

# Central University of Punjab Bathinda



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### Minutes of the Twenty Eighth Meeting Internal Quality Assurance Cell

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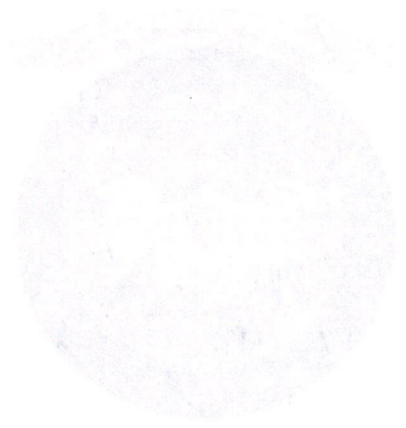
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## Minutes for the Twenty Eighth Meeting of IQAC

The 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of IQAC was held in hybrid mode on April 28, 2026 at 3:00p.m. in the Vice Chancellor's Conference Room, First Floor Aryabhata Academic Block.

The following members joined the meeting online:

1. Prof. S. K. Bawa, Former ~~Former~~ Vice Chancellor, Guru Kashi University
2. Prof. Jatinder Kaur, Director IQAC, GNDU, Amritsar
3. Dr. Puneet Bhandari – Special Invitee

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Chairperson, IQAC
2. Prof. Kiran Hazarika, Pro-Vice Chancellor, CUP
3. Dr. Rekha Kalia Bhardwaj, Former Principal, Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar
4. Prof. Ramakrishna Wusirika, Dean Incharge Academics
5. Dr. Rajkumar Sharma, Finance Officer
6. Dr. Vijay Sharma, Registrar
7. Prof. B. P. Garg, Controller of Examinations
8. Prof. Anjana Munshi, Director, R&D
9. Prof. Anil Kumar Mantha, Department of Zoology
10. Prof. Sunil Mittal, Department of Environmental Studies
11. Prof. Yogalakshmi K. N., Department of Environment Sciences & Technology
12. Prof. J. K. Pattanaik, Department of Geology
13. Prof. Vinod Kumar, Department of Chemistry
14. Prof. Jagmeet Singh, Department of South and Central Asian Studies
15. Prof. Rajan Bhandari, Department of Geography
16. Prof. Narendra Nath Dalei, Department of Economic Studies
17. Dr. Sesadeba Pany, Associate Professor, Department of Education
18. Dr. Preeti Khetarpal, Associate Professor, Department of Human Genetics and Molecular Medicine
19. Dr. Vinod Arya, Department of Sociology
20. Dr. Raj Kumar, Department of Law
21. Dr. Parvinder Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Technology
22. Dr. Narinder Kumar Sharma, Department of English
23. Dr. Raman, Department of Zoology
24. Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Assistant Librarian
25. Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dept. of South and Central Asian Studies (Alumni)
26. Dr. Rabindra Kumar, Technical Officer (Alumni)
27. Ms. Akanksha Singh, Department of Microbiology (Student)
28. Prof. Monisha Dhiman, Director, IQAC – Member Secretary

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and discussed about the achievements and activities of the University and role of IQAC quality assurance and in university growth. He invited the member secretary to present the agenda items. Prof. Monisha Dhiman, the member secretary thanked the members to attend

the meeting. She started presenting the agenda items one by one to the members of the IQAC:

**Agenda 28/2026/1: Welcome to the new members, and thanks to the old members**

The tenure of the previous IQAC committee has been successfully completed. The new IQAC committee has been constituted and is attached as **Annexure-1**.

**RESOLVED**

The Member Secretary welcomed all the present members of IQAC and thanked the old members for their contribution to IQAC.

**Agenda 28/2026/2: Confirmation of minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of IQAC held on July 23, 2025, were circulated amongst the members through e-mail and the suggestions received were incorporated.

The minutes are submitted for confirmation. Attached as **Annexure-2**.

**RESOLVED**

The members unanimously approved the minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of IQAC.

**Agenda 28/2026/3: Action Taken Report of 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of IQAC**

The action taken report is submitted for information and is attached as **Annexure-3**.

