



Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Handicapped University

Karwi, Chitrakuta, Uttar Pradesh, India – 210204

A journey from *disabled* to *differently-abled*

Presentation at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Singapore

June 19, 2011

A gateway to the sky in Chitrakuta

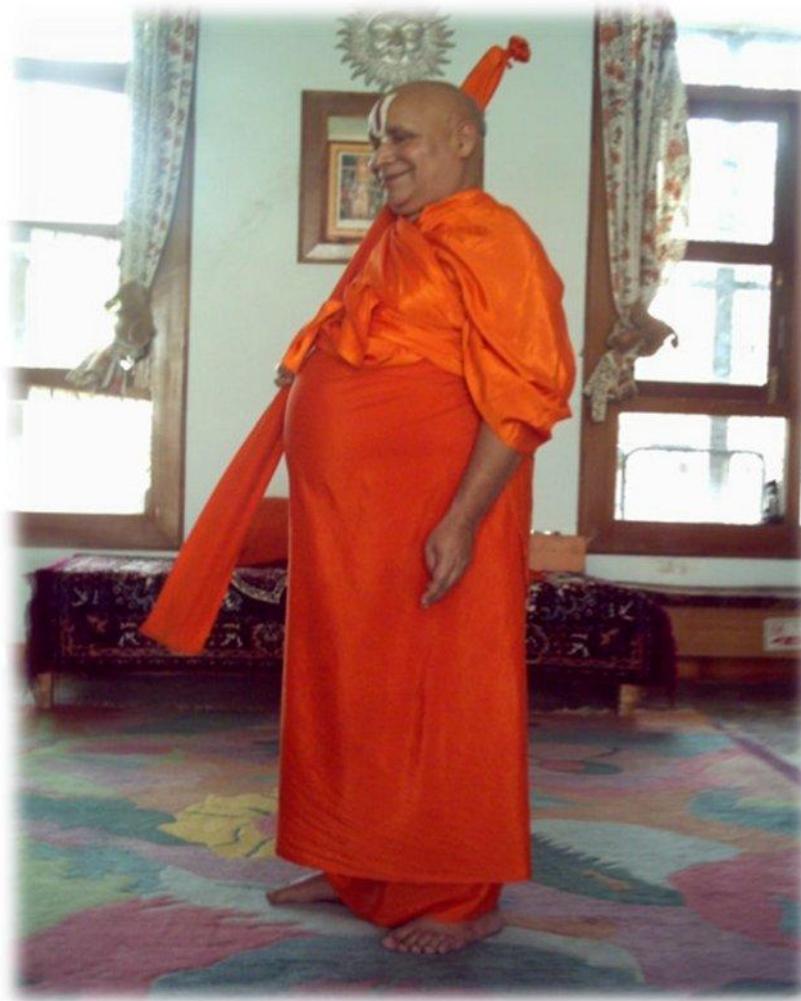




The first university of its kind



Without eyesight, He had a dream ... and made it come true



A unique university

- First university of its kind
 - In India and the world
- Established in 2001
 - By an Act of UP Assembly
- Approved by UGC
 - In the list of universities under section 2 F
- Eligible to receive central assistance
 - Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956
- Donations exempt from Income Tax
 - Sections 80 (G) and 35 (AC) of the Income Tax Act, 1961



Background

- Number of disabled people in India
 - 2.1% as per Census 2001, 8% as per Access Ability
 - 10% of the world's population is disabled as per *Disability World*
 - Only 5% of disabled in India covered under formal education system
- As per NCPEDP, 1.2% of disabled get higher education
- Persons with Disabilities Act 1995
 - Disabled people must have access to education at all levels
- Education a right, not a privilege
- Most educational institutes are not disabled friendly
- An urgent need to address these issues for the disabled

Background (contd.)

