

**Department of Prakrit & Pali**  
**School of Languages**

**Brief History**

The Department of Prakrit & Pali was established in 1968 at the School of Languages, single handed by late Dr, K. R. Chandra, now developed as a full-fledged department. Dr. R. M. Shah was appointed as a lecturer in 1987. He became the head after Dr, K. R. Chandra, i.e. in 1987. Dr. Saloni Joshi as a Reader & Head and Dr. Dinanath Sharma as a lecturer joined the department in 1998. Dr. Dharmendra Jain was appointed as a lecturer in April 2005 (10<sup>th</sup> Plan) for 2 years. Dr. Chandra's contribution in the field of Ardhamagadhi language is remarkable. He reconstructed the grammar of Ardhamagadhi Arsha-prakrit and edited Acarang sutra1/1. He participated in many National-International seminar and chaired the session. He delivered Special lectures at Poona University; Madras University; Jain Vishvabharti, Ladnu; B.L. Institute, Delhi and Saurashtra University. He has written and edited 25 books in English , Hindi , Gujarati and more than 100 research articles. He was awarded by many institutions. Dr.R.M.Shah's contribution in the field of Editing and Study of Prakrita, Apabhramsha and Old-Medieval Gujarati Manuscripts is valuable. (Vilasvaikaha, Vasudevahimdi - majjhimakhanda with Dr. H.C. Bhayani etc.) He participated in many National-International seminar and chaired the Session.. 42 Books and more than 50 articles . He received 5 Awardes from different institues. Dr.Saloni Joshi's specialization is in the field of Manuscript editing and Prakrit narrative literature. She has presented papers in many National-International conference and chaired the session. Her articles are published in various journals and books. She has introduced new course 'P.G. Certificate Course in Apabhramsha' in 2003. Dr. Dinanath Sharma's Specialization is in the field of Manuscript editing, Grammar, Alankar Shahstra etc. He has presented papers in many National-International conference and chaired the session. His articles are published in various journals and books. He give his services as an expert to Rastriya Sanskrit Snsthan and B L Institute,Delhi.

**Srimad Rajchandra and Kanjiswami swadhyay Kendra** was established in the department in 2010. Department arranges lectures on Shrimad Rajchandra's contribution twice in a year for U G and P G students. More over it gives scholarship to the students 10,000 per year. The Department has produced 9 Doctorates in the subject.

The Department has conducted three National Seminars

1 Fifth All India Seminar on Prakrit Studies 22 - 25 March 1973

2 All India Seminar on Jain Agam Sahitya 16 - 18 October 1986

### **Present Scenario**

The Department runs following courses

- (1) M.A. in Prakrit
- (2) P.G. Certificate Course in Prakrita
- (3) Certificate Course in Apabhramsha.
- (4) Ph.D.

### **Infrastructure & Facilities**

The department is a part of the University School of Languages. It uses the building and the Infrastructure facilities of the School.

### **Highlights**

Our's is the only University Department in the state Gujarat where facilities of higher studies in the field of prakrita and Apabhramsha are available

### **Course Offered**

#### **Course - 1**

Course Name	:	M.A.
Course Type	:	Grant in Aid
Intake	:	50
Eligibility	:	B.A. 50% or P.G. Certificate Course in Prakrita
Subject offered/ Specialization	:	Prakrit Language and Literature; Jain Philosophy
Duration	:	Two years
Course Commencement	:	June
Admission Process	:	By Merit only
Course Offered at	:	School of Languages

Future Career opportunity/ Placement: As a Lecturer in college.

As a Research assistant in Manuscript Project

### **Course - 2**

Course Name : P.G. Certificate Course in Prakrita

Course Type : Grant in Aid

Intake : 50

Eligibility : Graduation – Any faculty

Subject offered/ Specialization : Prakrit Language and Literature

Duration : One year

Course Commencement : June

Admission Process : By Merit

Course Offered at : School of Languages

Future Career opportunity/ Placement : As a Research assistant in Manuscript Project

### **Course - 3**

Course Name : Certificate Course in Aphabetramsha

Course Type : Grant in Aid

Intake : 50

Eligibility : Graduation – Any faculty

Subject offered/ Specialization : ApabhrmshaLanguage and Literature

Duration : One year

Course Commencement : June

Admission Process : By Merit

Course Offered at : School of Languages

Future Career opportunity/ Placement : As a Research assistant in Manuscript Project

### Faculty

**Name** : Dr. Saloni N. Joshi

**Qualification** : M.A.(Prakrit), M.A.(Sanskrit), M.L.I.Sc., Ph.D.(Prakrit)

**Designation** : Associate Professor & HoD

**Areas of Specialization** : Prakrit, Linguistics, Manuscript editing, Prakrit Narrative Literature

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**Name** : Dr. Dinanath S. Sharma

**Qualification** : M.A.(Sanskrit), M.A.(Prakrit), Ph.D.

**Designation** : Associate Professor

**Areas of Specialization** : Sanskrit, Prakrit, Alankar, Critical edition, Grammar

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