

# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

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Jawaharlal Nehru University, also known as JNU, is a public central university in New Delhi, India. In 2012, The National Assessment and Accreditation Council gave the university a grade of 3.9 out of 4, the highest grade awarded to any educational institution in the country. The university is ranked second among the public universities in India, as published by India Today.

JNU was established in 1969 by an Act of Parliament. It was named after Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister and was founded by Smt. Indira Gandhi, and G. Parthsarthy was the first vice-chancellor.

The objective of the founders was to make the university a premier institution of higher learning and to promote research and teaching leading to the increasing engagement of its students and teachers in higher level academic work and national and international policy making.

In 2011-12 the university received over 250 Crores as central subsidy, amounting to over 3,50,000 Rupees per student.

The university is an example of the new red brick universities built in the mid-20th century.

Located in the southern part of New Delhi and spread over an area of about 1000 acres (4 km<sup>2</sup>), the campus occupies some of the northernmost reaches of the Aravalli Hills. The campus maintains large patches of scrub and forestland – the JNU ridge is home to over 200 species of birds and other wildlife such as, Nilgai, Indian Crested Porcupines, Common Palm Civet, jackals, mongoose, peacocks as well as a large number of snakes.

The JNU library is a nine-storey building in the middle of the academic block of the university and is the tallest structure on the campus. It contains large collections of books, printed journals, newspapers and archives of primary sources. On the ground floor are the reading rooms, a section of the stacks, the library's collection of the back numbers of scholarly journals, computer terminals and a newspaper and journal section. The floors are devoted to different subjects.

The library houses the P.C. Joshi Archives. The library compound is fully Wi-Fi, with online access to international academic journals including Project MUSE and JSTOR.