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From the Desk of the Vice-Chancellor



Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana is continuously excelling in its impactful educational and research endeavours for serving the livestock sector. Besides, distinction in academics and research, the University pays special attention to dissemination of scientific information to the stakeholders by strengthening its outreach programmes. Laying of the foundation stone of the new administrative building at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Mohali is another mile stone in this direction. This represents not only a physical expansion of the

University infrastructure but also an expansion of the mission of the institution to serve the farmers and general public, as KVK(s) of the University continue to be at the forefront of delivering cutting-edge livestock and agricultural practices to the stakeholders in respective regions. The University also organized a range of specialized programmes including trainings, workshops, camps etc. for transmitting the nascent scientific information to the farmers.

I take immense pride to share that to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem at the University, the Veterinary and Livestock Innovation and Incubation Foundation (VLIIF), Section 8 company of the University sanctioned an Ignition Grant of ₹10 lakhs to the emerging startup Agristar Animal Solution Private Limited (Dairy Muneem) - a digital financial and operational management platform designed to empower dairy farmers, milk collectors, and small dairy businesses.

The commitment of the University to advancing veterinary education and research on a global scale is also evident in our participation in the Indo-German Veterinary Science Workshop held in Leipzig, Germany. The workshop, focusing on the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in animal health, strengthened our partnerships with several leading institutions in Germany and India. By signing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with these universities, we are establishing a robust Indo-German collaboration aimed at improving veterinary practices worldwide. To further strengthen the research aptitude amongst faculty, the University organized a seminar on 'The Art of Writing Winnable Research Proposals and Manuscripts' to equip researchers with the skills and knowledge necessary to craft compelling research proposals and manuscripts.

The University fraternity celebrated the *Parkash Purb* of *Guru Angad Dev Ji*, the second Sikh Guru after whom the University is named. *Guru Angad Dev Ji's* love for animals and his deep sense of compassion remain central to the mission of the University.

The University stands at the threshold of exciting new opportunities for collaboration, growth, and impact. Let us all continue to deliver our best to work towards shared vision of excellence in education, research, and service to society at large.

(JPS Gill)
Vice-Chancellor

Laying of Foundation Stone of administrative building of Krishi Vigyan Kendra

Dr. Rajbir Singh Brar, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University laid the foundation stone of administrative building of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali). Dr. Brar underpinned the pivotal role of KVKs in bringing advanced agricultural techniques directly to the field, empowering farmers with knowledge and skills to meet present and future challenges. Dr. Gill described KVK as a mini agricultural University of the region where experts from different fields are present to solve problem(s) of the farmers.



Dr. Ravinder Singh Grewal, Director Extension Education; Dr. Parvender Sheoran, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone 1, Ludhiana; Dr. S.K. Sharma, Registrar; Dr. P.S. Brar, Director of Research; Dr. Sarvpreet Singh Ghuman, Director Students' Welfare; Dr. Swaran Singh Randhawa, Dean, College of Veterinary Science; Dr. Parminder Singh, Additional Director Extension Education; and Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Professor-cum-Head, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education also graced the occasion.

VLIIF Grants Support to Startup Dairy Muneem

The Veterinary and Livestock Innovation and Incubation Foundation (VLIIF), Section 8 company of the University sanctioned an Ignition Grant of ₹10 lakhs to the emerging startup Agristar Animal Solution Private Limited (Dairy Muneem). Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, congratulated Mr. Vipen Kumar Sharma, Co-founder of Dairy Muneem, and said that such initiatives encourage youth to bring forward innovative, tech-driven solutions for the livestock sector. Dr. Gill added that the startup aims to transform the traditional dairy sector by providing a simple yet powerful mobile solution that will help users to track milk transactions, manage payments, and improve profitability. He stated that ignition grant is a form of hand-holding support for innovative ideas to find impactful solutions for the dairy industry. Dairy Muneem is the sixth startup to benefit from VLIIF facility in the region.



