of research into real-world applications.



University steps in to bring horse breeders of Punjab at one platform

The Directorate of Extension Education of the University organized a meeting of Horse Breeders of Punjab for formation of a farmer collective to provide an impetus to horse breeding and sports in the state. A total of 40 Horse breeders attended the meeting and gave their feedback. Dr. J.P.S. Gill emphasized the need for collaborative efforts of breeders and scientists as the management of horses backed by scientific practices can improve the performance level of horses which would in turn add further value to breeding activities in Punjab. Dr. Ravinder Singh Grewal, Director of Extension Education advocated the need for joint efforts to promote Punjab as a breeding state of horses much like dairy animals. Dr. S S Randhawa, Dean, College of Veterinary Science talked about the importance of health management in horses to complement their breeding. The expert(s) elaborated the facilities extended by the University for treatment of horses, judgement and selection criteria for breeding of horses and the avenues of a society of horse breeders.

Placement Drive

Placement Cell of the College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana organized an on-campus placement drive, witnessing participation by 150 students. The renowned veterinary hospital chain(s) including Crown Vet., Max Pet Z, Vetic Pet Care, CGS Hospital, Dr. Synghal Pet Care, Pupkitt Pet Care, and Saife Vetmed took part in the placement drive. Additionally, pharmaceutical companies like Virbac India Pvt. Ltd., Ek-tek Pharma, Carus, and Britannia, as well as feed industry representatives from Aman Feeds and milk cooperatives from



Baani Milk Producers Company Ltd. and Progressive Dairy Society (PDS) participated in the event. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor visited the mega drive and underscored the significance of such initiatives for students and the strengthening of collaboration between academia and industry.

Appointment of New Officers

The Board of Management of the University approved the appointment of new officers of the University.

Dr. Suresh Kumar Sharma has been appointed as Registrar. Prior to this, he also held the positions of University Librarian and Dean, College of Animal Biotechnology. With extensive experience in research and administration, he has successfully completed 12 research projects. He has a pivotal role in establishing India's first Collaborative Research Centre for Veterinary Ayurveda at the University, in collaboration with Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of AYUSH, GoI. Recognizing his exceptional contributions to teaching, the University honored him with the Best Teacher Award. He also serves as General Secretary and Fellow of the Indian Society of Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology.



With 25 years of diverse professional experience, Dr. Meera D. Ansal has taken charge as Dean, College of Fisheries for the second time. She has an extensive academic record, with over 300 publications, and has mentored 13 master's and Ph.D. students as a major advisor. Dr. Ansal pioneered the University's initiative to convert inland salt-affected, water-logged wastelands in southwest Punjab into productive aqua-farms, earning her the Fellow Award and Best Success Story Award from the Indian Ecological Society. She also played a crucial role in establishing the Capacity Building Resource Centre for Intensive Aquaculture Technologies - the first of its kind in northwestern India.



Dr. Swaran Singh Randhawa joined as Dean, College of Veterinary Science. Before this, he served as Director of Clinics for over four years. He has made pioneering contributions in the field of bovine lameness and has significantly advanced research on equine and canine respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases. He was the first in India to evaluate sole thickness in crossbred dairy cattle using ultrasonography. He bagged the University's Best Teacher Award for Clinical Subjects (2017-18). Under his leadership, the University's Veterinary Hospital saw the establishment of a Critical Care Unit and the introduction of advanced diagnostic facilities.



Dr. Ravinder Singh Grewal joined as Director of Extension Education. Before this, he served as Director of Livestock Farms. He has more than 75 research papers, 40 extension articles, two books and 180 extension lectures to his credit. He handled six research projects and designed climate resilient sheds for five, 10 and 150 animals. During his tenure as Director Livestock Farms, milk production of dairy farms was increased by 50 percent. He introduced Lucerne hay, Wheat hay and calf feeding programme.



Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor extended his congratulations to the newly appointed officers, expressing confidence that their leadership will significantly contribute to the University's ascendancy.

