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

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(Nominated by Chancellor)
Faculties

- Humanities
- Management
- Social Sciences
- Fine Arts
- Health Sciences
- 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)
- Sri Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust, Chitrakuta (MP)
- National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun (UKD)
- Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (UP)
- Dept of Psychology, Allahabad University (UP)
Distinguished Visitors

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

Dr. Murl Manohar Joshi, Minister, MHRD, Govt. of India – 4 Aug 03

Prof. Arun Nigvkar, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi – 4 Aug 03

Km. Uma Bharti, Union Minister – 1 Oct 02

Prof. Dayanand Donagopkar, Gen Secretary, AIU – 3, 4 Sep 05

C J M R 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 Commisioner, Govt. of India – 3 Dec 08

Major General (Retd) Ian Cardozo, IRI, 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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  Chancellor’s website: [www.jagadgururambhadracharya.org](http://www.jagadgururambhadracharya.org)
  YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/user/namoraghavay](http://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
Computer Learning for VI using JAWS®
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
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!