e-Newsletter
Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana (Punjab)

www.gadvasu.in

Inside this issue:

Pashu Palan Mela - 2026	2
Conferment of Honorary Rank of Colonel to Dr. J.P.S. Gill and Appointment as Colonel Commandant	3
Academic Activities	4
Research Endeavours	5
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)	6-7
Visits of dignitaries to the University	8
Expert Talk(s) delivered by University Scientists	9
Green Initiatives	10
Trainings/Workshops/ Camps/ Seminars	11-19
Independence Day Celebration	20
Students' Activities	21-22

Editorial Board

Editor-in-Chief
Dr. Nirmal Singh
(University Librarian)

Members:
Dr. Opinder Singh
(Registrar)

Dr. S.K. Uppal
(Dean, Postgraduate Studies)

Dr. R.S. Grewal
(Director of Extension Education)

Dr. S.S. Randhawa
(Dean, College of Veterinary Science & Director of Research)

Dr. Meera D. Ansal
(Dean, College of Fisheries)

Dr. S.P.S. Ghuman
(Dean, College of Dairy & Food Science Technology)

Dr. R.S. Sethi
(Dean, College of Animal Biotechnology)

Dr. Kuldip Gupta
(Dean, College of Vety. Sci., Rampura Phul)

Dr. N.K. Singh
(Comptroller)

News inputs:
Dr. Harpreet Singh, Professor
(Communication)

Published by University Librarian on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, GADVASU, Ludhiana

Contact Us at:
Editor (E-Newsletter)
GADVASU, Ludhiana
Ph. 0161-2414064
gadvasunewsletter@gmail.com

July - September 2026 (3)

From the Desk of the Vice-Chancellor



Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University continues to make significant strides for ascendancy of livestock sector through academic excellence, innovative research, technology development and knowledge dissemination amongst the stakeholders. One of the major highlights of this quarter of the year has been the successful organization of the ***Pashu Palan Mela* - 2026** under the theme '**Strengthen Biosecurity - Prevent Animal Diseases**.' The mega event brought together thousands of farmers, livestock entrepreneurs, students, industry representatives and policymakers on a common platform for knowledge exchange and technology dissemination. The conferment of the Chief Minister's Awards by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, S. Bhagwant Singh Mann Ji, on progressive livestock farmers further recognized the spirit of innovation and enterprise within the farming spheres.

Research, innovation and technology transfer always remain central to the University's endeavours. Several new products and technologies were launched under the University's GADVASU Pure brand at *Pashu Palan Mela*. Receipt of a research grant of ₹26 lakh from the National Council for Science and Technology Communication, Department of Science and Technology for establishing a 3D museum to promote awareness and understanding of veterinary science and animal husbandry through 3D-printed models, educational games and innovative teaching tools is pivotal for disseminating scientific knowledge to the stakeholders. The University further strengthened its research and industry interface through several strategic Memoranda of Understanding and collaborations with Pure Health Food and Nutrition, *Apni Kheti* and CLFMA of India. The Veterinary and Livestock Innovation & Incubation Foundation (VLIIF) continuously promote entrepreneurship, startup incubation and techno-driven solutions.

Farmer-oriented extension activities remained a major priority. The University's colleges/deprtments and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) continued to facilitate the dissemination of scientific knowledge through farmer interactions, demonstrations, awareness programmes and veterinary health camps. The University continued to promote entrepreneurship and self-reliance in the dairy and fisheries sectors. Special attention was given to women farmers and entrepreneurs through capacity-building initiatives, value-addition programmes and recognition of their contributions. A range of training programmes, workshops and capacity-building initiatives was also organized for farmers, veterinary professionals, students and other stakeholders. Student welfare, social responsibility and campus life remained integral to the University's institutional ethos.

As we move forward, the University remains committed to strengthening its position as a centre of excellence in veterinary, dairy, fisheries and allied sciences. Our priorities will continue to be the advancement of quality education, impactful research, innovation-led entrepreneurship, technology transfer, farmer empowerment and sustainable development.

(JPS Gill)
Vice-Chancellor

Pashu Palan Mela 2026



Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University organized its two-day *Pashu Palan Mela* on 18-19 September 2026, bringing together thousands of livestock farmers, entrepreneurs, students and industry stakeholders on one platform for knowledge dissemination and expertise sharing. S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab conferred the University's Chief Minister awards to three livestock farmers in Innovative Cattle Farmer category; Innovative Poultry Farmer category; and Value Addition of Livestock Produce. S. Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development of Punjab inaugurated the *Mela* held under the theme '**Strengthen Biosecurity – Prevent Animal Diseases**'. He encouraged the farmers for embracing the animal husbandry sector on a larger scale, to achieve a surplus in milk production, thereby improving public health and farmers' incomes. Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) S. Gurditt Singh Sekhon, S. Gurpeet Singh Banawali and S. Jagdeep Singh Brar; Dr. Paramdeep Singh Walia, Director Animal Husbandry, Punjab; Dr. Devi Singh Rajput, ADEE, RAJUVAS; Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, DDM, NABARD; Sh. Jyoti Saroop Unnati Cooperative also graced the occasion. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor highlighted the achievements of the University in breed improvement, Embryo Transfer Technique, Mobile Feed Testing facility, diagnosing diseases in both animals and humans and treatment of animals for uplifting farmers' economic status.



The *Mela* featured more than 100 stalls, showcasing the University's technologies, superior germplasm, value-added dairy and meat products, fisheries innovations, animal nutrition solutions and farmer-oriented services. Live demonstrations, expert interactions, diagnostic facilities and technical sessions enabled farmers to access practical solutions and the latest advances in livestock, dairy, poultry and fisheries farming. A major attraction was the launch of several University-developed products and technologies. Prominent veterinary pharmaceutical companies, livestock equipment manufacturers, and feed producers also participated in the *Mela.* Departments of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Fisheries of the Punjab Government showcased their services and schemes. Livestock associations established under the University's guidance also enrolled new members during the event.

On the second day, at the closing and prize distribution ceremony, Sh. Harpreet Singh Sandhu, State Information Commissioner, Government of Punjab, was the Chief Guest. Sh. Sukhjeet Pal Singh, Registrar and officiating Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana also graced the *Mela* as Guest of Honour. Sh. Sandhu acknowledged the contribution of veterinary and allied sciences to empower farmers with knowledge. He praised the contribution of the University to bring the scientist onto one common platform through exhibition, live demonstration and other practical interventions. The *Mela* concluded with the message of better bio-security measures for the farms.

