

INFORMATION HANDBOOK

UNDER

RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005



National Sanskrit University

(A Central University)

TIRUPATI – 517 507 (A.P)

(WEBSITE: <https://nsktu.ac.in/>)

INTRODUCTION

The National Sanskrit University, Tirupati, A Central University established under Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2020, is a premier institution in the field of higher learning in Sanskrit studies, traditional sastras and Pedagogy. Its main aim is to protect, preserve and propagate the traditional knowledge hidden in the rich heritage of sastras to the future generation. It is fully funded by Ministry of Education through University Grants Commission.

This Hand Book has been prepared for information of the general public as required under the Right to Information Act, 2005 passed in the Parliament of India which provides for setting out the practical regime of Right to Information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities.

This information Hand Book will enable the citizens to obtain information as to the provisions contained in various rules and regulations governing the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati and related information. This information Hand Book is divided into XVII manuals. The Right to information act under section 2(h) covers all central, state and local govt. bodies and in addition to the executive, it also applies to the judiciary and legislature. It covers all bodies owned, controlled or substantially financed, either directly or indirectly by the government and non government organizations and other private bodies substantially funded, directly or indirectly by the government. This would seem to include private schools, hospitals and other commercial institutions that have got subsidies in the form of land at concessions rates or tax concessions, among others.

As required under the Act, **Commander Challa Venkateswar (Retd.), Registrar**, National Sanskrit University has been designated **as the First Appellate Authority** of the University. The Officers who are designated as CPIOs are available in the University website at <https://nsktu.ac.in/index.php/rti-act-cpios/> who can be contacted for information to be provided under the Act.

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MANUAL I

Section (1)(b)(i)

THE PARTICULARS OF ITS ORGANISATION, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

1. Name and address of the organization:

National Sanskrit University (Central University), Reservoir Colony,
Near LIC office, Tirupati – 517 507.

2. Head of the organization:

The Chancellor
National Sanskrit University, Tirupati.

3. Objectives of the University:

The objectives of the University are to:

- a) preserve Shastraic tradition;
- b) undertake interpretation of the Shastras;
- c) establish their relevance to the problems in the modern context;
- d) provide means for intensive training in modern as well as Shastraic lore for teachers;
- e) achieve excellence in these disciplines so that the University has a distinctive character of its own.

In pursuance of the above objectives the University shall,

- i) impart instruction in traditional Sanskrit lore with special attention to highly specialized branches;
- ii) provide means for the training of Sanskrit teachers and to conduct research in pedagogical aspects of Sanskrit education;
- iii) provide facilities for the study of such languages and literatures of Asia as have a bearing on Sanskrit studies;
- iv) prescribe syllabus for various courses with special emphasis on Indian culture and values and conduct

- examinations in Sanskrit and allied disciplines;
- v) publish literature and develop print and non-print materials in and about Sanskrit including original texts, commentaries and translations;
 - vi) arrange for publication of research findings, journals and aids to research such as indices, digests and bibliographical materials;
 - vii) collect, preserve and publish manuscripts and to build up a Rashtriya Sanskrit Pustakalaya and Sangrahalaya and to provide means for training in Manuscriptology specifically in scripts used for Sanskrit manuscripts;
 - viii) provide means for education in modern disciplines needed for meaningful interpretation of original Sanskrit texts including technical literature in Sanskrit;
 - ix) promote interaction between modern and traditional scholars for mutual enrichment;
 - x) organize Shastra Parishads, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops;
 - xi) recognise degrees, diplomas and certificates of other educational bodies, institutes as equivalent to those of the University
 - xi) establish faculties and constitute such boards and committees as may be necessary for the fulfillment of the objectives of the University;
 - xiii) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, prizes and medals in accordance with the rules and bye-laws adopted from time to time.
 - xiv) subscribe and become a member or participate in and cooperate with any other Association, Society or institution having wholly or partly similar objectives as those of the University; and
 - xv) undertake all such activities incidental, necessary or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the University.

