Jiwaji University Gwalior came into existence on May 23, 1964, through M.P. Govt. Ordinance no. 15 of 1963. Late Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the then President of India, laid the foundation stone on 11th December 1964 at a sprawling campus of over 225 acres of land at Naulakha Parade ground.

This was a generous contribution of Scindia family, in particular Kailashwasi Maharaja Shrimant Jiwaji Rao Scindia and late Rajmata Shrimati Vijayaraje Scindia. The institution was christened after the name of Kailashwasi Shrimant Jiwaji Rao Scindia as a standing memorial to his persona. The motto of the university is embedded in its logo Vidyaya Prapyate Tejah.

It is now almost forty seven years that University has witnessed a logarithmic phase of growth. It has also seen the strides that can parallel to any other national/international academic institutions.

The university fraternity has contributed with full strength for the growth of this institution which is flourishing and fragrancing in the tough terrain of Chambal and Gwalior region and promoting the higher education for the better quality of life of the people.

During the IX–Plan, the University volunteered for assessment and accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of UGC. The committee has appreciated the approach of inter-disciplinary teaching, extra curricular activities, health and public awareness programs, healthy student-teacher relations, transparent admission procedure, cosmopolitan student profile, judicious use of resources and quality of research.

The university has been accredited with "FOUR STAR" status. The university has now once again prepering for NAAC accredation. The UGC XI plan committee has also appreciated the performance of the university at various fronts.