Academic & Research Activities

Release of Atlas on Laboratory diagnostic for efficient disease diagnosis



Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor released the mini ‘**Atlas of Laboratory Diagnostic cum Table Calendar**’, conceptualized and designed by Dr. M.S. Bal, In-Charge Animal Disease Research Centre and Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Principal Scientist for comprehension of veterinary students and practicing veterinarians. The calendar features the high-quality images of common laboratory diagnostic findings, aiding in quick visual reference for disease diagnosis. A unique feature of the calendar is the integration of QR codes, enabling users to scan and access a comprehensive list of diagnostic tests offered by the diagnostic laboratories of ADRC, Multi-Speciality Veterinary Hospital of the University. This initiative aims to enhance awareness and accessibility of laboratory diagnostics, bridging the gap between clinical practice and advanced laboratory support for efficient disease diagnosis and management.

Project on pig production improvement

The University secured a prestigious project entitled “**A multi-omics approach for pig production**” worth Rs. 91 lakhs under the National Livestock Mission (NLM) scheme of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India. The interdisciplinary project team comprising Dr. Neeraj Kashyap (Principal Investigator) and Dr(s). C.S. Mukhopadhyay, Bharti Deshmukh and Amit Sharma will focus on exploring nutritional interventions and studying their effects at genomic levels. The research seeks to uncover the biological mechanisms behind the utilization and effects of essential amino acids and micronutrients in pigs.

Grant for Artificial Insemination of Canine *To develop first of its kind canine semen bank in the country*

Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics of the University bagged the grant worth Rs. 45 lakhs from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi under Experiential Learning Project (ELP) for strengthening of Canine Semen Cryopreservation and endoscopic Artificial Insemination Unit. This fiscal aid will be pivotal to develop a state of the art and first of its kind canine semen bank in the country where semen of common and rare breeds can be preserved for future breeding purposes.

Project for ‘Entrepreneurship and skill Development’

Department of Livestock Production Management of College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana earned a project on “**Entrepreneurship and skill Development Training Programme on Scientific Dairy Farming, Value chain addition and marketing to augment farmers income**” from the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Under the aegis of this project, hands-on experiential learning will be imparted to hone the skills of stakeholders in dairy farming, value addition chain and marketing.

Awards and Recognitions

Faculty earns Prestigious Awards of National Academy of Veterinary Sciences



The University faculty bagged honours at the XXII Convocation cum National Scientific Convention of the National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (NAVS), India, held at Veterinary College, Bengaluru. Dr. B.K. Bansal, Former Dean, College of Veterinary Science, Rampura Phul was conferred with Dr. K.K. Baxi Outstanding Scientist Award. Dr. R.S. Sethi, Additional Director Research, and Dr. H.S. Banga, Former Registrar, bagged the prestigious NAVS Fellowship for their outstanding achievements in respective field(s). Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Prof.-cum-Head, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education was bestowed with Dr. R.K. Sharma Memorial Award. Dr(s). Randhir Singh, Vishal Mahajan, Rajesh Wagh, Chandra Sekhar Mukhopadhyay and Vikrant Sudan competitively won the Associate Fellowship/membership of NAVS. The awards were conferred during the event graced by Sh. K. Venkatesh, Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture, Government of Karnataka, as the Chief Guest.

Student clinches gold in National Handball Championship

Mr. Arshdeep Singh Benipal, student of College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana, excelled at the 46th HFI Junior Boys National Handball Championship, clinching the gold medal at the event organized by Handball Federation of India in Jehanabad, Bihar.



Scientist bring laurels at the international conference

The book entitled “**Shrimp Culture Technology: Farming, Health Management and Quality Assurance**”, edited by Dr. Prabjeet Singh, Deputy Director (Training), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Booh (Tarn Taran), was released during the 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum held in New Delhi from 12-15 February 2025. The release function was graced by Sh. Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Minister for Fisheries, and Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICAR and other dignitaries.

University Research gets Dr. G. Nirmalan Trust Research Award 2023



The research study addressing antimicrobial usage and resistance (AMR) by Dr. Deepthi Vijay, Ph.D. scholar of Centre for One Health of the University earned the prestigious Dr. G. Nirmalan Trust Research Award 2023, conferred by the Veterinary Welfare Society, Kerala. The research, carried out in dairy herds in Punjab through a One Health framework, under the guidance of Dr. Jasbir Singh Bedi, Director of Centre for One Health, was part of the ICAR Niche area of excellence project titled ‘Antibiotic Resistance: Animal Human Interface’. The award includes a citation and a cash prize of ₹10,000.

