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O.P. Jindal Global University: A globally recognized BRICS ranked University

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For the past seventy years public and private universities in India have formed an important part of the nation's success story and today it still continues to do so. Founded just nine years ago, O.P. Jindal Global University, a spacious state of art and a fully residential campus housing nearly 3500 students is located close to the national capital region of Delhi.

Today in a short span of time under the wise leadership of Founding Chancellor Hon. Naveen Jindal and Founding Vice Chancellor Dr. C. Raj Kumar, the prestigious Jindal Global University (JGU) has experienced great progress. A year before, the former President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee had visited the university to inaugurate the international conference on the 'Universities of the Future: Knowledge Innovation and Responsibility', where the Chancellor of JGU had stated that "The universities of the future will be the pillars of growth and development of our nation. They must be transformed into sites of active learning and research which can act as launch pads for innovation and path-breaking ideas." JGU has now reached the forefront as it is among the top ten private and public institutions according to the QS ranking of BRICS in 2018.

Throughout the history of the university much optimism has emerged from the quality of the professors appointed who are not just from different parts of India but rather from all over the world. This has allowed the students to have an exposure to a holistic view of the world through firsthand narrative by the professors. This international exposure has been experienced by the students not just through the in-house professors but also through a frequent number of conferences taking place on a weekly basis where the faculties with outstanding academic qualifications and experience visit. Currently the JGU has tried to enhance student centered learning by including a 1:13 faculty student ratio. This progress has been made possible due to its long term academic relationship with 160 prestigious universities in 44 countries.



In recent years JGU has also had successful collaborations for student exchange academic programs with Harvard University, Yale University, Fletcher School of Diplomacy, Oxford University, Cambridge University, Bar Ilan university and many other internationally recognized institutes.

Apart from these student exchange programs the eight schools of the university like Business, Law, International Affairs, Government and Public Policy, Liberal Arts and Humanities, Journalism and Communication, Banking and Finance, Art and Architecture have created scope and opportunities for the university students to be fully compatible with regional and well as international higher education activities. These collaborations along with the administration of the foreign faculty and the students have been importantly looked after by the International Affairs and Global Initiatives Office headed by Ms. Kalyani Unkule. The JGU eight schools supported by International faculty members are now taking a more holistic approach to higher education through its innovative approach.



The Jindal Global University had begun its first academic session with the establishment of the first Jindal Global Law School recognized by the Indian Bar Council. The third established school, the Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), has come a long way in combining Law, Diplomacy and Business in their own innovative way. Particularly Dr. Sreeram Chaulia, the Dean of JSIA, and other faculty members have contributed immensely to this school by producing some thoughtful analysis and innovative policy decisions concerning the future. Since its inception JGU has now grown to include eight schools and the facilities that the Jindal Group provides to the students qualifies this university as being a leading

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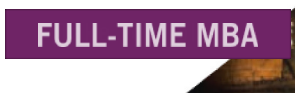
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international institution of the world. A dynamic research environment is maintained with the students and the faculty together working on several research centres. Currently there are 52 research centres in the university which work on paper presentations, publications, conferences, events, exhibitions and study trips. This has given a widespread opportunity to students to pursue meticulous and interdisciplinary research work.

2018, has been a remarkable year for JGU as it has started several initiatives. Some have been its heavy investment on starting new schools, infrastructure and sports facilities. Along with the the inauguration of the Olympic size pool in the university has now marked its milestone occasion. The new strategies or the innovative thought for the next ten years by this university has been a result of the challenges it has faced over the past nine years. The O.P. Jindal Global University has now grown in magnitude as it has enabled the undergraduates, graduates and research scholars with capacities and skills for better professional opportunities.

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