

Jawaharlal Nehru University

Instructions for Graduands

The 9th Convocation of JNU has been scheduled on 12th January 2026 to confer degree to Graduands who have successfully completed the Ph.D programme between 16.01.2025 to 31.12.2025. The web-portal for Convocation is www.jnu.ac.in/convocation.

(A) Instructions for Degree Recipients

1. A mandatory rehearsal will be arranged in AICTE Auditorium on 11th January 2026 at 10.00 a.m. **Degree recipients who fail to attend rehearsal will not be allowed to attend the convocation.**
2. Degree recipients who are unable to attend the Convocation must inform the Registrar/Joint Registrar (Evaluation) well in advance. Such Degree recipients will be admitted to the degree in absentia.
3. The graduands can bring one accompanying person (One of the parents/family member) along with them. The awardee **must** inform the name of the accompanying person and relationship with him/her and a pass will be issued by Convocation Committee to them. **No accompanying person will be allowed without prior information and valid entry pass.** E-mail (convocation@jnu.ac.in) is the preferred mode of communication.
4. All eligible Ph.D degree receiving students (in-person and absentia) need to register for the convocation by paying the registration fee of Rs.1500/- Last date for registration is 5th January, 2026.

(B) Academic Costumes

All dignitaries/on dais, Deans, Chairpersons, supervisors (faculty) and graduands are required to come in prescribed dress as mentioned below:

1. White kurta, pyjama for males. White saree with a border for females or white kurta, salwar/churidar.
2. The graduands will be provided a "Dupatta". The dupatta is available with Convocation Costume Committee. The convocation registration fee will cover the cost of dupatta form graduands only. Others have to purchase the dupatta from Convocation Costume Committee.

3. No graduands will be allowed to attend the Convocation ceremony in a dress other than one specified for the Convocation.
4. All University authorities and awardees are required to come in formal footwear to attend the ceremony.
5. The dignitaries, on dais, Deans, Chairpersons, and supervisors (faculty) will have to follow the dress code.

(C) Degree Recipients Participation in Convocation Ceremony

1. Degree recipients must report by 8.30 a.m. at the venue on 12th January, 2026 and register/ mark attendance at the concerned registration desk near AICTE Auditorium.
2. After marking attendance/registration, degree recipient scholars must occupy the allotted seats in AICTE Auditorium (Convocation Hall) and be seated by 9.30 a.m. No entry will be allowed after 9.30 a.m. in Convocation Hall.
3. Seating arrangements will be School/Center- wise within each course group as decided by the Convocation Committee.
4. Once all Degree recipients are seated, they will receive a briefing about the time, when in the proceedings the awards will be presented.
5. The degrees will be awarded to students of different Schools/Centres and Special Centers as per seating arrangements/name announced during the Convocation.

(D) Arrangements for Differently abled Graduands

1. The University will ensure that differently abled graduands can participate in the Convocation Ceremony with ease.
2. In order to ensure appropriate arrangements to be made, it is essential that students request the Convocation Office (JR Evaluation) for any special requirements well in advance (while registration) at email ID dr_eval@mail.jnu.ac.in and convocation@jnu.ac.in.
3. Where a candidate with mobility impairment cannot use stairs or where there is no wheelchair access to the stage, the Presiding Officer will descend the stairs to present the award. In this situation, the Convocation Office will brief the Presiding Officer, and the candidate regarding the process.
4. Candidates with vision impairment will be assisted by a guide or person(s) deployed for this purpose.

(E) The Ceremony

Academic Procession

1. The academic procession will assemble in the foyer of the venue 30 minutes before the ceremony.
2. The order of procession is determined by the stage seating plan which is in accordance with the seating protocol.
3. The academic procession will enter the venue as decided by the committee.

(F) Movement of Degree Recipients Across the Stage

As per instructions of the Convocation Committee.

(G) Photography Session

A photography session will be conducted during the ceremony.