Annual Review of DBT-PGT Programme



College of Animal Biotechnology conducted the annual review meeting of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT)-sponsored Postgraduate Teaching Programme. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, chaired the meeting attended by an esteemed panel comprising the DBT Nominee, Professor Mahesh Sankaran, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore; Skill Expert Dr. Ajit Dua, CEO, Punjab Biotechnology Incubator, Mohali; External Academic Experts, Dr. Manav Inder Singh Gill, Dean, Postgraduate Studies, PAU, Ludhiana; and Dr. Parveen Chhuneja, Director, Dr. G.S. Khush Institute of Genetics, PAU, Ludhiana; Industrial Representative Mr. Nishit Singhania, Director, S Singhania (India) Pvt. Ltd., Ludhiana; along with Dr. Ramneek Verma, Adjunct Professor and the college fraternity. Dr. R.S. Sethi, Dean of the College presented an overview of the college, highlighting milestones achieved, and DBT-sponsored Master's programme, under which a monthly stipend of ₹5000 is given to students qualifying the DBT GAT-B examination. Prof. Mahesh Sankaran, commended the high-quality research initiatives being undertaken. Dr. Ajit Dua appreciated the strategic role played by the Central Instrumentation Facility and the incubation centre of the college. Dr. Manav Inder Singh Gill stressed the importance of publishing student research with proper acknowledgment. Dr. Parveen Chhuneja proposed a centralized counselling system for DBT programme admissions to benefit aspiring students by making the process more streamlined, equitable, and accessible. Mr. Nishit Singhania urged for increased national visibility of the programme through improved promotion and outreach. Dr. J.P.S. Gill in his concluding remarks, affirmed that the college remains fully committed to enhancing the quality of research and fostering an enriched learning environment.

Group Commander Visits NCC Unit

Brig. P.S. Cheema, SM, VSM, Group Commander of Ludhiana Group of National Cadet Corps (NCC) visited 1 Pb R & V SQN NCC of the University. Brig. Cheema inspected the horse stables, training area and functioning of the NCC Unit and lauded the earnest efforts and support of the University to the NCC Unit. He was elated to know that the veterinary graduates of the University undergo compulsory NCC training for the first three years of their degree. Brig. Cheema had a meeting with Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University. Dr. Gill apprised him that students bring honours at Republic Day Camp where the Unit has a history of being one of the best in equestrian events. Dr. Gill said that the NCC Unit has full support of the University administration and lauded the efforts put up by the staff of NCC unit for training the students in the best possible way.



Celebration of Parkash Purb of Guru Angad Dev Ji

The University celebrated the *Parkash Purb* of *Guru Angad Dev Ji* by solemnizing the *Bhog* of *Sri Akhand Path Sahib* of *Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji*. The University was established in 2006 on the name of *Guru Angad Dev Ji*, the second *Sikh Guru*, a thorough animal lover, under whose personal care a number of sick and injured animals got treatment. A soulful *Kirtan* of *Gurbani* was recited and community *langar* was served.



Scientist represents the University at Indo-German Veterinary Science Workshop

Dr. R.S. Sethi, Additional Director of Research, attended the InDeVet workshop held in Leipzig, Germany, from April 28-30, 2025. The workshop, sponsored by the Indo-German Science and Technology Centre, aimed to strengthen the Indo-German collaboration in veterinary sciences, with a special focus on leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) to advance animal health. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor joined the workshop online and informed that Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences



University signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with three German Universities and two Indian Universities to establish the Indo-German Partnership for Veterinary Education and Research (InDeVet) to strengthen veterinary education, research, and practice in both India and Germany. University's engagement at this high-level platform will contribute to shaping strategic partnerships and advancing cutting-edge solutions in animal health, benefiting both India and global veterinary science communities. The InDeVet workshop yielded several key outcomes to strengthen Indo-German veterinary collaboration including joint grant proposals, integrated postgraduate programmes, student/faculty exchanges, and collaborative research on AI in animal health and One Health digital solutions.

