

Institutional Development Plan (IDP) – Bhopal Campus

Background

The Azim Premji University, Bhopal has been established through the Letter of Intent issued by the Government of Madhya Pradesh vide letter No 907/154/CC/19-38 dated 11 Nov 2019 and as per the conditions laid down in Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission (Act 17 of 2007). Subsequently, the Higher Education Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, has approved and published the first ordinance and the first statute of our university on 18th July 2023.

The University at Bhopal is founded by the Azim Premji Foundation (the sponsoring body), as a part of its larger vision to contribute towards a more just, equitable, humane and sustainable society.

The teaching programmes focus on domains of human development, e.g., Education, Public Health – broad-based undergraduate education is also integrated with fields of human development.

Students come from across 28 states with varied socio-economic backgrounds – admission processes, financial support, academic support enable a large proportion of students from disadvantaged communities to be part of the programmes.

The rest of the document gives an overview of the University’s plan for the coming years.

Teaching programmes

The Teaching programmes at the University are aligned with the purpose of the Foundation.

- All postgraduate programmes are designed to prepare students for the social sector.
- All undergraduate programmes have mandatory work-readiness components aligned to social concerns.
- University will offer a large number of short programmes for government officials and civil society organizations.

Campus expansion

The University has outlined a strategic Institutional Development Plan (IDP) to guide its growth and expansion. By June 2026, the University aims to operationalise its Phase 2 campus followed by launch of Phase 3 construction from 2026-2027. This will include

advanced facilities for new programmes, members & students, and member residences. Additional programmes at UG and PG levels will be launched once Phase 2 is concluded.

The University will continue to proactively engage with surrounding communities/panchayats through direct work on areas of need - this provides our students with community service opportunities and helps each campus become integral to the local community.

Research focus

The University will maintain a strong focus on research in areas aligned with the Foundation's goals - Allied to our social purpose and focused on the Indian context, view to contribute to 'Here and Now'.

Research is enabled through high quality internal processes that rigorously process proposals, approvals, ethics frameworks and dissemination.

Future academic programmes

University is continuously looking at opportunities to expand the programme offerings. This will be finalized based on the basic programme choice principles of

- alignment with Foundation's social purpose
- possibility of good career options
- ability to hire good faculty and offer high-quality experience to students