

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1261  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2017**

**Visitors Award**

1261. ADV.M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU) has won the Visitors Award for the best Central University in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many new plans for state-of-the-art research programmes across subjects, academic collaborations at national and international levels are in different stages of implementation in JNU; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Jawaharlal Nehru University has won Visitor's Award, 2017 for Best University for academic excellence and overall outstanding performance. Details of some new academic/research programmes undertaken by the University are as under :-

- (i) Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF), a specialized research facility which houses 21 sophisticated state- of- the-art instruments with various facilities meant for interdisciplinary applications in research. It caters to all the Science Schools of the University as well as to the other academic research institutions and private companies/industries in and outside Delhi.
- (ii) Special Centre for Disaster Research has been created wherein other Schools/Centres of the University may also participate in research programme because of its interdisciplinary character.
- (iii) Two new courses have been started in the Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies namely Yoga Philosophy and Certificate in Proficiency.
- (iv) Diploma of Proficiency in Mongolian Language has been started by School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies of University.
- (v) University has signed several Agreements of Cooperation (AoCs) and Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with many national and international institutions in 2016-17.

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