

Ex-Chief Election Commissioner grants ₹25 lakh to GADVASU

■ To help complete construction of the upcoming girls' hostel

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Every Member of Parliament (MP) of the state should come forward with Member Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) fund to support institutes like Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), said Dr MS Gill, former Chief Election Commissioner of India and Ex-Minister of Union Cabinet, who is presently the Member Parliament of the Upper House.

On a special visit to vet varsity, Dr Gill announced a grant of Rs 25 lakh from his MPLAD fund for the upcoming girls' hostel of the university. The hostel will accommodate over 200 girl students. Presently, girls are staying in different private accommodations in the city as well as a few girls have been adjusted in the newly constructed Kisan Hostel.

GADVASU Vice-Chancellor Dr Amarjit Singh Nanda along with Deans, Directors and Officers of the university applauded his move for this generous contribution to complete the hostel.



GADVASU officials show the site of the upcoming girls' hostel to Rajya Sabha MP and former Chief Election Commissioner of India MS Gill (wearing a watch) in Ludhiana. A TRIBUNE PHOTOGRAPH

Dr Baldev Singh Dhillon, PAU Vice-Chancellor also graced the occasion.

After visiting the upcoming building of the girls' hostel, Dr Nanda gave a detail about the different activities, projects, courses and extension programmes of the university. Dr Nanda disclosed that the varsity was treating more than 22,000 animals every year at the var-

sity clinical complex and a majority of the sick animals were being referred to this hospital. He revealed that GADVASU was working on good quality semen and better quality bulls for breed improvement and supplying the semen to farmers of the state.

Meanwhile, Dr Gill suggested that the university should start small courses

on animal husbandry for self-employment of youth. He said fisheries were a good avenue to generate better income.

He emphasised that the state government should provide a one-time grant of minimum 50 crore to GADVASU to support their projects and help the farmers through better extension as well as research in the livestock and fisheries sector.

...lays foundation stone of girls' hostel at PAU

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Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Dr Manohar Singh Gill, laid the foundation stone of a girls' hostel (West block), for which he donated Rs 60 lakh out of the MPLAD fund.

He called upon the agricultural scientists to intensify their research to combat the contemporary agricultural challenges and find out new ways to give a new direction to the Punjab agriculture.

Stressing the need for spreading of education, Gill said he was particularly keen on educating the girls and the rural population. He condemned the atrocities on women in Punjab.

Grants for girls' welfare

Dr Gill disclosed that he has also donated Rs 72 lakh to SCD Government College, Ludhiana, and Rs 25 lakh to GADVASU, for construction of girls' hostels.



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