Dr. J.P.S. Gill Conferred Honorary Rank of Colonel and Appointed Colonel Commandant, NCC





In recognition of his astute leadership and contribution to the 1 Punjab Remount and Veterinary Squadron, Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University has been conferred the honorary rank of Colonel and appointed Colonel Commandant of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). The honour was conferred by the Chief Guest, Major General Narinder Singh, Sena Medal, Additional Director General, NCC Directorate, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh, in the 'Pipping-In' ceremony held at the University Auditorium in the presence of senior military officers, university officials, NCC cadets and distinguished guests, including Brigadier P.S. Cheema, Sena Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters.

Maj. Gen. Narinder Singh commended Dr. Gill's commitment to NCC and lauded the University for treating the R&V Squadron NCC as an integral part of the University family by providing infrastructure, veterinary expertise and resources for horse management and training. He described the appointment as a landmark step in strengthening institutional ownership of the NCC. Expressing gratitude for the honour, Dr. Gill reaffirmed his resolve to take the NCC unit at the University to greater heights. The ceremony concluded with the NCC Song and National Anthem.

Punjab-Haryana Farmers Reap Carbon Benefits



Farmers from Punjab and Haryana adopting resource-conserving agricultural practices were felicitated at the '**Honouring Our Farmers**' event, highlighting carbon credits as an emerging incentive for climate-resilient agriculture. The farmers were felicitated in the presence of Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR; Dr. Rajbir Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR; and Dr. Usha Barwale Zehr, Executive Director, Growindigo. The programme brought together various stakeholders to highlight the growing convergence of agricultural science, climate action and new economic opportunities. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University advocated eco-friendly agricultural practices. Initiated by Growindigo in 2019 with technical guidance from ICAR, the carbon-credit programme promotes practices such as Direct Seeded Rice, reduced tillage, in-situ residue management, crop diversification and soil-health restoration. More than 2,500 farmers have received digital carbon-credit payouts, linking sustainable farming practices with economic opportunities.

Academic Activities

Deeksharambh



The University organized *Deeksharambh*-2026, sensitizing the newly admitted undergraduate students of the College of Dairy and Food Science Technology, College of Fisheries and College of Animal Biotechnology about the academic environment, examination system, University rules and regulations, student welfare, NSS activities, mental health, anti-ragging awareness and career opportunities. They were also familiarized with different departments and facilities of the University through visits to laboratories, the Experimental Dairy Plant, sports and recreational facilities, hospital and library services. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor addressed the students and emphasized the importance of discipline, continuous learning, professional competence and active participation in the University life. The Deans/Officers of the University also addressed the students.

Animal Judging Competition for Veterinary Students





The University organized an Animal Judging Competition to strengthen young veterinarians' practical skills in the art and science of animal assessment, selection and breed improvement. The competition featured 19 teams, comprising a total of 57 students, who evaluated *Murrah* and *Nili-Ravi* buffaloes and Holstein Friesian (HF) cattle using breed-specific score cards developed after getting inputs in a brainstorming session. The event provided students a hands-on exposure to apply their knowledge of breed characteristics and animal conformation while developing their skills in observation, comparative assessment and decision-making. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, stated that the initiative towards preparing a team of skilled animal judges could go a long way in facilitating the selection of high-potential animals and contributing to breed improvement. Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education, stated that animal judging plays an important role in identifying animals possessing desirable traits for breeding and production purposes. He emphasized that such competitions provide students with practical exposure to animal assessment and help them develop the ability to make informed judgments, thereby contributing to genetic selection and improvement of livestock breeds. The competition provided students with valuable practical exposure beyond classroom teaching and fostered healthy competition and professional learning.

Research Endeavours

New Products and Technologies Launched



The University developed various new products and technologies which were launched by the dignitaries and displayed at *Pashu Palan Mela* of the University during 18-19 September 2026. Under its '**GADVASU Pure**' brand, the University developed several products including a specialized '**Goat-milk Shampoo**'. A high-value-added dairy product '**Makhmali Cream Cheese**' developed from buffalo milk contains about 31% fat and 9% protein per 100 g, with less than half the fat content of butter. Another released '**Ricotta Cheese Spread**' is a nutritious value-added dairy product prepared from cheese whey. It has a soft, creamy and spreadable texture with a pleasant taste and helps in the effective utilization of cheese whey. '**Goat Milk Feta**' is a high-value-added cheese prepared from goat milk. It has a characteristic soft, crumbly texture and a pleasant, tangy taste. '**Cottage Cheese**' is a high-value-added dairy product that is rich in protein and low in fat. It has a soft, mild and creamy texture and can be used in a variety of culinary preparations. '**Sahiwal Cow Milk**' was also launched at the function. Another significant innovation exhibited is a rapid '**Paper-strip kit for milk adulteration detection**'. The kit can identify common adulterants such as urea, neutralizers, salt, hydrogen peroxide and formalin within 30 seconds to five minutes, providing a practical tool for ensuring milk quality and consumer safety. A Compilation of all **the Chief Minister's awards recipients booklet**, a book titled '**India's Meat Heritage**' and a mobile application named '**Antoflip: flip and learn**' were also released.





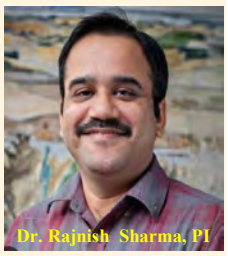








National Grant for 3D Museum and Innovative Veterinary Education


Dr. Rajnish Sharma, PI

The Centre for One Health of the University has received a research grant of ₹26 lakh from the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, GoI, for an innovative project on using 3D printing to improve awareness and understanding of animal husbandry and veterinary science. A 3D museum will be established with 3D-printed models, educational games and teaching tools for livestock farmers, veterinary students and the general public. The project will demonstrate animal health, disease prevention, animal care and modern livestock practices in an accessible and practical manner, helping bridge the gap between classroom learning and field application. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor congratulated the research team for receiving the grant and appreciated their efforts to introduce innovative technology into veterinary education and public outreach.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

MoU with Pure Health Food and Nutrition for Scientific Dog Feed Development



The University and Pure Health Food and Nutrition (PHFN), Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for technical consultancy in the formulation and quality assessment of dog feed under its CANIDAY brand. The five-year consultancy collaboration has a financial outlay of ₹18.3 lakh. The University will provide scientifically developed feed formulations for different categories of dogs, evaluate ingredients and finished products through laboratory facilities and offer technical guidance to the company. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, appreciated the collaboration and stated the MoU as a significant step towards strengthening the University–industry partnership and translating scientific expertise into practical solutions for the growing pet food sector.

