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Australian High Commissioner visit to Panjab University (PU)

Australian High Commissioner to India Ms Harinder Sidhu today visited Panjab University (PU) and met the PU Vice Chancellor Prof Arun Kumar Grover. In the meeting, Australian High Commissioner evinced keen interest to have closer relationship & cooperation with PU and various Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster (CRIKC) institutions. PEC Director Prof Manoj Arora, CSIO Director Prof RK Sinha and representatives of CRIKC institutions like CIAB, NABI, INST also attended the meeting held at the PU VC Committee Room.

In the meeting, Australia's High Commissioner emphasized on deepening the academic relationship and stressed for collaborative research between Indian and Australian institutions. She called upon the PU and CRIKC institutions to explore the possibilities of having closer cooperation with Australian institutions in the field of education and scientific research for availing various funding opportunities. The two sides discussed Australia-India education and research relationship and opportunities for closer cooperation, including those under the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF). They also discussed various ongoing partnerships and collaboration between CRIKC and Australian Universities. Ms Harinder Sidhu particularly mentioned the PU's MoU with Deakin University (Australia) and University of Western Sydney (UWS).

After the meeting, Ms Harinder Sidhu said, "it was wonderful to visit such a significant and historic institution. I am optimistic that we can build on the existing Australia India scientific collaboration."

Earlier, PU VC Prof Grover informed the Australian delegation about the ongoing cooperation between PU and different Australian Universities. He also referred the glorious history of PU and its contribution in nation building. The other three members of the delegation, who accompanied the Australian High Commissioner included; First Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade Ms. Tanya Spisbah; Director Northwest India Australian Trade & Investment Commissioner Mr. Ashish Sharma and Program Officer Media & Advocacy Ms. Vartika Bassi Sethi. Director Research Promotion Cell (RPC), PU Prof OP Katare, CRIKC Coordinators Prof M.M. Gupta, Prof SK Mehta, Associate Director RPC Prof Ramanjit Kaur Johal also attended the meeting.

