Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV), formerly University of Indore was established in 1964, by an Act of Legislature of Madhya Pradesh. DAVV is a State University whose jurisdiction was initially restricted to only Indore city. Later on its jurisdiction was extended to seven tribal dominated districts of Indore division namely, Jhabua, Alirajpur, Dhar, Khargone, Khandwa, Burhanpur and Barwani. It is thus catering to the educational needs of the most industrially developed district of MP, Indore on one hand and to the seven tribal and rural backward districts of the State on the other.

The vision of the University derives from its motto “Dhiyo Yonah Prachodayat”. Accordingly, the University has adopted and given to itself the following vision and the mission. University has been creating, advancing and disseminating knowledge since 1964. University initially started with few departments, now has 27 teaching departments and offers undergraduate, post-graduate and research programmes in 16 Faculties. The University has number of supporting centers including Directorate of Distance Education, and Directorate of Physical Education and Sports. The sports department conducts number of national competitive events as per Association of Indian Universities guidelines. University mentors the students through Career Counseling and Opportunities Guidance cell, Equal Opportunity Cell, and National Service Scheme Units. University offers number of support services through Health Centre, Day Care Centre, University Cultural Centre, and Student Welfare Department.

University functions from its two campuses namely Nalanda and Takshshila. University administrative office is located at Nalanda Campus, RNT Marg and Teaching departments are at Takshshila campus.

University has excellent campus with Network facility operated through National Knowledge Network, Auditorium for cultural activities, over hundred class rooms with ICT enabled 24x7 learning facilities, Live Video Multicasting Unit, FM Radio Station and Wi-Fi that make the Campus ICT friendly. Bank, Post office and Coffee House facilities are also available on the campus. Twenty seven Schools/Institutes of the University impart teaching on the Takshshila campus to 10,500 students and to nearly 1,000 students through distance education mode. The University has 270 affiliated colleges in addition to 33 University teaching departments and centres. University has proposed a Medical College and a Hospital and it will be located on a new campus at the Airport Road, Indore.