

# Jawaharlal Nehru University

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### **JNU conducting fourth Convocation 2020**

Jawaharlal Nehru University is conducting its fourth Annual Convocation on 18 November 2020. Over 600 PhD degrees will be conferred on this day. The number is unprecedented considering the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. This is the third consecutive year that the Convocation is being organized which is focused only on conferring the PhD degrees.

Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Honorable President of India, has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest of the function. Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank", Honorable Minister of Education, Government of India, will be the Guest of Honor. Due to the pandemic the function will be organized online in virtual mode.

Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-chancellor, JNU said: "After a hiatus of more than four decades, JNU reintroduced the convocation ceremony with the second convocation in 2018 followed by the third convocation in 2019. We are glad that in spite of COVID-19 pandemic, we are continuing this tradition providing our students an opportunity to cherish their once in a lifetime experience of receiving their PhD degree. This is a proud moment for their parents too to see their ward's hard work, assiduity and passion for research fructify".

JNU is primarily a research-oriented university. In this year's convocation, more than 600 PhD degrees will be conferred to the research scholars who pursued research in 11 Schools and 03 Special Centers. With the establishment of new schools and centres during last couple of years, such as School of Engineering and Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management & Entrepreneurship, Special Centre of Disaster Studies, Special Centre for National Security Studies and Special Centre for Study of North East India, the number of PhD degrees will further increase in the coming years. This will further strengthen the research and innovation environment existing in the University.

JNU which tops the universities in the country securing A++ grade (highest grade conferred by NAAC) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in University ranking released by NIRF (MHRD), is known for its innovative and unorthodox high quality research in the country. This Convocation reflects the result of the hard works done by the research scholars and teachers in their respective disciplines.

Print and TV Media centers will be provided with an online link to directly have access to the JNU Convocation 2020.

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