



Inauguration & launch of website by Dr. Jaspal Singh Vice-Chancellor along with Master Ujagar Singh, Bibi Jasbir Kaur Khalsa, Dr. Jagir Singh, Dr. Gurnam Singh & Dr. Amritpal Kaur in the presence of faculty & studies on December 3, 2010.

## **Bhai Randhir Singh On-line Gurmat Sangeet Library Punjabi University's Remarkable effort in the field of Gurmat Sangeet**

Dr. Jaspal Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University Patiala while launching Bhai Randhir Singh On-line Gurmat Sangeet Library said that this library is a unique contribution in the field of information and communication, which is an example for other subjects. Praising the continuous achievements of this worldwide prominent centre of Gurmat Sangeet, he said that research on Gurmat Sangeet is fundamentally important and Gurmat Sangeet Chair has accomplished it in a very short span of time. With this endeavor only, we can develop our subjects and Punjabi University can be more developing and dedicated for the objective for the objective of its establishment.

Punjabi University has become the hub of Gurmat Sangeet through multi-dimensional works to re-establish it at Academic Level. With the constant efforts of Dr. Gurnam Singh, the founder Professor & Head, within the short span of five to six years, all these activities, Gurmat Sangeet Chair, Department of Gurmat Sangeet, Gurmat Sangeet Bhawan, M.A. Gurmat Sangeet, under-graduate and post-graduate courses have been commenced and established. All these are important achievements by the grace of God, for which Bibi Jasbir Kaur Khalsa, Chairperson Sri Guru Gian Parkash Foundation, New Delhi, the former Vice-Chancellor S. Swarn Singh Boparai and

present Vice Chancellor Dr. Jaspal Singh, deserve a special thanks who gave stewardship to all these matters.

Adding to its achievements, Punjabi University has established and launched **Bhai Randhir Singh On-line Gurmat Sangeet Library** which is a rare example in academic field and a revolutionary step in the research and teaching of Gurmat Sangeet. This is an effort to propagate Gurmat Sangeet worldwide theoretically as well as practically.

With the inspiration of Dr. Gurnam Singh, Akhand Kirtani Jatha, Surrey (Canada) provided a donation of Rs. 20 Lakh in the lovable memory of Bhai Randhir Singh. In the duration of two years, rare books and recordings on Gurmat Sangeet were collected thereafter displayed beautifully in the digital form. Now any researcher of Gurmat Sangeet, anywhere in the world can just log on to <http://www.gurmatsangeetlibrary.com> and can have knowledge regarding Gurmat Sangeet. This is a precious gift even for the Sikh brotherhood India and abroad. This is a paradigm for the other religious institutions also that they can preserve and propagate their art and knowledge. Praiseworthy are Akhand Kirtani Jatha, Surrey (Canada) who initiated this project.

Bhai Randir Singh On-line Gurmat Sangeet Library is a tribute to Bhai Randhir Singh that included creations of Bhai Randhir Singh, Theoretical, Historical, Practical Shabad Compositions, Research papers, Research Articles, Periodicals 'Amrit Kirtan' and important Entries from Encyclopedias and dictionaries related to Gurmat Sangeet. Apart from this the Shabad Keertan based on the musicology and prescribed Raagas of Sri Guru Granth Sahib by Bhai Avtar Singh, Bhai Balbir Singh, Dr. Gurnam Singh and others are an important part of its audio library.

Definitely this treasure of knowledge, is a precious boom of 2011 for the lovers of music which is an effort of last golden decade of Gurmat Sangeet. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jaspal Singh and Project Director Dr. Amritpal Kaur and her technical team, Departmental Staff Dr. Gurnam Singh, Bibi Jasbir Kaur Khalsa, Master Ujagar Singh, Canada deserve special praise, who have fulfilled this project. Sikh Sangat & academia are invited to visit this website.