

राष्ट्रीयसंस्कृतविश्वविद्यालयः / NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY
(A Central University estd. by an Act of Parliament), Tirupati-517507

शिक्षाशास्त्रविभागः

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PROSPECTUS

शिक्षाचार्यपाठ्यक्रमः

Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.) Programme

Academic Year 2026-27



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NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATI

1. About the University

National Sanskrit University, a Central University established by an Act of Parliament, is a premier institution in the field of higher learning in Sanskrit studies, Traditional Sastras and Sanskrit Teacher Education. It is funded by the Ministry of Education through UGC. The University has a long history in the service of Sanskrit education.

The institution was established at Tirupati (A.P.) in 1961 by the Govt. of India on the recommendations of the Sanskrit Commission (1957) as an autonomous body under the name of Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati society. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the then Vice President of India laid the foundation stone of the Vidyapeetha on 4th January 1962. The basic objective of setting up the Vidyapeetha was to impart and improve Sanskrit Teacher Education, 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, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education in April 1971.

In the year 1987, the Vidyapeetha was declared as a Deemed to be University by the Government of India, considering its service to the cause of Sanskrit Education, its achievements in research and publications and the general progress it had made in the past 25 years. It was formally inaugurated by the then President of India Sri R. Venkatraman on 26th of August 1989. Considering its achievements and potential for research in Traditional Sastras, the University was given the status of Centre of Excellence in Traditional Sastras during the X , XI and XII Plans.

Keeping in view, achievements of the Vidyapeetha in the field of Sanskrit and Traditional Sastras, the Vidyapeetha is elevated as National Sanskrit University by the Govt. of India under Parliamentary act in the month of March, 2020 and the university is now functioning as National Sanskrit University from 30th April, 2020.

1.1. Location

The University with a sprawling campus of 42 acres is located at the foot of the Tirumala Hills, the abode of Lord Sri Venkateswara (Lord Balaji) near Alipiri. The University campus is adjacent to SVIMS (Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences) and is at a distance of 4 k.m from the Railway Station and APSRTC Bus station. It can be approached through either the Reservoir Road or Balaji Colony.

1.2. Department of Education

Since its inception, the University has been conducting Shiksha-Shastri (B.Ed.) program from 1962 onwards and started Shiksha-Acharya (M.Ed.) program in the year 1983 and ITEP Shastri Shiksha Shastri program in the year 2023. Ph.D. in Education is also offered along with these programs.

Considering the awesome academic records of the Vidyapeetha, the Govt. of India has sanctioned an Institute of Advanced Study in Education (IASE) in the year 1997. Thus, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha was established mainly to develop a new pedagogy, a hybrid of

modern methods of language teaching, traditional methods of Language Teaching, traditional methods of teaching of Sanskrit and to provide pre-service teacher training for secondary school teachers and the IASE was established for the qualitative improvement in the areas of teacher training, i.e. pre-service, In- service and Research.

The Department of Education of this University conducts regular seminars, workshops and faculty Development programs to enable the faculty members to upgrade their knowledge. The faculty of Education was selected for the sanction of the SAP on the basis of its work, academic achievement and viable potential for future development. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has accredited the Vidyapeetha at A+ and IASE at A level for the years (2003- 2008) and the Vidyapeetha is Re-accredited at A level in the year 2015 and it is in the first place among the language universities. The NSU is re-accredited at A+ Grade (III Cycle) by the NAAC in the year 2024.

1.3. UGC Special Assistance Programme to the Dept.of Education

The UGC sanctioned Rs.29.50 lakh plus two project fellows to the Department of Education of this University under its Special Assistance Programme (SAP). The Department of Education of the University was selected for sanction of the SAP on the basis of its work, academic achievement and viable potential for further development. The essence and primary aim of this UGC scheme is a combination of teaching and research to encourage group research efforts in pursuit of excellence. The special assistance for the Department of Education was sanctioned for a period of five years till 2014. The thrust area of Education identified under this programme is “Language development and Material Production”.

1.4. Programs Offered by the Dept.of Education

Presently four programs are offered in this department Viz. ITEP-Shastri Shiksha Shastri (B.A. B.Ed.), Shiksha Shastri (B.Ed.), Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.) - all the three programmes approved by the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) and Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Programme.

For further details of our University, kindly visit <https://nsktu.ac.in>

SHIKSHA ACHARYA (M.ED.) PROGRAM

2. About the Programme

The Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.) Program is a two-year professional program in the field of Teacher Education which aims at preparing teacher educators and other education professionals including curriculum developers, educational policy analysts, planners, administrators, supervisors, school principals and researchers.

Pattern: NCTE Regulations 2014 (APPENDIX - 5 Master of education program leading to Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree) as amended from time to time and/or the latest Regulations as prescribed by NCTE.

2.1. Intake

50 (Sanctioned Intake) + 5 (10%) Additional seats over and above the sanctioned seats for EWS Quota.

2.2. Duration

The Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.) program shall be of a duration of two academic years (with four semesters), which can be completed in a maximum of three years from the date of admission to the program.