- NCPEDP's *Research Study on Present Education Scenario*
 - 0.51% disabled students in mainstream school education
 - Only 0.1% disabled students in mainstream university education
- Mere reservations not sufficient
- Need for creating disabled-friendly environment in educational institutions
- JRHU founded exclusively for the disabled
 - Appropriate curriculum
 - Special teaching methodologies
 - Aids, appliances and equipment
 - Composite rehabilitation for the disabled



The Beginning

- JRHU Ordinance (UP Ordinance No. 15, 2001)
 - Promulgated by the Governor of UP on August 7, 2001
- Classes begin at JRHU on Rishi Panchami, August 23, 2001
- JRHU Act, 2001 (UP Act No. 32, 2001)
 - Passed by the UP Legislature on October 5, 2001 to replace ordinance
 - Appointed Jagadguru Rambhadracharya as life-long Chancellor
- First Statutes of JRHU
 - Approved by the Government of UP on October 18, 2002
- JRHU Rules (2002), Chitrakuta, UP
 - Framed on January 15, 2002 by the Government of UP
- Membership of Association of Indian Universities (Jan 2002)

The Chancellor

- H. E. Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
 - Lost his eyesight at the age of two months
- Life-long Chancellor
 - Appointed by the UP State Government Act
- A mission to serve
 - Understands the difficulty and agony of the disabled better
- First dream
 - Establishing a university for the disabled
- Second dream
 - Nourishing the university to help the disabled carve a niche



The Emblem of JRHU

- Motto – सेवाधर्मः परमगहनः
 - “The duty of service is most difficult”
- Four types of disabled represented
 - Visually impaired (VI)
 - Hearing impaired (HI)
 - Mobility impaired (MI)
 - Mentally impaired
- Chancellor in the centre





Vision Statement

To ensure greater participation of disabled in higher and professional education by providing them with disabled-friendly campus, classrooms and courses, in order to prepare students of great character, enriched with traditional and modern knowledge.

Objectives of JRHU

- Accessible, affordable & appropriate education for disabled students
- Provision of home-based learning for persons with disabilities
- Facilitation of access for disabled students from rural and remote areas
- Imparting both traditional and modern knowledge
- Training and research facilities for personnel engaged in rehabilitation and service of persons with disabilities
- Exchange of ideas and experiences regarding new techniques with national and international agencies, organizations, or individuals interested in teaching and research of disabled students
- Spiritual, social and economic development of the disabled by providing suitable education, for their integration with the mainstream
- Exploration of suitable placement opportunities for the disabled graduates

Special features of JRHU

- Basic Sanskrit and Computer Education compulsory
 - One mother of all languages, other necessary for modern challenges
- Priority on character building and physical fitness
- Participatory and interactive learning methodologies
- Modern teaching aids suitable to four types of disabled
- Curriculum enriched by seminars, symposia and workshops
- Indoor and outdoor sports facility for disabled students
- Notes in Braille for VI students
- Hostel facility for students with special needs
- Currently VI, HI and MI students admitted

Facilities

- Tuition
 - Free for academic courses
 - Subsidized for professional courses
- Boarding: Subsidized for all
- Lodging: Free for VI, subsidized for HI and MI
- Transport: Subsidized for all
- Aids and Appliances: Free (as required)
- Health: Free access to gymnasium
- Counseling and Guidance: Free for students and parents
- Career: Assistance in finding suitable placement in public and private sector



Board of Governors

Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Swami Rambhadracharya

Chairman

B. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor (VC) of JRHU

Member Secretary

Dr. Gita Devi Mishra

Member

Sh. Hemraj Singh Chaturvedi

Member

Dr. Rajnath Singh

Member

Secretary, Handicapped Welfare, Uttar Pradesh Government

Member

Prof. Abdul Wahid, VC of Central University of Kashmir

Member, (UGC Nominee)



Board of Management

B. Pandey, VC of JRHU	Chairman
Dr. Murli Dhar Tiwari (Director, IIIT Allahabad)	Special Invitee
Dr. Gita Devi Mishra	Member
Sh. Hemraj Singh Chaturvedi	Member
Director, Dept of Higher Education, UP Government	Member
Three senior professors of JRHU (by rotation)	Members
One Professor from each faculty of JRHU	Members
Secretary, Dept of Handicapped Welfare, UP Government	Member
Dr. Avinash Chandra Mishra	Registrar