MoU with Apni Kheti to Strengthen Digital Extension Services



The University and Cogneesol Agtech Private Limited (*Apni Kheti*) have signed a MoU to strengthen digital extension services and facilitate wider dissemination of scientific knowledge and technologies among farmers and livestock owners. The MoU was signed by Dr. Ravinder Singh Grewal, Director of Extension Education and Sh. Chamkaur Singh, Partnership & Alliance Lead, Cogneesol Agtech Private Limited (*Apni Kheti*) in the presence of Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor. The collaboration aims to provide digitally enabled solutions to farmers and livestock owners by improving access to reliable and scientific information related to livestock, poultry and fisheries. It will facilitate dissemination of production technologies and innovations developed by the University through *Apni Kheti's* extensive digital outreach network. The Vice-Chancellor highlighted that the partnership will strengthen farmer–expert linkages and facilitate joint research, extension and outreach activities in livestock, poultry and fisheries.

University and CLFMA of India Join Hands for Scientific Study on Chicken Sausage Quality



The University has inked a MoU with The Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers Association (CLFMA) of India to undertake a scientific study on Comprehensive Evaluation of Moisture Content on the Technical Stability and Sensory Acceptability of Chicken Sausages in India. Dr. Swaran Singh Randhawa, Director of Research, and Colonel Vinay Kumar, Executive Director, CLFMA signed the MoU under the guidance of Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University. Dr. Gill expressed optimism that the project would provide valuable insights to enhance product quality, foster innovation in poultry processing and contribute to future policy and regulatory frameworks.

VLIIF Startups Strengthen Partnership for Better Dairy Farmer Services



Two startups incubated by the Veterinary and Livestock Innovation and Incubation Foundation (VLIIF) of the University, viz. Frontrunner Farms India Private Limited (FFIN) and Progressive Dairy Solutions (PDS), have strengthened their partnership by signing an addendum to their Testing, Knowledge Exchange and Farmer Collaboration Agreement. The collaboration will allow benchmark herds of Progressive Dairy Farmers Association (PDFA)-linked farmers to participate in the FFIN's Herd Intelligence Programme, providing scientific milk-quality testing, laboratory reports and practical advisory services.

VLIIF- Incubated Startup Joins Hands with ILS to Combat Aflatoxin Contamination in Dairy



The VLIIF facilitated a strategic collaboration between its incubated startup Frontrunner Farms India Pvt. Ltd. (FFIN) and the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar, to develop and field-validate microbial interventions against aflatoxin contamination in dairy feed and milk. Under the MoU, the partners will explore the use of indigenous, non-toxigenic microbial isolates to suppress toxin-producing *Aspergillus flavus*. The initiative represents a convergence of biotechnology, academic research, entrepreneurship and field-level dairy innovation, with the potential to support safer feed and milk production.

Prodense Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Joins VLIIF Incubation Programme



The VLIIF has signed an incubation agreement with Prodense Technologies Private Limited, marking another significant step towards bringing academic research and market ready innovation with shared mission to AI powered technology for pet health and longevity. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Prodense on being associated with VLIIF and said that the induction of Prodense Technologies Private Limited into the VLIIF incubation programme reflects the University's unwavering commitment to promoting innovation-led entrepreneurship and nurturing technology-driven enterprises. Dr. R.S. Sethi, Dean, College of Animal Biotechnology and Director, VLIIF, informed that incubation agreement will provide Prodense Technologies with access to VLIIF's comprehensive support ecosystem, including expert mentoring, business development guidance, networking opportunities, technical assistance, infrastructure support and connections with investors and industry stakeholders.

Visit by the Members of the Board of Management of Karnataka Veterinary University



The Members of the Board of Management of Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar, visited GADVASU to explore its academic, research, extension and infrastructural facilities. The delegation interacted with Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, and was apprised of the major activities, achievements and initiatives of the University in academics, research and extension endeavours. The delegation visited the Multi-Specialty Veterinary Hospital, Dairy Farm, Fisheries Farm, Experimental Dairy Plant, College of Dairy and Food Science Technology, College of Animal Biotechnology and Centre for One Health at the University and appreciated its modern infrastructure, advanced research and diagnostic capabilities and integrated approach to veterinary, dairy, fisheries, biotechnology and One Health education. The visit facilitated knowledge exchange and is expected to strengthen institutional collaboration.

Visit by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Officers



A team of officers from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) visited the University to get acquainted with it's facilities related to veterinary healthcare, livestock production, extension education, dairy processing, One Health and research. The delegation visited the Multi-Speciality Veterinary Hospital, where they interacted with the faculty of the Teaching Veterinary Clinic Complex and learned about the clinical, diagnostic and treatment facilities available. The team also visited the Livestock Farm of the University and gained insights into scientific livestock production, management and breeding practices. At the One Health Centre, the officers were apprised of the University's multidisciplinary approach towards animal, human and environmental health. At Experimental Milk Plant they interacted with the concerned faculty regarding dairy processing, value addition, milk products and related research activities. Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director, Extension Education informed the delegation about various extension initiatives undertaken by the University for the benefit of farmers and livestock owners.

Veterinary Microbiologist Serves as International Resource Person in Sri Lanka



Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, Professor of Veterinary Microbiology, served as an international resource person at a workshop on '**Neglected Tropical Diseases: Molecular diagnosis, comparative genomics and phylogenetics**' at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Dr. Kaur delivered theoretical and practical sessions on the '**Tetra-primer ARMS PCR technique for capturing mutations**'. The workshop, organized under the aegis of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, brought together around 70 participants from Malaysia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka.

University Scientists Contributed to National Biosafety and Biosecurity Dialogue at AIIMS



Dr. Jasbir Singh Bedi, Director, Centre for One Health of the University participated in the '**Second Technical Working Group Meeting on Biosafety and Biosecurity Laboratories in India**', at AIIMS, New Delhi. The event was part of the core, '**National Strategic Dialogue on Biosafety, Biosecurity and Special Pathogen Research Preparedness**', bringing together eminent scientists and subject experts from leading institutions of the country. Dr. Bedi also delivered an expert lecture entitled '**One Health Strategies for Community-Based Prevention, Surveillance, and Risk Reduction of Zoonoses**'. Dr. Pankaj Dhaka of the University was nominated to the Technical Working Group (TWG), further strengthening the University's contribution to the development of national biosafety and biosecurity guidance.

