

Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh

PGIMER, Chandigarh: Snapshot Overview

- **Full Name:** Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
 - **Established:** 1962; declared an Institute of National Importance in 1967 by an act of Parliament.[Sarkari Result+15Wikipedia+15YouTube+15BASLP Course+8Cities ABC+8CollegeBatch.com+8](#)
 - **Founding Visionaries:** Dr. Tulsi Das, Santokh Singh Anand (first Director, 1963–1969), Pran Nath Chhuttani (first Dean; Director 1969–1978), Dr. B N Aikat, Sant Ram Dhall, and Bala Krishna—conceptualized with support from Chief Minister Partap Singh Kairon and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.[Chandigarh UT+4Top Universities+4Wikipedia+4](#)
 - **Campus & Facilities:**
 - Urban campus of approximately 277 acres, hosting a tertiary-care hospital and comprehensive educational infrastructure.[Indian Science+4YouTube+4Facebook+4](#)
 - Nehru Hospital, inaugurated by Prime Minister Nehru in July 1963.[PGIMER+1](#)
 - **Leadership:** Current Director is Dr. Vivek Lal.[Hindustan Times+4Wikipedia+4Hindustan Times+4](#)
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Academic, Research & Clinical Excellence

- **Mission:** The institute’s motto “Service to the Community, Care of the Needy and Research for the Good of All” reflects its tri-fold commitment.[Facebook+12Wikipedia+12Hindustan Times+12](#)
- **Programs Offered:**
 - Postgraduate (MD, MS, MDS), Doctoral (PhD), Fellowships, Diplomas, and BSc paramedical; over 50 courses across medical and paramedical disciplines.[IE Education+3Wikipedia+3Shiksha+3](#)
 - MBBS intake of 100 students expected to start by 2025 at its satellite center.[Wikipedia](#)
- **Teaching & Research Infrastructure:**

- Library named Dr. Tulsi Das Library holds ~45,700 books, over ~57,600 journals, and nearly 4,900 theses across degrees. Subscriptions to major online journal databases.[YouTube+11CollegeBatch.com+11PGIMER+11Wikipedia+1](#)
- Cutting-edge research labs equipped with flow cytometry, PET, genomics, ultracentrifugation, LC-MS, and more. A BSL-III lab is under construction.[Wikipedia](#)
- Clinical Reach: A premier healthcare hub serving large patient populations from northern India—including Punjab, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh.[Wikipedia+1](#)

Rankings & National Standing

- NIRF Medical Ranking 2024: Ranked 2nd in India with a score of 80.83, second only to AIIMS Delhi.[Careers360+2Wikipedia+2](#)
- Global Ranking: Placed in the 451–500 band worldwide in Life Sciences, Clinical & Medicine by QS 2024.[Careers360](#)

Outreach, Initiatives & Notable Highlights

- Satellite Expansion: Operational center in Sangrur (Punjab); expansions approved in Una (Himachal Pradesh) and Firozpur (Punjab).[Wikipedia](#)
- Project Sarathi: Hospital navigation & support program, piloted at PGIMER and now active in 1,467 hospitals across India—reducing patient wait times from 4.2 to 2.8 hours.[The Times of India](#)
- Emergency Blood Reserve: Launched a campaign to set up a dedicated blood reserve following recent crises. The blood bank at Nehru Hospital operates 24/7.[The Times of India](#)
- AMRIT Pharmacy Concerns: PGIMER houses nine AMRIT outlets—the most in India. Recent mark-up hikes from 7% to 17.5% have prompted negotiations to protect affordability.[The Times of India](#)
- Nursing Leadership: Dr. Sukhpal Kaur, Acting Principal of National Institute of Nursing Education (PGIMER), has been shortlisted among top 10 finalists for the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2025.[The Times of India](#)

Quick Summary Table

Category	Highlights
Establishment	Founded 1962; Institute of National Importance since 1967
Campus & Facilities	~277 acres, includes Nehru Hospital and advanced research infrastructure
Academic Programs	PG, MD/MS/MDS, PhD, Diploma, BSc paramedical, and upcoming MBBS intake
Ranking	NIRF: #2 in India (2024); QS Global: 451–500 band
Research	Strong bio-research labs; rich library holdings
Satellite Centers	Active in Sangrur; planned in Una and Firozpur
Initiatives	Project Sarathi, emergency blood drive, pharmacy affordability efforts
Notable Recognition	Nursing award finalist Dr. Sukhpal Kaur