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# Curriculum Development Workshop

Masters + PhD  
Programme in  
Digital/  
Environmental  
Humanities



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Jaya Prakash Narayan (JPN) National Centre of Excellence in the Humanities was established in October 2022 at IIT Indore by the Ministry of Education with two major focused areas of research i) Digital Humanities (DH) ii) Environmental Humanities (EH). Digital Humanities offers to investigate critical instances and integrate knowledge and application of digital tools in culture, society, policy and practices. The central tenet of Environmental Humanities is that the world or nature exists independently, outside of our knowledge and that human understanding thereof is based on patterns of perception and representation. The digital turn within the academic discourse of Humanities research recognises that humanistic enquiry in the contemporary context is often embodied, expressed or performed in a digital space.

The above changes means that students in Humanities disciplines will need to acquire skills to analyze these new forms of production and consumption of literature, art and allied fields. Computational tools transform cultural artefacts into digital objects and embodiments leading to the emergence of novel dimensions and prospects for research and practices in the field of humanities and social sciences. We anticipate that Digital Humanities will forge a transdisciplinary approach that will expand our understanding of humanistic research in contemporary times. Environmental Humanities advocates interdisciplinary cooperation between ecology, sociology, climate change and the environment. The centre's objective is to develop an academic programme that is cognisant of and factors these new changes at the intersection of humanities and technology. The Masters/PhD programme of the centre will be designed with a hybrid framework of narrative text, tools and theory.

Workshop Goal: **Jaya Prakash Narayan (JPN) National Centre of Excellence in the Humanities** aims to initiate MA + PhD programme in Digital Humanities and Environmental Humanities. As we discuss above, a programme that calls for a close interdisciplinary approach requires deliberation and discussion with a team of experts. The curriculum development workshop at the centre will brainstorm different modules, courses and requirements for the new academic programme.



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