Awards/Honours/Recognitions

Female Researchers win Thesis Awards at National Level

Ten Ph.D. and 02 M.V.Sc. researchers of the University received the best Ph.D. and M.V.Sc. Thesis Award(s) at the Award Ceremony-2025 organized by the Women Vet Wing of the Indian Veterinary Association (IVA-WV) in collaboration with Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna at Bihar Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute, Patna. Researchers of the University including Dr(s). Gurjot Kaur Mavi, Monika Thakur, Rashmi Thakur, Sreekala S. Mohandas, Nimbalkar Vidya Gajanan, Samikshya Sarangi, Sundus Gazal, Akshita Chadda, Shikha Chaudhary and Tulumoni Seal got the Best Ph.D. Thesis Award and Dr(s). Habbu Aishwarya Sunder and Enamika Rani bagged the Best M.V.Sc. Thesis Award.

Laurels in All India Inter Agricultural Universities Sports and Games Meet

The students of the University participated in XXII All India Inter Agricultural Universities Sports & Games Meet organized by Acharya Narendra University of Agriculture & Technology Kumarganj, Ayodhya and won four medals viz. Gold Medals in Basketball (Men) and Badminton (Women), one Silver (Shot Put, Men) and one Bronze medal (Discus Throw, Men). Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor congratulated the contingent and underpinned that the University students are showing exemplary achievements in sports besides excelling in academics.



Seminar on 'Art of Writing Winnable Research Proposals and Manuscripts'

The Directorate of Research of the University hosted a seminar on '**The Art of Writing Winnable Research Proposals and Manuscripts**' to equip researchers with the skills and knowledge necessary to craft compelling research proposals and manuscripts. Dr. P.S. Brar, Director of Research highlighted the importance of research projects for the academic growth and professional recognition of the institutes. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor interacted with the participants and apprised them with mastering the art of budgeting and its impact in grant proposals. Dr. Gill also shared his experiences as a research review panel member of the various funding organizations and motivated the participants to write the innovative research proposals and quality manuscripts.



The seminar featured expert talks from renowned researchers and academicians. Dr. J.S. Bedi, Director, Centre for One Health talked about the strategies for crafting persuasive grant proposals that capture the attention of funding agencies. Dr. R.S. Sethi, Additional Director of Research, provided researchers with valuable guidance on strengthening research proposals through partnerships within the institutes as well as making network with other research organizations. Dr. Aruna T. Kumar, Former Editor of Indian Journal of Animal Sciences, ICAR and invited speaker discussed the tips for writing clear, concise, and impactful manuscripts for publication in high impact journals.

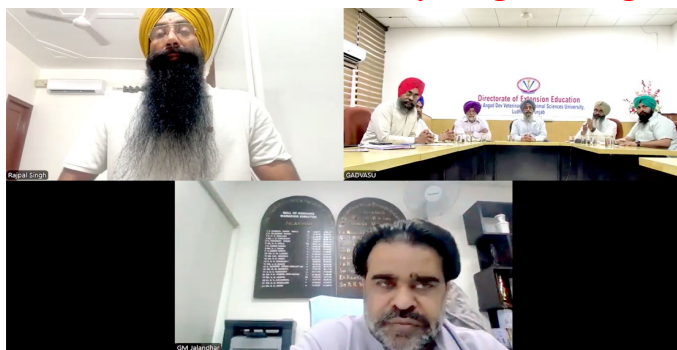
Workshop on 'Identifying the Needs of Livestock Farmers in Punjab'



The University organized workshop on '**Identifying the Needs of Livestock Farmers in Punjab**' at Centre for One Health, in collaboration with National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, under the MILAN initiative. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the multi-stakeholder workshop, and underscored the evolving role of livestock farmers in Punjab. Dr. Gill emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to translate scientific knowledge into practical solutions at the grassroots level. Dr. J.S. Bedi, Director, Centre for One Health and organizing secretary of the event, highlighted the Centre's mission to work at the animal-human-environment interface through stakeholder-driven programmes. Dr. Taru Sharma, Director, NIAB, shared insights into the objectives of the MILAN programme and stressed the importance of institutional partnerships in addressing regional livestock challenges. The technical sessions included expert lectures by Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education, and Dr. Parminder Singh, Additional Director of Extension Education. A total of 100 participants attended the programme.