University Expert Commissions Tata Trust's State-of-the-Art Dialysis Unit



Dr. Randhir Singh, Assistant Professor of the University was invited as an expert by the prestigious Tata Trust Small Animal Hospital (SAHM), Mumbai, to commission its newly established veterinary dialysis unit. He was also tasked with providing advanced technical training to the hospital's team of veterinarians. Dr. Randhir Singh delivered lectures on renal failure, emphasizing evidence-based approaches for diagnosis, decision-making and therapy. He also conducted specialized sessions on veterinary hemodialysis, covering patient selection, vascular access, circuit design, machine operation, prescription, adequacy assessment, dose calculations, anticoagulation and complications management. The programme also included hands-on training imparting practical experience in operating the dialysis platform, assembling extracorporeal circuits, priming procedures and troubleshooting.

Green Initiatives - Plantation Drives



Celebrating the auspicious occasion of the 650th Prakash Purab of *Shri Guru Ravidas Ji*, the University organized a Plantation Drive under the aegis of the District Administration, Ludhiana, with the objective of enhancing green cover of the University campus and reinforcing its commitment to creating a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable environment. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the plantation drive in presence of University officers, faculty members, staff and students. The event was graced by Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, Range Officer, Ludhiana who appreciated the University's commitment towards environmental conservation and assured continued support for such initiatives. As part of first phase of the campaign, 500 tree saplings, sourced from the District Forest Office, Ludhiana were planted across the campus.



As part of the ongoing plantation campaign of the University to enhance the green cover of the campus, College of Dairy and Food Science Technology organized a tree plantation drive. Dr. S.P.S. Ghuman, Dean of the college inaugurated the plantation drive in presence of faculty members, students and staff. Flowering shrubs and ornamental plants were planted in the front lawns and along the approach road of the college to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the campus. The drive not only contributes to increasing the green cover but also supports biodiversity, improves the campus environment, and promotes ecological awareness among students and staff.



The Green Club of College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana organized a tree plantation drive at the G+8 Hostel, as part of the University's ongoing efforts to enhance campus greenery and environmental awareness. Dr. S.S. Randhawa, Dean of the college inaugurated the plantation drive along with the officers of the University, faculty members, students and staff. The University fraternity actively participated in planting saplings and reaffirmed their commitment to sustainable campus development. Participants were encouraged to take responsibility for nurturing the planted trees and ensuring their survival. The initiative is expected to improve the hostel surroundings, contribute to biodiversity conservation, enhance the local microenvironment and create a greener and healthier campus. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the Colleges and the Estate Wing for successfully coordinating the plantation drives and encouraged continued initiatives towards making the campus greener, healthier and environmentally sustainable.

Trainings/Workshops/Camps/ Seminars

National Webinar on World Zoonoses Day



Centre for One Health of the University in collaboration with Dayanand Medical College and Hospital (DMC&H), Ludhiana and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Bathinda organized a Vet-Med Joint National Webinar on the '**World Zoonoses Day**' on 6 July 2026. The webinar was held under the theme '**One Health Approaches to Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Integrated Animal–Human Health Surveillance**.' Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University, emphasized that the increasing emergence of zoonotic diseases demands a strong One Health approach integrating veterinary, medical, environmental and public health sectors. He highlighted the pivotal role of veterinary public health and community medicine in strengthening integrated surveillance, early disease detection and preparedness against emerging and existing health challenges at Human-Animal and Environment interface. Dr. Nivedita Gupta, Scientist and Head, Communicable Diseases Division, ICMR, New Delhi, emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary research, coordinated surveillance, and evidence-based policymaking to strengthen India's preparedness against zoonotic diseases. The Organizing Secretaries, Dr. J.S. Bedi, Director, Centre for One Health of the University and Dr. Veenu Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, DMC&H, Ludhiana, reiterated that effective prevention of zoonotic diseases requires sustained collaboration among veterinary, medical, environmental and public health professionals through integrated surveillance and One Health partnerships. The webinar witnessed enthusiastic participation of 150 stakeholders including veterinarians, physicians, microbiologists, researchers, faculty members and students.

Workshop on Advanced Hemodialysis and Critical Care Procedures



Department of Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex of the University organized a three-day Hands-on Workshop-cum-Training on Advanced Hemodialysis and Critical Care Procedures in Companion Animals. The training provided extensive practical exposure to the participants to veterinary nephrology cases and advanced hemodialysis techniques in companion animals. The participants also received hands-on training in thoracocentesis, point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), live blood gas analysis and interpretation and triage of critically ill patients.

Hands-on Workshop on Echocardiography



The University organized a hands-on workshop on **'Echocardiography in Pets and Livestock'** at the Department of Veterinary Medicine for Veterinary Officers from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Punjab, to enhance their practical diagnostic skills for evaluation of cardiac health in companion animals and livestock. The workshop emphasized the importance of advanced, non-invasive diagnostic techniques in improving accuracy and timeliness of clinical decision-making. The initiative was appreciated as an important capacity-building effort to strengthen the clinical competencies of veterinary professionals and ultimately improve animal healthcare and welfare.

Hands-on Training on Nutritional Technologies



Department of Animal Nutrition organized a five-day hands-on training on '**Nutritional Technologies for Dairy Farmers**' under the aegis of the Directorate of Extension Education. The training comprised of lectures and hands-on demonstrations on mineral nutrition, feed analysis, urea molasses mineral blocks (UMMB), bypass fat technology, balanced ration formulation, silage and hay making, feed testing, aflatoxin management, mineral mixture preparation, feed mill machinery and urea treatment of crop residues. During the valedictory session, Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education, emphasized the importance of adopting scientific feeding practices and modern nutritional technologies to improve livestock productivity and profitability. Dr. J.S. Hundal, Head, Department of Animal Nutrition that the programme provided practical exposure to the participants for improving animal health, milk production and overall farm profitability.

Goat and Sheep Farming Training



The University organized a one-week '**Goat and Sheep Farming Training Programme**,' witnessing participation of 22 trainees. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice -Chancellor described goat and sheep farming as a profitable enterprise with immense potential for self -employment, entrepreneurship, and income enhancement in rural areas. The programme combined classroom teaching with practical exposure and farm visits to acquaint the trainees about value addition of meat as well as milk products and daily farm routines at goat farm.

