

**Academic and Administrative Audit Report
(2019 - 2022)**

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Academic & Administrative Audit of Karnataka Samskrit University was scheduled from 21.12.2022 to 22.12.2022. An audit team was formed comprising of the following members:

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The assessment period of Audit is 2019-2020 to 2021-2022.

The committee has reviewed and verified all the relevant documents and the report is submitted.

Report:

Karnataka Samskrit University (KSU) is situated in Bangalore, Karnataka and was established in 2010 vide an Act passed by the Karnataka State Government. All the Samskrit Institutions in Karnataka, function under the umbrella of KSU. KSU has three faculties - Faculty of Language, Faculty of Shastra, and Faculty of Vedanta. Six Departments are functioning under these faculties. Six Departments are offering undergraduate and graduate programmes. Research programmes, M.Phil and Ph.D in all Samskrit and allied subjects are also offered. The Adhyayananga-Research and PG Studies takes care of all the academic activities in the university.

The team found that the academic activities are up to mark and the teachers are highly qualified and the programmes are well designed.

The members of the team conducted the academic and administrative audit for two days and studied the structure and functioning of the Faculties/Departments of the KSU. The audit team received complete freedom to visit and interact with staff members of the departments of the university. The members acknowledge and appreciate the cooperation and support received during the process.

General Observations:

Faculty:

- It is observed that the faculty are well-qualified, committed and competent to carry out their responsibilities.
- Faculty enjoy freedom and independence to voice out their opinions and suggestions in academic matters.
- The faculty take on additional administrative responsibilities as required.
- The academic activities are conducted through participatory management with the involvement of all stakeholders such teachers, students and other staff of the university.
- The roles and responsibilities of the faculty are clearly defined which are aligned to the overall vision and mission of the university.

Academic:

- The academic programmes are innovative and in-tune with the times taking into consideration the emphasis on safe-guarding Indian Knowledge Systems.
- The university has been quick to implement the recommendations of the National Educational Policy, 2020.
- Interdisciplinary research is found effective.

Teaching and Learning:

- The audit team appreciates the methodology adopted for teaching and learning.
- ICT enabled classrooms assist the students for better learning experience.
- Teachers are on par with advanced technology and ably use technological tools and resources such as PPTs, Flow charts and diagrams.
- The curriculum is well-designed. CBCS has been implemented in 2016. Outcome-based learning is followed.
- Programme outcomes, Programme Specific Outcomes, and Course Outcomes are seen for all programmes by all departments.
- The syllabi are reviewed periodically based on the analysis of the feedback from the students, teachers, parents, and employers.
- The university has a Learning Management System (LMS) where lectures are uploaded for the benefit of students.

Research:

- Research is seen to be given a lot of importance by the faculties. The University has significant number of research scholars pursuing Ph.D. programme.
- The University follows the research guidelines of UGC.
- Inter-disciplinary research is a unique feature where scholars from other disciplines and modern subjects can undertake research. The university has produced many innovative theses.
- Students are encouraged to publish research articles.
- Adequate facilities for research scholars are given.

Outreach programmes:

- NSS is found to be very active. It organizes various kinds of social activities in the university for the students as well as for the public.
- The departments offer online short-term programmes and workshops for the public.
- Programmes on Simple Standard Samskrit for students and the public are organized.

Examination & Evaluation

- University adopts continuous assessment as well as semester end assessment. The pass percentage in most of the departments is good.
- The university has a transparent system of examination with well laid out process and systems for the faculty to follow.
- Application of ICT tools is carried out and automation mechanism is seen in some aspects of the examination systems.
- Due process is followed with respect to notification and timelines of the examination and redressal process.

Infrastructure and Administration

- The university has a well-oiled administrative mechanism.
- Decentralization of administrative activities is appreciated.
- Various committees and cells are functioning according to the rules and regulations of the UGC and Karnataka State Government.
- Reservation policy of Karnataka State government is followed.

- The university has administrative and academic buildings, a hostel for students, adequate classrooms, conferences and seminars halls, rest rooms etc.
- ICT cell of the university takes care of all technical needs. High speed internet connection is noticed.
- Smart classrooms make the teaching learning process effective.
- The university has a well-equipped library with many rare books. E-books and journals are e-resources that are accessible to students at the library.
- The green campus is maintained. Ramp and Rail facilities are seen for divyangjan.
- The manuscript resource centre in Melkote has many rare and unique manuscripts with facilities for their conservation and preservation.

Students' Activities

- Students are given ample opportunity to showcase and nurture their talents and interests.
- Several programmes are organized by the students within the university and students also represent the university in programmes conducted by other institutions.
- It is recommended that students set up active Clubs or Groups to organize intellectual summits and programmes.
- The alumni association is registered and active.

