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PhD in Vocational Education
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School of Vocational Studies

The School of Vocational Studies (SVS) at AUD was launched in 2017 as part of the university's vision to reach out to youths in Delhi to pursue full-time or part-time tertiary education, preparing them to participate effectively in the fast-growing economy through the acquisition of skills and quality livelihoods.

PhD Programme in Vocational Education

The PhD program in Vocational Education is designed to foster interdisciplinary research, innovation and knowledge creation in Vocational Education. The interdisciplinary nature of this programme is a flagship agenda to foster research in the country. This programme accepts NET/JRF from Tourism Administration and Management, Food & Nutrition, Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Psychology, Management, Education, Economics and Commerce.

Programme Structure

Based on the expertise available in the School at present, the following disciplines are included as allied fields for the research in the ***PhD in Vocational Education***.

Sr. No.	Specialisation
1	Travel and Tourism Management
2	Tourism & Hospitality
3	Commerce
4	Economics
5	Education
6	Management
7	Psychology
8	Early Childhood Education
9	Child Development
10	Food & Nutrition

Coursework Structure

Semesters	Courses	Credits Allocated	Core/ Specialization
Semester-1	Perspective of Vocational Education in India	2 Credits	Core
	Research Methodology	4 Credits	Core
	Academic Writing	2 Credits	Core
Semester-2	Emerging Trends in Research (In Tourism & Hospitality/ Retail Management/ Accounting & Finance/ Early Childhood Centre Management and Entrepreneurship)	4 Credits	Specialization
	Research and Publication Ethics	2 Credits	Core

List of Supervisors for PhD with research interests

Sr. No	Name of the Supervisor & email	Area of Specialization
1	Dr. Renu Ghosh rgghosh@aud.ac.in	Investment Management, Stock Market Analysis, Sustainable Finance, Entrepreneurial Finance, Behavioural Finance
2	Dr. Akha Khairii Mao akha@aud.ac.in	Traditional and Indigenous System of Education among the Nagas, Teacher Education, History of Education, Sociology of Education, Vocational Education.
3	Dr. Sunita Badhwar badhwar@aud.ac.in	Vocational Education, Skill Development, Talent Management, Hospitality Management
4	Dr. Rekha Gulia rgulia@aud.ac.in	Accounting, Finance, Stock Market Analysis, Sustainability Reporting, Corporate Governance, Environmental, Social, and Governance, Risk Management, Behavioural Finance, Public Sector Accounting, Sustainable Finance, Investment Analysis, Vocational Education in Accounting and Finance, Business Ethics, Integrated Reporting.
5	Dr. Neelu Verma neelu@aud.ac.in	Finance, Accounting, Vocational Education in accounting and Finance, Environmental Social and Governance, Behavioural Finance, Financial Reporting and standards.
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Dr. Renu Ghosh did her M.Com. in 2009 and M.Phil. in 2012 from Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. She was awarded Ph.D. in 2016 from the Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi in finance. She has worked with Netaji Subhas University of Technology, Delhi, Rajdhani college, University of Delhi and Dyal Singh College, Karnal before joining this department for 15 years. She has participated in national and international conferences and seminars and presented various research papers. Various research papers authored and co-authored by her have been published in national and international journals of repute. Her areas of interest comprise Financial Management, Capital Market Operations, Investment Management, Stock Market Analysis, Sustainable Finance, Entrepreneurial Finance, Behavioural Finance. She is proficient in quantitative research methods.

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Dr. Sunita Badhwar is an accomplished academic and hospitality professional with a strong foundation in management, tourism, and hotel operations. She holds a Ph.D. in Management from Banasthali Vidyapith University, a master's degree in Hotel Management from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, and a Graduate degree in Hotel Management from Maharishi Markandeshwar Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Ambala, affiliated with Kurukshetra University.

With a career spanning both industry and academia, Dr. Badhwar began her professional journey in the hospitality sector, working in the Front Office departments of leading hotels including Shangri-La, Crowne Plaza, and Country Inn & Suites by Carlson. She later transitioned into academics as Lecturer at the Institute of Hotel Management, Meerut, and Assistant Professor at Banarsidas Chandiwalla Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology, contributing to hospitality education and skill development for over a decade. Her leadership roles include serving as Vice President (Standards) at the Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council, and later as Senior Head (Standards & Content) at the Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council, where she played a pivotal role in designing training frameworks and national-level standards for the industry. Her research interests include Talent Management, Hospitality Education & Curriculum Development, Workplace Culture & Organizational Development, Sustainability & Green Practices in Hospitality, Hospitality Industry Trends & Transformation.

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Dr Verma has established expertise in Finance, Accounting, Vocational Education in Accounting and Finance, Environmental, Social and Governance, Behavioural Finance, and Financial Reporting and Standards. She has worked at Deen Dayal Upadhaya College, Janki Devi Memorial College and Vivekananda College, University of Delhi; She has also served at Jamia Millia Islamia.

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With over 14 years of teaching experience, Dr. Gulia has taught at the colleges affiliated to University of Delhi and GGSIP University. In October 2023, she joined Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University as Assistant Professor, continuing her work in education and research. Her research interests include stock market integration, financial linkages, artificial intelligence and sustainable development. She has published several research papers in reputed journals and has presented papers in national and international conferences. Her contributions to the field of accounting and finance, and her expertise in stock market analysis continue to drive her academic and research endeavours.



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Dr. Nikhil Singh Charak is an academician and hospitality and tourism professional with over 15 years of combined experience in teaching and industry. He is currently serving as Assistant Professor and Programme Coordinator for the B.Voc in Retail Management at the School of Vocational Studies, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. His teaching interests span across vocational education, customer relationship management, tourism and hospitality management, people management and wellness tourism in service sectors.

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An active participant in academic development, Dr. Charak has organized and presented at several national and international conferences and workshops. His awards include the EUROCHRIE Research Award, Star Achiever Award from ITDC, and appreciation from East Carolina University, USA, for promoting cross-cultural understanding.

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Dr. Vikas Mohan is an academician and researcher with more than 15 years of experience in tourism and hospitality. He holds a Ph.D. in Tourism and Hospitality Services Management from IGNOU and is a Certified Hospitality Trainer recognized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Over the years, he has worked in universities and reputed Institutes of Hotel Management, contributing to teaching, research, curriculum design, and strengthening academia–industry linkages.

His research interests include sustainable tourism practices, gastronomy and culinary heritage, service quality in hospitality, vocational education and skills training, and innovative strategies for enhancing guest satisfaction and operational efficiency. He has published extensively in reputable journals and edited volumes, and has presented his work at national and international conferences.

Dr. Mohan's research seeks to address contemporary challenges in tourism and hospitality by integrating sustainability, culture, and vocational education into academic inquiry and practice. His work advances scholarly debates while offering practical insights for industry stakeholders, thereby bridging the gap between research and professional application.



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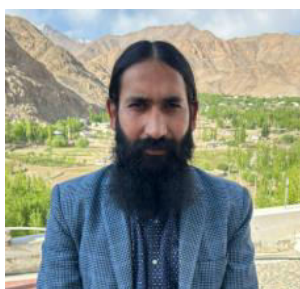
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Glimpses of research activities PhD Programme (2025-2026)

