

NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATI

(Central University established by an act of Parliament)

PROSPECTUS & GUIDELINES FOR VIDYAVARIDHI (PH.D) ADMISSION 2024-25

1. NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY : BRIEF

The erstwhile Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha was established at Tirupati (A.P) in 1961 by the Government of India on the recommendations of the Central Sanskrit Commission (1957) as an autonomous body under the name of Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha Tirupati Society. The basic objective of setting up the Vidyapeetha is to impart and improve Sanskrit pedagogy, to accelerate the pace of higher Sanskrit learning and to combine the traditional Sanskrit education with modern Scientific Research. Later, Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati came under the administrative control of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education in April 1971. In the year 1987, the Vidyapeetha was declared Deemed to be University by the Government of India by name Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha.

Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha has been elevated as National Sanskrit University (a central University established by an act of Parliament) in the year 2020. National Sanskrit University, Tirupati is a Premier Institution in the field of Sanskrit education and it imparts education only through Sanskrit Medium. Teaching facilities are available for the study of following programs in regular mode viz., Prak-sastri, Shastri in Various Shastras, B.A. (Hons.), B.Sc (Computers), B.Sc in Yoga, Acharya(Vyakarana, Vedabhashyam, Jyotish (Phalita and Sidhanta), Dharmashastra, Advaita Vedanta, Agama, Dvaita Vedanta, Mimamsa, Nyaya, Sankhya Yoga, Visishtadvaita Vedanta, Indian Knowledge Systems, Sahitya, Puranetihasa) in 19 Sastras, M.A. in Hindi, M.A. in Sanskrit. (Sabdabodha), M.Sc. in Computer Sci. & Sanskrit Language Technology, M.Sc. in Yoga Therapy, MAIMT, ShikshaShastri (B.Ed.), Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.), Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) & Part time programmes etc. The programs of this organization are duly recognized by UGC and NCTE. The University recognized by the NAAC with A+ grade.

National Sanskrit University has four Schools and 26 departments offering various UG, PG & Research Programmes as detailed below:

SCHOOL	DEPARTMENTS / CENTRES
School of Veda Vedanga	1) Department of Dharmasastra 2) Department of Jyotisha and Vasthu 3) Department of Vedabhashyam 4) Department of Vyakarana
School of Darsanas	5) Department of Advaita Vedanta 6) Department of Agama 7) Department of Dvaita Vedanta 8) Department of Mimamsa 9) Department of Nyaya 10) Department of Sabdabodha Systems and Computational Linguistics 11) Department of Sankhya Yoga 12) Department of Visishtadvaita Vedanta 13) Department of Yoga Vignana

School of Sahitya and Samskriti	14) Department of English 15) Department of Hindi 16) Department of History 17) Department of Performing Arts 18) Department of Puranetihasa 19) Department of Research and Publications 20) Department of Sahitya 21) Department of Telugu
School of Education	22) Department of Computer Science 23) Department of Education 24) Department of Mathematics 25) Department of Physical Education 26) Department of Translation

2. **ABOUT VIDYAVARIDHI (PH.D) PROGRAMME**

This degree in Research offered by National Sanskrit University, Tirupati is known as Vidyavaridhi. The Programme is offered in various branches of Traditional Shastras & Education, subject to availability of vacancies. The Programme is offered as per

- 1) The University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2022 as amended from time to time;
- 2) Research Regulations & Guidelines for the candidates of Research Programmes Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.), 2024 of National Sanskrit University, Tirupati
- 3) The extant policy decisions of the Statutory Bodies of the University.

3. **DURATION OF THE VIDYAVARIDHI (PH.D) PROGRAMME**

The duration of the Vidyavaridhi degree shall be for a minimum duration of three years including Coursework and for a maximum duration of six years with permissible extension of time as per the above Regulations.

The candidate admitted into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Programme has to undergo six months compulsory Vidyavaridhi Coursework on a full-time basis followed by a written test. After the Successful completion of 6 months course work, the research scholar will be allotted a research supervisor for pursuing Research work in concerned Topic / Shastra under his / her guidance.

This degree in research is known as Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D). The title of the Degree will be printed in Sanskrit along with English Translation, will be awarded after completion of the programme.

4. **MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION**

The medium of instruction for the course work examination is Sanskrit and the Vidyavaridhi Thesis should be written in Sanskrit language only.

5. **ABOUT VIDYAVARIDHI (PH.D) ADMISSION PROCESS**

The following are the details of information to be noted by the candidates before filling-up of the prescribed application form:

From June 2024 onwards, the NET candidates will be declared eligible in three categories:

Category-1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-2: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-3: Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

The result of NET will be declared in percentile along with the marks obtained by a candidate to utilize the marks for admission to Ph.D.

