



# Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Handicapped University

**Karwi, Chitrakuta, Uttar Pradesh, India – 210204**

*A journey from disabled to differently-abled*

Presentation at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Singapore

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## *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)



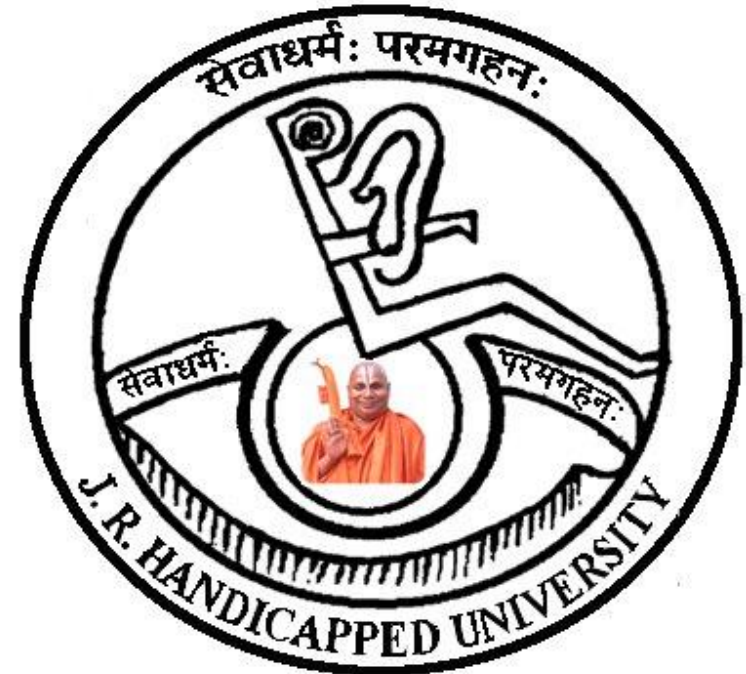
# The Chancellor

- 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)

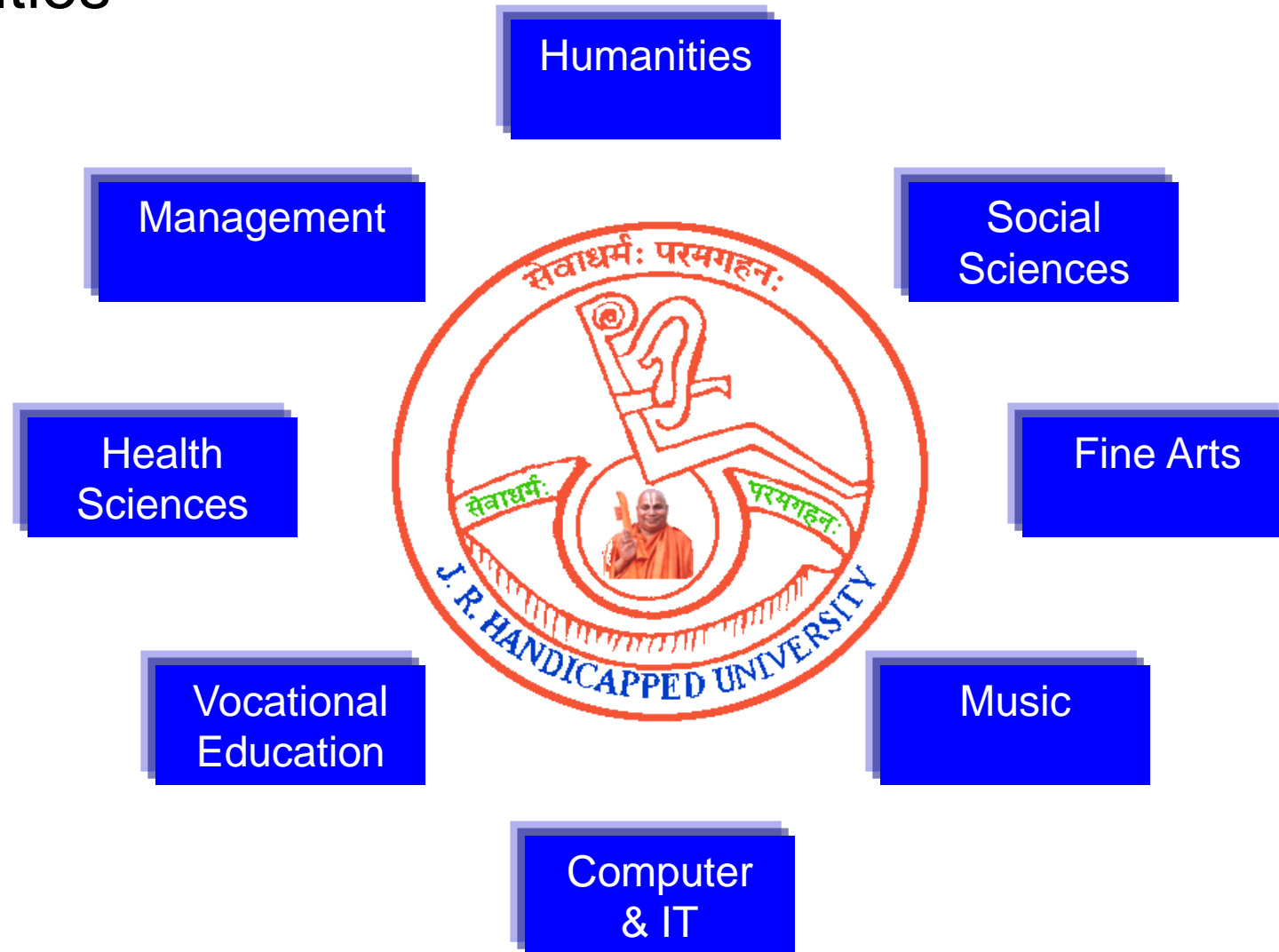
# Board of Management

B. Pandey, VC of JRHU	Chairman
Dr. Murli Dhar Tiwari (Director, IIT 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 Two Assistant Professors of JRHU	Members (Nominated by Chancellor)
Dr. Avinash Chandra Mishra	Registrar

