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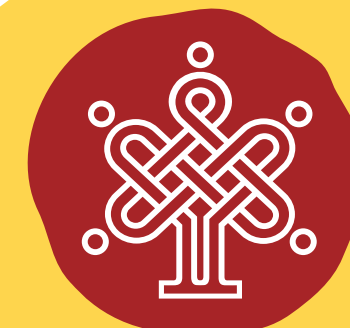
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NALANDA'S ACADEMIC MISSION

INTERDISCIPLINARY
RESEARCH BASED MASTER'S
PROBLEM FOCUSED
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
NEW KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM
VIBRANT ACADEMIC & INTELLECTUAL FABRIC
CAFETERIA MODEL



"upcoming campus of Nalanda University"



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From The Desk of Vice Chancellor

Eight hundred years after the destruction of ancient Nalanda University, the former President of India, Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, while addressing the Bihar State Legislative Assembly in March 2006 stressed on the need for reviving the historically renowned Nalanda University by re-establishing it. The State Government of Bihar under the leadership of Shri Nitish Kumar endorsed and helped initiate the narrative of Nalanda.

The revival of Nalanda University was marked by a high degree of co-operation between the State of Bihar and the Government of India. Uniquely, this avant-garde international university comes under the Ministry of External Affairs (GoI) unlike all other Central Universities in India that are with the Ministry of Human Resources Development (GoI). The present Government with its proactive Act East Policy is dedicated to the task of rebuilding this historical institution. Through the affirmative initiatives by our visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and External Affairs Minister Madam Sushma Swaraj ji, Nalanda is foreseen as a symbol of Asian Renaissance and resurgence. The overriding goal of Nalanda, as defined by the Minister of External Affairs, is to serve as a 'bridge and foundation' in linking India with the world through knowledge. The credit of adding to this renascent vision, by the magnanimous allocation of land to house the new international Nalanda University, uniquely goes to Shri Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar.

The hallmark of this 'Sui Generis' Nalanda is its linkages. For the first time, in any international parlance, a collaborative venture of this stature or with this mandate is established. It is therefore noteworthy, that to reinforce the university's global character, an inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding came into force at the 8th East Asia Summit in October 2013, with 16 countries signing the MoU which underscored their commitment to rebuild Nalanda University as a seat of knowledge.

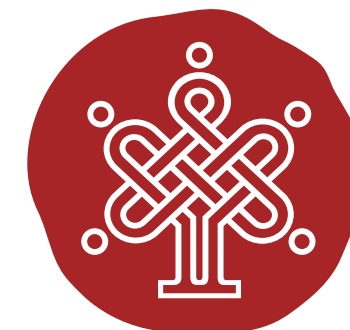


The focus is on building key international partnerships to support/ promote excellence in education and research collaborations to produce leaders, entrepreneurs and thought-leaders of the future. At Nalanda, our objective is to develop a global tapestry of value-systems, build universal peace and encourage innovative research through the vast domains of Indian-Asian wisdom and knowledge space. The combination of new knowledge systems with ancient ones along with future research requirements will enable capacity building not only for 'Member States' but also to the larger world to contribute to "the promotion of regional peace and harmony". No other University in the world has perhaps, such a lofty goal.

Presently, I am engaged in creating innovative academic structures, but also introducing a slew of globally relevant programs keeping with the University's mandate and with the support of the Governing Board. The effort is also to build administrative systems to support the growth and progress of the University and initiating an archival resource centre and library of the caliber of the 'Dharmaganja' of the ancient Nalanda.

A University is where wise, knowledgeable people offer their intellectual hospitality, their wealth of learning to others, and earn in return the knowledge from other worlds, this is the fundamental *telos* of knowledge ('Vidya daan'). For centuries Nalanda was a beacon which attracted scholars from all over Asia as a patron of knowledge and became a symbol of inter, intra - Asian wisdom and interaction. It shall now embark on a similar journey, on an expanded scale in the Asia-Pacific with Ocean countries joining in. If the world's future lies in achieving a multipolar system, it is necessary that an institution such as Nalanda charts the course of new knowledge system for the 21st Century.