Scientific Dairy Farming Training



The University organized a two-week intensive dairy training. A total of 62 trainees took part in the programme and received hands-on training in scientific dairy farming, animal health, feeding, breeding, biosecurity, housing, clean milk production, value addition and entrepreneurship through expert lectures, practical demonstrations and educational visits. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor interacted with the participants and inspired them to move beyond conventional milk production by embracing value addition, branding and entrepreneurship. Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education, encouraged the trainees to adopt scientific dairy practices.

Skill development training on 'Dairy Farming'



College of Veterinary Science, Rampura Phul organized a two-week training programme on '**Dairy Farming**'. A total of 21 participants attended the training consisting of interactive sessions including lectures, practical demonstrations, hands-on activities on various aspects of dairy farming covering breeds of cattle and buffalo, breeding methods, housing systems, balanced feeding, routine farm operations, healthcare, biosecurity measures, milk processing and value addition, effective marketing, integration, etc. The trainees were given practical demonstrations at Sahiwal cattle farm of Regional Research Training Centre, Kaljharani, Bathinda and bulk milk chilling station at Phul. Apart from this, S. Amrik Singh, a successful dairy farmer from Dhapali village, shared his personal and practical experiences with the participants.

Training on Clean Milk Production and Value Addition for Dairy Women Entrepreneurs



The Directorate of Extension Education in collaboration with Ambuja Foundation, Bathinda, organized a training programme on '**Clean Milk Production and Value Addition of Milk**' for 56 Dairy Women Entrepreneurs. The programme was aimed at strengthening the technical knowledge, entrepreneurial skills and income-generating capabilities of women engaged in dairy farming, through scientific dairy management, hygienic milk production, milk processing, value addition and development of profitable small-scale dairy enterprises. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, emphasized that empowering women dairy entrepreneurs with scientific knowledge, practical skills and entrepreneurial capabilities can help improve the quality of dairy products, enhance household incomes and create sustainable livelihood opportunities in rural areas.

Training on Value Addition of Milk



College of Dairy and Food Science Technology organized five-day training on '**Value Addition of Milk**' to strengthen farmers' technical skills and promote dairy entrepreneurship through value addition. The participants received hands-on training in preparation of commercially important dairy products, and demonstrations on scientific processing techniques, hygienic production practices and quality assurance measures to ensure the manufacturing of safe, high-quality dairy products. The programme also covered branding, packaging, pricing, labelling, FSSAI registration and licensing, etc.

Orientation Workshop for Innovative Fish Farmers



College of Fisheries organized an Orientation Workshop for progressive members of Innovative Fish Farmers Association of Punjab, in collaboration with Fish Farmers Development Agency, Ludhiana. Farmers were apprised about different fisheries sector promotional schemes under Pradhan Mantri - Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) of Department of Fisheries (DOF), GoI. Further, they were urged to get registered on the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) for credit facilitation, strengthening of fisheries cooperatives, aquaculture insurance incentives, performance grants and capacity Building under the scheme. IFFA members also attended a technical session on Fish Feeding Management.

Capacity Building Programme on Intensive Aquaculture



College of Fisheries organized a three-day Capacity Building Programme on Climate-Smart Intensive Aquaculture Technologies at its State-of-the-Art Capacity Building Resource Centre. Twenty two participants received practical training on the designing, operation and management of RAS and BAS in respect to water quality monitoring, feeding regime, biofloc production, biosecurity and health management; along with waste management and its economic recycling. Further, they were guided about various fisheries sector promotional schemes for availing start-up financial assistance in the form of subsidies and loan and were persuaded to register on National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) for availing financial incentives.

Women Fish Farmers Honoured on National Fish Farmers Day



Commemorating National Fish Farmers Day (NFFD) in alignment with United Nations International Year of the Women Farmer (IYWF-2026), College of Fisheries honoured six promising women entrepreneurs, involved in assorted traditional as well as modern intensive aquaculture activities. The honored Aquaculture Sheroes shared their overwhelming inspiring stories of self-reliance with the graduating fisheries professionals of the college, highlighting the entrepreneurial potential of the fisheries sector and the right mindset to overcome teething challenges in the journey of becoming a successful entrepreneur. Applauding women's vital role in global agri-food systems, including fisheries, Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor informed that in India, out of total fishers' population (Fishermen & Fish Farmers) of 2.80 crore, 44.28% (1.24 crore) are women, who contribute significantly in the fisheries value chain from Farm-to-Fork. University is consistently promoting women entrepreneurship through its free of cost capacity building programmes, including technical handholding and specialized training programmes from production to value addition. An education corner, along with an attractive live food and ornamental fish exhibition, was also set up to educate the senior secondary science students, apprising them about the role of fisheries sector in food and nutritional security; Livelihood security; employment generation; and socio-economic growth of the nation through revenue generation. About 250 avid students visited the event. Various fun games and competitions themed on '**Contribution of Women in Blue Revolution**' & '**Promote Fish Consumption to Empower Fish Farmer**' were organized to make the event an engaging learning experience for the participants and the visitors.

Fisheries Entrepreneurship Development Programme



National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) - Fisheries Innovation and Startup Hub (FISHub), Hyderabad organized Fisheries Entrepreneurship Development (FED) Programme '**Aqua Yuva**' in collaboration with College of Fisheries to apprise Budding Fisheries Professionals and young Fisheries Enthusiasts of assorted entrepreneurial opportunities available in the inland fisheries sector. Addressing the group of 50 beneficiaries, Dr. Saravanan Raj, Director (Agricultural Extension), MANAGE and CEO MANAGE-FISHub, informed about the objectives of 'Aqua Yuva' FED programme and its role in promoting entrepreneurship among youth. He also apprised the participants about other FISHub programmes designed for developing real-time networking and collaborations for transforming innovative start-up and entrepreneurial ideas into successful business models.

Besides learning about vibrant entrepreneurial options within the 'Farm to Fork' fisheries value chain, the participants also had unique group learning activities for developing opportunity, need, technology, geographical, social, women and rural based entrepreneurial proposals. They also participated in assessment tasks to evaluate existing demand-supply chains, key gaps and prospective growth to understand the potential areas for entrepreneurship development in the fish value chain. Expert talks on entrepreneurial mindset development; Inland fisheries resources and future scope of development; Business Model Canvas and Business Plan Preparation, instilled the young minds with the spark of confidence to self-reliance.

