

## A Brief Details Regarding the Department of Sanskrit

The School of Language & Linguistics is one the unique pillars of Children's University which includes languages such as Sanskrit, Gujarati, Hindi, English and other foreign languages.

Each nation has its cultural and historical background and language is very important component of every culture. In this context, Sanskrit is the representative language of Indian tradition. It is not merely a language nor it simply functions as the mother of all languages, but, apart from this, it is the vital force that governs Indian ways of leading an ideal life. In the contemporary era, the study of ancient literature gains lots of attention. Scholars across the global traditions have remained keen to study this language for ages. The Department of Sanskrit is determined to cover following three points in relation to this language: (i) Research in the different forms of sixty four arts, (ii) Study of Spirituality and Great Ideals of life and (iii) learning Sanskrit literature from Indian point of view.

The main motif of this department is the realization of Children's University's unique dream. This department has a purpose to call divine souls on this Earth. Its work is divided into four parts: (i) Education, (ii) Training, (iii) Research and (iv) Extension.

This department is determined to complete the cycle of development covering Vedic and Post Vedic Oratures to *Smritis* and *Shatak Kavya* tradition. With the help of ancient philosophy embedded in our divine literature, this department envisions to explore the boundary of human intellect to the level of divine manifestation.

Children's University is working for the realization of some heart-touching epigrams-

- Every child matters.
- 'A Bright Child: A Bright Nation'
- "I am the embodiment of unique perennial bliss."

Right from the beginning, this University works persistently to follow the ideals set by our great thinkers and enlightened souls including Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, Swami Vivekanand, Rabindranath Tagor, Maharshi Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, Gijubhai Badheka etc.

The poetry of *Upanishad* is the real crux of Vedic tradition as it holds not the liturgical part but the spiritual essence. It exerts influences on many branches of science including Eugenics. In *Garbhupanishad*, there comes a description regarding the creation and development of embryo. *Muktupanishad* deals with the goals of liberating soul from a worldly state to infinite form. Even in the *Samhita of Rigveda*, there are concepts regarding mother and her child's health.

The central aim of this department is to foster studies on Indian Eugenics, to study the sixteen *samsakars* from scientific point of view, to make the married couples understand the significance of *Garbhadhan samskar* and to guide parents for the holistic development of a child with the help of value-based education. The Department also wants to re-establish the old frame of family system and is determined to present a critique of so-called modern family system. The aim of this department is to achieve the goals such as 'Tapovan Samsakar Centre', 'Couple Counseling',

‘Counseling of the Members of the Family’ and holistic development of every child with the help of divine language-Sanskrit.

There are some other goals as well that the Department envisions achieving and they are as follows:

- ✓ To establish center for the ‘*Sanskrit Sambhashan*’ in the form of a week-long workshop during vacation in the University as well as in different affiliated centers.
- ✓ There will be a unique curricula of Sanskrit subject (*Garbhasamsakar*) at the Master level program.
- ✓ The research areas such as *Garbhasamsakar*, children’s literature in Sanskrit etc. will be given special focus in M.Phil. and Ph.D. programs.
- ✓ An arrangement of short term workshop during vacation period for Sanskrit Grammar.
- ✓ Two Certificate Programs: (i) Sanskrit Sambhashan & (ii) Language Enrichment.
- ✓ A one-semester certificate course on *Smriti Samhita*
- ✓ A one-semester certificate course on “Peace Management in Srimada Bhagavad Gita’
- ✓ The divine language will be promoted through different audio-visual techniques.
- ✓ The Department will also publish short stories for children from Sanskrit literature and the literature of the University will be rendered into Sanskrit.
- ✓ There will be an establishment of an exhibition hall for Sanskrit language & literature in the University.

- ✓ There will be a preparation of text-books and supplementary materials to teach Sanskrit in different *Vidyāniketans* of the University.
- ✓ The Department will also focus on creating short nursery rhymes in Sanskrit for children between 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> years of age group.
- ✓ In order to promote the ancient tradition of this language, the department will also compile and re-publish rare textual legacies of this language.