Prof Sunaina Singh
Vice Chancellor



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**An
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under Ministry of
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Governing Board



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Chancellor,

Nalanda University and Chairman
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Nalanda University and Vice President
Indian Council for Cultural Relations



Smt. Preeti Saran
Secretary (East)

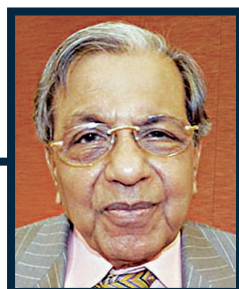
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Govt. of India



Shri Kewal Kumar Sharma
Secretary, MHRD

(Representative from the Ministry of
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Representatives from Member Countries



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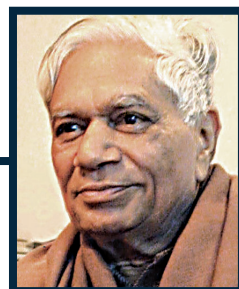
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Prof. Prapod A.
Former Dean

Chulalongkorn University

Renowned Academician or Educationist



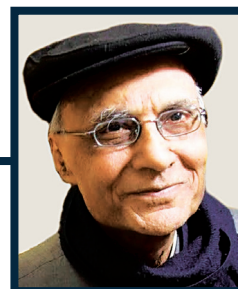
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Shri Anjani Kumar Singh
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Shri Chanchal Kumar
Principal Secretary

to Chief Minister, Govt. of Bihar

Representatives from Govt. of Bihar



ESTABLISHMENT OF NALANDA UNIVERSITY

Following the inspired speech of the then President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Kalam at the Bihar State Assembly mooted the idea of reviving the ancient Nalanda University and the State's enthusiasm to take it forward, the Government of India decided to share the proposal of reviving the ancient Nalanda University with the leaders of the East Asia Summit ('EAS'). The proposal was first shared with the sixteen member States of the EAS at the Cebu Summit in Philippines in January 2007. The Member States welcomed the regional initiative for the revival of Nalanda University. At the

fourth Summit held in October 2009, at Hua Hin, Thailand, members supported the establishment of the Nalanda University and encouraged regional networking and collaboration between the University and existing centres of excellence in East Asia. Today there are 17 countries from around the globe, supporting the cause of this revival plan. Nalanda University was established following the passage of the Nalanda University Act 2010 in both the Houses of the Indian Parliament. The academic operations at the University started from September 2014.

THE LEGACY OF NALANDA

Since ancient times Bihar, the genesis of which is 'Vihara', has been hailed as a land of 'Knowledge and Enlightenment'. The seminal stalwarts like Buddha, Mahavira, Chanakya and Aryabhatta were

associated with this land and where ever such luminaries traversed seeds of knowledge sprouted and flourished. The ancient Nalanda was a centre of learning as far back as the 5th century in the

ancient Magadh Empire which flourished under kings such as Shakraditya and Kumara Gupta and later under Harshavardhana, the Emperor of Kannauj. At that time highly formalized methods of Vedic learning were in vogue providing the inspiration for the establishment of large teaching institutions such as Taxila, Nalanda, and Vikramashila (230 km east of Nalanda). These ancient seats of learning existed predating the Al Azhar of Cairo (972 CE), Bologna of Italy (1088 CE) and the Oxford of Great Britain (1167 CE) which came to be known as Universities in the West. The curriculum at Nalanda included subjects such as the Vedas, logic, Sanskrit grammar, medicine and Samkhya apart from Buddhist studies. Legendary teachers such as Nagarjuna, Dharmakriti and Shilabhadra taught here.

At its peak, the school attracted scholars and students from near and far with some travelling all the way from Tibet, China, Korea, and Central Asia. Today, much of our knowledge of Nalanda comes

from the writings of pilgrim monks from East Asia such as Xuanzang and Yijing who travelled to the Mahavihara in the 7th century. These travelers also helped save some of the learning from the ancient Nalanda University when they carried back a few texts to translate into their native languages. Nalanda eventually lost all its written texts and studies centuries later when it was ransacked and destroyed by an army of the Mamluk Dynasty of the Delhi Sultanate under Bakhtiyar Khilji in the 12th Century. While some sources note that the Mahavihara continued to function in a makeshift fashion for a while longer, it was eventually abandoned and forgotten until the 19th century when the site was excavated.

