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NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATI
(Central University established by an act of Parliament)
PROSPECTUS & GUIDELINES FOR
VIDYAVARIDHI (Ph.D.) ADMISSION 2025-26

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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, Mimansa, Nyaya, Sankhya Yoga, Visishtadvaita Vedanta, Indian Knowledge Systems, Sahitya, Puranetihasa)* in 15 Sastras, M.A. in Hindi, M.A. in Sanskrit (Sabdabodha), M.Sc. in Computer Science & Sanskrit Language Technology, M.Sc. in Yoga Therapy, MAIMT, Shiksha Shastri (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 (Sl.No.5 (vi)) 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 Visistadvaita 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 &Sanskrit 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.), 2025 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. 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.

The degree in research, known as Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) will be awarded upon the successful completion of the programme. The title of the degree will be printed in Sanskrit.

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 Vidyavaridhi(Ph.D.)

(i) The candidates seeking admission to the programme must apply in the prescribed format.

(ii) Admission notification will be issued as per the provisions of the University and with the approval of the Authorities on the vacancies derived for both JRF and Non-JRF seats.
If the admission notification for both JRF and Non-JRF seats are notified and if the JRF qualified student wish to apply for Non-JRF vacancies, he/she has to apply separately under Non-JRF admissions. Mere, submission of single application for both JRF & Non-JRF notification won't be considered and the applied application will be considered only for JRF notification.

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

(iv) Those who qualify UGC JRF/NET in **73 CODE** are eligible to get admission only in that particular Shastra/Research & Publications, subject to the fulfilling of all other eligibility criteria as per the regulations and the outcome of interview performance and over-all Rank.

(v) Those who qualify UGC JRF/NET in **103 CODE** are eligible to get admission only in that particular Indian Knowledge Systems, subject to

the fulfilling of all other eligibility criteria as per the regulations and the outcome of interview performance and over-all Rank

(vi) Those who qualify UGC JRF/NET in **09 CODE** are eligible to get admission only in that particular Sanskrit Education, subject to the fulfilling of all other eligibility criteria as per the regulations and the outcome of interview performance and over-all Rank

Further, the candidates who have qualified JRF/NET in the following subjects- General Sanskrit (Code: 25), Traditional Shastra Subjects (Code: 73), Education (Code: 09), and Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) (Code: 103) — **must have secured a minimum of 16 credits (or equivalent marks) in each semester**, or **a minimum of 32 credits (or equivalent marks) per year in annual pattern**, in the respective subject area (Shastra / Sanskrit Education / Research & Publications (General Sanskrit) / IKS) during their Postgraduate (PG) studies, in which they are seeking admission for the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme.

Available disciplines for Research programme in Sanskrit offered by the following Departments under the concerned schools -

S.no.	School	Department(s)	Subjects
1	Veda-Vedanga	1. DharmaShastra 2. Jyotisha & Vastu 3. Vedabhashyam 4. Vyakarana	• Dharma Shastra • Siddhanta Jyotisha • Phalita Jyotisha • Vastu • Vedabhashya • Vyakarana
2	Darshanas	5. Agama 6. Advaita Vedanta 7. Dvaita Vedanta 8. Mimamsa 9. Nyaya 10. Sankhya Yoga 11. Vishishtadvaita Vedanta 12. Shabdabodha Systems & Computational Linguistics	• Agama • Advaita Vedanta • Dvaita Vedanta • Mimamsa • Nyaya • Sankhya Yoga • Vishishtadvaita Vedanta • Shabdabodha Systems & Computational Linguistics
3	Sahitya & Samskriti	13. Puranetihasa 14. Research & Publications 15. Sahitya	• Puranetihasa • General Sanskrit • Indian Knowledge Systems • Sahitya
4	Education	16. Education	Sanskrit Education
Note: 1. In any of the above mentioned subjects, where the faculty members have competence may give guidance in other concerned subject. 2. Admission notification will be issued as per the yearly vacancy available in each Department.			

