



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY**  
(A Central University Established by an Act of Parliament)  
**AMARKANTAK - 484887 (M.P.)**

**Information Brochure for PhD Admission,  
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## INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY: A PROFILE

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak was established by an Act of the Parliament of India in 2007. The University started functioning from July 2008. The jurisdiction of the University extends to the whole country and it is fully funded by the Central Government through the University Grants Commission. The University caters to the tribals' long cherished dream of higher education.

- ❑ To provide avenues of education, Viz a viz especially higher education and research facilities primarily for the tribal population of India.
- ❑ To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in tribal art, tradition, culture, language, medicinal systems, customs, forest base economic activities, flora, and fauna besides making available to them the advancement in technologies concerning the natural resources of the tribal areas.
- ❑ To collaborate with national and international universities and organizations to undertake joint cultural studies and research on tribal communities.
- ❑ To formulate tribal centric development models, publish reports and monographs and to organize conferences and seminars on issues

### ABOUT AMARKANTAK

Amarkantak a famous Hindu Pilgrim town, located in the State of Madhya Pradesh in India at 22.67°N 81.75°E and is also a part of the Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve, known for rarest endangered herbal plants like Gulbakawali, Brahmi, Patal Kumhda Vidari Kand, Akarkara, Brahma, Shivlingi, Anantmool, etc and other faunal species, including tiger and leopard.

This pilgrim town with approximately 7000 inhabitants along with tribal villages with tribes prominently Gond, Baiga, Panika, Kol and Agaria in adjoining forest areas is located in the meeting point between the Vindhya and the Satpura Ranges, with the Mekhal Hills being the fulcrum. Amarkantak is known for its birth place of the great river Narmada

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The tribal people are rich in terms of morality culture, art and crafts. But in matters of higher education and policy making they are at the receiving end. In the present age of globalization the world has shrunk into a village as the society has advanced in technology. But the tribes, who are the custodians of Indian culture in the real sense of the term, are far behind in this race of advancement. In order to rescue the tribe from the present plight, the University has set the following aims and objectives to achieve.

relating to tribes and to provide inputs to the Government(s) on policy matters in different spheres.

- ❑ To take appropriate measures for promoting the tribal communities to be able to manage, administer and look after their own needs by accessing to higher education through a university of their own.
- ❑ To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such other branches of learning as it may deem fit.
- ❑ To take appropriate measures to promote innovations in the teaching learning process in the context of inter-disciplinary studies and researches and to pay special attention to improve social, educational and economic conditions and welfare of the scheduled tribes within the Union of India.

apart from the origin of Sone River and Johila River. This holy place is the abode of Goddess Narmada. This mystic power, the Hindu Pilgrim Center attracted Adi Shankaracharya and Poet Kabir, spelled bound many spiritual and peace seekers with its solitude and sacredness. A group of temples built by Kalachuri Maharaja Karnadeva of Kalachuri period has reminded it as an ancient Hindu religious center. There is a perfect match between the significance of Amarkantak, situated at an average elevation of 1048 metres (3438 ft) and the vision, mission, motto, objectives and goals of this National Tribal University. This University has fulfilled a long dream and demand of tribal populations of our country by offering UG, Diploma PG, Diploma,

PG and PhD Programme with much focus on the preservation of tribal culture and heritage in the course curriculums at its main and regional campus after 60 years of India's Independence.

Situated at 22°40.9" N. latitude and 81°45.2" E. Longitude, 1067 meters above the sea level in the district of Anuppur in Madhya Pradesh, Amarkantak perches the Mekal Mountain that links the Vindhyan and the Satpura ranges. It is about 70 Kms away from the district headquarter. Three important rivers i.e. the Narmada, the Son and the Johila originate from here forming the lifeline of a major part of the country. The place has its religious importance too. The Kalachuri

rulers constructed a cluster of temples that is still intact, of which, Mahendranath and Pataleshwar temples are more important. These temples are protected by the Archaeological Survey of India. There are about 12 temples. The Narmada temple is more important among them, which has been built around the springhead of the river. The temple was built by the Bhonsles of Nagpur. Maharaja Gulab Singh belonging to the Baghela Dynasty of Rewa constructed the outer boundary wall of the temple complex. The geographical set up of Amarkantak has bestowed upon it the everlasting greenery and serene beauty.

