Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, is a Central University of India, located in Bilaspur C.G. State, established under Central Universities Act 2009, No. 25 of 2009. Formerly called Guru Ghasidas University (GGU), established by an Act of the State Legislative Assembly, was formally inaugurated on June 16, 1983. GGU is an active member of the Association of Indian Universities and Association of Commonwealth Universities. Situated in a socially and economically challenged area, the university is appropriately named to honor the great Satnami Saint Guru Ghasidas (born in 17th century), who championed the cause of the downtrodden and waged a relentless struggle against all forms of social evils and injustice prevailing in the society. The University is a residential cum affiliating institution, having its jurisdiction spread over Bilaspur Revenue Division of the state of Chhattisgarh.

The department is offering specialization in Medical Anthropology and Tribal Development. Besides the courses in the table, Ph.D s have been awarded on some crucial topics like genetic analysis, disease prevalence in isolated community, tribal unrest. The course contents also deal with issues and concerns covering different dimensions of human rights and development.

The departmental field work have been conducted on the tribals inhabiting remote areas. The department published a number of articles, papers and books covering different ethnographic areas. Department also completed a number of research projects like Rehabilitation and Displacement, Nutritional Status of the korwas, Tribal Indebtedness, Monograph and Village Studies.

The department is in close collaboration with the local NGOs for productive research and development. Department organized a Refresher course in Anthropology and sociology, memorial lectures on Globalization of culture, workshop on Tribal Self-Rule, Seminars on ‘Women empowerment’ and ‘Intersection of Religious and social upliftment of Harizons in central India’ and held lecture series for the students, research scholars, NGOs and government officials related to tribal affairs.

Department invited two ful-bright scholars from U.S.A.. Ministry of Human Resource development, Government of India, sanctioned grants to establish the Sahid Bir Narayan Singh Chair with a view to conduct research on primitive tribe and to work for documentation and preservation of cultural information, knowledge and resources.