***Submitted for Approval***

**RESOLVED**

The member secretary explained the Action Taken Report of the last meeting in details. The members unanimously approved the Action Taken Report presented by member secretary.

***Items for Information***

**Agenda 28/2026/4: Activities performed and Progress Report of IQAC after the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The activities performed by IQAC after the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting are detailed below:

**Training and Lectures**

1. Workshops on "Effective Question Paper Setting and Assessment of CLOS using Bloom's Taxonomy" were organised by IQAC in four groups (i.e. on 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025) involving all the

departments. Prof. V. K. Garg and Dr. Sesadeba Pany were the Resource Persons in the Workshops. Report of the same is attached as **Annexure-4**.

2. Special Lecture on Understanding NIRF - Framework, Methodology & Key Indicators was organized on **20<sup>th</sup> November 2025**. The invited speaker of the programme was Dr. Rakesh Sharma IFS (Retd.) Ex. VC Graphic Era Deemed to be University Former Education Secretary Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

#### **Awards and Achievements**

3. NIRF-2025 result was declared in September 2025. The University ranked 77<sup>th</sup> in University Category, 20<sup>th</sup> in Pharmacy Category, 40<sup>th</sup> in Law Category and Rank band of 11-50 in SDG Category. Certificates are attached as **Annexures-5 6 -7**.
4. The University first time participated in the Times Higher Education (THE) World Ranking University 2026; secured the following global Rank:
 

World University Rankings	601-800
Medical and Health	251-300
Life Sciences	601-800
Physical Sciences	401-500
5. The University ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in Research Quality Parameter in India.
6. THE Asia Ranking 2026 is released on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 and CU Punjab is in 251-300 Rank Band
7. Central University of Punjab secured 9<sup>th</sup> rank in Central Universities category of Outlook India 2025 rankings.
8. The university now has ISO 14001:2015 certification for Environment Management System (**Annexure-8**).

#### **Activities performed by IQAC**

9. Feedback of faculty taken from students of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2024 batch and 4<sup>th</sup> semester 2023 batch during examination was compiled and shared with the faculty members.
10. Invited Lecture on "Research and Innovation in Context to NEP-2020" on 11th August 2025 by Prof. A. P. Dash, Padma Shri awardee and Former Vice-Chancellor, CUTN.
11. The activities conducted by **IIC-7** were submitted to MoE Innovation Cell (MIC) portal for star rating in September 2025. A total of **29 activities** are submitted out of which 04 are Celebrations, 13 are



IIC Calendar Activities, 08 are Self driven activities and 04 are MIC driven activities.

12. Interaction cum meeting with Faculty by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Punjab, presented his five-year vision (2026–2031) for the University and unveiled a comprehensive Eight-Pillar Strategic Five-Year Action Plan while interacting with faculty members and officials at the beginning of the New Year 2026.
13. For the first time the university has submitted the Data for **QS Sustainability 2026** Ranking and **QS World University Ranking by Subjects** in April 2026.
14. Data is also submitted for **THE-2027 Ranking** in April 2026 (**Annexure-9**).

**Activities performed by NEP SAARTHI** (Student Ambassador for Academic Reform in Transforming Higher Education in India) is a Flagship program of UGC where students are selected to promote awareness and understanding of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) and the importance of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) among the academic community. A team of six students comprising **Mr. Inderjit Singh, Ms. Samridhi, Mr. Utkarsh Barewal, Ms. Reeta Devi, Mr. S. Harysh Winster, and Ms. Pragya Lohia** from various PG and PhD programs were selected and working under the guidance Director, IQAC. The NEP SAARTHIs of CU Punjab have performed the following activities which are per the Calendar provided by UGC.

