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CONSTRUCTION OF MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT BATHINDA



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The Establishment

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda was established in 2015 by Govt. of Punjab to improve the status of education, especially technical education, in the state of Punjab, particularly in the Malwa region, thus giving feathers to the vision of our most visionary statesman, Honorable Chief Minister of Punjab S. Parkash Singh Badal. Eight constituent colleges and more than 100 other colleges imparting technical education, spread over 11 districts Bathinda, Barnala, Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Fazilka, Ferozepur, Mansa, Moga, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Patiala and Sangrur of Punjab are affiliated with the University.

To provide impetus to inclusive development in the region, special emphasis has been laid in areas such as eradicating educational backwardness, boosting agrarian economy and providing better healthcare under the visionary leadership of Honorable Chief Minister to improve the socio-economic scenario in the region. Therefore, prominent institutions such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Central University - Punjab, Cancer Research Institute, Regional Research Centre of Punjab Agriculture University besides medical and private universities have also been setup in the region to make it a hub of Education & Health Services.

The Objectives

The objectives behind the establishment of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University at Bathinda are to provide, upgrade and promote Quality Technical Education, Training and Research in Technical Education, to create entrepreneurship and conducive environment for the pursuit of Technical Education in close cooperation with industry.

The Existence

The University has 108 colleges affiliated to it, offering 30 UG and 49 PG programs in Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Architecture and allied technical areas. There are around 16000 students studying in these colleges. Its constituent college, Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering and Technology, Bathinda was the First Engineering College setup in the state by Govt. of Punjab in 1989 and is currently offering variety of many UG and PG courses in the fields of Engineering, Management, Architecture and Applied Sciences. The University is also poised to setup Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology, Biotechnology, Chemical Engineering, Biochemical Engineering, Bio-Medical engineering and Sciences (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) departments to develop it as a best academic and research facility of global level in various disciplines of Science and Technology. University Business School is also being setup to create better business managers and entrepreneurs.

Key Focus Areas

The efforts are being made to establish Industry-Academia linkage for curriculum development and training of the students to make them employable. Steps like establishment of Centre of Excellence with various leading corporate, State of the Art Training facility, Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Tech-incubator for Start-ups, Skill Development Centres and specialized courses as per the recent trends with open elective choices are some of the unique approaches adopted to shape up the career of students in area of interest. To further augment employability of youth, integrated skill certificate- diploma-degree programs, with multiple exit points are being introduced.

The Construction of University Buildings

The University has been allocated 70 acres of land from Giani Zail Singh Campus, Bathinda. The construction of various buildings is planned to be carried out in 3 phases. It was envisaged that in the first phase, Administrative Block, 6 Academic Blocks , Library, IT-enabled Services Center, Lecture theatres, Research & Development Centre and Honorable Vice Chancellor's residence is planned to be constructed costing about Rs. 120 Crore. The second phase will cover Accommodation for faculty and staff, and Hostels for boys and girls and 4 Academic blocks. costing about Rs. 105 Crore. Guest House and Auditorium will be covered in 3rd phase costing about Rs. 50 Crore.

We shall be honored if the Foundation Stone of the University Building is laid by our Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister of Food Processing in the Government of India and Member of Parliament from Bathinda, Sardarni Harsimrat Kaur Badal Ji.