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%
5	Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)	5%

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

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/Government Hospital (40% or more disability will only be considered).

8. VIDYAVARIDHI (Ph.D.) ADMISSION :IMPORTANT DATES

S.No.	ACTIVITY	DATE
1	Issue of Admission Notification	25.07.2025
2	Last date for submitting applications	14.08.2025
3	Scrutiny of applications	19–20.08.2025
4	Publication of eligible list of candidates	22.08.2025
5	Interview Date for eligible list candidates	01-02.09.2025
6	Announcement of Final Selection List for admission	04.09.2025
7	Commencement of Admission	08.09.2025
8	Commencement of Classes	11.09.2025

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

Departments / Subjects and Vacancies available for admission into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme during AY 2025-26 for JRF / Non-JRF are as follows:

Sno	Department	Non-JRF	JRF
1	Research & Publications (General Sanskrit&IKS)	✓	✓
2	Sankhya Yoga	✓	✓
3	Dwaita Vedanta	✓	✓
4	Sahitya	✓	✓
5	Visistadvaita Vedanta	✓	✓
6	Mimamsa	✓	✓
7	Advaita Vedanta	✓	✓
8	Vyakarana	✓	✓
9	Vedabhasyam	✓	✓
10	Dharmashastra	✓	-
11	Puranetihasa	✓	✓
12	Education	✓	✓
13	Agama	✓	✓
14	Nyaya	✓	✓
15	Jyotisha and Vasthu (PJ&SJ)	✓	✓

[*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.]
Note: the number of available seats will intimate in due course.

10. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE VIDYAVARIDHI (Ph.D.)PROGRAMME**

The following are the eligibility conditions as per clause 3(1) & (2) the UGC Regulations 2022 and the NSU regulations 2025. to seek admission to the Vidyavaridhi (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)*

A 2-year/4-semester master's degree/Acharya/M.A.(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

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 and for Vidyavaridhi in Education -*

(iii) *A 2-year/4-semester master's degree Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.in Sanskrit) programme after a 2-year/4-semester bachelor's degree programme Shiksha Shastri (B.Ed.) or*
A 1-year/2-semester master's degree Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.in Sanskrit) programme after a 1-year/2-semester bachelor's degree programme Shiksha Shastri (B.Ed.) 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.

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Further, the JRF/NET qualified candidates in **General Sanskrit 25 Code/Traditional Shastra Subjects73 CODE/Education09 Code/ IKS103 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/IKS in which the candidate has applied for the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Admission.

(2) A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/ Differently-able,

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

Applications through online mode (Samarth Portal) shall only be accepted, as per the following schedule:

Commencement of online applications	24.07.2025 from 18:00 Hours
Last Date for online applications	14.08.2025 upto 23.55 Hours
Link for online application	https://nsktuadmission.samarth.edu.in/

For further guidance & support, please contact during working hours:

For Academic Queries:	Payment/Technical Helpline:
Mobile No.: 7382585500, 7382595500	Mobile No.: 9315099883, 9440626555
Email ID: academics@nsktu.org	Email ID: techsupport@nsktu.org

Admissions into the programme are governed by
- NSU Admission Regulations 2022 and
- UG, PG & Part-Time Programme Regulations 2022.

12. APPLICATION FEE & MODE OF PAYMENT

Category	Fee (Rs.)
General /OBC /EwS/other candidates	Rs.1,500/- (Non-refundable)
SC/ST/PwBD students	Rs.1,200/- (Non-refundable)

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

(a)   Read guidelines carefully before filling up of the application.
(b)   These guidelines contain important information related to the application.
(c)   Candidates should apply online via the link provided or the link available at the University Website "nsktu.ac.in".
(d)   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/4-years UG in Sanskrit/Shiksha Acharya(M.Ed.) in Sanskrit are ONLY informed to apply for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Program.

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