

Introduction

Brief History

" The Department of Sanskrit " was established as one of the Post - Graduate Departments in the "University School of Languages", in June - 1964. Dr. E .A. Solomon (Reader and Head) and Dr. T.S. Nandi were the faculty members at the beginning of the department. In subsequent years UGC had sanctioned some posts of Readers and Lecturers in Sanskrit . Here is a table showing the past & present faculty members :-

Name	Assi. Prof.	Associ. Professor	Professor	Specialized Subject	No. of Ph.D.	Status
1. Dr. E . A . Solomon*	-	1964-1977	1977 - 1987	Vedant & Nyaya	14	Expired
2. Dr. T. S. Nandi*	1964-1980	1980-1987	1987-1993	Alankar	18	Expired
3. Dr. J. M. Shukla	----	1969-1983	-	Vyakaran	12	Expired
4. Dr. B. D. Pandya*	1977-1983	1983-1986	-	Vyakaran & Alankar	03	Retired
5 Dr. L. V. Joshi	1982-1986	1986-1993	1993-1995	Vedant & Nyaya	06	Retired
6. Dr. V. M. Bhatt	1984-1989	1989-1997 (Head-1995)	1997 Contd. Director 2004	Vyakaran & Vedic Studies	15	Continuous
7. Dr. V. D. Pandya	1987-1992	1992-2005	2005	Vedant	08	Retired

8. Dr. K. C. Chokshi	1990-1997	1997-contd.		Vyakaran & Puran	05	Continuous
9. Dr. K.V. Mehta	1990	1983-1986	-	Alankar	01	Retired
10. Dr. S.Y. Shastri	1998	-	-	Dharma Shastra	-	Continuous
11. Mr.H.B.Chauhan	2005	-	-	Vedant		Expired
12. Dr. Hetal M. Pandya	2005	-	-	Vyakaran		Continuous

[* All three Professors have received a " Certificate of Honors " given by the President of India for their researches in the field of Sanskrit Studies. Dr. E. A. Solomon had received a " PADMA - SHREE" award from the Government of India. Prof. Dr. T.S. Nandi was selected by the UGC as a " Professor Emeritus ."]

The Department has been offering five shastras since 1964 , viz. 1. Vedant , 2. Vyakaran , 3. Alankar , 4. Sankhya - Yoga and 5. Purana Shastra for specialization. This is a unique feature of the department among the universities of the Gujarat State. The department has been running M.Phil. programme since 1981. During these four decades, i.e. the period of 1964-2004, the department has provided research guidance to the Ph.D. Students . As a result of this activity about 75 candidates have got Ph.D. Degrees from the department. Each of the faculty had, besides teaching , numerous publications to their credit.

The department had organized many conferences and seminars during 1964 - 2011, but some academic events are noteworthy, such as -

1. 32nd session of the ALL INDIA ORIENTAL CONFERENCE, (6 - 8 Nov. 1985) was organized by the department on the university campus.
2. International seminar on Acharya Hemachandracharya's literature (19 - 20 January 1989) was organized by Prof. T.S. Nandi in the Assembly Hall of the School.
3. Traditional Vedic Sammelan (under auspices supervision of the Rashtriya Veda

Vidya Pratisthan ,Ujjain) was organized by Dr. V. M. Bhatt & Dr. K. C. Chokshi , at the Veda - Mandir, Ahmedabad. on 8-10 January 1998.

4. Seminar on PANINI'S GRAMMAR was organized (18-19 January 1996) at the School.
5. The department has organized “ Rashtriy Veda-Sammelanam ”on 12th Nov. 2010, & Her Highness Dr. Kamala, The Governor of Gujarat has inaugurated the national conference.
6. The department has co-ordinate more than twelve different Refresher Courses in Sanskrit for the lecturers of affiliated colleges.
7. The Canadian World Education Foundation, CANADA, has awarded the “ RAMAKRISHNA SANSKRIT AWARD - 2001 to Prof. V.M. Bhatt in recognition of his distinguished and outstanding contribution in the field of Sanskrit Studies.
8. National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi had instituted a “ Guru-kul Yojana ” in the department to revive the ability to decipher old scripts like Sharada script of Kashmir and Granth script of South India by the new generation (in 2007). Some students of this departments are now capable enough to read these old scripts.

Present Scenario :

The department has six sanctioned posts, viz. 1 Professor, 2 Associate Professors and 3 Assistant Professors. But one post of a Associate Professor and one post of a Assistant Professor is vacant. There are four faculty members in the department at present. More than 20 students are reading for the Ph.D. degree under the guidance of Prof. V. M. Bhatt , Dr. K. C. Choksi. & Dr. S. Y. Shastri.