Group Demonstration on the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana'



As partner of the National Consortium of Verification and Monitoring Consultants (V&MC) under '**Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana**' (PM-MKSSY), College of Fisheries organised the Group Demonstration Programme for fisheries officials of Department of Fisheries, Punjab and other beneficiaries, including fish farmers; traders; vendors; and entrepreneurs. It was arranged in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries (DOF), Government of India (GOI) and PM-MKSSY National Co-ordinator from Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University.

The participants were introduced major components of PM-MKSSY, including National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) for Credit Facilitation; Strengthening of Fisheries Cooperatives; Aquaculture Insurance Incentives; Performance Grants; and Capacity Building and Training. They were encouraged to invest in business improvement; create and maintain employment; improve efficiency; adopt better quality and safety practices; and strengthen the fisheries value chain, to avail financial assistance under the performance grant. Participating fisheries officials were also urged to guide eligible fisheries and aquaculture farmers/enterprises, including micro and small enterprises; women and SC/ST owned enterprises; Self Help Groups ; Fish Farmer Producer Organisations ; Fisheries Cooperatives etc., and mobilise maximum number of stakeholders to avail financial assistance under performance grant for their significant contribution to fisheries sector value chain. Fisheries officials from Department of Fisheries, GoI demonstrated details of NFDP Registration Process and filling of Preliminary Grant Application for performance grant. Queries of the stakeholders were addressed and on the spot NFDP registration of non-registered stakeholders was facilitated by the team.

Fisheries Professionals and Enthusiasts Acquired Entrepreneurial Tips



National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) - Fisheries Innovation and Startup Hub (FISHub), Hyderabad organized Fisheries Entrepreneurship Development Programme '***Aqua UDHYAMI***' in collaboration with College of Fisheries to acquaint aspiring youth with practical knowledge, empirical experiences and challenges for establishing fisheries enterprises. Over 50 young minds interacted with technical experts and successful entrepreneurs to gain real-world insights into enterprise planning, budgeting, production, processing/value addition, market skills and business networking. Three progressive aquaculture entrepreneurs shared their entrepreneurial path to triumph, involving different phases from learning, planning, funding, implementation and production to marketing. Motivational interesting chronicles of all the guest entrepreneurs sparked the budding professionals with an urge to self-reliance with a difference. The participants were also apprised of different promotional schemes offering financial assistance for promoting assorted entrepreneurial activities within the fish value chain. They were advised to register on the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) to avail these schemes. Addressing the beneficiaries, Dr. J.S. Hundal, Director Students' Welfare guided the students to make consistent efforts for transforming the available opportunities and resources into innovative business ideas beyond conventional practices, with the help of a cocktail consisting of skills, zeal, hard work, perseverance and honesty.



Fisheries Start-up & Aquapreneurship Stakeholders Meet Organised



The University organized the '**Fisheries Start-up and Aquapreneurship Stakeholders Meet**' bringing together key stakeholders to encourage innovation driven technology and service-based Start-Ups in the fisheries sector. The programme was organized at the University under the aegis of the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE)-Fisheries Innovation and Start-up Hub (FISHub), Hyderabad. A total of 300 stakeholders attended the event. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor of the University and the Chief Guest of the occasion, highlighted the importance of start-ups and entrepreneurship in developing *Atmanirbhar* and *Viksit Bharat*. Sharing the University's consistent efforts in encouraging Start-ups & promoting entrepreneurship among veterinary, dairy and fisheries professionals, he emphasized on the need to facilitate effective field-level adoption of emerging technologies in alignment with national priorities and food security. Dr. Gill further added that to boost start-up ecosystem in the university a Veterinary & Livestock Innovation & Incubation Foundation (VLIIF) has been established to nurture prospective startup ideas in veterinary, livestock & fisheries, he informed.

The Guests of Honour, Dr. Kanwar Barjinder Singh, Director of Punjab Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (PAMETI), Ludhiana and Sh. Hardev Singh, Director and Warden Fisheries, Punjab apprised the fisheries stakeholders about various promotional schemes and capacity building services offered by their respective institutes for nurturing start-ups and promoting entrepreneurship among youth, farming community and women stakeholders. Dr. Saravanan Raj, Director (Agricultural Extension), MANAGE and CEO, MANAGE-FISHub, apprised the stakeholders about FISHub objectives for transforming Indian fisheries sector through innovation, entrepreneurship, capacity building and ecosystem development. Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education, expressed that the event provided an important converging spot for scientists, students, professionals, extension workers, farmers, and entrepreneurial youth to exchange ideas, develop networks and explore opportunities for metamorphosing Start-up Ideas into exemplary realities.

Off Campus Multidimensional Fisheries Extension Outreach Programme



College of Fisheries organized an Off-Campus multidimensional Fisheries Extension Outreach Programme at the aquaculture farm of Sh. Jasvir Singh Aujhla at village Karodian (Ludhiana), in collaboration with National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) - Fisheries Innovation and Startup Hub (FISHub), Hyderabad; Department of Fisheries, Punjab; and the Innovative Fish Farmers Association (IFFA), Punjab. A total of 50 stakeholders attended the programme. The expert(s) sensitized the participants with scientific aquaculture tips to boost aquaculture productivity and addressed the queries of the farmers. They were also apprised about various promotional schemes providing startup financial assistance for fish farming. The PM-MKSSY Camp was also organized to create awareness about the Multi-facet benefits of this Yojana including capacity building, socio-economic benefits and risk covering insurance aspects. Afterwards, On-Farm Registration Drive of the fisheries stakeholders on the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) was facilitated by the National Verification & Monitoring Consultant. The event concluded with an Academia-Farmer-Industry Interface.

Brainstorming session on Standardizing the Science of Animals Judging



The Directorate of Extension Education organized a brainstorming session on '**Role of Animal Judging in Breed Improvement**' today. The session brought together field veterinary officers, scientists, farmers and research scholars to develop a standardized framework for livestock judging. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor appreciated the initiative and emphasized that judging should primarily contribute to germplasm and breed improvement. He suggested organizing judging competitions for students and young faculty and developing a comprehensive policy document. Dr. P.S. Walia, Director, Animal Husbandry Department (AHD), Punjab stressed that animal judging is not merely about appearance but requires sound technical knowledge to justify selection decisions. Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education highlighted the need for a structured judging policy. In the technical sessions, expert(s) enlightened the audience regarding the history and importance of dairy animal judging, breed characteristics and judging parameters of *Murrah* and *Nili Ravi* and evaluation criteria for *Holstein Friesian* and *Jersey* cattle. Following the expert sessions, an open discussion and interaction session was held. The formulation of a formal policy paper and standardized guidelines based on the session's outcomes were contemplated. A total of 100 stakeholders attended the programme.