15. Declamation competition on NEP 2020: Revolution in Indian Education System was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
16. The NEP SAARTHIs conducted a Poster Making & Slogan Writing Competition on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.
17. Special Lecture by Vice-Chancellor on 'Indian Education System and NEP-2020' was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
18. Special Lecture on 'Echoes of Indian Tradition; Exploring Indian Knowledge System by Prof. Vikas Sharma Chaudhary Charan Singh University Meerut on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025
19. The NEP-SAARTHI Newsletter has been prepared by these students which will be submitted on the UTSAH portal of UGC (**Annexure-10**)

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**Activities performed by Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)-7 and IIC-8:**

20. BioE3-Ideathon Competition "INNOVATIVE MINDS - 2025" and Invited Lecture on "Entrepreneurship: The Future of India" on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025 by Sh. Satish Kumar, National Thinker & Social Worker
21. Seminar on "Basics of Intellectual Property Rights and its Importance for Innovators and Entrepreneurs" on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 by Dr. Ruchi Singla, Director & CEO of RAS Intellect Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mohali
22. Panel Discussion with Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem Enablers on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 by Dr. Radhika Trikha, CEO, IIT Awadh
23. Invited Lecture on Viksit Bharat@2047: Role of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence in e-Governance on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 by Prof. Shalabh Department of Mathematics & Statistics, IIT Kanpur
24. Workshop on "Accelerating Ideas into Patents using AI" on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 by Mr. Prateek Kanaujia, Product Consultant at GTM & RevOps specialist at Xiscout
25. Interaction meet and session on Viksit Bharat" 2047: Mainstreaming Skilling and Higher Education on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 by Sh. Atul Kumar Tiwari, Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
26. Invited talk on "Industry 5.0, Innovation, Human Capital and Growth- India's Status" on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 by Prof. Satish Verma, Former RBI Chair Professor, Chandigarh
27. Exposure Visit of Mr. Siddhant Rakesh, Industrial Coordinator, BIC, I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU) to Incubation Unit on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025
28. Training Cum Workshop (Hybrid Mode) On Groundwater Management for Irrigation in Agriculture on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025
29. Expert Talk to commemorate "National Start-up Day" by Ms. Karuna Kanwar, CEO, IIT Ropar on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026
30. Organized AI awareness activity as a part of Pre-AI Summit Event on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 by Dr. Chhavi Garg and Dr. Anugraha Merin Rajan
31. Organized Machines that Think: An AI Exhibition' under AICTE IDEA Lab by Ms. Rushil Sharma, Guest of Honour, Data Scientist at Tatra Data Services on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Submitted for Information**



### **RESOLVED**

The member secretary elaborated the activities performed by IQAC, IIC and NEP SAARTHIS. The members congratulated all the efforts put by IQAC in the growth of the University and appreciated the series of activities done.

The members also appreciated the approach of IQAC for compiling and submitting the data on the various international agencies to secure good ranks for the university.

### ***Items for Ratification***

#### **Agenda 28/2026/5:**

#### **Analysis of Feedback of students for the faculty**

Feedback for the faculty was taken from students of 1<sup>st</sup> semester and 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester of UG program as well as the students from 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of 2024 batch and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2025 batch of PG program during the end semester examination held in December 2025 and January 2026. A total of **3956** responses has been received from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester UG students. A total of **11990** responses has been received from the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of 2024 batch and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2025 batch of PG program. The feedback and suggestions are being analyzed and same will be shared with the faculty for necessary action (**Annexure -11**).

#### ***Submitted for Approval***

### **RESOLVED**

The members unanimously agreed to review the feedback of the students for the faculty for further quality improvement in respect of teaching and learning. It was also suggested that the same should be critically seen and discussed with respective faculty (if needed).

#### **Agenda 28/2026/6:**

#### **Mentor Mentee allotment**

The regional and academic mentors have been allotted to the 2025 batch students (UG as well as PG) (**Annexure 12-13**). The same has been shared with the faculty as well as the students for necessary action. The faculty mentors have to submit the action taken report to IQAC time to time.

#### ***Submitted for Approval***

## **RESOLVED**

The members approved the mentor-mentee allotment. It was suggested that mentor-mentee scheme is one of the best practice of the university hence few mandatory meetings or interactions must be convened for better outcome of the scheme.

