

## **Ph.D. Degree from Nalanda Open University**

The Nalanda Open University introduced Doctoral Research (Ph.D) activity in 2009 in accordance to the provision of Nalanda Open University Ph.D. Regulations, 2009. The University conducted Ph.D. Entrance Test in the same year and as many as 115 research scholars were registered for research work in the Schools of Indian and Foreign Languages, Indology, Social Sciences, Teachers' Education, Pure and Agricultural Sciences and School of Economics, Commerce and Management.

The University is determined to promote quality research and to achieve this objective, the Ph.D. Regulations have made provision of Research Committee in every Department of above mentioned schools where the research proposal of all eligible applicants are processed after the presentation of work synopsis by the candidate. After the recommendation of the Research Committee, all proposals are placed before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) which is similar to Post-Graduate Research Council (PGRC) in conventional Universities. The Research Advisory Council is chaired by the Vice Chancellor and it is the ultimate body who approves the topic, name of the candidate, name of the supervisor and the date of the commencement of research work of each and every applicant.

The Normal tenure of research work is four years. However, the Research Advisory Committee may extend the tenure to a maximum of two years on the recommendation of the Supervisor and the Research Committee. The Committee will recommend only after getting satisfaction from the reasons stated by the scholar for the extension of submission date.

Registered scholars may submit draft thesis for submission on any working day after the completion of two years of research work. The University will fix a date for Pre-submission seminar where the scholar has to present his thesis. The Pre-submission seminar session is presided over by the Vice Chancellor. Three outside experts are also invited in this seminar. Besides three experts, all Advisory Committee Members, Research Committee

Members, Supervisor & Registrar (Exam), Coordinator of the concerned subject are members of this Committee. Once the Pre-submission Seminar session approves the draft thesis, the scholar is allowed to submit the thesis. The submitted thesis is evaluated by three experts and favourable report of experts permit the University to facilitate the viva-voce and the satisfactory report of experts on viva voce further facilitate the University to publish the Ph.D. result of the scholar.

The University published **1st Ph.D. result in the School of Indology (History) on 11.05.2015** . The topic of the thesis is “**भारतीय राजनीति में जयप्रकाश नारयण का योगदान**” and the scholar is **Ms. Dipti Kumari** . The thesis was submitted under **Prof. (Dr.) Ajoy Kumar Singh**, Former Head, Department of History, Patna University, Patna.



*After the Viva-Voce of the First Ph.D. Scholar*

The 2nd Ph.D. degree is awarded in the School of Social Sciences (Geography) on 08.06.2015 . The scholar is Hulesh Manjhi and the topic of research is “**पिछड़े क्षेत्र में सतत् विकास के लिए कार्य योजना : अरवल जिला के परिपेक्ष्य में एक अध्ययन**” . The Supervisor is **Dr. V.N.P.**

**Sinha**, Former Coordinator, Dept. of Geography, Nalanda Open University, Patna. Sri Hulesh Manjhi was also the first fellow of the University under the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship. **The first Ph.D. recipient of the University is a girl and both awardees also belong to Schedule Castes Category.**

**The first two results have fully justified our commitment to provide higher education and research environment to the underprivileged and socially ignored group of people in India.**