The JRF-qualified students are admitted into the Ph.D. programme based on an interview as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

For students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce. (Public Notice of UGC- No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 March 27, 2024/7 Chaitra 1946)

The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.

- (i) The candidates seeking admission to the programme must apply in the prescribed format.
- (ii) Those JRF candidates who wish to apply under Non-JRF vacancy should apply separately. One single application for JRF & Non-JRF vacancies will not be counted and this may lead to cancellation of application form.
- (iii) The JRF/NET qualified candidates with Code 25 are eligible for Sahitya, Puranetihasa, Dharmasastra & Research and Publications. The candidates if interested to apply for more than one subjects, should apply separately.
- (iv) The JRF/NET qualified candidates with Code 73 are eligible for concerned shastra in which they have Post Graduation. The candidates if interested to apply for more than one subjects should apply separately. (v)
- (vi) The JRF/NET qualified candidates with Code 09 (Education) are eligible for Vidyavaridhi in Education and with code 103 (Indian Knowledge Systems) are eligible for Indian Knowledge System. The candidates if interested to apply for more than one subject should apply separately.

6. RESERVATION OF SEATS

Sno.	Category	Percentage of Reservation
1	For candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)	15%
2	For candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribe (ST)	7.5%

3	For Other Backward Classes (OBC) Non-Creamy Layer as per Central Govt. List.	27%
4	For candidates belong to Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	10%

(Note : Reservations: as prescribed by the UGC/GOI from time to time)

7. **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES FOR ISSUING THE CERTIFICATES FOR RESERVED CATEGORIES**

Candidate who belongs to any of the above reserved categories should bring a certificate of their category duly attested by a Gazette Officer at the time of admission in University, failing which the eligibility will be rejected.

- (a) **Candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/EWS** : District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Tahsildar/MRO/Competent Authority. Candidates belonging to the OBC/EWS (Non-creamy Layer) shall submit the latest certificate (not more than 1 year old) issued by the competent authority.
- (b) **Candidates belonging to PwD and Visually Challenged:** Chief Medical Officer of District Hospital (40% or more disability will only be considered).

8. **VIDYAVARIDHI(PHD)ADMISSION :IMPORTANT DATES**

S.No.	ACTIVITY	DATE
1	Issue of Admission Notification	18.10.2024
2	Last date for submitting applications	01.11.2024
3	Scrutiny of applications	06.11.2024
4	Publication of eligible list of candidates	08.11.2024
5	Interview Date for eligible list candidates	18.11.2024
6	Announcement of Final Selection List for admission	21.11.2024
7	Commencement of Admission	22.11.2024
8	Commencement of Classes	28.11.2024

9. **DEPARTMENTS / RESEARCH SUBJECTS & VACANCIES FOR AY 2024-25**

Departments / Subjects and Vacancies for admission into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Programme during AY 2024-25 for JRF / Non-JRF are as follows:

Sno	Department	Non-JRF seats	JRF Seats
1	Research & Publications (General Sanskrit&IKS)	08	02
2	Sankhya Yoga	06	01
3	Dwaita Vedanta	13	05
4	Sahitya	24	02
5	Visistadvaita Vedanta	03	03
6	Mimamsa	04	02
7	Advaita Vedanta	13	04
8	Vyakarana	08	02

9	Vedabhasyam	02	01
10	Dharmashastra	No Vacancy	01
11	Puranetihasa	06	02
12	Education	59	34
13	Agama	03	04
14	Nyaya	09	04
15	Jyotisha and Vasthu (PJ&SJ)	14	06
	TOTAL	172	73

[*The University reserves the right to increase / decrease the number of vacancies without assigning any reason thereof. Reservations in the admissions are available as per extant Government of India / UGC Guidelines.]

10. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE PH.D. PROGRAMME**

The following are the eligibility conditions as per clause 3(1) & (2) the UGC Regulations 2022 and the NSU regulations 2024 to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

(1) Candidates who have **completed**:

(i) *A 1-year/2-semester master's degree/Acharya/M.A.(Sanskrit) in the relevant subject after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme (or)*

(ii) *A 2-year/4-semester master's degree/Acharya/M.A.(Sanskrit)/Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.in Sanskrit) programme after a 3-year/6-semester bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed (or)*

Any equivalent post-graduate degree/title recognized by the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati. (or)

equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

(ii) *Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.*

(iv) *Those who qualify UGC JRF/NET in **25 CODE** are eligible to get admission only in Sahitya, Puranetihasa, and Dharmashastra, subject to the fulfilling of all other eligibility criteria as per the regulations and the outcome of interview performance and over-all Rank. (AND)*

