

PROFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT
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1. The department of Sanskrit was established in the year - 1964 A. D.
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5. Brief History of Department –

The Department of “Sanskrit” was established as one of the Post - Graduate Departments in the "University School of Languages", in June - 1964. Dr. E .A. Solomon (Reader and Head) and Dr. T.S. Nandi were the faculty members at the beginning of the department. In subsequent years UGC had sanctioned some posts of Readers and Lecturers in Sanskrit. Here is a table showing the past & present faculty members: -

Name	Assi. Prof.	Associ. Professor	Professor	Specialized Subject	No. of Ph.D.	Status
1. Dr. E . A . Solomon*	-	1964-1977	1977 - 1987	Vedant & Nyaya	14	Expired
2. Dr. T. S. Nandi*	1964-1980	1980-1987	1987-1993	Alankar	18	Expired
3. Dr. J. M. Shukla	----	1969-1983	-	Vyakaran	12	Expired
4. Dr. B. D. Pandya*	1977-1983	1983-1986	-	Vyakaran & Alankar	03	Retired
5 Dr. L. V. Joshi	1982-1986	1986-1993	1993-1995	Vedant & Nyaya	06	Retired
6. Dr. V. M. Bhatt*	1984-1989	1989-1997 (Head-1995)	1997 – 2015 (Director, USLg. 2004 - 2015)	Vyakaran & Vedic Studies	18	Retired
7. Dr. V. D. Pandya*	1987-1992	1992-2005	2005	Vedant	08	Retired
8. Dr.K.C.Chokashi	1990-1997	1997- 2006	2006	Vyakaran, ved & Puran	08	Retired
9. Dr. K.V.Mehta	1990	-	-	Alankar	01	Retired
10. Dr.S.Y.Shastrri	1998	-	-	Dharma Shastra	02	Retired
11. Mr.H.B.Chauhan	2005	-	-	Vedant	00	Expired
12. Dr. Hetal M.Pandya	2005	-	-	Vyakaran	06	Continuous
13. Dr. Atulkumar B. Unagar	2017	-	-	vedant	04	Continuous
14. Prof. Mayuri Bhatia	2017		2017 Contd.	Vedant	20	Continuous

[* All five Professors have received a " Certificate of Honors " given by the President of India for their researches in the field of Sanskrit Studies. Dr. E. A. Solomon had received a " PADMA - SHREE" award from the Government of India. Prof. Dr. T.S. Nandi was selected by the UGC as a " Professor Emeritus ."]

The Department has been offering five shastras since 1964 , viz. 1. Vedant , 2. Vyakaran , 3. Alankar , 4. Sankhya - Yoga and 5. Purana Shastra for specialization. This is a unique feature of the department among

the universities of the Gujarat State. The department has been running M.Phil. programme since 1981. During

these four decades, i.e. the period of 1964-2004, the department has provided research guidance to the Ph.D. Students . As a result of this activity about 75 candidates have got Ph.D. Degrees from the department. Each of the faculty had, besides teaching , numerous publications to their credit.

The department had organized many conferences and seminars during 1964 - 2011, but some academic events are noteworthy, such as -

1. 32nd session of the ALL INDIA ORIENTAL CONFERENCE, (6 - 8 Nov. 1985) was organized by the department on the university campus.
2. International seminar on Acharya Hemachandracharya's literature (19 - 20 January 1989) was organized by Prof. T.S. Nandi in the Assembly Hall of the School.
3. Traditional Vedic Sannam (under auspices supervision of the Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratisthan ,Ujjain) was organized by Dr. V. M. Bhatt & Dr. K. C. Chokshi , at the Veda - Mandir, Ahmedabad. on 8-10 January 1998.
4. **Seminar on PANINI'S GRAMMAR** was organized (18-19 January 1996) at the School.
5. The department has organized “**Rashtriya Veda-Sannam**” on 12th Nov. 2010, & Her Highness Dr. Kamala, The Governor of Gujarat has inaugurated the national conference.
6. The department has co-ordinate more than twelve different Refresher Courses in Sanskrit for the lecturers of affiliated colleges.
7. The Canadian World Education Foundation, CANADA, has awarded the " **RAMAKRISHNA SANSKRIT AWARD** - 2001 to Prof. V.M. Bhatt in recognition of his distinguished and outstanding contribution in the field of Sanskrit Studies.
8. National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi had instituted a “ Guru-kul Yojana ” in the department to revive the ability to decipher old scripts like Sharada script of Kashmir and Grantha script of South India by the new generation (in 2007). Some students of this Departments are now capable enough to read these old scripts.