It was in the year 2006 that the then President of India APJ Abdul Kalam proposed the idea of reviving the Nalanda University on the floor of the Bihar Assembly in a speech.

The Central government stepped in to setup the University and in the year 2010 it came to be established by an Act of the Parliament of India. While the East Asia Summit lent support in varied form, the **Government of Bihar** acquired land amounting to 450 acres situated 15 kilometres from the ancient Nalanda at Rajgir, which was the capital of Magadh before Pataliputra. The government of Bihar with the efforts of chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar helped set up the interim campus of the University and provided temporary infrastructure for the University to begin classes in 2014. The administrative building, class rooms and the residential buildings of the Staff at the interim campus as well as the students' residential halls situated outside the campus were provided by the State government. The sprawling new campus of the Nalanda University is coming up close by and will be ready for occupation phase wise from the year 2020.



NALANDA UNIVERSITY MANDATE

It is an international university by charter with a mandate for research intensive programmes, currently open to post-graduate studies and above. This international university has also been designated an institution of national importance by the Government of India.

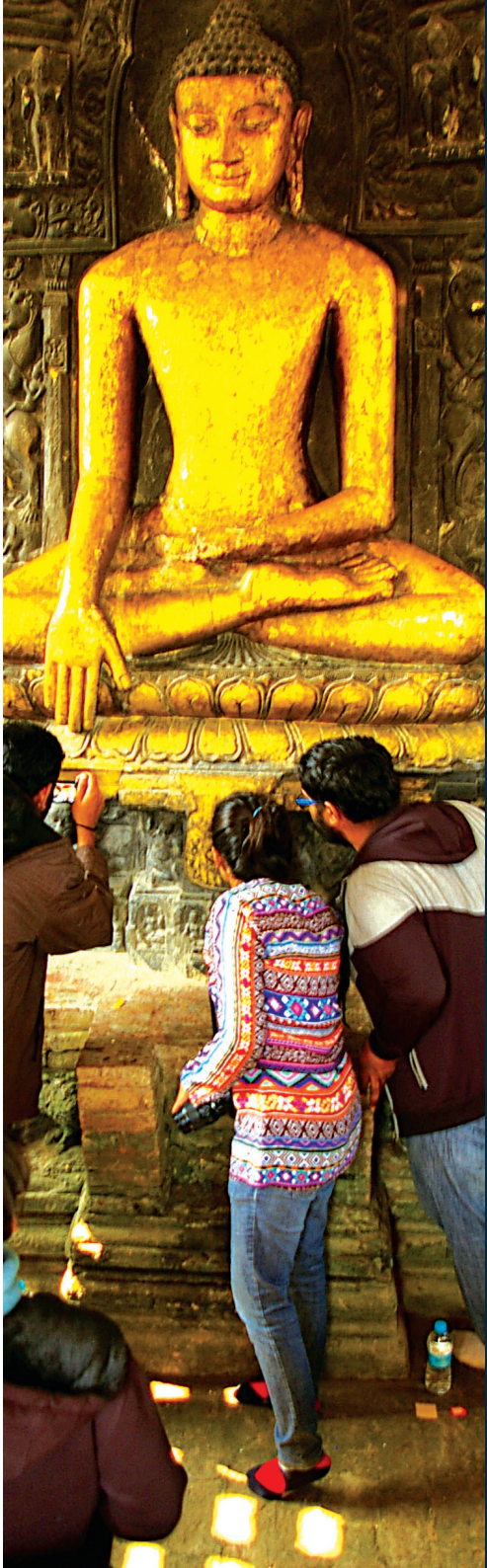
To reinforce the university's international character, an inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding came into force at the 8th East Asia Summit in October 2013. Till date, 17 countries have signed the MoU with Government of India to support the establishment of the University.



International Collaborations and Linkages

The various Schools at Nalanda University have established collaborative research links with institutions around the world.

- **Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore)**
- **Peking University (China)**
- **Bihar Heritage Development Society (India)**
- **Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt (Germany)**
- **Borlaug Institute of South Asia (India)**
- **Deakin University (Australia)**
- **Universitas Sebelas Maret (Indonesia)**
- **Kanazawa University (Japan)**
- **Academy of Korean Studies (South Korea)**
- **CSIR - National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (India)**





THE SCHOOLS OF STUDIES

The University is currently mandated to offer a total of seven Schools.