2.3. Program Structure

- Perspectives Courses (24 credits)
- Tool Courses (12 credits)
- Teacher Education Courses (8 credits)
- Core Specialization (8 Credits)
- Thematic Specialization Courses I,II & III (12 Credits)
- Field internship/attachment in: ATeacher Education Institution, and The area of specialization (4+4 = 8 Credits)
- Dissertation (8 Credits)

2.4. Courses Offered

- A Common core that includes perspective courses, Tool courses, Teacher Education courses and self development component;
- Specialization branches where students choose to specialize in any one of the school level / areas (such as elementary and secondary);
- Research leading to dissertation;
- Field immersion / attachment / Internship.
- There shall be thematic specialisation courses such as Educational Management, Administration & Leadership, Curriculum, Pedagogy & Assessment, Educational Technology & ICT, Guidance & Counseling.

2.5. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction and examination is Sanskrit.

2.6. Eligibility criteria

All the candidates seeking admission into Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.) program of the University must have:

- At least 22 years as on 1st October of respective year
- Students with valid CUET score and at least 50% marks or equivalent grade in any one of the following examinations.
 - 1) Shastri / B.A (Sanskrit) / Equivalent degree or Acharya / M.A Sanskrit / Equivalent degree **and** Shiksha Shastri / B.Ed. with Sanskrit Teaching Methodology from any recognized University are eligible.
- A candidate must have obtained at least 50% of marks in both theory and practicum and 50 % of marks in aggregate are required in Shiksha Shastri. / B.Ed.(with Sanskrit Teaching Methodology). Relaxation in percentage of marks shall be applicable as per the rules of the Govt.of India.

2.7. Working Days

There shall be **at least two hundred working days each year**, exclusive of the period of admission and inclusive of classroom transaction, practicum, field study and conduct of examination. The institution shall work for a minimum of thirty six (36) hours in a week (five or six days) during which faculty and students concerned shall be available for interaction, dialogue, consultation and mentoring.

2.8. Attendance requirement

- The minimum attendance of the students shall be 80% for all theory courses & practicum, and 90% for field attachment (internship) i.e, 80% in Semester I,II, III & IV and 90% in internship in Semester II & IV)
- The students who do not have adequate attendance will not be considered for the award of any scholarship or any kind of financial aid by the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati or any other government or quasi government agency.
- Students who do not have adequate attendance will not be permitted to appear for examination at any cost.
- Attendance shall be reckoned from the date of commencement of instruction as per the almanac prescribed by the Department of Education, National Sanskrit University, Tirupati.
- All the internal activities are compulsory.
- No condonation by any authority at any level is permissible.

2.9. NTA CUET PG Score & Merit List requirements for admission

Subject to fulfillment of all other eligibility criteria for the program, the following scores shall be considered by the Admission Committee for drawing the Merit Lists.

CUET PG Shiksha Acharya Score; Code **ACQP02**

The NSU reserves the right to admit the students through a Special Admission Drive and / or Spot Admission Notification with appropriate eligibility criteria & conditions to fill the leftover vacancies post CUET-based admissions.

2.10. Reservation of seats

Within each stream i.e. Traditional & Modern, reservation is applicable for SC / ST / OBC / EWS / PwD / Sports Persons and other eligible categories as per Govt.of India rules and the Academic Ordinance No.02 of NSU placed at Annexure-I.

2.11. Programme Fee

Details	Fee Rs.
First Year	7,920/-
Second Year	7,920/-

2.12. Other Fee

The programme fee detailed above doesn't include examination fees. Application Fee, Examination Fee and any other fee, if any, as prescribed by the University have to be borne by the student.

2.13. Scholarships

The University provides scholarships to the students on the basis of their percentage of marks, merit obtained in the last qualifying examination. It will be given only for 10 months in a year subject to 75% attendance in each class every month. The sanction and payment of scholarships to the students will also depend on the conduct and discipline of the respective students. The University has the right to withdraw or disqualify any student for the scholarship at any point of time due to misbehaviour, indiscipline or involvement in unlawful, anti-social and other activities disturbing the general discipline and peaceful academic atmosphere in the University campus and Hostels.

HOSTEL FACILITY

3. About Hostels

The University maintains four Hostels for Men students, namely, Seshachala, Vedachala, Neelachala, Garudachala and Venkatachala. The Garudachala Hostel is exclusively meant for P.G.students. In these Hostels, two separate messes with attached kitchens preparing and serving exclusively North Indian and South Indian cuisine are being maintained for the benefit of the students hailing from different parts of the country.

3.1. Annapurna/Annadanam Scheme

Under this scheme the University has been providing subsidies in the Mess facility of borders with the financial support of TTD and other sources. The University has introduced the Annadanam Scheme under which the University hostels have been provided Rice, Wheat flour etc., free of cost out of the donations received from old students, teachers, philanthropists etc. With the divine blessings of Sri Venkateswara, the Lord of the Seven Hills and the generous support of the authorities of T.T. Devasthanams, the University will continue the Annadanam Scheme on a permanent basis and provide board facilities to the students residing in the hostels at subsidised rates.