IQAC Measures

- IQAC functions as a nodal agency of quality in teaching/learning and administration in the university.
- Adequate quality initiatives are undertaken by the IQAC cell of the university.
- Feedback from all stakeholders regarding curriculum, teaching & learning process is taken regularly, and recommendations are evaluated and implemented where required.
- Learning outcomes, POs, PSOs are evaluated periodically.
- Faculty training programmes are often conducted.
- Teachers' performance appraisal forms are collected and validated.

Evaluative Report on Faculty and Departments

Faculty of Language

The Faculty of Language comprises of the following Departments.

- Department of Samskrit Language and Literature and
- Department of Manuscriptology.

The Faculty of Language is led by the Dean Prof. Girish Chandra, a senior professor in the university.

The Department of Samskrit Language and Literature and the Department of Manuscriptology offer PG programmes, PG Diploma, Diploma and Certificate courses. The UG programmes are offered by the Department of Samskrit Language and Literature. The faculty of the Department are qualified research guides. The Departments organise seminars, workshops, study tours, cultural activities. The Department of Manuscriptology is the single department in India to offer Post Graduate Programme in Manuscriptology. The department also engages in the collection of manuscripts, manuscript editing and publishing.

The research scholars are active and engaged in various academic activities in the university. The Yoga courses offered by The Samskrit Language and Literature Department is very effective and widespread. The NSS unit is working under the able guidance of the faculty of language and literature. The faculty publishes many research papers and books.

Faculty of Shastra

The Faculty of Shastras comprises of the following Departments:

- Department of Vyakarana
- Department of Nyaya and Vaisheshika
- Department of Alankara

The Faculty of Shastra is led by the Dean, Prof. Shivani V, Professor, Department of Vyakarana.

The Faculty of Shastra focuses on Traditional Shastric and Multidisciplinary studies. The Departments offer UG, PG and PG Diploma programmes. The faculty are very efficient and engage in multidisciplinary facets.

The programmes are well designed. The Faculty of Shastra introduced a new UG programme (BA Shastra) according to the new National Education Policy. BA Shastra comprises of BA in Vyakarana, BA in Nyaya, BA in Yoga, and BA in Alankara. The students enrolled in BA Shastra can opt any of the specializations in BA as stated earlier from the second year. All traditional shastras are introduced to the students. In addition to that, modern subjects like computer science, translation studies, multidisciplinary research etc., are also found in the curriculum. Entry and exit system are also found implemented. A unique programme – PG Diploma in Samskrit Computational Linguistics was started in the year 2018, where traditional scholars, modern computer scientists and scholars work together. Many short-term courses (online and offline) and workshops are organized by the Departments. The research scholars are pursuing research in traditional subjects as well as interdisciplinary areas.

The committee appreciates the multidisciplinary activities carried out by the Department of Vyakarana that is provided to the public through the webpage Sam-Bhasha. Many innovative computer applications developed by the students and faculty are found on Sam-Bhasha. The Departments have major and minor projects from government and non-government sectors.

Sam-Bhasha – A Centre for Shastric Studies functions under the Department of Vyakarana for scientific Shastric research.

The Faculty of Shastra publish significant number of articles, books, and computational tools on an ongoing basis.

Faculty of Vedanta

The Faculty of Vedanta comprises of the following Department:

- Department of Vedanta

The Faculty of Vedanta is led by the Dean, Prof. Veeramarayana Pandurangi, Professor, Department of Vedanta.

The Department of Vedanta offers PG programmes in Vedanta and covers all major disciplines such as Dvaita, Advaita, Vishitadvaita etc. Students are taught by eminent faculty who have several years of experience in the field. Faculty publishes research articles and book continuously. The Vedabhashya project under the department is a pioneering work in Sanskrit. The research students are very active and carry out research seriously. The Faculty often conducts invited lectures, debates and discussions that greatly benefit the students.

Overall Evaluation

- The university has satisfactory performance in all areas and the audit team recommends that it continues to review and evaluate the curriculum and update course content based on changing needs.
- The university has good systems in place, and it is recommended that measures be taken to internationalize practices and standardize them across various departments.
- The university has diverse students and faculty profile with equal number of male and female members.
- The university nurtures best practices and conducts programmes on human values, environment etc.
- Multidisciplinary research is encouraged.
- The research activities are highly commendable.
- The University may improve its infrastructure.
- More faculty may be appointed.
- More financial support may be given to the faculty and research.
- The overall functioning of the academic and administration is satisfactory.



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