### **Agenda 28/2026/7:**

#### **Policies approved in Academic Council and Executive Council**

##### **1. Implementation of Policy for Laboratory Rotation/Faculty Interaction for allotment of Ph.D. Supervisor**

A well-structured system of lab rotations/faculty interactions during the PhD coursework at the Central University of Punjab can provide significant academic and professional benefits to both newly inducted scholars and the institution. By allowing students to interact with faculty of the department before finalizing their PhD host lab/supervisor enables them to gain first-hand exposure to diverse research areas, experimental techniques, and faculty expertise. This helps scholars make informed decisions about selecting a lab/supervisor aligned with their research interests, skillsets, and long-term career goals, thereby reducing the risk of mismatches or dissatisfaction later in their doctoral journey.

The policy has been approved in the AC and EC (**Annexure-14**), hence same has been implemented from January 2026. The PhD students admitted in the Jan 2026 session will go for Laboratory Rotation/Faculty Interaction for allotment of Ph.D. Supervisor same has been conveyed in the curriculum audit.

#### ***Submitted for Approval***

## **RESOLVED**

The committee members applauded this initiative of the university and appreciated its implementation

##### **2. National Innovation and Start-up Policy (NISP) to adopted with modification at the university.**

##### **3. Option for Start-up *in lieu* of Dissertation**

There are few departments (FST and CST) in the university where the students are highly motivated to run their own start-ups. In these disciplines if a student has some idea or Proof of Concept that may be allowed to convert into prototype or a start-up *in lieu* of Dissertation. The Incubation centre of the university and respective faculty supervisor may mentor such students. The stakes

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or claim of ownership in intellectual property developed during this time will be as per the National Innovation and Start-up Policy of the university.

A committee having following members was constituted to formulate **modalities and guidelines for adoption of NISP and Ideation & Prototype leading to Start-up:**

1. Prof. Anjana Munshi, Director R&D
2. Prof. Monisha Dhiman, Director, IQAC
3. Prof. Vinod Kumar Pathania, Department of Chemistry
4. Prof. Narender N. Dalei, Department of Economic Studies
5. Dr Rubal Kanozia, Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies
6. Dr. Akshay Nag, CEO, CUPRDF

The same was discussed in various Innovation Council meetings. While discussing the NISP policy, it was observed that there are challenges/queries which are to be resolved before its adoption at an academic institution:

1. Academic break
2. Impact on regular teaching
3. Share of equity
4. IP sharing.

A meeting of the committee was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Minutes of the meeting and the policy are enclosed as **Annexure-15-16**.

***Submitted for discussion and approval***

**RESOLVED**

The member of IQAC unanimously approved modalities and guidelines for adoption of NISP and Ideation & Prototype leading to Start-up.

**Agenda 28/2026/8:**

**Orientation/Induction Programme for newly admitted PhD students:**

Orientation/Induction Programme for newly admitted PhD students may be organized to familiarize them with the university's academic framework, research environment, policies, regulations, support systems and facilities which will help them to acclimatize to their new roles and environment.

***Submitted for approval***

**RESOLVED**

The member secretary suggested to plan an

Orientation/Induction Programme for newly admitted PhD students which was unanimously approved by the members of the IQAC.

It was also suggested that the PhD students related data must be updated on Shodh-Chakra which is an initiative of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre under the guidance of University Grants Commission (UGC) to facilitate the PhD scholars during their research life cycle.

**Agenda 28/2026/9:**

**Curriculum Audit-2026**

IQAC conducted the Curriculum Audit-2026 for the academic session 2026-27 from **13<sup>th</sup> April 2026-20<sup>th</sup> April 2026** for the 44 the programs in the 31 Departments. The report of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-17**. The curriculum audit for the New UG programs and the programs to be offered by the newly established departments and centers will be conducted separately as and when the curriculum is prepared by the respective departments. The observations of the curriculum audit will be shared with the respective departments which has to be incorporated in the curriculum which will then be approved in BoS, School Boards and followed by approval in AC and EC.

**Submitted for approval**

**RESOLVED**

The member secretary explained that the Curriculum Audit is conducted every year to improve the quality of the curriculum to enable the students to compete in the current scenario. The report of the same was presented before the members. The members appreciated the efforts of IQAC and unanimously approved the report of the Curriculum Audit.