Trainings/Workshops/Seminars

Panel Discussion on Quality Silage Making



The University organized a panel discussion on ‘**Silage: from making to feeding**’ to increase awareness about quality silage among dairy farmers. The expert(s) explained the advantages of quality silage for dairy production. The silage quality metrics, field quality testing, and testing facilities offered by the University were highlighted. Different fodders which can be ensiled, their varieties, cultivation practices and measures to prevent from parasites, field condition of silage, diseases which may be encountered due to poor quality silage feeding were discussed. Sh. Rajpal Singh Kular, a progressive dairy farmer also shared his views about quality silage. A total of 100 farmers and other stakeholders participated in the panel discussion through online medium.

Pig Farming Training



The University conducted ‘**Pig Farming Training**’ programme, comprising a blend of theory and practical sessions, equipping participants with scientific knowledge and hands-on skills in pig farming. A total of 40 trainees attended the programme and got benefitted. Expert(s) imparted knowledge on housing, breeding, nutrition, health management, and marketing strategies related to pig production. A progressive pig farmer also shared his experiences with the trainees.

Meeting of Horse Breeders of Punjab



The Directorate of Extension Education organized a meeting of Horse Breeders of Punjab for knowledge dissemination on health care and nutritional management of horses. Expert(s) imparted scientific knowledge on causes of colic in horses and emphasized the rapid response and mechanism for its treatment. Further, the expert(s) discussed nutritional management of young horses for their growth and health, feed formulations and the importance of balanced nutrition. A total of 60 Horse breeders joined the meeting along with veterinarians and scientists from Krishi Vigyan Kendra(s). The participants were also provided literature and vaccination cards designed by the Directorate of Extension Education to help them maintain a record of deworming and vaccination of horses.

Poultry Farming Training



The University conducted ‘**Poultry Farming Training**’ to equip participants with the latest scientific information on the subject. The comprehensive and practice-oriented curriculum of the training took in its ambit theoretical knowledge integrated with practical applications, addressing key areas including housing systems, balanced nutrition, animal health care, disease prevention, biosecurity measures, zoonotic risks and effective marketing strategies for poultry products. Dr. Harpal Singh Sodhi, Assistant General Manager at Venky’s India Limited, during his guest lecture, shared invaluable industry insights and first hand experiences in modern poultry farming.

Hands-On Training on Nutritional Technologies for Dairy Farmers



Department of Animal Nutrition of the University organized a training programme on 'Nutritional Technologies for Dairy Farmers', under the aegis of Directorate of Extension Education. The training featured lectures and practical demonstrations by expert(s) to promote year-round balanced feeding using locally available feed resources. The programme highlighted the use of mineral mixtures, urea molasses mineral blocks, and bypass nutrients. Participants were also trained in fodder conservation techniques such as silage and hay making for continuous fodder availability.

Dairy Farming Training



The University conducted a two weeks Dairy Farming Training Programme in which 43 trainees took part and got benefited. The training featured a well-balanced mix of theoretical and practical sessions imparting scientific knowledge and hands-on skills essential for modern dairy farming. The expert(s) apprised the participants about housing, breeding, nutrition, health management, integrated farming, disease prevention, common diseases, clean milk production, biosecurity, zoonotic diseases and marketing strategies for milk production, and value-added dairy products.