# Faculties



# 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

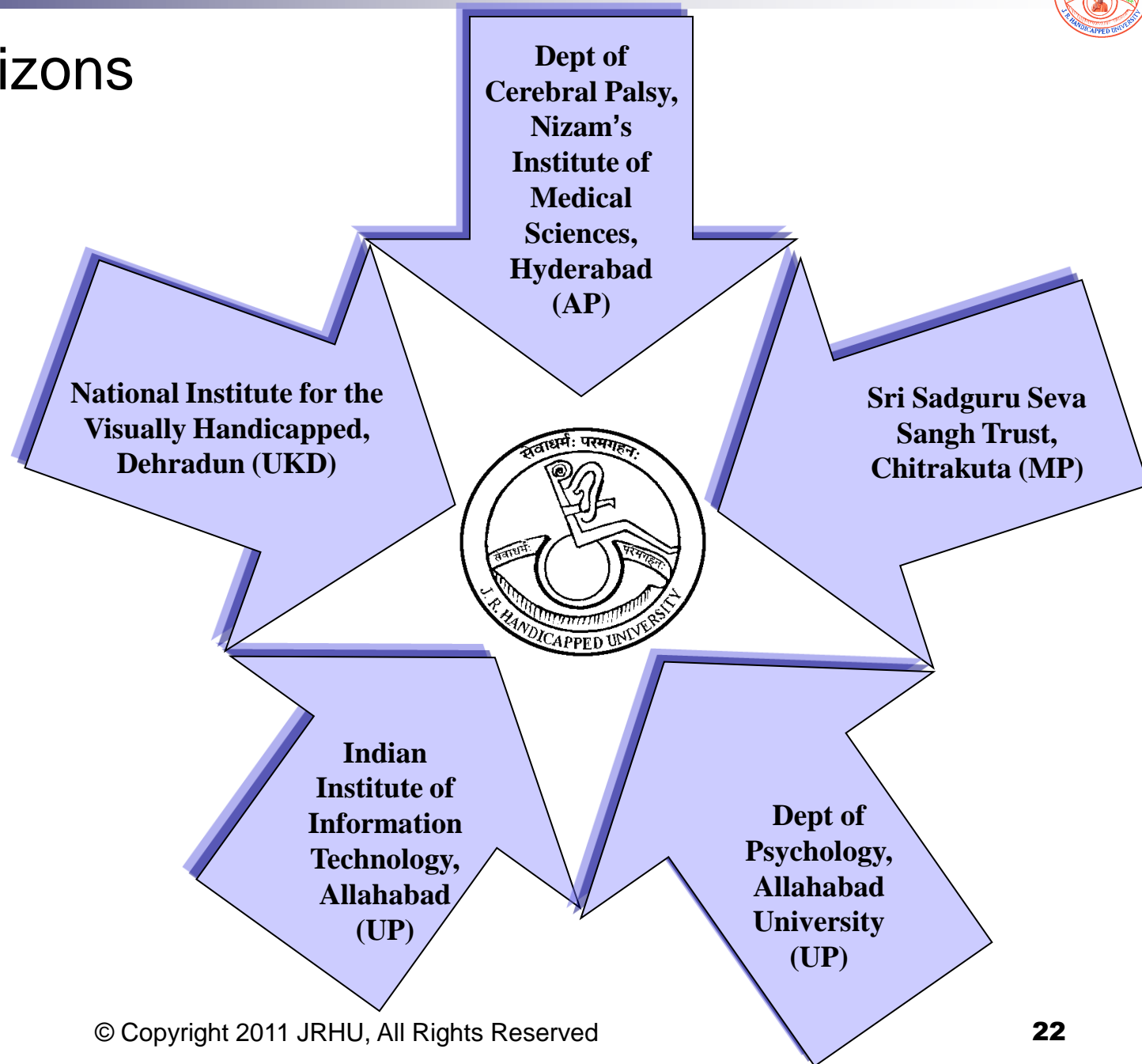
- Setup as per UGC guidelines
- Repair and maintenance of scientific instruments and computer hardware
  - Effective and economic service
- Capacity development of staff through training
- Opportunity to exchange experience with other IMFs in India

## 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)



# 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



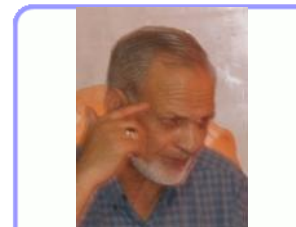
Km. Uma Bharti,  
Union Minister- 1 Oct  
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Prof. Dayanand  
Donagaokar, Gen.  
Secretary, AIU- 3,4  
Sep 05



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

# Contacts

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## ■ Internet resources

Website: [www.jrhu.com](http://www.jrhu.com)

Chancellor's website: [www.jagadgururambhadracharya.org](http://www.jagadgururambhadracharya.org)

YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/user/namoraghavay](http://www.youtube.com/user/namoraghavay)

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# Thank You!