- **School of Ecology and Environment Studies**
- **School of Historical Studies**
- **School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions**
- **School of Languages & Literature/ Humanities**
- **School of International Relations and Peace Studies**
- **Business Management in relation to Public Policy and Development Studies**
- **Any other School as prescribed by the Statues**

Presently the university is offering Post Graduate Programmes in four schools viz.

1. **School of Ecology and Environment Studies**
2. **School of Historical Studies**
3. **School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions**
4. **School of Languages & Literature/ Humanities**

SCHOOL OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT STUDIES

The School of Ecology and Environment Studies (SEES) is defining the Nalanda Model of sustainable and inclusive development. It has its roots in local traditions, links past and present systems of knowledge and bridges the gap in the understanding of environmental issues between the West and the East. It is the first truly interdisciplinary School in India, and possibly in the East Asian region, combining knowledge from the basic sciences, social sciences and humanities to train environmental leaders of tomorrow. Global intellectual engagement, through collaborative projects, tie-ups and exchanges with local and international institutions, is creating leaders representing an inter-connected Asia, championing ideas based on mutual understanding.

The School is trying to chart out the new social contract for science in the "century of the environment" by promoting dialogue among different bodies of knowledge and close interaction of different actors and organizations to tackle the challenges and opportunities arising in the contemporary world for promoting a sustainable future. The 2-year Masters' programme ensures a strong foundation in an interdisciplinary understanding of issues in ecology and environment.

The school is presently focusing on Human Ecology, Hydrology, Coastal and Marine Studies, Disaster Management, Food & Agriculture, Climate Change and Energy Studies.



SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

The School of Historical Studies (SHS) follows a unique pedagogical focus that gives utmost importance to experience and research-inspired teaching. Rather than following the well-trodden path of information-driven study of history, the School strives for critical thinking and the creation of experiential knowledge through rigorous enquiry and debate. Students are encouraged to follow their own research interests for classroom assignments and M.A. dissertation.

SHS is dedicated to engaging with questions on Asian and non-Asian histories. The focus areas of the School are Asian Interconnection, Economic History, Art History, History of Science, Civilizations of the East, Cultural Histories of South Asia, and Oral History. Foundation and elective courses offered by the Faculty draw from these above-mentioned focus areas

SCHOOL OF BUDDHIST STUDIES, PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

The School enjoys a unique distinction in a very special way. It emphasizes a deep and distinctive study of Buddhist ideas and values and historically contextualizes those ideas in relation to other proximal philosophical and religious traditions such as Vedic, Sankhya, Yoga, and Tantra. Through an interdisciplinary/comparative curriculum we examine the wider social-historical-cultural contexts of the development of Buddhist traditions and the concurrent philosophical systems of Asia in general and of India in particular. Simultaneously, the School encourages the students to read the original Buddhist texts through classical languages such as Sanskrit, Pali, and Tibetan. The School particularly focuses on critical thinking and uses the theories and methodologies of the study of religion to explore the wider cultural and historical context of Buddhism and its related traditions such as Yoga, Vedanta, and other Hindu philosophical systems. Students are introduced to an interdisciplinary approach in which they read a wide range of literary and

The School has faculty members who have international research profiles and are trained in the fields of oral history, history of religions, East Asian social and religious history, early modern maritime history, economic and trade history, premodern Asia with a focus on South, Central and West Asia. Faculty members combine a rich variety of methodologies and disciplinary backgrounds to bear on their research and teaching of history including anthropology, sociology, archaeology, religious studies, philosophy, economics, and political science.

The 2-year Masters' programme at the School has turned out promising scholars who have succeeded in obtaining post-graduate (PhD and MA) scholarships and admission in top ranked universities across the United States, Indonesia, the Netherlands and so on.

philosophical texts, take part in archaeological training, and are informed about a variety of methodological approaches that are crucial to the comparative and comprehensive understanding of religions. The faculty is well qualified and competent, highly proficient in their respective subjects. The faculty has exceptional research profiles from international foreign and native universities. Their efficient work in the past has brought a rare prestige to the School that has attracted a host of brilliant students from all over the world.

