

Amritsar – The Venue for IAN 2012

Oct 28th - 30th, 2012

In literal terms, **Amritsar** means "**the pool of nectar**", the name derived from a pool constructed at the sacred site in the 16th century, gifted by the Mughal Emperor Akbar to Guru Ramdas, the fourth preceptor of the Sikh faith. Amritsar is one of Punjab's principal cities, dating back in history over 400 years. The city is known for the world famous **Golden Temple**, the Sanctum Sanctorum. Situated on the north-western border of India, the city is also gateway for the travelers on the overland route through Pakistan. The city is also known for the tragic incidents of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre in 1919 under British Rule.

Amritsar is also known as the **education hub for the region** having premier institutions such as Guru Nanak Dev University, Government Medical and Dental Colleges, SGRD Medical and Dental Colleges, Mental Health Institute, half a dozen Engineering and Polytechnic Colleges besides renowned private sector hospitals.

Guru Nanak Dev University at Amritsar was established on November 24, 1969 to mark the 500th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The motto of the Guru Nanak Dev University as engraved on its emblem Guru's wisdom illumines all speaks of the vision and idealism for which the University stands. **University boasts of 37 academic departments**, two regional campuses, nearly one hundred affiliated colleges and a score of support service departments and administrative offices. In recent years, the University has diversified in a big way its programmes into applied sciences making it one of the distinguished centres of industry related job-oriented courses. UGC has granted the University with Potential for Excellence as well as Center with Potential for Excellence in Life Sciences and also in Sports Sciences.

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accredited the University at the "Five Star Level"