Training(s) on Goat Farming



The University conducted Goat Farming Training Programme(s) in the month of May and June 2025, witnessing participation from 31 and 32 trainees, respectively. The programme(s) comprised a blend of theoretical insights with hands-on training on key aspects of goat farming encompassing housing, nutrition, reproduction, healthcare, disease prevention, biosecurity, zoonotic threats and marketing strategies. Sh. Baldev Singh Sandhu, the Chief Minister Awardee in goat farming shared his experience, and imparted hands-on insights into modern goat-rearing practices. Mrs. Amisha Arora, Chief Manager, Punjab National Bank, explained the financial schemes and the loan process tailored to livestock-based enterprises. Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education emphasized the role of goat farming as a powerful catalyst for both economic upliftment and sustainable development of farmers. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor stated that the University makes every effort to improve livestock farming, goat farming in particular, and the livestock industry in the state as a whole.



World Veterinary Day-2025



The University celebrated the World Veterinary Day (WVD) at the Multispecialty Veterinary Hospital, by organizing an anti-rabies vaccination and deworming camp for the animals conforming to the theme of the World Veterinary Day, '**Animal Health Takes a Team**'. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor underpinned that safeguarding animal health is a collective effort involving veterinarians, pet owners, industries, and communities, all working together to ensure a healthier and safer future for all. Expert(s) educated the pet owners regarding importance of proper vaccination and deworming for keeping their pets safe and healthy from serious and life threatening diseases. Calcium supplements, dewormers and other feed supplements were also distributed to the pet owners. M/s. Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Carus laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Virbac Animal Health India Pvt. Ltd. and Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd. provided complimentary vaccines and supplements.

Training(s)/Camp(s)/Programmes under Farmer FIRST Project

Awareness Camp about Livestock Infertility

The University organized an awareness camp to educate farmers about livestock infertility at village *Qila Raipur*. The initiative aimed to address reproductive health issues in dairy animals and enhance awareness among farmers. Various causes of infertility, anestrus, follicular cyst, silent heat etc. were detected during the examination of animals and treatment was provided accordingly. Expert(s) highlighted the economic losses in terms of overall productive life of dairy animals, decrease in milk production, and delay in calving etc. due to infertility and informed the participants about the next protocol to be followed as a part of treatment along with awareness regarding causes of infertility.

Training on value addition of milk products



The University organized training cum demonstration camp on value addition of milk and packaging of milk products at village *Hamidi*. The usage of various machines including cup sealer and paddle sealer for packaging was demonstrated and site selection and construction parameters for the milk processing facility were deliberated.

Input distribution-cum-awareness camp on backyard poultry



The University conducted an input distribution-cum-awareness camp on backyard poultry at village *Mehal Kalan*. In the camp, one month old backyard poultry chicks were distributed amongst 45 farmers and the participants were provided basic information regarding backyard poultry farming with special emphasis on care and management of chicks along with feeding, housing, lighting, ventilation and heat stress management to reduce mortality. The farmers were informed about different entrepreneurial opportunities regarding backyard poultry farming, involving minimum input and maximum nutritional gain and financial security. The farmers were also sensitized about farm expansion, market linkages and value addition of eggs and meat to boost their income leading to socio-economic upliftment.

Oral Magnet Therapy Camp



The University conducted an oral magnet therapy camp at village *Mehal Kalan*. Expert(s) created awareness among farmers and administered oral magnets in 15 dairy animals. The benefits of oral magnets in prevention of diseases like Traumatic Reticuloperitonitis (TRP) and/or Hardware Disease and Diaphragmatic Hernia (DH) were discussed. The participants were apprised about risk of incorporation of metal objects like nails, pins, needles, screws, pieces of wire etc., in feed of dairy animals causing severe diseases, which if not taken into consideration may lead to severe consequences.

Camp on Value Addition of Milk and Packaging Machinery



The University organized '**Method demonstration and training camp**' on value addition of milk for farmers at village *Qila Raipur*. Expert(s) trained the participants for various milk products and delivered demonstrations on packaging machinery. They educated farmers to augment their income by making value addition to milk and milk products. A hands-on exposure to cup-sealer machine, hand-sealer machine and pedal sealer machine was also given to the trainees, emphasizing marketing of value added products by their packaging, as it makes products customer friendly and increase the aesthetics of the product besides easing sale of products in the market.