The 2-years Masters' programme focuses on the dynamics of the spread of the Buddhist ideas, art, literature; archaeology of key Buddhist sites across Asia; the study of primary texts, inscriptions, and Buddhist art and other artefacts; the comparison of and interactions between various religious and philosophical traditions of Asia; and the theory and methods of the study of religious, philosophical, and Yoga traditions constitute some of the focus areas of the School.





SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES & LITERATURE/ HUMANITIES

The School of Languages & Literature/ Humanities aims to equip students with the ability to access rich resources in the language of their specialisation, to gain an appreciative and insightful understanding of the perspectives of the cultural context of the target-language and provide translation/ interpretation from a foreign language into English or Hindi with sophistication and sensitivity. The School recognises translation and interpretation as an important intellectual and creative activity and seeks to realise a national capability in these areas through innovative courses of studies.

Mandate of the School is to foster advanced level of language proficiency, to provide training in spoken and written skill, to develop a holistic study of the language and its culture, involving key aspects of literature, history & religions and to cultivate translation skill from Sanskrit or a foreign language to English/Hindi.

The School commences its operations with one year Post Graduate Diploma Programmes in Japanese, Korean and Sanskrit, but it will gradually expand to include other programmes on Indian and foreign languages.

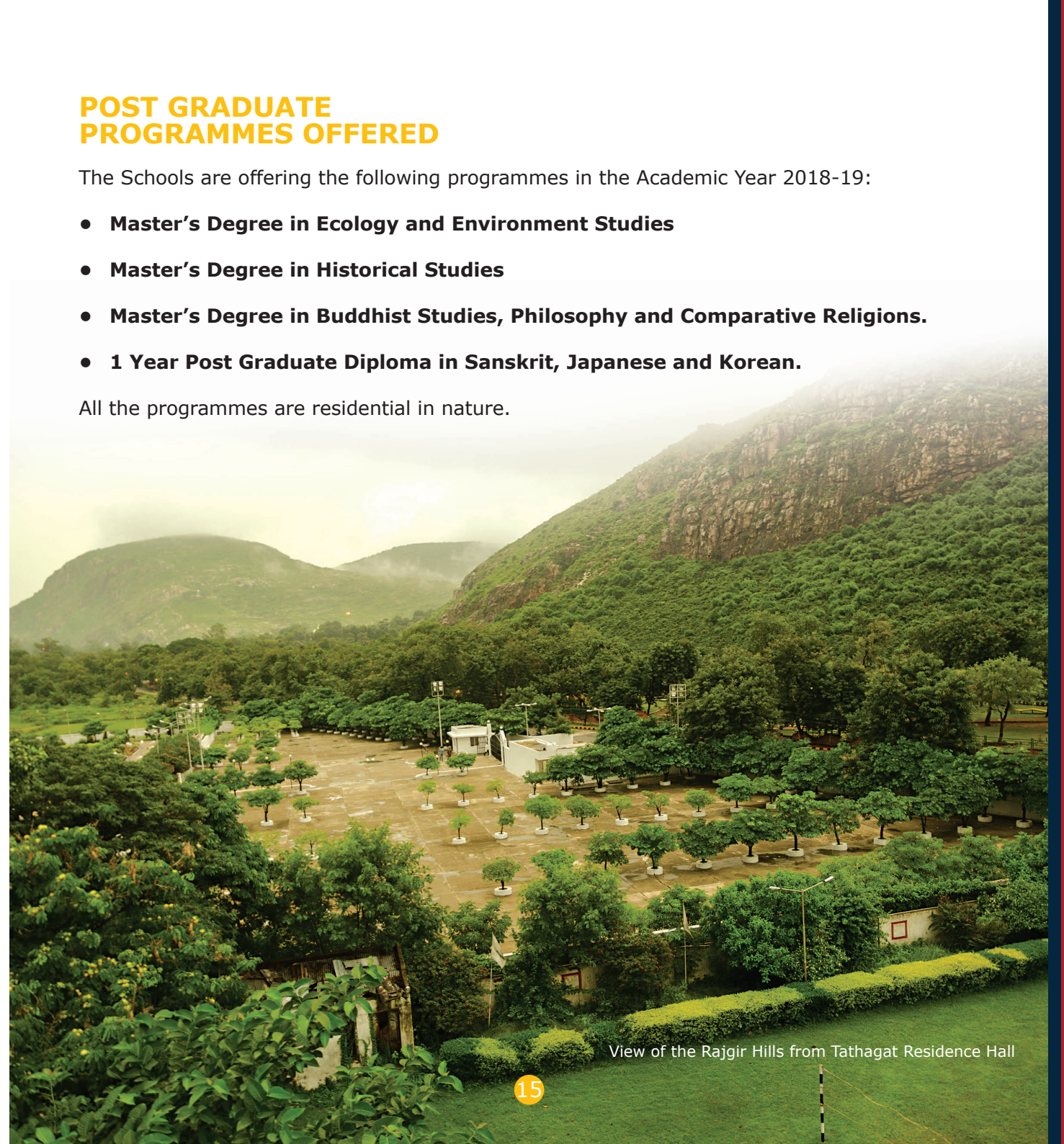
Languages Taught: Pali/Tibetan/English/Hindi

POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

The Schools are offering the following programmes in the Academic Year 2018-19:

- **Master's Degree in Ecology and Environment Studies**
- **Master's Degree in Historical Studies**
- **Master's Degree in Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions.**
- **1 Year Post Graduate Diploma in Sanskrit, Japanese and Korean.**

All the programmes are residential in nature.



View of the Rajgir Hills from Tathagat Residence Hall

FEE AND OTHER CHARGES*

Master’s Programme

Details of Charges	INR				USD			
	Year - I		Year - II		Year - I		Year – II	
	Sem I	Sem II	Sem III	Sem IV	Sem I	Sem II	Sem III	Sem IV
Application Fee (One time)	1,000				16			
Admission Fee (One time)	6,000				93			
Tuition Fee	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	431	431	431	431
Misc Fee	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	39	39	39	39
Security Deposit (One time-refundable)	6,000				93			
TOTAL	43,500	30,500	30,500	30,500	672	470	470	470
YEAR WISE TOTAL	74,000		61,000		1,142		940	

Post Graduate Diploma Programme

Details of charges	INR		USD	
	Year - I		Year - I	
	Sem I	Sem II	Sem I	Sem II
Application Fee (One time)	500		8	
Admission Fee (One time)	3,000		47	
Tuition Fee	28,000	28,000	431	431
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	24	24
Security Deposit (One time-refundable)	3,000		47	
TOTAL	36,000	29,500	557	455
GRAND TOTAL	65,500		1,012	

*Will be revised every third year

- **Application Fee** is a onetime non-refundable fee that a candidate pays at the time of filling up the Application Form for Admissions, towards processing charges.
- **Admission fee** is a onetime non-refundable fee that a student pays at the time of confirming his/her admission at the University, towards registration/enrolment at the University.
- **The Tuition fee** is a composite amount that a student pays towards academic and allied activities at the University.

- **Miscellaneous fee** is a subsidized composite fee, which covers health insurance/OPD, recreational activities, field trip, transportation, and various facilities like internet, library, laboratory etc.
- The **Security Deposit** is an amount that has to be paid at the start of the semester and is refundable after the completion of the programme of study.

RESIDENCE & MEAL CHARGES

Residence Details	Per Semester (INR)		Per Semester (USD)	
	Residence Charges	Meal Plan	Residence Charges	Meal Plan
Air Conditioned (Single)	30,000	22,420	462	345
Air Conditioned (Twin sharing)	22,000		347	
Non AC (Single)	20,000		308	
Non AC (Twin sharing)	12,500		193	
Air Conditioned Economy	25,000		385	
Non Air Conditioned Economy	16,000		247	

MODE OF FEE PAYMENT

The payment of the fee may be made either through Demand Draft in favour of "Nalanda University", payable at "Rajgir" or through NEFT/RTGS using the details given below:

PAYEE NAME:	Nalanda University
BANK NAME:	HDFC Bank Ltd
BRANCH NAME:	Dharamshala Road, Rajgir
BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER:	50100079546912
IFSC:	HDFC0002059

Foreign nationals can transfer the funds directly to HDFC Bank Ltd on Swift code – HDFCINBBXXX in US Dollars and also mark the correspondent bank charges as "OUR" to remit the exact amount to be sent to the University.