6. Heads of the Department :-

- (1) „Padm-shree” Prof. Dr. E.A.Solomon [1964-1987]
- (2) Prof. Dr.Tapasvi S. Nandi („Professor- Emeriti us”) [1987-1993]
- (3) Prof. Dr. L.V. Joshi [1993-1995]
- (4) Prof. Dr. Vasantkumar M. Bhatt [1995 - 2015]
- (5) Prof. Dr. Kamleshkumar C. Choksi [2015 conti.]
- (6) Prof. Dr. Mayuri Bhatia [2023 conti.]

7. Courses Offered -

1. M.A. (4 Semesters) - Two Years Course. (24 Courses)
2. M.Phil - One year Course. (Three papers + 1 dissertation.)
3. Ph.D. - All faculty members are recognized Guides]
(Specialization of area of the field of research)
 1. Panini’s grammar (unique in the state of Gujarat)
 2. Darshan-Shastra (Indian Philosophy).
 3. Puran & Dharma - Shastra.
 4. Language & Literature.
 5. Manuscript logy.

8. Eligibility Criteria –

1. B. A. with Sanskrit (or any Language)
2. Admission through merit list only.
3. Govt. Reservation policy observed strictly.
4. For M. Phil & Ph. D. admission –
 - M.A. with B+ (55 %) marks, & through Entrance Test & GDPI only.
 - Ph. D. research proposals are examined by R.D.C. members.

9. Admission Process (if applicable) - as par university rul.

10. a. Internal (Permanent) Faculty

At present-Faculty Members:

(1) Prof. Dr. Mayuri A Bhatia	(M.A.,Ph.D)	[Professor]
(2) Dr. Hetalben M. Pandya	(M.A.,Ph.D)	[Assi.Prof.]
(3) Dr. Atulkumar B. Unagar	(M.A.,Ph.D.)	[Assi. Prof.]

10. b. Visiting Faculty – Nil

11. Projects (Past and Present)

1. Prof. K. C. Chokshi

a. Critical Text-Editing of स्वरुप-संहार-मण्डनम् (grammar).

b. On-going research

1. projects sponsored by the UGC : Dr. Vasantkumar M. Bhatt
(Major Research Project, UGC., Rs. 10,45,000/- sanctioned)

शीर्कम् - अभिज्ञानशाकुन्तल के पाठविचरन की आनुक्रमकता की गिरणो

c. (यु.जी.सी. के 12 वें प्रान के अन्तर्त मेजर ररसरर्ग प्रोजेक्ट के रूप में) (Major Research

Project,) अनुदान स्वीकृत के त्रये म् - रात में आननहोत्र परम्पर
प्रस्तुत शीषक र

12. Ph.D. students (past and present)

No.	Guide's Names	Degree Awarded	Submitted	Working / Reading
1	Prof. Dr.Mayuri A Bhatia	20	00	08
2	Dr. Hetalben M. Pandya	06	00	04
3	Dr. Atulkumar B. Unagar	04	00	04
	Total →	30	00	16

13. Placements (Companies, Records, Statistics)

0. Sanskrit being a compulsory subject in the Arts-faculty of all 7 Universities in the State, every college requires Lecturer in Sanskrit. Total no. of Skt. Lecturers – 400 (in Gujarat state) our student are placed in colleges :- 14 reti.+ 89 full time + 06 part-time = 109.

14. Events (Photos)



Gujarati Garaba Anuvad karyashala.



Paniniya Vyakaran Vimarsh Parisamvad



'SANSKRIT-DAY' celebration.



Visit to Amritam Vedapathashala, Sola, Ahmedabad.

15. Student Activities -

1. 'SANSKRIT-DAY' celebration.
2. All Indian elocution competition at Kalidas –samaroh', Ujjain (M.P.)
3. Visit to Manuscript library , Sanskrit sevi sansthas , Sanskrit Pathashala and Vedpathashala .
4. Staging Sanskrit – dramas.

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