#### Salient features of the academic system of the University

- ❑ To provide value-based education for morale and character building.
- ❑ To provide easy access to an affordable quality education, research and training for enhancement of employable skills.
- ❑ To undertake basic and advanced research activities related to empowerment of tribal population.
- ❑ To continuously engage in transferring new knowledge for the welfare of tribal population.
- ❑ To participate persistently in community extension activities.
- ❑ To strengthen facilities for modern scientific research.
- ❑ To inculcate good values and morale among the University stakeholders for effectiveness, transparency and accountability.
- ❑ To keep pace with the changing scenario in higher education and research at the National and International levels.
- ❑ To collaborate with premier institutions for sharing of knowledge.
- ❑ To foster interdisciplinary education and research.
- ❑ To design course curriculum with explicit focus on tribal issues and development.
- ❑ To position the University as the finest Centre of Excellence in education and research, at the global level.
- ❑ To introduce CBCS pattern for all the Programme offered.
- ❑ To put in place Cafeteria system and
- ❑ To promote multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research.

#### HOW TO REACH THE UNIVERSITY

The University Campus is located at a 22 km. distance from Pendra Road Railway Station. There are bus services available at regular intervals and taxi services are available round the clock. The main town of Amarkantak is located at 25 Km

distance from the campus. The bus service from Amarkantak to Anuppur and Shahdol would pass via Pondki bus stop, which is at 3 km distance from the campus.

#### Nearest Airport:

1. Jabalpur - Distance 220 Km from Amarkantak.
2. Raipur - Distance 230 Km from Amarkantak.

#### Nearest Railway Station:

1. Pendra Road - Distance 25 km from IGNTU, Amarkantak.

### **Admission Notification**

1. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to PhD program in different subjects through a national-level entrance test.
2. The detail of the available seats (Department wise) is given on subsequent pages of this brochure.
3. The candidates are required to apply online through the link given on the university website ([www.igntu.ac.in](http://www.igntu.ac.in)).
4. The candidates are required to deposit the requisite fee Rs. 700 (General/OBC) and Rs. 500 (ST/SC/PH) online through the link as given with online application form.
5. The Entrance examination will be conducted in offline mode at the **Main campus (Amarkantak)** and **Regional Campus (Imphal)** of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University.
6. The applications submitted through post or offline mode will not be entertained.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
<b>Beginning of online application submission</b>	<b>February 03, 2025</b>
<b>Closing date of online application submission</b>	<b>February 24, 2025</b>
<b>Downloading of admit cards</b>	<b>February 25, 2025 onwards</b>
<b>Date of Entrance Examination</b>	<b>March 02, 2025</b>
<b>Date of Declaration of Results of the Entrance Examination</b>	<b>March 12, 2025</b>
<b>Interview for PhD admission</b>	<b>March 17-26, 2025</b>
<b>Result of Final Selection</b>	<b>March 31, 2025</b>
<b>Documents verification, admission, and fee submission</b>	<b>April 2-7, 2025</b>

**Total vacant seats for PhD and department-wise seat matrix**

**Main Campus, Amarkantak**

SN	Department	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total
1.	Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology	8	2	5	3	2	20
2.	Biotechnology	4	1	2	1	1	09
3.	Botany	8	2	6	3	2	21
4.	Business Management	12	3	8	3	2	28
5.	Chemistry	14	3	9	4	2	32
6.	Commerce	12	3	8	4	3	30
7.	Computer Science	8	2	5	3	1	19
8.	Economics	12	3	8	3	2	28
9.	Education	22	5	15	7	3	52
10.	English and Foreign Languages	5	1	4	2	1	13
11.	Environmental Science	7	2	4	3	1	17
12.	Geography	4	1	2	2	1	10
13.	Geology	8	2	5	3	1	19
14.	Hindi	6	2	4	3	1	16
15.	History	8	2	5	3	2	20
16.	Home Science	6	1	4	2	1	14
17.	Journalism and Mass Communication	4	1	2	3	1	11
18.	Linguistics and Contrastive Languages	7	1	4	2	1	16
19.	Mathematics	7	2	5	3	2	19
20.	Museology	6	2	4	3	1	16
21.	Nursing	4	1	2	2	1	10
22.	Performing Arts (Music)	3	1	2	1	1	08
23.	Pharmacy	8	2	6	3	2	21
24.	Philosophy	10	2	7	4	1	24
25.	Physical Education	10	2	7	4	1	24
26.	Physics	12	3	8	4	1	28
27.	Political Science and Human Rights	8	2	5	3	2	20
28.	Psychology	6	1	4	2	1	14
29.	Social Work	2	1	2	1	1	07
30.	Sociology and Social Anthropology	9	2	6	3	2	22
31.	Statistics	2	1	2	1	0	06
32.	Tourism Management	4	1	3	2	1	11
33.	Tribal Studies, Art, Culture and Folk Literature	8	2	6	3	2	21
34.	Yogic Science	4	1	3	2	1	11
35.	Zoology	10	3	7	4	2	26
<b>Total</b>		<b>268</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>663</b>

### Regional Campus, Imphal

SN	Department	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total
1	Computer Science	3	1	2	1	1	08
2	Political Science	3	0	2	1	1	07
3	Social Work	4	1	2	1	1	09
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>24</b>

**Note:** Reservation for PWD will be 3% (01 Seat) as per Gol norms.

Seats previously advertised for the PhD admission through the exempted category (dated: December 14, 2024) are also included herein.

