

Short Boilerplate

About Ashoka University

Ashoka University is a premier interdisciplinary higher education and research-focused institution, offering world-class opportunities in the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. Established in 2014 by leaders, thinkers, academics and philanthropists from diverse fields, it operates on a unique model of collective philanthropy, blending the finest governance practices with cutting-edge pedagogy and an internationally reputed faculty.

Today, the University has a community of 3,000+ students, and operates 20+ dedicated Centres of Excellence, producing research and interventions for impact in areas such as public health and disease control, energy transition, digitisation of society, and women empowerment, among other areas of public policy. The University stands for principles of inclusivity and diversity, having more than 57% women, 4% international scholars, 100+ specially-abled students, and over 47% students on financial aid. A non-profit university established under the Haryana Private Universities Act (2006), it is in Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Sonipat, Haryana, India.

In 2025, Ashoka University was honoured with the ‘University of the Year (Emerging)’ award at the 20th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2025 – one of India’s foremost platforms celebrating excellence in academia and innovation. The University also secured the first position in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) 2025 in two prestigious categories.

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2025



FICCI Higher Education
Excellence Awards 2025
Winner: University of Year - Emerging
Finalist: Excellence in Financial Sustainability
& Student Access

2025



QS World Rankings 2025
Overall Global Rank: 1201+
QS Sustainability Rank (Governance): 959
Social and Environmental Impact: 1001+

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IIRF Rankings 2025
New Age Private University (Overall): 1
Private Universities Good for Arts, Science,
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Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2025
Overall Global Rank: 801-1000
SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities Rank: 201-300

Long Boilerplate

About Ashoka University

The genesis of Ashoka University was the shared dream of some of India's leading entrepreneurs who envisioned India's premier Liberal Arts and Sciences University on par with Ivy League institutions in the West. In 2007, Ashoka's leadership embarked on their mission of institution-building through collective philanthropy funding and in the year 2010, a not-for-profit institution under the Haryana Private Universities Act was formed. Today, with over 250 founders and donors, Ashoka has created a unique and new model of institution-building in India.

Ashoka's flagship programme, the Young India Fellowship (YIF), was launched in 2011 to bring together Fellows from diverse academic, professional, socio-economic and geographical backgrounds. Today, Ashoka offers a transformative learning experience, fostering liberal and inclusive approaches that are imparted to nearly 3000 students, including 4% international scholars, 57% women, 100+ specially abled students and Faculty from 11 countries. In addition, nearly 5500 of Ashoka's alumni are pursuing careers of their choice in reputed organisations and leading universities across the world. There are 50 active Alumni chapters, including 19 international ones.

Ashoka's faculty comprises distinguished authors, scientists, historians, journalists, artists, and entrepreneurs, each of whom has contributed to high-quality and relevant research in their respective fields. Ashoka Faculty have received prestigious awards, fellowships, and grants sponsored by renowned organisations. As of 2024, over 1,970 research publications have been produced, along with 7,798 citations. Building on Ashoka's ethical foundation of diversity and inclusion, nearly 47% of all students at Ashoka receive need-based aid. Since its inception, Rs 617 crores have been awarded in financial aid, with over 2,000 students receiving full-tuition waivers cumulatively.

In a short span of time, Ashoka has been able to further academic excellence and global reputation by partnering with over 50 esteemed colleges and universities across the world. In addition to building a rigorous academic programme, Ashoka addresses disciplines relevant to contemporary India through its 20+ Centres of Excellence that work on a range of subjects, including AI and Society, Archaeology, Archives, China Studies, Climate Change and Sustainability, Data Learning and Decision Sciences, Digitalisation, AI & Society, Digital Health, Economic Data Analysis, Energy Transition, Entrepreneurship, Gender & Sexuality, Philanthropy, Public Policy, Social and Behavioural Change, Social Impact, Well-Being, and Writing & Communication among others.

Ashoka University continues to reaffirm its commitment to building an inclusive institution of excellence in teaching and research, nurturing responsible leaders for India and the world, and serving as a pioneering force in interdisciplinary higher education. The Ashoka advantage will continue to equip its students with the skills to see the big picture - to critically analyse,

question, interpret, craft compelling arguments, and find solutions. It is a collective effort towards nation-building. This is where tomorrow's leaders are born.

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