4. Powers and Functions of the University

The powers and functions of the University are;

- i) to administer and manage National Sanskrit University, Tirupati;
- ii) to prescribe and conduct courses of studies in various branches of Sanskrit learning;
- iii) to organize and undertake various educational programmes, extramural activities and extension services;
- iv) to prescribe procedures for admission to various courses;
- v) to prescribe procedures for and to hold examinations including Shastrartha and to declare results;
- vi) to award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions or titles;
- vii) to fix, demand and receive fees and other charges;
- viii) to establish, hire, maintain, manage and recognize halls and hostels for the residence of students and scholars and to regulate discipline therein and make arrangements for the promotion of general welfare and cultural and corporate life;
- ix) to provide facilities for N.C.C., N.S.S., and other similar activities for students;
- x) to determine the number, qualifications, scales of pay and terms and conditions of service of academic, technical, administrative and other posts;
- xi) to fix emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the employees of the University;
- xii) to regulate expenditure and to manage accounts of the University;
- xiii) to establish and maintain such classrooms, laboratories, workshops, libraries and reading rooms as may be considered necessary for the University, provided that no immovable property of the University shall be transferred or disposed of in any manner whatsoever without the prior approval of the Government of India;

- xiv) to maintain a fund to which shall be credited:
 - a) all money provided by the University Grants Commission
 - b) all money provided by the Government of India
 - c) money received in any other manner or from any other sources;
- xv) to deposit money, credit to the fund in any nationalized bank or to invest them in such a manner as shall be prescribed in the rules;
- xvi) the funds from the bank shall be operated by the Finance Officer;
- xvii) to make, amend or rescind rules with the prior approval of the Government of India as per Central Sanskrit Universities act, 2020;
- xviii) to frame bye-laws, as may from time to time be considered necessary for management of the University and regulate its affairs and to alter, modify and to rescind them;
- xix) to provide for such benefactions, insurance, provident fund, pension and gratuity as may be deemed fit for the benefit of academic, technical and administrative and other staff of the University in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Government of India from time to time;
- xx) to delegate such of its powers as it may deem fit to any authority or officer of the University, and
- xxi) to undertake such activities as the University may consider necessary, conducive or incidental to the attainment and/or enlargement of its objectives.

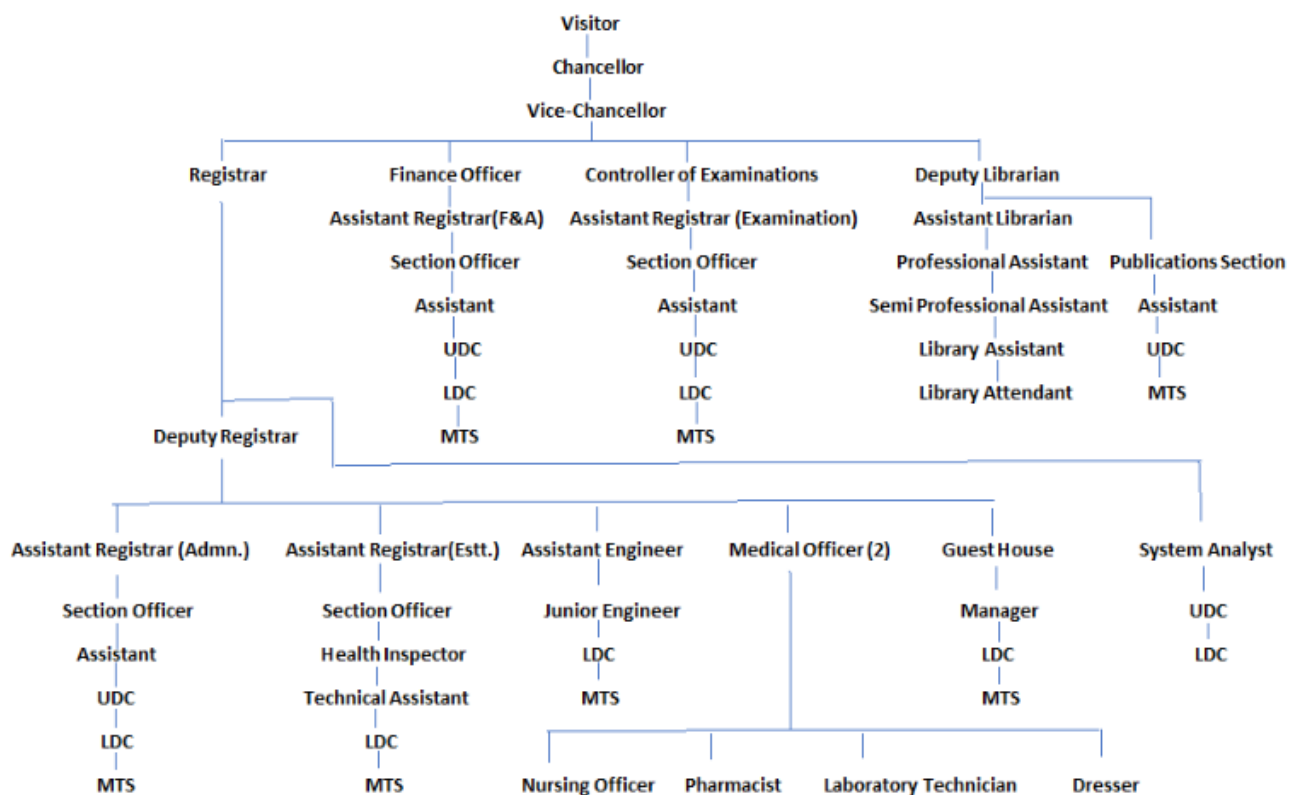
5. Services being provided by the University