**Agenda 28/2026/10:**

**Write-up about School of the University on the Website**

The data submitted for THE or QS is subject based where the broad information about the school is required. Hence, a small paragraph (15-20 lines) about the school may be updated on the university website.

**Submitted for discussion and approval**

The member secretary told the members that the university is participating in national and international rankings for which the data is mostly collected from University website. It was suggested that the information

of each department is available on the website but we need to put the information of School also.

**RESOLVED**

The members unanimously agreed that the information about schools must be uploaded on the university website by the respective dean.

**Items for Consideration**

**Agenda 28/2026/11: Green Campus Initiatives at CU Punjab**

1. The university has taken a proud leap toward environmental conservation with the installation of a paper recycling machine on campus — a small yet powerful step under its Green Campus Initiative. This innovation reinforces our commitment to sustainability, responsible waste management, and a zero-waste campus. This is a brilliant initiative by Registrar Sir and the same has been inaugurated on **9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. The file folder made of up of the recycled paper were used in the Foundation Day event of the university.

**2. MoU with Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd.**

The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. to collaborate in the area of sustainable waste management. The plastic is being recycled to make the benches for the university.

**RESOLVED**

The members applauded the efforts put by university for taking the initiatives for making the University a Green Campus. It was resolved that the university will take more initiatives with regard to Green Campus at the University.

**Agenda 28/2026/12: Activity under MoU signed with Rekhi Foundation**

Department of Psychology is the nodal centre for setting up the Centre for Happiness and implementing the initiatives of Rekhi Foundation. In this regard the department is planning to offer one IDC on “Science of Happiness” in the upcoming academic session.

**RESOLVED**

The member secretary explained that Department of Psychology is setting up the Centre for Happiness with Rekhi Foundation and also planning to offer “Science of Happiness” as an IDC course in this academic session. The members unanimously noted the activities which are being performed under MoU signed with Rekhi

Foundation.

**Agenda 28/2026/13: Preparation for next cycle of QS Ranking**

The requirements for the preparation of next cycle QS ranking has been analyzed (**Annexure-18**). Based on this the following items are required at the university level:

1. Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) policy
2. Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy
3. Establishment of Eco-Club
4. Adoption of Equal Opportunity Cell Policy of UGC
5. Approval of the Policy for Sustainability and Climate Action (**Annexure-19**) prepared by the following members:

- Prof. Yogalakshmi K. N.
- Prof. Jitendra Kumar Pattanaik
- Dr. Naresh Kumar Singla
- Dr. Pritam Chand
- Dr. SK Mustak
- Er. Puneet

6. Sustainable Investment Policy of Central University of Punjab prepared by Finance Section (**Annexure-20**)

**RESOLVED**

The member secretary explained that this year we have also filled the data for QS ranking for which a list of items is prepared for the next cycle of QS ranking. Some policies and clubs are to be prepared for the next QS ranking. The members of the committee unanimously agreed to go ahead for the preparation of next cycle of QS ranking and to get a good rank of the University.

The members also approved the Policy for Sustainability and Climate Action and Sustainable Investment Policy. The same can be legally vetted and submitted for approval from statutory bodies.

**Agenda 28/2026/14: Data Submitted for NIRF 2026**

IQAC has submitted the data for NIRF 2026 for the following categories:

1. Overall - **Annexures-21**
2. Pharmacy - **Annexures-22**
3. Law - **Annexures-23**
4. Innovation - **Annexures-24**
5. SDG - **Annexures-25**

**RESOLVED**

The member secretary explained the present members that the IQAC took great efforts in collecting and

compiling the data for NIRF 2026 ranking. The members praised the IQAC members for achieving this great task. It was also told that the NIRF ranking is submitted for above 5 categories.

**Agenda 28/2026/15:**

**Any other agenda with the permission of the Chair.**

1. Prof. S. K. Bawa and other members suggested the following:
  - To plan and start the Joint/Twinning programmes with reputed international institutions.
  - In addition to Question papers being set up using Bloom's Taxonomy, training or workshops can be organized for other domains.
2. The Biohazard waste segregation and management in the university should be streamlined.

Submitted for the approval

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