Students are very much interested to choose the classical language like Sanskrit as their special subject. Every year there are 100 applicants for new admission in M.A. course. Sanskrit is being taught as a compulsory subject in the faculty of Arts in most of the Universities of the Gujarat state. So, Good numbers of students are getting jobs in high schools and in under graduates colleges.

Faculty Members



Name	:	Dr. Vasantkumar M. Bhatt
Date of Birth	:	21 st Feb. 1953
Qualification	:	M.A., PG. Diploma in Linguistics, Ph.D.
Designation	:	Professor & HoD of the department of Sanskrit, The Director of the School of Languages.
Areas of Specialization	:	Paniniyan system of Sanskrit, Grammar, Vedic studies, Sanskrit Drama, Manuscript logy & Critical Text-Editing.
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Name : **Dr. Kamleshkumar. C. Choksi**

Date of Birth : 06th June,. 1961

Qualification : M.A., PG.Diploma in Prakrit, Ph.D.in Sanskrit

Designation : Professor of Sanskrit

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Date of Birth : 13th Nov,. 1953

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Linguistics, & Ph.D. in Sanskrit

Designation : Sr. Assi. Professor in Sanskrit

Areas of Specialization : Sanskrit Grammar, Vedant, & Dharma-shastra
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Name : Dr. (Mrs.) Hetal M. Pandya

Date of Birth : 18th May,. 1970

Qualification : M.A.,(Panini's Grammar) Ph.D. in Sanskrit

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Infrastructure & Facilities :

The department of Sanskrit is an integral part of the "University School of Languages" (USLg). It is working in the building of “ School of Languages ”. There, we have a common clerical staff and a Director, who looks after all the necessary administrative & teaching facilities.

Highlights

The Department of Sanskrit has concentrated on some remarkable objectives; e.g.

- The language teaching through grammar and translation.
- Teaching of various "Shastrs", e.g. 1) Vyakaran (Grammar), 2) Alankar (Poetics), & 3) Dharma & Puran shastra as Elective subjects.

(Gujarat University is the only university in the state, where student can get the facility of learning a world renowned grammar, viz. PANINI'S ASHTADHYAYI).

- Appreciation of Classical Sanskrit Literature and good acquaintance with Vedic Grammar and studies.
- Teaching of Patanjali Yoga-shastra & some Rock Inscription written in Brahmi script.
- Research work in general, and critical text editing of unpublished Sanskrit manuscripts in particular.

(Department has collected more than 300 copies of rare manuscripts for higher research works. In the neighboring area of the university, there is an institution namely the "L. D. Institute of Indology" where 75000 manuscripts are preserved).

- We have also designed our syllabus to meet with the requirement of NET / GSLET exams. (10 students of this department have cleared NET exams & 8 students have cleared GSLET exams).

Programs Offered :

PROGRAMME 1

NAME OF THE PROGRAM : M. A. [Two Years, 24 Courses , Total Credits–24]

Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 1 , Six Courses (Papers)

In Semester – 2, Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 3 &
Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 4.

COURSE TYPE	:	Grant in Aid
STUDENT INTAKE	:	75 (+ 25 with Special Permission.)
ELIGIBILITY	:	B.A. Passed with Sanskrit as a special subject from any recognized university . OR B.A. Passed with at least 50% in any subject from any recognized university
SUBJECT OFFERED	:	Sanskrit
COURSE COMMENCEMENT	:	June [Normaly Academic Years starts from 15 th June, after the B.A. results of this university are declered.]
ADIMISSION PROCESS	:	By Merit only (1) Merit lists are supposed to be prepared by the Department according to the marks obtained by the Student in his / her B.A. exams.(rules are laid-down by the university) (2) Reservation quota will be maintained as per the government rules.
FEES	:	In the one Semester :- (M.A. two years, four semesters) Registration fee : 300 / - one time,

Rs. 1390 (For Boys) & Rs. 390 (For Girls) in each semester

There are two Semesters in each academic year. Various types of government scholarships are available for S.C./ S.T./ SEBC Students .

PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED AT : The University School of Languages Building.

It is also known as the (Bhasa Sahitya Bhavan)

FUTURE CAREER : (a) Student can be a High School teacher but the degree of B.Ed. necessary

OPPORTUNITY

(b) Student with 55% marks at the M.A. exam can be a lecturer at any under – graduate college (but he / she is supposed to pass the Net / Slet Exam).

(c) Clerical job in any Government / Non –Govt. organization after GPSC & UPSC Exam.

PROGRAM – 2:

NAME OF THE COURSE : **M.PHIL.**

(Four Papers & One Dissertation)

COURSE TYPE : Grant in Aid .

INTAKE : 20 Students .

ELIGIBILITY : M.A. Passed with minimum 55% marks with Sanskrit as a main / entire subject .