The University offers facilities for pursuing Prak-shastri (+2) undergraduate PG courses in Sanskrit language and literature, shastric subjects, Teaching Training programmes and Diplomas & PG Diplomas in Jyotisha, Arachakatva & Pourohita, Yoga Therapy and Stress management, NLP and Web technology etc. Details are available in the website at <http://www.nsktu.ac.in>.

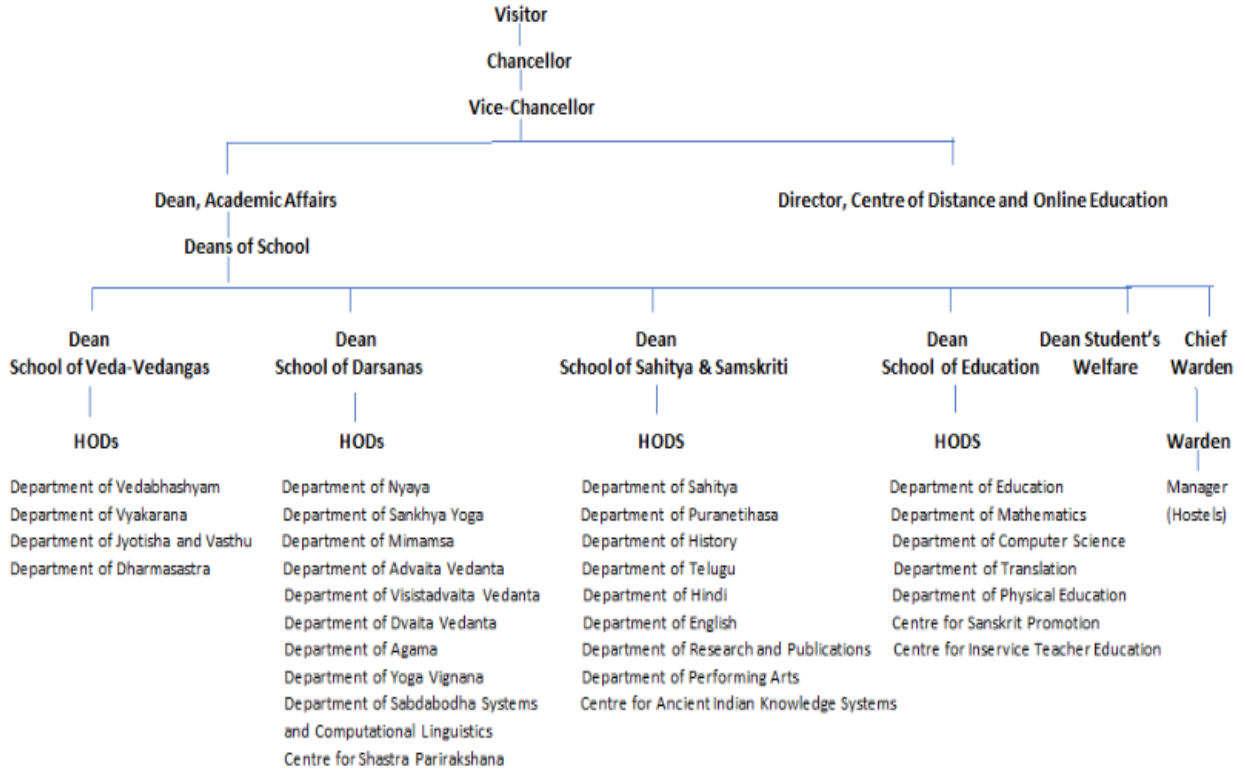
The University offers Post Graduate courses and Research programmes like Acharya, Ph.D in various shastras like Sahitya, Vyakarana, Jyothisa, Mimamsa, Vedantas, Education etc. available in the website at <http://www.nsktu.ac.in>.