Workshop on Building a Mentally Healthy Campus



The Directorate of Students' Welfare organized an interactive workshop on **'Building a Mentally Healthy Campus'** to sensitize faculty, staff and students about mental health and and foster a culture of compassion, empathy and psychological well-being. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Opinder Singh, Registrar, as the Chief Guest. Experts Dr. D.J. Singh and Dr. Darpan Kaur Aulakh addressed key areas including early identification of emotional distress, stress and anxiety management, emotional resilience, empathy and peer support. Participants were encouraged to provide timely support and seek professional assistance when required. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation and reinforced the University's commitment to creating a caring, inclusive and supportive campus.

Session on Success, Happiness and Mental Well-being



College of Animal Biotechnology of the University organised an expert session on '**The New Self: Redefining Success and Happiness**', featuring Dr. Deepika Vig, Coordinator of Research, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana as resource person. Dr. Vig, engaged students in a thought-provoking discussion on purpose, happiness, wellness and holistic well-being. The session encouraged students to view success through the broader dimensions of purpose, self-awareness, relationships, personal growth and well-being. Dr R.S. Sethi, Dean of the College emphasized the importance of sensitizing young minds towards mental well-being and observed that a sound mind is a precursor to excellence. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor said that developing a sense of purpose, maintaining mental and physical wellness and cultivating a balanced outlook are essential for young professionals to achieve sustainable success.

Exposure Visit under HARVEST 2.0



A delegation of 35 young entrepreneurs and representatives of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) from the Northern region of India, led by PI-RAHI (PU-IIT Ropar Regional Accelerator for Holistic Innovations Foundation), visited Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University , Ludhiana, under HARVEST 2.0 programme. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, said that exposure programmes like HARVEST 2.0 provide valuable opportunities for academia to engage with innovation-driven ecosystems and translate research into societal impact. He emphasized the need to bridge scientific research with farming communities to achieve sustainable growth and enhance the productivity of the livestock sector. Dr. R. S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education, remarked that visit provided an effective platform for knowledge exchange, innovation-driven partnerships and institutional collaboration. Dr. R.S. Sethi, Director, VLIIF and Dean, College of Animal Biotechnology, informed that the visit was jointly coordinated by Directorate of Extension Education and VLIIF.

Awareness Session on E-Sanad Portal



The University organized an awareness and training session on the E-Sanad Portal, an initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Govt. of India, for the online attestation and apostille of educational and other documents intended for use abroad. A four-member technical delegation of National Informatics Centre (NIC) Punjab comprising Senior Director (Information Technology) Sh. Sarvesh Verma; Directors Sh. Sanjeev Kumar and Ms. Kirti Mahajan; and Dr. Dharmendra Singh, Assistant Director-cum-State Nodal Officer (E-Sanad), Department of Higher Education, Punjab, visited the University to conduct a technical orientation on the E-Sanad Portal. The team demonstrated the portal's end-to-end digital workflow, covering user registration, online document submission, digital verification, attestation/apostille processes and real-time application tracking, while addressing participants' technical and procedural queries. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice -Chancellor stressed that the implementation of the E-Sanad Portal would significantly streamline the attestation and apostille of students' documents for international use. Dr. Opinder Singh, Registrar emphasized that the adoption of digital governance initiatives such as the E-Sanad Portal reflects the University's commitment to providing efficient, transparent and student-centric services. He encouraged students to make effective use of the portal for hassle-free document authentication.

Pig farming Training



The University conducted a Five-day Pig Farming Training Programme, featuring a well-balanced mix of theoretical and practical sessions. The training aimed to impart scientific knowledge and hands-on skills essential for modern pig farming covered various topics including housing, breeding, nutrition, health management and marketing strategies for meat production, meat sales and value-added meat products.

Kisan Mela on Crop Residue Management Technologies





Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) of the University at Barnala organized *Kisan Mela* 2026 on the theme '**Crop Residue Management Technologies**'. A large number of farmers, farm women and rural youth participated in the programme and interacted with University scientists and officials from various state departments. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education was the Special Guest. Dr. P. S. Tanwar, Associate Director, KVK Barnala, highlighted the role of KVK in transferring scientific agricultural and livestock technologies to the farming community.

Dr. Gill emphasized the importance of integrated farming, scientific livestock management and efficient utilization of farm resources for sustainable agricultural development. He encouraged farmers and rural youth to adopt improved technologies and strengthen agriculture and allied enterprises through scientific interventions. Dr. Grewal highlighted the extension activities of the University and encouraged farmers to remain connected with the University and KVKs for scientific guidance, skill development and adoption of improved technologies. A series of technical lectures was organized during the *Mela.* The Chief Guest and dignitaries also visited the exhibition/display of crop residue management machinery, where different technologies, farm inputs and advisory services were showcased for the benefit of farmers. One of the major highlights of *Kisan Mela* was the recognition of progressive members of the farming community. A total of 47 farmers, farm women and rural youth were honoured with Appreciation Awards for their achievements, adoption of improved technologies and contribution towards agriculture, livestock and allied enterprises. An interactive farmer-scientist discussion session was also organized.

Animal Welfare and Treatment Camp



Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Booh, Tarn Taran, organised Animal Welfare and Treatment Camp at adopted Village Kirtowal Khurd to provide quality veterinary healthcare and scientific guidance to livestock farmers at their doorstep. Dr. R.S. Grewal, Director Extension Education and the Chief Guest of the event encouraged farmers to adopt recommended animal husbandry practices for improving animal health, productivity and farm profitability. Expert(s) sensitised farmers about traditional ethno-veterinary practices, animal reproductive health, infertility, pregnancy-related problems, disease management, diagnosis and preventive healthcare. A total of 150 farmers participated in the camp and got benefited from the expert consultations, treatment and technical guidance. Similarly, KVK, Barnala organized an Animal health and Awareness camp in the adopted village- Gonghor.

Independence Day Celebration



The University celebrated the 80th Independence Day of India. Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor, hoisted the national flag and paid homage to the freedom fighters. He remembered the patriots and heroes who had sacrificed their lives for freedom. In his address, Dr. Gill discussed significant achievements of the University across education, research, innovation, clinical services, extension education, student development and infrastructure expansion. The University continued to strengthen its academic excellence, with graduates securing placements in government and corporate sectors, while several students pursued higher education in reputed international institutions. Innovative initiatives such as educational mobile applications, AI-based chatbots, upgraded laboratories, international collaborations, establishment of an Equine Laboratory and the successful organization of TEDxGADVASU added new dimensions to teaching and learning.

