

### **Activity Report**

#### **Central University of Punjab launched COVID-19 Information Portal to fight against Infodemic**

25<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Bathinda: To empower people across the world to fight against Novel Corona Virus with authentic information, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (CUPB) launched India's own unique COVID-19 Information Portal at CUPB City Campus on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. On this unique COVID-19 Information Portal most of the authentic information and sources related to SARS-CoV-2 are available for the referencing, research, and common understanding of the phenomenon. CUPB has taken initiative to develop a unique information portal for internet users under the leadership of honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof R.K. Kohli, where all the important information and official links are provided at one forum. This portal will provide exclusive authentic information to scientists, medical practitioners, administrators, media persons, bureaucrats and diplomats.

CUPB COVID-19 Information Portal will be updated automatically. This information portal, provides authentic information & official resources related to Global COVID-19 Updates, India COVID-19 Dashboard, Health Guidelines (Issued by WHO, CDC, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI), along with MHRD E-learning Initiatives, COVID-19 Research Funding (By National and International Agencies), Details of PM Cares Fund, Arogya Setu App, and other essential information, which can be accessed by visiting <https://cupcovid19.info>

On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof R.K. Kohli mentioned that during this crisis, people are not only struggling to fight with pandemic but also with infodemic, due to ample amount of verified and unverified information related to COVID-19 being available on the internet. This portal is an attempt to compile the vast and scattered up to date relevant information on a single platform to facilitate the researchers, students, as well as common man. He added this portal would serve as gateway for exploring information on research funding, research publications, global updates, government announcements, and best strategies to beat COVID 19. He informed that this information portal will serve as an important tool to prevent the spread of fake news related to COVID-19.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. R.K. Kohli, launching the CUPB COVID-19 Information Portal along with CUPB Faculty & Staff Members.

Prof. Kohli also stated, that this portal would encourage scientist to collaborate for path-breaking research on COVID, and help medical practitioners to stay updated with global health updates from authentic information sources, He added, this portal would also help students by providing access to authentic E-Learning Material approved by MHRD. Apart from this, CUPB COVID-19 Information Portal will also help media houses, news channels and broadcasting mediums to report authentic and accurate information by cross verifying the fact, Hence, this portal would act as platforms to access such kinds of important information not only for experts

and but also for common people. He shared that, with this portal, everyone can access all the authentic & verified sources of information related to COVID-19 without doubting the credibility & validity. He informed that, CUPB has taken this initiative to empower the world to fight with COVID-19 because we believe that the world is one family (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam).

The launching ceremony of CUPB COVID-19 Information Portal was attended by Prof V.K. Garg, Dean Student Welfare, Prof S.K. Bawa, Prof Tarun Arora, Prof Amandeep Kaur, Dr Bhupinder Singh, Dr Amandeep Brar, Dr Rubal Kanozia, Mr Nivedan Salwan (Assistant Registrar), Mr Umesh Kumar, (Security Officer), Mr Robin Jindal (Public Relation Officer), Ms Anupam Sharma, and other CUPB Employees while maintaining the norms of social distancing.