- (v) *Those who qualify UGC JRF/NET in 73 CODE are eligible to get admission only in that particular Shastra, subject to fulfillment of all other eligibility criteria as per the regulations and the outcome of interview performance and over-all Rank.*
Further, the JRF/NET qualified candidates in 73 CODE (Traditional Sastras)/Education(09) Code should have possessed 16 credits/obtained equivalent marks in each semester or should have possessed 32 credits/obtained equivalent marks per year in annual pattern in that particular Shastra/Education/Research & Publications in which the candidate has applied for the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Admission.
- (vi) *Those who qualify UGC JRF/NET in 25 CODE AND 103 CODE are eligible to get admission in Research & Publications, subject to Fulfillment of all other eligibility criteria as per the regulations and the outcome of interview performance and over-all Rank.*
- (2) A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/ Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.
- (3) Foreign candidates who have passed Acharya/M.A. [Sanskrit/equivalent degree (Sanskrit)]/Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed in Sanskrit) with 55% marks in the aggregate from any University outside India along with PG Degree in Education with 55% with UGC NET can also apply for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) 2024-25 through the Ministry of External Affairs & Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
 Foreign Nationals including NRIs must produce a valid Research Visa at the time of seeking admission into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme. The Foreign/ NRI scholars should also go through all the process of admission procedure from submission of application for entrance test and to follow admission procedure.

11. **PROCESS OF APPLYING VIDYAVARIDHI**

Step by step process for applying for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) admission.

- Candidates are informed to download the application form from the following Google link - <https://forms.gle/rtg5i7Q6L3JG9Edp9>
- The downloaded application is to be filled-up, with supporting documents, with necessary fees via Demand draft in favour of "Registrar, National Sanskrit University, Tirupati".
- Upload the copy of the application along with documents & Demand draft (Xerox copy) in PDF format as given Google Form.
- The **HARD-COPY** of the **Original application** form along with the supporting documents and the Original Demand-draft should **reach the University by 01.11.2024** before 5.00 p.m. via Speed/Registered post only the below Postal Address:

THE DEAN,
Academic Affairs
National Sanskrit University, Tirupati
(Erstwhile Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha)
Tirupati – 517507 (A.P.)

12. APPLICATION FEE & MODE OF PAYMENT

Category	Fee (Rs.)
General /OBC / other candidates	Rs.1,500/- (Non-refundable)
SC/ST/PWD students	Rs.1,200/- (Non-refundable)
Mode of Payment of fees: The candidates need to pay the fees for registration Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) via Demand draft drawn in favour of “Registrar, National Sanskrit University, Tirupati” .	

13. METHOD OF SELECTION

The University shall decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) seats available.

Seats will be given on the merit basis as per the Regulations of the UGC / National Sanskrit University, Tirupati.

The selection of candidates based on the UGC NET along with percentile who qualify in Categories 2 and 3, 70% of weightage will be given for test score and 30% weightage for interview for admission to Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva-voce.

The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in the categories 2 and 3 will be valid a period of one year for admission into Ph.D.

14. VIDYAVARIDHI PROGRAM FEE

The Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme fee as decided by the University from time to time to be paid Semester wise.

15. HOSTEL AND MESS FEE

Hostel and Mess facility will be provided after admission, subject to availability. Apart from the program fee, hostel and mess fees are to be separately borne by the Research scholars.

16. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING UP THE APPLICATION FORM

- Read guidelines carefully before filling up of the application;
- These guidelines contain important information related to the application
- Candidates should apply online via the link provided or the link available at the University Website “nsktu.ac.in”.
- The facts mentioned in application will be duly verified at the time of admission.

- (e) On verification of any type of false information the candidature will be forfeited. It also includes cancellation of admission.
- (f) Clear and latest photograph may be pasted on the application form
- (g) Candidate has to retain his/her mobile number given in the application till the completion of the admission process.
- (h) Eligible candidates should only apply for the Vidyavaridhi programme. If the candidate lacking the prescribed qualification for admission, he/she only will be responsible for the consequences.
- (i) The admission will be strictly on the basis of number of seats available and rank in the concerned subject i.e. merit list.
- (j) The decision of the Vice-Chancellor of the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati will be final regarding admission.
- (k) All judicial matters will be settled under Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh) High Court Jurisdiction only.

17. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION

Candidates who have completed Acharya/PG in Sanskrit/Shiksha Acharya(M.Ed.) in Sanskrit are ONLY informed to apply for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Program.

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