

Criterion VII – Institutional Values and Best Practices (100)
Key Indicator – 7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities (40)

Metric No.		Weightage
7.2.1	<p>Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual.</p> <p>Description:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of the Practice Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Chair 2. Objectives of the Practice The prime objective of the Chair is to carry out an advanced research on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Chair will focus on the relevance of Guru Nanak Dev Ji in contemporary times pertaining to the historical, religious, environmental issues. The research will contribute specially to the social, literary, and spiritual aspects of the Guru Nanak Bani (Hymns). 3. The Context The Following contextual features and challenging issues will be addressed through the research activities of the Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life, philosophy and work of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and its relevance in the contemporary times. • Religious and Cultural Space with special reference to Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. • Historical perspectives of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life, mission and work in subsequent periods. • Role and place of Gurudwara Shri Ber Sahib (Sultanpur Lodhi) in the larger contexts of the teachings of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. • Creation of descriptive bibliographical documentation with reference to literary and socio-cultural studies related to Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. • Audio-visual documentation with special reference to Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life & contribution in and around Kapurthala (Doaba region of Punjab). • Study on the travels (<i>Udassies</i>) of Guru Nanak Dev ji • Study of Divine Music (<i>Raag</i>) & Instruments with special reference to <i>Rabab</i>. • Study of Interfaith Dialogues of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. • Study of different languages of Sri Guru Nanak Dev <i>Bani</i> (Hymns). 	30


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4. The Practice

The Chair is unique in its context of Indian higher education system. Apart from imparting the technical education the university is keen to focus on the other human concerns. The university is well connected with the social, religious, political issues of the region. The university has established the Department of Humanities, Languages & Cultural Studies to create the balanced approach between technology and humanity. Guru Nanak Dev Ji Chair is an integral part of this department. The research on the various aspects of Guru Nanak Dev Ji will contribute to disseminate the message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji to the world peace and harmony. Another aspect of this practice is to get connected and investigate the Indian indigenous knowledge and wisdom.

5. Evidence of Success

Research Papers published in reputed journals. The prime objective of this Coffee Table Book is chalk out and mark the spiritual journey of Sikh Gurus. Various talks, expert lectures, seminars, organized on the life and work of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Many student-oriented activities such as painting competition also organised to inculcate the message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji among students.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Many research databases are manually maintained on the life and work of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. It is a major constraint to reach all the sources easily. Many resources on the life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji are poetic in nature. It is another constraint to find out the exact historical value and fact pertaining to Guru Nanak Dev Ji. However, on the contrary the only contemporary poetic resources are available to reach the cultural, religious and political scenario of contemporary times of the Guru.

7. Notes

Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Chair was established to commemorate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The tenure of the chair has been fixed initially for five years and with the provision of extendable to another two years. The Annual budget of the chair worth 54,65,000/-.


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