### Eligibility Criteria for PhD Admission

1. The eligibility for the PhD admission will strictly adhere to the UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award of PhD degree) regulation, 2022, and IGNTU PhD regulation, 2022.
2. As per UGC PhD regulations, 2022, the eligibility for admission to PhD will be as follows:

The candidates who have completed a **1-year/2-semester master's degree** programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a **2-year/4-semester master's degree** programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, **with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale** wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

3. Other eligibility conditions will be as per clauses 3.1 and 3.2 of UGC (Minimum standards

and procedure for award of PhD degree) regulation, 2022.

4. **Eligibility for PhD admission through Part-Time mode:** (1) Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled. (2) The Higher Educational Institution concerned shall obtain a “No Objection Certificate” through the candidate for a part-time Ph.D. programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:

- I. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
- II. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
- III. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

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5. **For International Students:** The university welcomes applications from international students for PhD admission, which will be done in accordance with UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award of PhD degree) regulation, 2022.

6. **Internal Candidates:** A regular employee of the university will be treated as an internal candidate. Eligibility for the admission of internal candidates will be governed through UGC/IGNTU PhD regulation 2022 and other rules & regulations of IGNTU relevant to the concerned candidate.

### **Procedure for PhD Admission**

1. The admission to PhD shall be based on a National Level Entrance Test conducted by the University at its Main Campus (Amarkantak) and Regional Campus (Imphal).
2. The students securing 50% marks in the Entrance Test will be eligible to be called for the interview. The concerned department may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the available number of seats in the concerned department.
3. A relaxation of 5.0% marks will be allowed in the entrance test for the candidates belonging to the SC/ST/OBC/Differential-able category, EWS, and other categories as per the decision of the commission from time to time.
4. The final merit will be prepared by giving 70.0 % weightage for the entrance test and 30.0% for the interview performance.

5. The candidates who have applied for the PhD admission through an exempted category against our advertisement for the PhD admission (dated December 12, 2024) will also be considered for the interview in case they are found eligible.
6. The entrance test marks will remain valid for one year, and an interview may be organized again (Second cycle) for PhD admission during the fall semester (commencing from January 2026) depending on the availability of PhD seats in the departments. However, a fresh advertisement may be floated for PhD admission through an exempted category for the second cycle.
7. **The question paper for the OMR-based National Entrance Test to be conducted by IGNTU will comprise 100 questions, with 50% questions from research aptitude/methodology, and the remaining 50% shall be subject-specific as per UGC norms.**
8. In accordance with IGNTU PhD regulations 2022 and NEP 2020, interdisciplinary research will be encouraged. For this purpose, the candidates may be permitted to get registered in any other departments/subject different from their subject in the Master's degree, depending on the nature of their research problem and the recommendation of the concerned DRC.
9. The application for PhD admission in interdisciplinary subjects will be considered based on the proven ability and aptitude of the candidate for such kind of work.



### IMPORTANT NOTE

- SC/ST/PWD and Kashmiri Migrant students can avail 5% relaxation in marks either at the qualifying or entrance examinations. The concession cannot be availed at both levels. If the seats reserved for SC/ST remain vacant, then the same will be filled by the SC/ST candidates who appear for the entrance exam irrespective of their ranking in the exam.
- A candidate can apply for admission to as many Programmes as he/ she wishes. The candidates must ensure that the schedule of the Entrance Examination must not overlap with his/her choice of programmes. The University has made the best possible efforts to avoid overlap in the schedule of examinations of related subjects to the extent possible. The candidates are advised to study the examination schedule carefully before deciding their subjects. The candidates to be called for the entrance examinations (both written and/ or practical test/ interview) shall not be paid any traveling allowance.
- The objective-type question papers shall be evaluated using the OMR sheet. During the test, the candidates must mark the correct answers on the OMR sheet with a blue or black ballpoint pen.
- The entrance exam results will be made available on the website <http://www.igntu.ac.in>. The University will not mail any of the above information to the candidates. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the candidates to obtain information by visiting the University website regularly.
- No request will be entertained for an extension of time for admission after the completion of the admission process on account of any reason/s whatsoever.

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