Research and innovation received a major boost through externally funded new projects, national and international collaborations, three patents and AI-driven One Health initiatives. The University successfully commercialized several technologies. Scientific outreach was further enhanced through international symposiums and collaborative research programmes. In the areas of veterinary healthcare and livestock development, the University treated more than 55,000 animals and tested over 59,000 diagnostic samples. Faculty members brought laurels to the University by earning 140 awards, honours and fellowships at national and international levels. The Veterinary and Livestock Innovation and Incubation Foundation (VLIIF) incubated 28 startups, provided ignition grants worth ₹50 lakh and facilitated external funding and patent applications. Student achievements remained outstanding, with NCC cadets excelling at national-level equestrian events, leadership camps, ceremonial parades, sports, youth and heritage festivals. In Infrastructure development, many projects have been completed and many more are underway. Dr. Gill and other University Officers also honored the non-teaching staff for their administrative contributions, achievements and exemplary works. The students musically linked the event with patriotism by presenting patriotic songs. University officials, heads of departments, employees and students participated in this event dedicated to the Independence Day.

Teej Festival



The University celebrated the festival of *Teej* with a spirit of camaraderie and cultural vibrancy, with women employees showcasing Punjab's rich cultural heritage. The celebration highlighted the University's commitment to fostering a sense of belonging, cultural appreciation and a harmonious workplace environment. Mrs. Pawanjeet Kaur Gill, wife of the Vice-Chancellor, and the Chief Guest of the event appreciated the efforts made to preserve and promote traditional values through a series of cultural performances. The Guest of Honour, Mrs. Bandana Rani, Assistant Controller (Audit), highlighted the significance of such cultural events in fostering a sense of belonging and unity among employees.

Celebrated National Sports Day with '*Khelo India Samvaad – Khel Ki Baat PM Ke Saath*'



The Directorate of Students' Welfare of the University in association with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organised '**My Bharat–National Sports Day 2026**' under the theme '***Khelo India Samvaad – Khel Ki Baat PM Ke Saath***'. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor stated that the event provided the University students an opportunity to participate in the nationwide National Sports Day celebrations. The programme began with an introductory briefing by the My Bharat Volunteers and Mr. Harish Rupal, District Youth Officer about the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue along with registration on the My Bharat Portal. A major highlight of the programme was the virtual presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The session included a welcome address by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, screening of a short film on National Sports Day, and the address of the Prime Minister. Dr. J.S. Hundal, Director Students' Welfare, welcomed Mr. Karanveer Singh, International Volleyball Player; State Awardee Ms. Vani Puri, Senior National Medalist in Weightlifting, two-time Junior National Champion and two-time Khelo India Champion; Mr. Armaan Singh, national volleyball player and Mr. Rajanpreet Singh Bains, Influencer. The presence of these accomplished personalities provided an inspiring platform for students.

Anti-Ragging Week Observed





College of Dairy and Food Science Technology observed Anti-Ragging Week-2026, with a series of activities raising awareness about ragging and promoting mutual respect and harmony among students. The programme began with a pledge-taking ceremony by students to uphold a ragging-free campus and promote mutual respect, dignity and harmony, followed by screening of a UGC-recommended anti-ragging awareness video. A poster-making competition and Selfie Stand activity was also organized. Interactive sessions on mental well-being and stress management were conducted by Ms. Manjinder Kaur Ahuja, counselling Coach, and Ms. Darpan Aulakh, Clinical Psychologist, who sensitized students about early signs of stress and ways to cope with them. Dr. Aman Amrit Cheema, Professor of Law, Panjab University Regional centre, Ludhiana delivered lecture on the seriousness of ragging and its strict legal and disciplinary consequences.

College of Veterinary Science, Rampura Phul organized competitions of students, including poster-making, elocution, slogan writing, and essay writing, highlighting the physical, psychological, social and academic consequences of ragging and conveyed strong messages promoting friendship, mutual respect, dignity and harmonious relationships among students. Students were sensitized about the legal provisions, institutional guidelines and responsibilities related to the prevention of ragging. Faculty encouraged the students to maintain healthy interactions between senior and junior students and emphasized that every student has the right to study in a safe and supportive environment. The importance of reporting any incident or apprehension related to ragging to the appropriate college authorities was also highlighted. The college administration reiterated its zero-tolerance policy towards ragging and emphasized that any form of ragging, whether direct or indirect, would invite strict action as per the applicable rules and regulations.

Poster making competition and Blood donation drive



The National Service Scheme (NSS) wing of the University organized the community service activities including a poster-making competition under the theme 'Save life', Jal Seva (water distribution) and two-days blood donation drive. More than **60 units of blood** were collected during the drive to save lives as community service. NSS volunteers also encouraged students and farmers to donate blood, while providing drinking water to visitors during the *Pashu Palan Mela.* Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice-Chancellor visited the blood donation drive to motivate NSS volunteers and extended gratitude to the team visiting for blood collection from Civil Hospital, Jagraon. Dr. J.S. Hundal, Director Students' Welfare commended the noble activities conducted by NSS Volunteers and also thanked Samvedna Trust for lending a helping hand during the camp.

Lecture Sessions on NSS Day to Promote Student Safety and Social Responsibility



The NSS Wing of the University organized special lecture sessions on the occasion of the NSS Day. The programme aimed to sensitize students and NSS volunteers about student safety, responsible citizenship and their duties towards society. Two informative sessions were organized during the programme. The first lecture on '**Zero Tolerance for Ragging: Ensuring Student Safety**' was delivered by Dr. Ashish Virk, Director, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana. The second session on '**Social Responsibilities and Duties towards Community**' was delivered by Dr. Aman Amrit Cheema, Professor, University Institute of Law, Ludhiana. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. S.S. Randhawa, Dean, College of Veterinary Science, emphasized that a safe, respectful and responsible campus environment is essential for the academic and personal development of students. He urged students to uphold discipline, mutual respect and social responsibility in their daily lives. Dr. J.S. Hundal, Director, Students' Welfare, stated that NSS provides students with an opportunity to develop a strong sense of social commitment and responsible citizenship. He highlighted the importance of awareness programmes in empowering students to contribute positively to the University and wider community.