North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival

The 52 members’ contingent of the University participated in 20 events held during the 38th Association of Indian Universities (AIU) North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival 2024-25, hosted by Panjab University, Chandigarh. The students secured seven positions in different events including Skit, Mime, Collage Making, Installation, On the Spot Painting, Debate and Clay Modelling.

Seminar(s)/Workshop(s)/Training(s)

Workshop on Emerging Zoonoses and One Health



Centre for One Health of the University organized a workshop on '**Addressing Emerging Zoonoses in India: A One Health Approach**' to strengthen the skills, resources, and ability of fraternity of Veterinary colleges of the University on emerging zoonoses and One Health framework. The workshop was supported by the International Network for Government Science Advice (Asia Chapter). Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed the University's commitment to the One Health approach, emphasizing its significance in addressing emerging public health threats, including zoonotic diseases. Dr. Anil Kumar Arora, Director of Research graced the workshop as the 'Guest of Honour'. Expert(s) highlighted the role of veterinary professionals within the One Health framework, and discussed the historical context of zoonoses and their socio-economic impact on livestock farmers. Besides expert lectures, group activities were organized, encouraging participants to collaborate on practical solutions for combating zoonoses.

Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme

Department of Livestock Production Management of the University organized an Advanced-Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme on "Scientific dairy Farming, Value chain addition and marketing to augment farmers' income". A total of 20 participants attended the course sponsored by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Govt. of India.



Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor graced the Valedictory session as the Chief Guest, and interacted with trainees urging them to come up with innovative ideas in the livestock sector. Lectures and hands on training were delivered by veterinary, Dairy, Industry and Accounts professionals. Exposure visits of trainees were also arranged to Dairy plants, Dairy based companies etc.

ICAR Sponsored Course at CAFT in Gynaecology and Reproduction

Centre of Advanced Faculty Training (CAFT), Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics of the University conducted an Advanced ICAR sponsored 21 days training course on "**Innovative strategies in diagnostics and therapeutics in theriogenology**" during 15 January 2025 to 04 February 2025. A total of 28 participants attended the programme and acquired knowledge and skills in various reproductive technologies through lectures, practicals and demonstrations.

Expert talk(s) were delivered by eminent speakers including Dr(s). Ezaz Ahmad (online) Pakistan, Dinesh Dadarwal (online) Canada, Sudhanshu Bhushan (online) Germany, T R Talluri, Bikaner; Amitesh Kumar, Varanasi; and S Selvaraju, Bengaluru added more fervour to the knowledge enriching programme.



Scientists Discuss Strategies to Strengthen Zoonotic Diseases Surveillance



The scientists of the University participated in the workshop on ‘**Strengthening Response Capacities: A Workshop on Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Management**’ organized by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda, under National One Health Programme for Prevention and Control of Zoonoses, coordinated by the Division of Zoonotic Diseases, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Dr. Jasbir Singh Bedi, Director, Centre for One Health, was invited as a special guest speaker, to deliver a lecture on “Veterinary Aspects of Sentinel Surveillance under the National One Health Program for Prevention and Control of Zoonoses.” Dr. Bedi highlighted the University’s role in addressing zoonotic diseases, and food safety through community engagement initiatives. He also discussed the development of a model surveillance framework on zoonoses so that real-time data sharing can be possible between the medical and animal health department of Punjab.

Training on Responsible Antibiotics Use

Centre for One Health of the University organized two trainings for livestock farmers at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Barnala and for veterinarians at the University campus. A total of 40 livestock farmers and 20 Veterinary officers participated in these trainings, aimed at improving animal health practices of livestock farmers and education of antimicrobial resistance and promoting One Health, respectively, under the project funded by the Asian Development Bank and Zenex, India, with support from Sathguru Management Consultancy, Hyderabad. Expert(s) disseminated knowledge on zoonotic diseases, their transmission from animals to humans, and effective prevention and control strategies.

