

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 Contd.	Vyakaran, ved & Puran	08	Continuous
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	00	Continuous
13. Dr. Atulkumar B. Unagar	2017	-	-	vedant	00	Continuous

[* All three 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 Sammelan (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-Sammelanam**” 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 Granth 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.]

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 aria 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. Kamleshkumar C. Chokashi	(M.A.,Ph.D)	[Professor]
(2) Dr. Hetalben M. Pandya	(M.A.,Ph.D)	[Asso.Prof.]
(3) Dr. Atulkumar B. Unagar	(M.A.,Ph.D.)	[Assi. Prof.]

10. b. Visiting Faculty –

1. Dr. Kalindi H. Pathak
2. Dr. Mahesh A. Patel
3. Dr. Kinnari D. Pancholi
4. Dr. Niharika K. Patel

11. Projects (Past and Present)

1. Prof. K. C. Chokshi

a. Critical Text-Editing of सप्रत्याहार-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)

शीर्षकम् - अभिज्ञानशाकुन्तल के पाठविचलन की आनुक्रमिकता की गवेषणा ।

c. (यु.जी.सी. के 12 वें प्लान के अन्तर्गत मेजर रिसर्च प्रोजेक्ट के रूप में (Major Research

Project,) अनुदान स्वीकृति के लिये प्रस्तुत) शीर्षकम् - गुजरात में अग्निहोत्र परम्पर

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

No.	Guide's Names	Degree Awarded	Submitted	Working / Reading
1	Prof. Dr. Kamleshkumar C. Chokashi	08	00	08
2	Dr. Hetalben M. Pandya	00	00	04
3	Dr. Atulkumar B. Unagar	00	00	04
	Total →	08	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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