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**Press note**

Inaugural session of 3 days workshop on Course Enhancement for Graduate Employability:

JGND PSOU Organises Three-Day Workshop on Course Enhancement for Graduate Employability

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University (JGND PSOU), Patiala, commenced a three-day workshop on “Course Enhancement for Graduate Employability” to address the critical need for industry-aligned education. The workshop was organised under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Rattan Singh, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, JGND PSOU, at the University on 15 April 2026 in collaboration with the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi. The event, initiated by the Skill and Employability Cell, focuses on developing a roadmap for skill-oriented curriculum development to enhance the professional competencies of graduates.

In the inaugural address, Prof. (Dr.) Rattan Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JGND PSOU, emphasised the University’s commitment to producing graduates who are not only academically competent but also employable and socially conscious. He congratulated the organising committee for taking the lead in introducing new skill-based courses. Delivering the special address online, Dr. B. Shadrach, Director, CEMCA, highlighted insights from the Economic Survey of Punjab, pointing out the existing gap between available skills and industry requirements. He stressed that open universities are uniquely positioned to bridge this gap through flexible and relevant programming.

Dr. Pradeep K. Choudhury, Consultant, CEMCA and resource person, outlined the specific objectives for the three-day programme, focusing on equipping students with modern workforce competencies. Prof. (Dr.) Baljit Singh Khehra, Registrar, JGND PSOU, highlighted the importance of integrating employability skills within university programmes in his address. Dr. Amitoj Singh, Associate Dean Academic Affairs, JGND PSOU, presented the formal vote of thanks. He highlighted the necessity of aligning academic degrees with the evolving workforce and shared the University’s progress in launching apprenticeship-based courses.

The inaugural session was attended by Principals and Coordinators of various Regional Centres of the University, who participated in discussions to align academic offerings with emerging needs. Dr. Balpreet Singh, Assistant Professor, JGND PSOU, is the coordinator for the workshop scheduled from 15 to 17 April 2026. The first day concluded with a collaborative session aimed at laying the groundwork for a revamped, skill-centric curriculum.

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