

One Day Guru Nanak Dev Lecture on “What Ails Higher Education?”

Guru Nanak College, Dhanbad

Date: 30th July 2025

Under the aegis of Guru Nanak Dev Lecture Series (initiative of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell) of Guru Nanak College, Dhanbad, an academic lecture on the theme “*What Ails Higher Education?*” was successfully organized on 30th July 2025 at the college’s S.J.S. Grewal Auditorium. The lecture commenced at 1:00 PM and was attended by senior university officials, academicians, faculty members and students.

The Chief Guest for this dignified occasion was **Prof. Dr. Ram Kumar Singh**, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Binod Bihari Mahto Koyalanchal University. He was accompanied by **Dr. Radhanath Tripathi** (Registrar, BBMKU), **Dr. Pushpa Kumari** (Dean, Students’ Welfare), and **Dr. Tapati Chatterjee** (Department of Art & Culture).

The event was formally inaugurated by **Dr. Ranjana Das**, Principal of the college, who warmly welcomed all the distinguished guests and attendees. She highlighted the background and significance of the event and emphasized the need for such academic dialogues to enhance quality and innovation in higher education.

In his address, **Prof. Dr. Ram Kumar Singh** reflected on the intricacies, challenges, and opportunities of the modern education system. He emphasized that education today should not be confined to mere degree acquisition but must foster research, innovation, and creativity. He described encouragement as the key to success.

Dr. Radhanath Tripathi, Registrar, discussed the interrelation between knowledge and employment, stating that “*knowledge is a teacher in itself.*” He advocated for linking education with real-life applications.

Dr. Pushpa Kumari, Dean, shared her thoughts on the New Education Policy and the ongoing changes in higher education, describing it as the backbone of nation-building.

The keynote address was delivered by **Prof. Purnendu Shekhar**, former Principal of Guru Nanak College, who presented a factual and inspiring lecture on the topic “*What Ails Higher Education?*” He stressed the importance of curiosity, self-reflection, and positive thinking among students for deeper understanding.

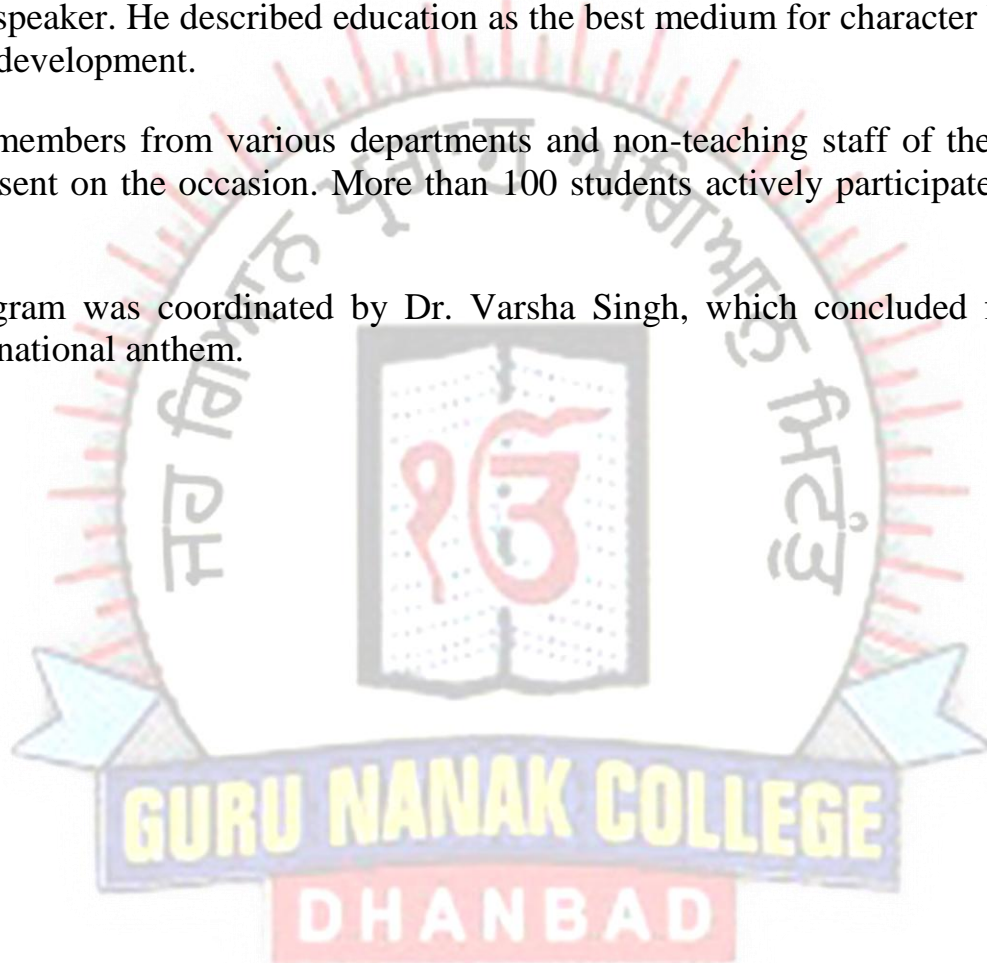
Referring to the Upanishads, Indian culture, and books like *“Indian Cultural Heritage,”* he shed light on the Guru-Shishya tradition and the multifaceted art of teaching.

Sardar R.S. Chahal, Chairman of the College, advised students to make regular reading and learning a part of their lifestyle to enhance their knowledge.

Sardar Diljaun Singh Grewal, Secretary of the College, delivered the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, university officials, and the keynote speaker. He described education as the best medium for character building and self-development.

Faculty members from various departments and non-teaching staff of the college were present on the occasion. More than 100 students actively participated in the event.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Varsha Singh, which concluded formally with the national anthem.



Picture Gallery