Academic council

B. Pandey, VC of JRHU	Chairman
Dr. Gita Devi Mishra	Special Invitee
Dr. A. K. Purohit, Neurosurgeon, NIMS Hyderabad	Member
Prof. V. D. Mishra, ICHR, New Delhi	Member
Dr. R. Rangasayee, Director, NIHH, Mumbai	Member
Prof. Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Former VC of SSU, Varanasi	Member
Prof. Janak Pandey, VC of Central Univ of Bihar, Patna	Member
Deans of faculty, JRHU	Members
Two Associate Professors of JRHU	Members
Two Assistant Professors of JRHU	(Nominated by Chancellor)
Dr. Avinash Chandra Mishra	Registrar

Faculties

Humanities

Management

Social
Sciences

Health
Sciences

Fine Arts

Vocational
Education

Music

Computer
& IT

Academic Programmes

■ Undergraduate Courses

- BA (Hin, Eng, Sansk, Sociology, Econ, Music, Drawing & Painting, Psychology, History)
- BCA, BBA, BFA, BMus, BEd, BEd Special (for HI and VI)

■ Postgraduate Courses

- MA (Hin, Eng, Sansk, Sociology, Music, Drawing & Painting, History)
- MEd, MEd Special (for VI), MSW

■ Diploma Courses

- DIT, PGDIT, Diploma in MS Office

■ Doctoral Course

- PhD (Hin, Sansk, Sociology, Drawing & Painting, History, Culture and Archeology)



Rehabilitation and Development Centre

- Extension activity catering to rural disabled youth
- Composite rehabilitation through trans-disciplinary approach
- Major Activities
 - Rehabilitation & health checkup camps in rural areas near Chitrakuta
 - Vocational training programmes
 - OPD facility for HI students
 - Assistive devices facility (Prosthetics and Orthotics)
 - Resource room for VI and HI people
 - Guidance and placement assistance



Instrument Maintenance Facility (IMF) Centre

- Setup as per UGC guidelines
- Repair and maintenance of scientific instruments and computer hardware
 - Effective and economic service
- Capacity development of staff through training
- Opportunity to exchange experience with other IMFs in India

Guidance and Placement Centre

- Exploration of career opportunities for disabled graduates
- Creation of awareness about needs of disabled in higher education
- Provision of equal opportunities to disabled in higher education
- Monitoring implementation of legislation pertaining to higher education of disabled students



Extending Horizons

Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)

Dept of
Cerebral Palsy,
Nizam's
Institute of
Medical
Sciences,
Hyderabad
(AP)

National Institute for the
Visually Handicapped,
Dehradun (UKD)

Sri Sadguru Seva
Sangh Trust,
Chitrakuta (MP)

Indian
Institute of
Information
Technology,
Allahabad
(UP)

Dept of
Psychology,
Allahabad
University
(UP)



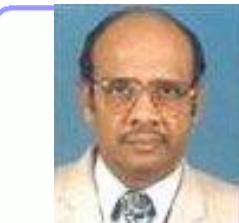
Distinguished Visitors



Dr. Rajnath Singh,
Chief Minister of UP
– 26 Jul 01



Dr. Murli Manohar
Joshi, Minister
MHRD, Govt. of
India- 4 Aug 03



Prof. Arun Nigvekar,
Chairman, UGC,
New Delhi- 4 Aug 03



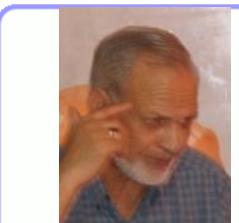
Km. Uma Bharti,
Union Minister- 1 Oct
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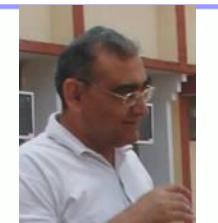
Prof. Dayanand
Donagaokar, Gen.
Secretary, AIU- 3,4
Sep 05