SUBJECT OFFERED : SANSKRIT

(a) Four papers, written examination after one year

(b) After passing the written exam student is

suppose to write a dissertation on the given

subject, within one and half year.

DURATION : One year (Attendance Compulsory) &

One and half year for dissertation.

COURSE COMMENCEMENT : June

(normally it starts only after the M.A. results are declare of this

University.)

ADMISSION PROCESS : After passing the entrance exam and group discussion

Merit List will be prepared. Reservation quota will be maintained

as per the Government rules.

FEES : (a) In the 1st Semester REGISTRATION FEE – 500 / -

Rs.1,500 + 2590 (for Boys) & Rs.2590 (for Girls)

(b) In the 2nd semester

Rs.1,500 + 2590 (for Boys) & Rs.2590 (for Girls)

COURSE OFFERED AT : The University School of Languages building which is also

known as “Bhasha – Sahitya Bhavan”.

FUTURE CAREER : Lecturer ship at the Under- graduate College

PROGRAM – 3:

NAME OF THE COURSE	:	Ph. D.
COURSE TYPE	:	Grant in Aid .
INTAKE	:	21 Students .
ELIGIBILITY	:	M.A. Passed with minimum 55% marks with Sanskrit as a main / entire subject from any recognized university.
SUBJECT OFFERED	:	SANSKRIT
DURATION	:	Minimum Two years (Four terms compulsory)
ADMISSION PROCESS	:	After passing the entrance exam and group discussion Merit List will be prepared. Reservation quota will be maintained as per the Government rules.
FEES	:	(a) In the 1 st Semester REGISTRATION FEE – 500 / - Rs.1500 + 3590 (for Boys) & Rs.370 (for Girls) (b) In the 2 nd 3 rd , and 4 th semester Rs.1170 / (for Boys) & Rs.170 (for Girls)

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Persian Department was established in 1964 .Formerly Department was arranged in B.J.Institute of Learning and Research Center. Late **Prof. Abu Zafar Nadvi** was the founder. He was a great scholar of Persian , Arabic and Urdu. His contribution is in the field of “History” especially in the History of Gujarat based on origin sources. Then second Great Name is of **Late Dr. Chhotu bhai Nayak**. He compiled Persian Gujarati Dictionary. He also compiled a book “ Gujarati Uper Arabi Farsi Ni Asar “.

After than **Late Dr. A.N.Qureshi** was Head of Department. **Dr. B.A.Tirmizi** followed him. There after **Dr. M.G. Qureshi** was appointed in the year of 1988. He is a great scholar of Persian, Arabic and Urdu. He wrote so many books and translated two books from Gujarati in to Urdu and Urdu in to Gujarati. He is an awarded of **PRESIDENT AWARD**. I am giving my service to Persian and Urdu Department since 1991.**Prof. A.U.Shaikh** is giving services as a visiting teacher. Our Department organized International conference in the year of 1997. Every year I arrange “Exchange of Teacher “Programme .Recently in the month of February 2006 Department arranged seminar on “Indian Coins and Architecture of Temples & Mosques.” and a great success. First of all P.G. Urdu Center was run by Gujarat College. But in the year of 1990-91 it was sifted to the school of Languages in the University of Gujarat, and merged with Persian. I am giving my services for Urdu teaching also. **Dr. N.A.Munshi** was appointed as a Lecturer in Urdu.He expired of Heart attack in 1996 then **Mr. K.M.Ansari** was appointed as a lecturer in Urdu

He was suffering from cancer and died in the year of 1999. There after Persian and Urdu Department was a joint Department. And **Dr. Chandbibi Shaikh** was Reader and Head, She was teaching Persian and Urdu both Since 1991 to 2009, in the P.G. Classes.

At present the posts are vacant. And Director of the School Prof. Vasantkumar M. Bhatt is the In-charge Head of the Department. He is managing this department with the help of Visiting Faculty.

Courses Offered

Program me - 1

M.A. in Persian :

M. A. [Two Years, 24 Courses , Total Credits – 24]

Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 1 , Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 2, Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 3 & Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 4.

Duration :-

Four Semesters in two years.

Eligibility :-

Graduate with 50 % marks in take -100

Program me - 2

M.A. in Urdu :

M. A. [Two Years, 24 Courses , Total Credits – 24]

Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 1 , Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 2, Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 3 & Six Courses (Papers) in Semester – 4.

Duration :-

Four Semesters in two Years

Eligibility :- Graduate with 50 % marks

Intake - 100

Program me - 3

Double M.A. in Persian

Duration :- One Year.

Program me :- 4

Double M.A. in Urdu

Duration :- One Year

Faculty

Name : Post is vacant, Prof. V.M. Bhatt is the In-charge Head

Qualification :

Designation :

Areas of Specialization :

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