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Eligibility Criteria for Master's Admissions

The requirements specified below are necessary for admission to the Master's programme at the University.

You are normally expected to hold or to have achieved the following:

Indian Students

A minimum of three years Bachelor's degree (10+2+3) with at least 55% marks or equivalent Grade Point Average (GPA)

International Students

A Bachelor's Degree with minimum 15 years of prior studies with a GPA of at least 2.2 or above on a 4 point scale or equivalent grade if other grade point scale is used.

The applicants, who are citizens of other countries shall present the score of any one of the following English Language Tests:

- **TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language)**
- **IELTS (International English Language Testing System)**
- **TOEIC (Test of English For International Communication)**
- **PTE (Personal Test of English)**
- **Any other standard English test used on international platform**

Eligibility Criteria for Post Graduate Diploma

A minimum of three years Bachelor's degree (10+2+3) in the relevant language or degree in any subject with demonstrated evidence of linguistic proficiency equivalent to the Bachelor's degree.

The University requires all applicants to demonstrate competence in English language.



ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The entire application process for admissions is paperless and online in keeping with the University's commitment to sustainability. The Application form has to be filled in entirety and be submitted along with the documents mentioned therein.

MASTER'S PROGRAMME

For Indian Students

The candidate has to visit the University website for filling the online Application Form.

After duly filling the Application Form, the candidate has to pay an Application Fee of INR 1,000 towards processing of the Application before submitting the Application.

The candidate has to appear in the entrance exam at the centre as per the schedule mentioned in the Hall Ticket to be downloaded from the website after 29th April, 2018.

For International Students

The candidate has to visit the University website for filling the online Application Form.

After duly filling the Application Form, the candidate has to pay an Application Fee of USD 16 towards processing of the Application before submitting the Application.

The candidate has to appear in the interview through video conferencing using Skype as per the schedule intimated to the candidate.

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

For Indian Students

The candidate has to visit the University website for filling the online Application Form.

After duly filling the Application Form, the candidate has to pay an Application Fee of INR 500 towards processing of the Application before submitting the Application.

The candidate has to appear in the Interview through video conferencing using Skype as per the schedule intimated to the candidate.

For International Students

The candidate has to visit the University website for filling the online Application Form.

After duly filling the Application Form, the candidate has to pay an Application Fee of USD 8 towards the processing of the Application before submitting the Application.

The candidate has to appear in the interview through video conferencing using Skype as per the schedule intimated to the candidate.

Selection of Candidates

It is not guaranteed that all the applicants who have filled the Application Form and appeared in the entrance test/interview would be selected for admission at the University.

The list of selected and the waitlisted candidates will be published on the University website on 18 May, 2018.

IMPORTANT TIMELINES

For Master's Programme

Indian Students

1. Applications open	22-03-2018
2. Closes on	22-04-2018
3. Entrance Exam	06-05-2018
4. Results	18-05-2018
5. Enrollment	04-06-2018 to 08-06-2018

International Students

1. Applications open	22 March 2018
2. Closes on	6 May 2018
3. Interview on	08, 09, 10 May 2018
4. Results	18 May 2018
5. Enrollment	04 June to 15 June 2018

For Post Graduate Diploma

Indian Students

1. Applications open	22-03-2018
2. Closes on	22-04-2018
3. Interview on	08, 09, 10 May 2018
4. Results	18-05-2018
5. Enrolment	04-06-2018 to 08-06-2018

International Students

1. Applications open	22 March 2018
2. Closes on	6 May 2018
3. Interview on	11, 12, 13 May 2018
4. Results	18 May 2018
5. Enrolment	04 June to 15 June 2018

Note: For more details on Schools, programmes, admission procedure, test centres etc., please visit the University website, <https://www.nalandauniv.edu.in/admissions/> or write to us at admissions@nalandauniv.edu.in or director.communications@nalandauniv.edu.in