C.J. Mr. Gokhale,
Allahabad High
Court, 3 Dec 07



Prof. Abdul Wahid,
Ex. VC, Kashmir
University- Sep 2008



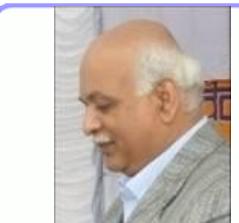
Justice Mr.
Markandey Katju,
Justice Supreme
Court- Oct 2008



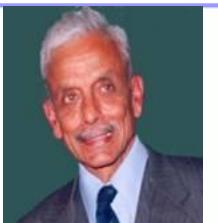
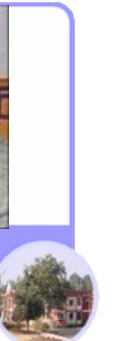
Justice Mr. Dalveer
Bhandari, Supreme
Court- Dec 2007



Justice Mr. Singh,
Allahabad High
Court- Dec 2007



Dr. Manoj Kumar,
Chief Disability
Commissioner, Govt. of
India – 3 Dec 08



Major General (Retd)
Ian Cardozo, RCI ,
New Delhi – 2 Mar
2010



In the Media



How you can contribute

- Financial help
 - Funds solely from Katha programmes of Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
 - By donating funds – Both one-off and regular donations welcome
- Placement Help
 - Business owners – by recruiting students from JRHU
 - Employees – by helping JRHU connect with HR in public/private firms
- Technical Help
 - IT Entrepreneurs – by helping JRHU in website hosting/maintenance
 - Programmers – by volunteering for regular work on JRHU website
- Spreading the message
 - Publishers/Media – by presenting JRHU in press/Internet
 - Writers/Translators – by contributing on Wikipedia, Facebook



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■ Internet resources

Website: www.jrhu.com

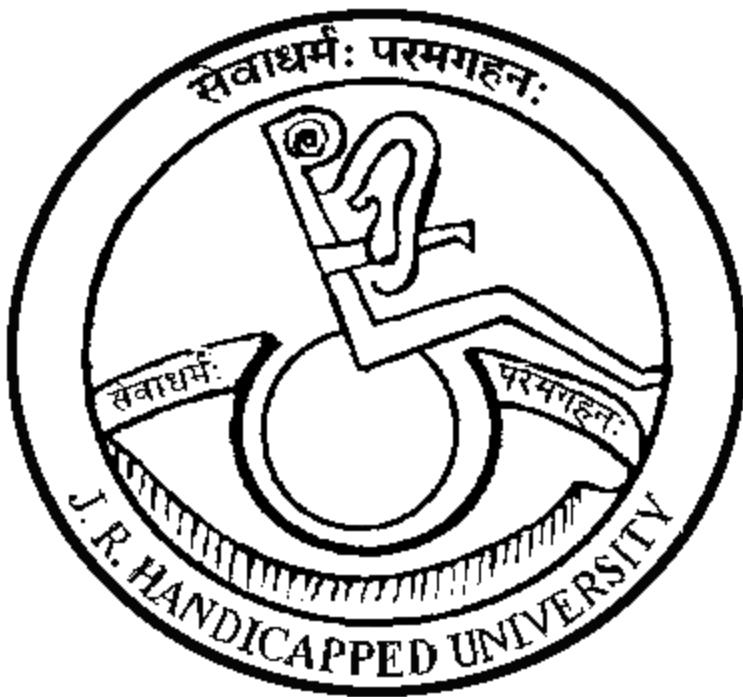
Chancellor's website: www.jagadgururambhadracharya.org

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/namoraghavay

Email: jrhuniversity@yahoo.co.in, namoraghavay@gmail.com



Thank You!