Training on Advanced Microbiological Disease Diagnostic Techniques

Department of Veterinary Microbiology of the University organized training on “**Advanced Microbiological Disease Diagnostic Techniques**”. Five Veterinary Officers from the Sheep Husbandry Department, Jammu nominated under the Holistic Agricultural Development Program (HADP) for the capacity building of the officers attended the training and got benefitted. The participants were given training on different diagnostic techniques like PCR, Real Time PCR, ELISA, MALDI-TOF and Genxpert for the diagnosis of infectious diseases in animals.

Brainstorming session for Goat Breeders



The Directorate of Extension Education of the University organized a brainstorming session for goat breeders, entrepreneurs and industry to explore entrepreneurial opportunities for goat farmers of Punjab. Addressing the gathering, Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor said that goats are being seen as animals for future all over the world to provide food security for increasing human population. He motivated the goat farmers to concentrate their efforts on value addition of their produce through farmer collectives and achieve higher profitability. The programme witnessed deliberations on developing profitable business models for goat production in the state particularly with participation of young entrepreneurs.

NSS camp(s)

The NSS unit of the University organised special camps for 150 volunteers under the theme ‘**Learning to be digitally literate**’. The participants learnt the intricacies of optimal utilisation of digitalisation besides developing capacity to shun screens. The winter camp(s) were held under the theme ‘**Youth for Viksit Bharat**’ and ‘**Bharat di Seva ch Naujvaan**’. A total of 80 NSS volunteers participated in the camp(s) aimed to provide a unique experience by focusing on cleanliness, environmental concerns and skill development.

Students' Activities

Girls Hostel Night

Girls Hostel at the University hosted a spectacular cultural night under the theme 'Mehfill-e-Qurbat', wherein students showcased their talent through various cultural items. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor along with his wife Mrs. Pawanjeet Gill graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Parkash Singh Brar, Director Students' Welfare also attended the occasion along with his better half. Dr. Gill praised the students for their remarkable performances and emphasized the importance of such events in providing a healthy outlet for stress relief. He mentioned that these activities foster creativity and well-being, allowing students to relax and recharge for their academic pursuits. The event was a celebration of talent, togetherness, and the vibrant culture of the University, leaving students with memories that will last a lifetime.



Blood donation drive



The NSS wing of the University organized blood donation drive during *Pashu Palan Mela*. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University inaugurated the drive and said that blood donation covers several health benefits since the body replenishes lost blood by stimulating the production of new blood cells, which can improve circulation and overall cardiovascular health. A poster-making competition was also organized under the theme 'Donate Blood, Save Lives', besides putting up a 'Chabeel' for *Jal Sewa*. A total of 80 units of blood was collected during the event.

Laurels at Republic Day Camp

Three NCC Cadets of College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana representing equestrian team of 1 Pb R & V SQN NCC of the University participated in Republic Day Camp 2025 at New Delhi and brought laurels to the institution. Cadet Sehajpreet Chahal won a Bronze medal in the Novice category of Dressage event, and also participated in the Horse contingent which took part in the Prime Minister's Rally. Cadet Gourav Sharma won a Bronze medal in the Novice Category of Tent Pegging event and Cadet Utkarsh Deepak participated in the Veteran category.

Green Initiative



Internship students of College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana planted a tree at Lawns of Multi-Speciality Veterinary Hospital, as a step forward towards sustainability and increasing the greener landscape of the campus on the concluding of their B.V.Sc.&A.H. degree programme, setting an example for others to follow the eco-friendly approach along with their professional services towards animals. The sapling was planted in presence of Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor and officers of the University.

Session on Drug Addiction & Awareness

The NSS wing of the University in association with Red Ribbon Club and Punjab Police organized a session on initiatives relating to drug addiction, awareness and prevention. A total of 200 students participated in the event. S. Gurdev Singh, ACP, Ludhiana (West) delivered a talk on the ongoing campaign 'Yudh Nashyaan Virudh', alarming students about the ill effects of intoxicants. S. Balwant Singh Bhikhi, retired police official from Mansa and S. Hardy Singh, Sub-Inspector, Sanjh Kendra, Ludhiana, impressed the students to focus on a bright future free from any negative influence of drugs. Ms. Samrta Kaur from Bandhu Helping Hands Foundation also shared her views.