6. Organizational and Administrative chart

Administration Organizational Structure of National Sanskrit University



Academic Organizational Structure of National Sanskrit University



7. Objectives

The objectives of the University are to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional, research and extension facilities to the promotion of Sanskrit Language and such other branches of learning as it may deem fit;

to make special provisions for integrated courses in humanities, social sciences and science in its educational programmes;

to take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process and inter-disciplinary studies and research;

to educate and train manpower for the overall development, promotion, preservation and research in the field of Sanskrit and Sanskrit traditional subjects.

8. Vision:

National Sanskrit University has been established with the noble vision of preserving and propagating ancient and invaluable knowledge embedded in Sanskrit lore and proving its relevance to the modern times. The vision of the University is to create knowledge-based Sanskrit education and to bring out the cultural, socio-economic and environmentally sustainable development of individuals and communities. The University would like to make Sanskrit Education more flexible with diversity of programmes and bring out a change in its structure and curricula and by making use of Information and Communication Technology.

9. The mission of the University is to

- preserve Sanskrit Tradition.
- undertake interpretation of Sastras.
- establish their relevance to the problems in the modern context.
- provide means for intensive training in modern as well as Sastric lore for teachers.
- achieve excellence in these disciplines so that the University has a distinctive identity and character of its own.

10. The University has rightly chosen its motto from the Brihadaranyakopanishad “TamasomaJyotirgamaya” meaning ‘Lead me unto light from darkness’ which explicitly exposes the central purport of education – the eradication of ignorance, keeping in view the vision, mission and reflecting in letter and spirit of the University. The University has established various departments of Sahitya, Vyakarana, Phalita Jyotisha, Siddhanta Jyotisha, Nyaya, Advaita Vedanta, Visistadvaita Vedanta, Dvaita Vedanta, Agama, Mimamsa, Dharma Sastra, Sankya Yoga, Puranethihasa, and Vedabhasyam which cater to, through various courses, higher learning and research in specialized areas of Sanskrit Knowledge. In addition, Departments like English, Hindi, Computer Science, Mathematics and History, offer courses which bring in modern knowledge. Departments of Interdisciplinary nature like Sabdabodha Systems and Computational Linguistics, MAIMT, link the ancient knowledge systems and modern times, thereby reinforcing the relevance of Sanskrit to the present day. Courses in Karmakanda and

Pourohitya, Yoga Meditation and the like, have been designed to fulfill the needs of the society as well as increasing the employability of the Sanskrit learner. The Research and Publications Department, apart from publishing various works of erudition also takes research methodology courses for research scholars. The Department of Education has been doing yeomen service by training teacher-aspirants of Sanskrit in the latest teaching methodologies and creating a curriculum suitable to contemporary needs. Department of Performing Arts and Department of Translation were established to develop skills and as well increasing scope of Sanskrit employability of Sanskrit students. The University also offers courses through Distance Mode providing access to higher education in Sanskrit to all those who cannot make use of the conventional mode. Thus, the various programmes reflect the vision of the University to preserve the sastric tradition as well as moulding the tradition to be relevant to the needs of the present-day society.

11. Address of the University

Registrar,
National Sanskrit University ,
Reservoir Colony,
Near LIC office, Tirupati – 517 507.

12. Working hours of the University

Office hours: 9.30 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. (Monday to Friday)

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