KVK Activities

Meeting of *Nili Ravi* buffalo breeders



Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Booh (Tarn Taran) organized a meeting of *Nili Ravi* buffalo breeders in pursuit of strengthening the conservation and improvement of the breed. Dr. Ravinder Singh Grewal, Director of Extension Education chaired the event, joined by 25 breeders. Dr. Grewal underscored the *Nili Ravi* buffalo's historical and economic value, and emphasized the need for immediate and concerted efforts to conserve the breed in view of its declining population. He also apprised the participants about availability of high-quality *Nili Ravi* semen at KVK under initiative(s) to enhance the breed's genetic quality and overall productivity. Formation of a *Nili Ravi* Association for better networking, resource sharing, and collective advocacy for the breed's conservation was advocated.

'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan'

KVK, Booh (Tarn Taran), launched the '**Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan**' with farmer awareness camp at village(s) *Dadher Sahib* and *Harike*. The 14 days campaign aimed to deliver scientific and technical agricultural know-how to the farmers, promoting sustainable and profitable farming practices. Experts from KVK, Department of Agriculture, Farm Advisory Service Centre, and IFFCO addressed key issues affecting local agriculture including water-saving techniques for paddy, soil testing, balanced fertilization, improved breeding and animal health practices in dairying, integrated fish farming, value addition to agricultural and livestock produce etc.



Inter-College Badminton and Table Tennis Tournament

The University organized Inter-College Badminton and Table Tennis Tournament at the Indoor Gymnasium of Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana. The event witnessed participation from students across the constituent colleges, promoting sportsmanship, fitness, and healthy competition. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and congratulated all the players not only for their success but for the participation, as a sports person is a torch bearer of team spirit, confidence, strength and dynamism. The Vice-Chancellor along with officers of the University honoured the players.



International Yoga Day 2025

The cadets of 1 Pb R&V Squadron and volunteers of National Service Scheme (NSS) of the University celebrated the 'International Yoga Day'. The NCC unit officers, NSS Programme coordinator(s), cadets and volunteers participated in the event and performed different *Yogasanas* like *Surya Namaskar*, *Bhujanga aasana*, *Vajra Aasana*, *Anulom-Vilom* etc. to promote physical and mental well-being through the ancient practice of yoga. Col. A. Shrinivas Rao addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of yoga in building resilience, focus, and mental strength. Sh. Ranjit Singh from Himalayan Yoga was the resource person for the programme.



NCC Cadets conduct Mock Drills of War Time

The cadets of 1 Pb R&V SQN NCC of the University demonstrated discipline, courage and strategic coordination during the mock drill organized at the unit premises of the University to prepare them for potential national emergencies and enhancing their tactical skills under simulated combat conditions. The event was planned as per directions of the district administration, showcasing various war time scenarios including shelter management, first aid under fire, evacuation of injured persons, first aid and coordinated responses to simulated attacks by shielding oneself and helping others to prevent them from air attacks. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor lauded and motivated cadets and said that this initiative is part of NCC's broader goal to develop leadership and character among the youth and prepare them to serve the nation in times of need. Col. A. Shrinivas Rao, Officer Commanding of the unit along with the Associate NCC Officers praised the cadets for their commitment, agility, and professionalism.



NSS Volunteers registered as Civil Defense Warriors

National Service Scheme wing of the University organized a registration drive of NSS volunteers to join as Civil Defence Volunteers on MyBharat portal. Mr. Davinder Singh, Team Leader at AECC Global, Ludhiana sensitized the participants to step up to support the country. The registration drive aimed to assess and enhance the readiness of civil defence mechanisms among the youth at university level wherein more than 200 volunteers gave declaration and promised to assist in hospitals, fire services, police and other establishments during emergencies.