3.2. Hostel Admission Fee*

Programme	Non-refundable Mess Establishment charges Rs. p.a.	Mess Charges for a period of 120 days in Rs.	Caution Deposit Rs.	Total Rs.
Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.)	3,000	7,200	3,600	13,800

*All hostel fees including the monthly mess charges are payable as prescribed by the Hostel Office, from time to time.

3.3. Ragging

Ragging is an offence and strictly prohibited on the University campus and hostels. All the incidents of ragging, if any, are to be dealt with the UGC Regulation on curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 as amended from time to time.

HOW TO APPLY

4. Online application details

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

Commencement of online applications	22.05.2026 05:00 p.m. onwards
Last date for submission of online applications	05.06.2026 11.59 p.m.
Application fee payable online	Rs.300/- (Non refundable)
Link for online application	https://nsktucuet.samarth.edu.in/pg/index.php/
Commencement of classes (Tentative)	1st July, 2026

4.1. Guidance & Technical Support

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

For Academic Queries	Payment / Technical Helpline
Mobile: 83339-04764, 83339-04763, 9866726450	Mobile: 94406-26555
Email: hod_edu@nsktu.org education@nsktu.org	Email: system_analyst@nsktu.org, techsupport@nsktu.org

4.2. General instructions

- The candidates seeking admission should submit the application on the Samarth Portal only. The University will not be responsible for physical applications and the applications submitted on unauthorised portals.
- All the students have to possess their own email ID and mobile number linked to their Aadhaar Number for other registrations viz. Academic Bank of Credits and for prompt communication with the University.
- The candidates must upload the required documents in support of their application for the programme, failing which the application will be summarily rejected.
- All the communication and updates regarding their admission and select lists shall be placed only on the National Sanskrit University website: <https://nsktu.ac.in>. Hence, all the applicants are advised to closely monitor the University website at regular intervals.
- All applicants are advised to be ready for completion of the admission process and attendance to the classes at short notice, if needed.
- University reserves the right to cancel the admission in the case of submission of fake documents, submission of incorrect information, impersonation, indiscipline, malpractice and such other grounds decided from time to time.



Ordinance no. 02

Reservation of seats and other special provisions for admission of students

In accordance with and in furtherance to the provisions contained in Section 7 of the Act.

Reservation of Seats

Reservation of seats (SC/ST/OBC/EWS) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in Admission) Act, 2006 as amended from time to time and notifications/circulars etc. of Govt. of India / UGC as amended from time to time. Reservation for persons with benchmark disabilities (PWD) shall be in accordance with the provisions of THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016 as amended from time to time.

If a candidate in the reserved category qualifies for admission in the general category, he/she shall be transferred to the general category without prejudice to the number of seats already allocated in that category which will be offered to the next eligible candidate in that category.

1. Special provision for admission of students Sports quota

- (a) 2% of seats in both the under-graduate and post-graduate programmes, shall be reserved for admission of outstanding players and sports persons, who have represented their Universities/Region/State, provided that they fulfill the minimum eligibility requirements prescribed for seeking admission to various programmes.
- (b) Relaxation to the extent of 5% of marks in the aggregate or in the subject, as the case may be, will be given to such candidates.

N. C. C.

- (a) Relaxation to the extent of 5% of marks in the aggregate or in one subject, as the case may be, will be given to NCC Cadets having the following NCC Certificates for admission to all programmes:
- (i) "A" Certificate for admission to undergraduate programmes.
- (ii) "B" or "C" Certificate for admission to a postgraduate programme.
- (b) Students admitted on the basis of NCC will have to continue in the NCC at least for one year.
- (c) The relaxation of marks on the basis of NCC Certificate shall be permissible only on the production of a certificate duly verified by the NCC Officer

N. S. S. Volunteers

NSS volunteers who have attended two 10 days' Special Camps and one National Integration Camp or Republic Day Camp may be provided a relaxation of 2% marks in the aggregate or in one subject as the case may be, for admission in both the under-graduate and post-graduate programmes.

Relaxation of marks given on the basis of NSS Certificates shall be permissible on the production of relevant Certificates.

Extracurricular activities

2% of seats in both the undergraduate and post-graduate programmes will be reserved for students with extra-curricular activities provided that they have participated in the National/Zonal level cultural/literary competitions.

Earmarking of seats for the children of Indian workers in the Gulf and South Asia

In view of the instructions issued by UGC vide Lr. No.F.1-53/98 (CPP-II) dated 02.04.2004, 5% of seats are earmarked for the children of Indian workers in the Gulf and South Asia out of the 15% superannuated seats for foreign students in university departments.

The reservation under special provision is to be operated on Horizontal basis, that means, if a candidate is selected under the special provision, he shall be adjusted against the category to which he belongs.

In case, if no eligible candidate is available in the special provision, then the same shall be filled up by the candidates of general category.

2. Other Reservations

As prescribed by the UGC / GOI from time to time.

Footnote: UGC Comments:

UGC has no objection on the proposed Ordinance subject to the condition that all the provisions related to Reservation in admission may be followed as per UGC/Govt. of India instructions issued from time to time.