

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

7.3.1 Describe/Explain the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

The University has made long strides to excel in teaching and research in almost all academic sectors and is evident from the fact that the efforts are widely acclaimed by World ranking Organizations. The University has 77th Rank in the country by Education World Rank, # 85 by SIR Rank, #86 – 90 by QS Rank and # 114 by UNI Rank.

Research component both at post-graduation and PhD levels directly contributes not only to the enrichment of knowledge but also broadens the horizons of students. The Jiwaji University has always promoted excellence in research and established a Centre for Translational Research and Center for Health Sciences to promote product and health care oriented research. Research projects funded by Government and non-Govt. Organizations are in progress.

The priority of the University is to augment and promote the research being carried out by the Faculty and Research scholars. Following concrete measures have been taken to transform the University into a world class institution:

- Establishment of Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Convention Centre (ABVICC) with state of the art facility
- Establishment of Abdul Kalam Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF) with state of art equipments
- Establishment of Centers' of Excellence
- Earmarking of funds as seed money to motivate researchers/faculty
- Establishment of 'Centre for Innovation' to promote Start up ecosystem on Campus.
- Establishment of an Incubator viz., JU-DESIRE (Development of Eco System for Innovation Research and Entrepreneurship) from University resources.
- Incentives to faculty for publications and Patents
- Collaboration with National and International laboratories
- Establishment of specialized research Units/centers

The University supports excellence and innovation in academic programs and is evident from the list of innovative programmes that the University has initiated with the support of University Grants Commission, New Delhi, Departments of Biotechnology, Govt. of India, New Delhi and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MEPI), New Delhi under following heads:

- UGC Innovative/ Emerging Areas Programmes:
- UGS Special Assistance Programme (UGC–SAP)
- Department of Science and Technology–Funding for infrastructure - Development in Science & Technology (DST- FIST)
- Departments of Biotechnology- Human Resource Development Scheme
- UNESCO Centre - ‘Trace Elements Research’
- Bioinformatics Centre - DBT
- Central Instrumentation Facility - RUSA
- Centers of Excellence – RUSA-World Bank Scheme