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Vice Chancellor of RGNUL Punjab Joins 'Drug-Free, Vibrant Punjab Campaign' at Ferozepur

Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Prof. (Dr.) Jai S. Singh and other members of RGNUL, Punjab teaching and non-teaching staff joined a three kilometre march as part of the 'Drug-Free, Vibrant Punjab Campaign' under the leadership of Hon'ble Governor Shri Gulab Chand Kataria at Ferozepur on 10 February, 2026. The participation of the University community reflected RGNUL, Punjab's continued commitment towards social responsibility and its engagement with issues of pressing public concern. The campaign, envisioned as a mass awareness initiative, sought to mobilise citizens across age groups to collectively address the growing challenge of substance abuse in the State.

Shri Kataria cautioned the citizens against the involvement of hostile foreign neighbours in spreading the drug menace in the country and expressed confidence that the youth of Punjab will ensure that the State overcomes this challenge through resilience, vigilance and collective action. In his address, he underscored the importance of sustained public participation, coordinated institutional support and community-level sensitisation in countering the problem. Emphasising the role of educational institutions, he highlighted that universities and schools must act as centres of awareness, prevention and positive engagement for young minds.

The march commenced from the historic Saragarhi Gurdwara Sahib at Ferozepur and witnessed the participation of thousands of schoolchildren, university students, youngsters and other members of the citizenry who joined together to raise awareness against the drug menace in Punjab. The atmosphere was marked by enthusiasm and solidarity, with participants carrying messages promoting a healthy and disciplined lifestyle. The event symbolised a united front cutting across academic institutions, civil society and religious communities, all standing together for a drug-free Punjab.

The event was attended by several Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Principals and Professors from universities across Punjab, including Prof. (Dr.) Rattan Singh, Vice Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, among others. Noted religious figures such as Baba Shri Gurinder Singh Dhillon, head of Radha Soami Satsang Beas, were also present, lending moral and spiritual support to the initiative. Their presence reinforced the collective resolve of the State's leadership, academic, administrative and spiritual, to confront the issue with unity and determination.

Representing Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Registrar, faculty members and administrative staff actively participated in the march alongside the Vice Chancellor. The event was also attended by Dr. Basant Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL, Punjab and Mr. Siddhartha Fuller, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL, Punjab, demonstrating the University's cohesive institutional participation in the campaign. The involvement of members from both teaching and non-teaching cadres reflected a shared institutional commitment to contributing meaningfully to public welfare initiatives beyond the academic sphere.

The participants collectively pledged to lead a united, disciplined and sustained effort to eradicate the drug menace from the ancient and glorious land of Punjab. The campaign reaffirmed the importance of collaboration between government authorities, educational institutions, religious organisations and civil society in addressing complex social challenges. RGNUL's presence at the march stood as a reaffirmation of its broader vision of nurturing socially conscious citizens and future leaders committed not only to academic excellence but also to the well-being and progress of society at large.

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