MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

"The University has been incorporated for the purpose, among others, of making provision for imparting education in Arts, Letters, Science and the learned professions and of furthering advancement of learning, the prosecution of original research, with power to appoint University Professors, Readers and Lecturers, to hold and manage educational endowments, to erect, equip and maintain University colleges, libraries, laboratories and museums, to making regulations relating to the residence and conduct of students and to do all such acts as tend to promote study and research"

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

- One of the oldest Universities in India. Established in 1882 as University of Punjab at Lahore (now in Pakistan).
- 1st among Universities of India and 38th in Asia, Times Higher Education Asian University rankings 2015.
- Ranked number one University in India and in the bracket 276-300 internationally in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2014-2015 powered by Thomson Reuters.
- Ranked 39th by the Times Higher Education among BRICS & Emerging Economies.
- University campus is spread over an area of 550 acres (2.2 km²) in sectors 14 and 25 of the city of Chandigarh.
- University has 78 teaching and research departments and 15 Centers/Chairs for teaching and research at the main campus located at Chandigarh.
- University has 188 affiliated colleges spread over Punjab and having one rural Regional Centre at Kauni, and 3 Regional Centres at Muktsar, Ludhiana and Hoshiarpur.
- University has 4 Constituent Colleges located at Sikhwala (Sri Muktsar Sahib), Balachaur (SBS Nagar), Nihalsingh Wala (Moga) and Guru Harsahai (Ferozepur).
- The University has its own community radio station, Radio Jyotirmay 91.2, which is acting as a unifying agent amongst the university faculty, students and also the community.
- Facilitating Centres: Regional Sophisticated Instrumentation Centre, Energy Research Centre, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Centre for IAS & Other Competitive Examinations, Centre for Industry Institute Partnership Programme, Centre for Medical Physics, Centre for Study of Mid-West & Central Asia, Centre for the Study of Geopolitics, Centre for Swami Vivekananda Studies are the other facilitating centres providing services at the University.
- Prominent Research Fundings: The University over a period is getting liberal grants for pursuing research from various national & international agencies. Recently, the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India has selected the Panjab University as one among the 14 top Universities in India for further funding under the Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (DST-PURSE) programme. Under this prestigious scheme, Panjab University will receive Rs. 34.8 crore for the development of research infrastructure, which could be utilized in the period from 2014 to 2018 out of which Rs. 6 crore has already been received during 2014. To participate in the CMS project, the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Atomic Energy have provided Rs. 19 Crores for the 12th Five-Year Plan.
- University with Potential for Excellence: The University has been recognized by the UGC as the "University with Potential for Excellence in Biomedical Sciences" with facilities for Stem Cell Research and Drug Development. During the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012), it was awarded the following two Centres of Excellence by the UGC under the Scheme of Centre with Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area (CPEPA): (a) Centre of Excellence in "Application of Nano Materials, Nano Particles and Nano Composites", with a grant of Rs. 3.55 crore and (b) Centre of Excellence in "Cultural Fixation on Honor: A Gender Audit of Punjab and Haryana", with a grant of Rs. 1.85 crore.