

राष्ट्रीय संस्कृत विश्वविद्यालय / National Sanskrit University
(A Central University estd. by an Act of Parliament), Tirupati-517507

Department of Education

PROSPECTUS

ITEP - Shastri Shiksha Shastri (B.A, B.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 thr three programmes approved by the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) and Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Programme.

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ITEP - SHASTRI SHIKSHA SHASTRI (B.A. B.ED.) PROGRAM

2. About the Programme

ITEP - Shastri Shiksha Shastri (B.A. B.Ed.) program of National Sanskrit University is recognized by NCTE (F.No.NCTE/SRC/2324202205181097/Andhra Pradesh/Recognition Orders Dt. 03/03/2023). The Programme is a 4 year dual-major holistic undergraduate degree for all students who choose teaching as a profession after +2. The NSU B.A. B.Ed. programme will prepare teachers for the Secondary stage. The programme is governed by NCTE (Recognition, Norms and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2019 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. Traditional and Modern Streams

70% seats are reserved for the students from Traditional stream and 30% seats are reserved for the students from modern stream.

2.3. Duration

The ITEP shall be of four academic years comprising eight semesters including internship (field-based experiences and practice teaching). Any student-teacher who is unable to complete any semester or appear in any semester-end examination, shall be permitted to complete the program within a maximum period of six years from the date of admission to the program.

2.4. Program Structure

- A dual-major bachelor's degree program - 4 years duration across 8 semesters of study with 176 credits
- 1. Foundation of Education – 30 credits
- 2. Disciplinary Courses (Major & Minor course) – 72 credits
- 3. Pedagogy Courses (Secondary Stage) – 16 credits
- 4. Ability enhancement & Value added courses – 28 credits
- 5. School experience – 20 credits
- 6. Community engagement & Practicum – 10 credits
- Would enable student-teachers to teach two subjects prescribed for study at the secondary stage (Grades 9 to 12) of school education.

2.5. Courses Offered

- Second Major / Discipline Specific Courses (DSC) – (a).Vyakarana / Sahitya / Jyotisha (Siddhanta) / Darshana*; (b). Language & Literature -Telugu /Hindi / English* (* *Subject to availability of faculty members in the University*)
- Pedagogy Courses – Sanskrit / Telugu / Hindi / English* (* *Subject to availability of faculty members in the University*); Stage specific (Secondary Stage) content cum Pedagogy courses
- Ability Enhancement & Value added courses

- School Experience and Community work

2.6. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction and examination is Sanskrit except literatures and methodologies of respective modern languages.

2.7. Multiple entry & exit options

- A certificate indicating the credits accrued for the courses pursued during the first two semesters of study.
- A diploma indicating the credits accrued for the courses pursued during the first four Semester of study.
- Award of a bachelor's degree in the chosen Major upon securing a total of 136 credits with a minimum of 48 credits in the major by student-teachers who wish to exit after completion of six semesters.
- Award of B.A.B.Ed. upon securing a minimum of 176 credits.

2.8. Vertical mobility opportunities

Student-teachers who successfully complete the four-year ITEP will be eligible to pursue master's degree program in education- Master's degree in the Major discipline chosen for study during the ITEP.

2.9. Eligibility criteria

All the candidates seeking admission into ITEP - Shastri Shiksha Shastri (B.A. B.Ed.) program of the University must have:

- At least 17 years as on 1st October of respective year
- Students with valid NCET score and at least 50% marks or equivalent grade in any one of the following examinations.
 - 1) Traditional Stream (No. of seats 35 out of 50)
 - (a) Prak-Shastri / Upashastri / Sahitya / Vedavibhushana / Varishta Upadhyaya/ Uttaramadhyama under 10+2 pattern.
 - 2) Modern Stream (No.of seats 15 out of 50)
 - (a) Senior Secondary / Intermediate / PUC / +2 **or** its Equivalent under 10+2 pattern with Sanskrit language **(OR)**
 - (b) Senior Secondary / Intermediate / PUC / +2 **or** its Equivalent under 10+2 pattern with Diploma in Sanskrit.
- Relaxation in percentage of marks shall be applicable as per the rules of the Govt. of India.

2.10. Working Days

In a semester, there shall be at least 96 (Ninety Six) working days, excluding the period of examinations.

2.11. Attendance requirement

- The minimum attendance of student-teachers shall have to be eighty percent (80%) in all courses and ninety percent (90%) for field-based experience school internship the students who do not have adequate attendance will not be considered for the award of any scholarship of any kind of financial aid by the National Sanskrit University, Tirupathi **or** any other Govt., **or** quasi govt. agency separately.
- 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 which carry marks are compulsory.
- No condonation by any authority at any level is permissible.

2.12. NTA NCET Score & Merit List requirements for admission

Subject to fulfillment of all other eligibility criteria for the program, the following criteria shall be followed by the Admission Committee for drawing the Merit Lists based on the NTA NCET Score; allotment of seats shall be in the same order of the Merit Lists, subject to seat availability after allotment to the previous Merit Lists.

Details of the applicant	Merit List-I	Merit List-II
Has valid NCET Score ?	Yes	Yes
Has NCET score with Sanskrit domain Specific subject under Section 2 ?	Yes	-NA-
Has NCET score with Sanskrit Language under Section 1 ?	-NA-	Yes
Studied Sanskrit in the qualifying program ?	Yes	Yes

2.13. 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.

2.14. Programme Fee

Details	Fee Rs.	Details	Fee Rs.
First Year	4,500/-	Second Year	6,500/-
Third Year	9,500/-	Fourth Year	5,000/-

2.15. Other Fee

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

2.16 Scholarships

The University provides scholarship to the students on the basis of their percentage of marks,
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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 misbehavior, 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.
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*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 Portal) shall only be accepted, as per the following schedule:

Commencement of online applications	xxxxxxx 18:00 hours onwards
Last Date for online applications	xxxxxxx 23:55 hours
Application fee payable online	Rs.300/-
Link for online application	https://nsktucuet.samarth.edu.in/ncet/
Publication of Select/Wait List (Tentative) Select List 1 (Domain Paper 325 Sanskrit)	19th June, 2026
Certificate verification (Tentative)	22-24th June, 2026
Commencement of classes (Tentative)	1st July, 2026
Publication of Select/Wait List (Tentative) Select List 2 (Language Paper 220 Sanskrit)	1st July, 2026

4.1. Guidance & Technical Support

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

For Academic Queries	Payment / Technical Helpline
Mobile: 8333904764, 8333904763	Mobile: 93150-99883, 94406-26555
Email: hod_edu@nsktu.org , education@nsktu.org	Email: 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 Adhar 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/BWS) 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.1-51/58 (CPII-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% supernumerary 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 DGC / GOI from time to time.

Footnote: UGC Comments:

DGC 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.