A Journey in Photos

The beginnings



Laying of Foundation Stone
Apr 2, 2001



Inauguration
July 26, 2001

The beginnings (contd)



Bhumi Pujan of Girls' Hostel by
Dr. Gita Devi Mishra



Girls' hostel after completion

Entrance Examination for BEd



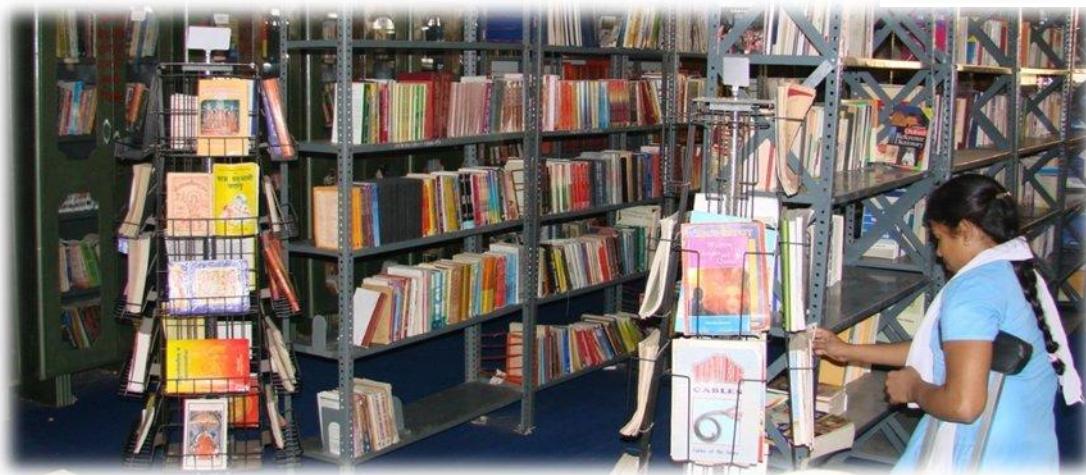
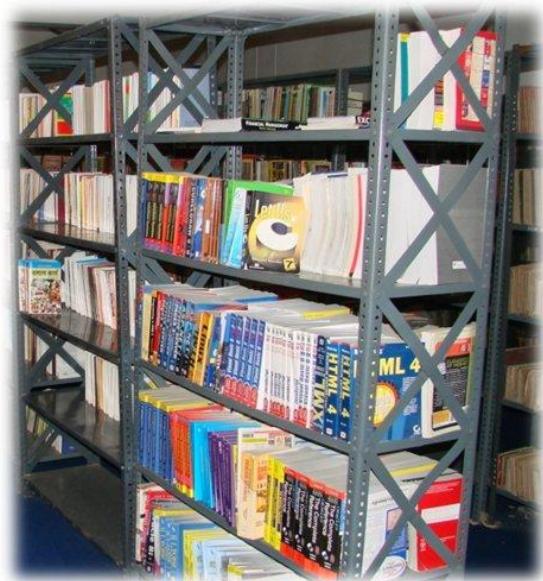
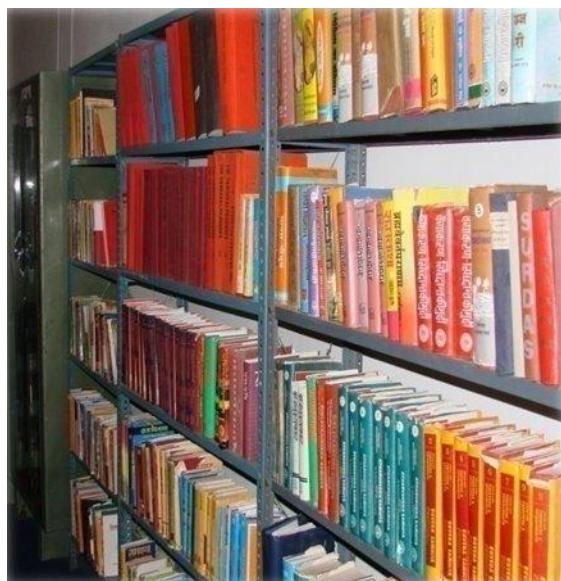
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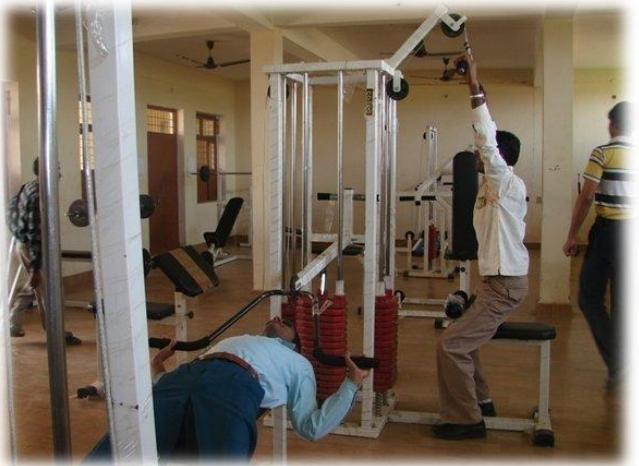
Classes



