



PANJAB UNIVERSITY MISSION & VISION (2025–2035)

1. Introduction

Panjab University (the University hereafter), with a distinguished legacy of over 143 years, has established itself as a premier institution of higher education, research, and societal advancement. Building upon this strong foundation, the University envisions its future trajectory within the framework of the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 2025, in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

This document articulates the University's aspiration to be recognized as a globally renowned, research-intensive, and innovation-driven institution of high learning that fosters ethical leadership and generates knowledge of lasting societal impact. The University emphasizes interdisciplinarity, sustainability, digital transformation, industry-academia collaboration, and international engagement, thereby cultivating a dynamic ecosystem of ideas, innovation, and excellence.

2. Vision Statement

“To emerge as a globally acclaimed, research-intensive university, grounded in multidisciplinary excellence and innovation, committed to sustainable development, and societal transformation through inclusive learning, cutting-edge research, and strategic global partnerships.”

3. Mission

- i. To attract, nurture, and transform exceptional talent through holistic education, fostering confidence, competence, and ethical leadership.
- ii. To design and implement innovative academic programmes aligned with NEP 2020, global best practices, and interdisciplinary approaches.

- iii. To establish a technology-enabled and inclusive learning ecosystem supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure and digital platforms.
- iv. To promote collaborative research across departments, institutions, and international networks, thereby generating knowledge of societal relevance.
- v. To develop and strengthen innovation and incubation ecosystems, providing comprehensive support to faculty and students for start-ups, patents, and industry partnerships.
- vi. To recruit, develop, and retain dedicated faculty and staff, cultivating academic excellence, continuous growth, and institutional leadership.
- vii. To enhance transparency, efficiency, and accountability in governance through administrative reforms and the adoption of digital systems.
- viii. To align teaching, research, and outreach initiatives with national and regional priorities such as *Viksit Bharat@2047*, *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, sustainable development, and societal transformation.

4. Rationale for Amended Vision Statement

The amended vision of the University underscores global eminence, **transformative knowledge and leadership, and interdisciplinary/inter-institutional collaboration**. This articulation is informed by the University's intrinsic strengths as well as the evolving external environment in which it functions.

a) From National Eminence to Global Recognition

Since its inception more than a century ago, Panjab University has always been recognized as one of India's leading universities, consistently achieving strong national rankings. However, in today's interconnected academic ecosystem, excellence is defined not merely by local or national benchmarks but by global impact, visibility, citations, and collaborative engagements. The Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 2025 of Panjab University highlights the imperative of internationalization through increased participation of the University academia in global projects, recruitment of international faculty and students, and joint research endeavours. Accordingly, the vision (2025-2035) seeks to position the University as a globally eminent institution, capable of competing, collaborating, and contributing at the international level.

b) Creation and Application of Transformative Knowledge

The role of a modern university extends beyond classroom teaching and conventional discipline-specific research; it encompasses the generation of cutting-edge knowledge that directly influences society and industry. Critical areas such as climate change, renewable energy, digital transformation, health technologies, and sustainable agriculture necessitate that universities act as both knowledge creators and problem solvers. By emphasizing transformative knowledge through innovation, entrepreneurship, and interdisciplinary collaboration, the vision (2025-2035) affirms the University's responsibility to produce research that delivers meaningful societal impact.

c) Ethical and Skilled Leadership for Society

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasises holistic development, critical thinking, and values-based education. In alignment, the IDP 2025 outlines the University's commitment to nurturing students and researchers who are not only academically proficient but also ethical, inclusive, and socially responsible. The University aims to cultivate future leaders who can navigate societal complexities, encourage innovation, and uphold accountability.

d) Interdisciplinarity as the Driving Force

The challenges of the contemporary world—whether in renewable energy, artificial intelligence and ethics, pandemic response, or climate resilience—cannot be addressed through isolated disciplinary approaches. The University aims to establish itself as a hub for innovative teaching-learning models that are aligned with globally acclaimed best academic and research practices. Accordingly, the vision places interdisciplinarity at its core, positioning the University as a space where natural sciences, social sciences, liberal, arts, technology, and policies collaborate across multiple institutions.

e) Enhancing Global Visibility and Partnerships

The University already maintains active collaborations with leading National and International Universities, which will be further expanded into robust global networks and consortia. The vision recognises that academic reputation in today's globalised world is built upon partnerships and collaborative networks

rather than in isolation. By embedding global visibility into its strategic framework, the University aspires to establish itself as a partner of choice for cutting-edge research, innovation, and academic exchange.

5. Rationale for Amended Mission Statement

The amended mission statement has been formulated with due consideration to the inherent strengths of the University, the priorities outlined in the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 2025, and the reforms envisaged under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020:

- i. **Holistic Education** → To integrate academic rigour with values, ethics, and leadership, thereby nurturing socially responsible graduates.
- ii. **Innovative Academic Programmes** → To introduce flexible, multidisciplinary, and globally relevant curricula in alignment with NEP 2020.
- iii. **Technology-Enabled Ecosystem** → To leverage digital platforms, smart classrooms, and artificial intelligence-driven tools for enhancing teaching and research.
- iv. **Collaborative Research** → To strengthen interdisciplinary centres of excellence and promote participation in global research networks.
- v. **Innovation and Incubation Ecosystems** → To foster start-ups, patents, and industry collaborations, positioning PU as a hub of innovation.
- vi. **Talent Development** → To attract, develop, and retain world-class faculty and staff, thereby building a vibrant academic and research culture.
- vii. **Transparent Governance** → To modernize academic administration, enhance accountability, and streamline processes through e-governance initiatives.
- viii. **Alignment with National Priorities** → To contribute directly to the nation's developmental agenda, including inclusive education, technological advancement, Digital India, green energy, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ix. **Shift to a Purpose-Driver Focus** → To “empower our global community” by providing a more humane and inspiring objective for the stakeholders.
- x. **Cultivate a diverse community of innovators and critical thinkers** → The role of the University is not just to transmit the knowledge, but in

nurturing and developing intellectual and creative talent. The focus is to move beyond rote learning to emphasize creativity, problem-solving, and the ability to question assumptions.

6. Alignment with Institutional Development Plan (IDP)

#	IDP 2025 Priority	Reflected in Amended Vision/Mission
1	Expansion of Research Ecosystem & Innovation	Collaborative research, incubation, patents, industry linkages
2	NEP 2020 Implementation	Interdisciplinary and flexible academic programmes
3	Digital Transformation	Technology-enabled inclusive learning ecosystem
4	Global Visibility & Partnerships	International collaborations, global recognition
5	Governance Reforms	Transparency, efficiency, and accountability
6	Societal Relevance	Sustainable development, ethical leadership

7. Conclusion

The amended vision and mission statements of Panjab University are forward-looking, globally oriented, and Nationally relevant. They embody aspirations that are both ambitious and pragmatic, firmly grounded in the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 2025 and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

This amended framework will serve as a strategic roadmap for the University over the next decade, enabling it to consolidate its position as a premier institution of higher learning and research in India and across the globe. By fostering excellence, innovation, and inclusivity, the University is poised to address emerging challenges and seize opportunities within an increasingly dynamic global landscape.