

# First woman vice chancellor of JNU

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**In news– Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit**, a political science professor at Savitribai Phule Pune University, has been appointed as the first women Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

## **About Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit-**

- Born in the erstwhile USSR, Dr. Pandit hails from Chennai and is a gold medallist graduate of the University of Madras.
- She herself is multilingual, speaking Telugu, Tamil, Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit and English.
- Dr. Pandit is herself an alumna of JNU, having completed her M.Phil and Ph.D there at the School of International Relations, writing her doctoral thesis on “Parliament and Foreign Policy in India – The Nehru Years”.
- She has previously been a member of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the UGC Committee on Higher Education and Indicators and a number of think tanks.
- She is currently president of the Indian Political Science Association.
- She was appointed by President Ram Nath Kovind, who is the University’s Visitor.
- She will hold the job for the next five years.
- She succeeded M. Jagadesh Kumar, who was appointed chairperson of the University Grants Commission last week, after a stormy tenure.

## **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)-**

- JNU is a public central major research university located in New Delhi, India.
- It was established in 1969 and named after Jawaharlal

Nehru, India's first Prime Minister.

- It was as per the **JNU Act came into force on 22 April 1969.**
- The university is known for leading faculties and research emphasis on liberal arts and applied sciences.
- G. Parthasarathy was the first vice-chancellor.
- Prof. Moonis Raza was the Founder Chairman and Rector.
- The Indian School of International Studies was merged with the Jawaharlal Nehru University in June 1970.
- The President of India is the Visitor of the University.
- The Chancellor is the nominal head of the University and the Vice-Chancellor is the executive head of the University.
- They are both appointed by the Visitor on the recommendations of the Executive Council.
- The University Court is the supreme authority of the University and has the power to review the acts of the Executive Council and the Academic Council.
- The Executive Council is the highest executive body of the University.
- The Academic Council is the highest academic body of the University and is responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction, education and examination within the university.