Central Library



Gymnasium and Physical Fitness



Centre for Rehabilitation and Development



Sports



National Consultation on Women with Disabilities – October 26-28, 2004



Health Camp for Mobility Impaired – Sept 3-4, 2005



Play Performance – October 2, 2005



Performing the Sanskrit play
Raaghvaabhyudayam
composed by the Chancellor



Training on Sanskrit Language, November 21-25, 2005



Seminars on Teaching Braille (Nov 05), Sign Language (Feb 06) and Women's Judicial Literacy (Mar 06)



Celebrating Hindi Day – September 14, 2007



Celebrating Sanskrit Day – September 18, 2007



National Workshop on Art – March 25-29, 2008



37th Meet of Hindi Council (Allahabad), Sept 6-7, 2008



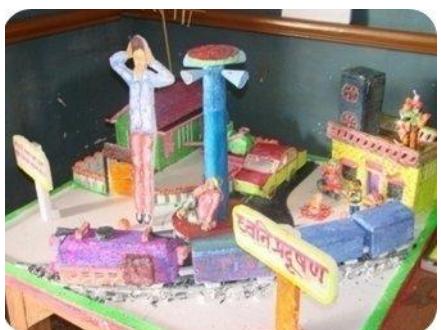
National Workshop on Science Fiction Writing for Children and Youth, 23-26 September 2008



Seminar on Bhringadutam – November 17-18, 2008



National workshop on Awareness of Science & Technology through Cultural Activities, 26-30 Nov 2008



Celebrating World Disability Day – December 3, 2008

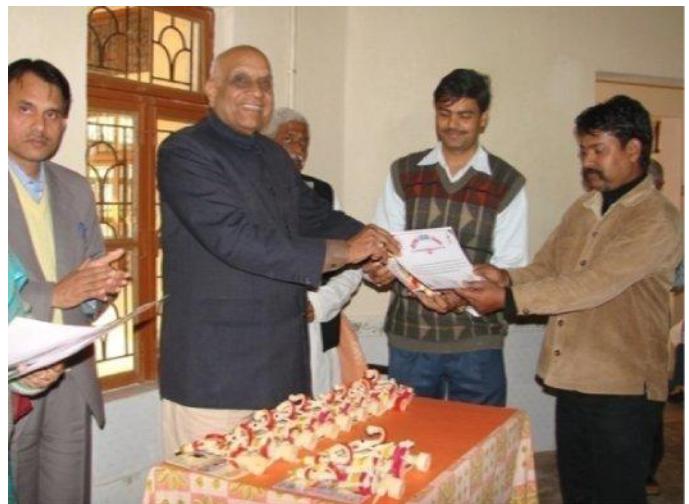


Students of JRHU at Innerscape (International Event for disabled), December 19-21, 2008



Rang Shade – January 7-14, 2009

National Camp on Contemporary Painting



Inauguration of Academic Session 2009-10



Celebrating Tulsidas Jayanti – July 28, 2009



Free distribution of aids for disabled – July 29, 2009



Celebrating World Disability Day – December 3, 2009



Second Convocation – March 7, 2010



Second Convocation – March 7, 2010 (contd)



Third Convocation – January 14, 2011





Thank You!

