

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No-4303

ANSWERED ON- 27/03/2023

PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE

†4303. Shri Gajanan Kirtikar:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is committed to promote Sanskrit as an important language in all the universities in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial and other assistance provided by the Government in this regard, State-wise, including Maharashtra; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government so far in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): The Government is promoting Sanskrit through three Central Universities viz. i) Central Sanskrit University, Delhi, ii) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and iii) National Sanskrit University, Tirupati and 17 other Central Universities where separate Sanskrit Departments are established. Besides these, Central Sanskrit University, Delhi promote Sanskrit at all levels through its 12 campuses, 26 Adarsh Sanskrit

Mahavidyalaya/Adarsh Shodha Sansthan (ASM/ASS) and 62 grantee affiliated institutions. Central Sanskrit University is the nodal agency for implementing several programmes of the Government of India for promoting Sanskrit language. A list of Government of India schemes being implemented through Central Sanskrit University towards promotion of Sanskrit language is placed at **Annexure-I**. As far as financial and other assistance are concerned for the promotion of Sanskrit language, University Grants Commission (UGC) has been providing the same under General Development Assistance Scheme to a few Universities located in various states including Maharashtra, the details of which are furnished in **Annexure-II** attached to this reply.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4303 FOR REPLY ON 27.03.2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR REGARDING PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE

List of Government of India Schemes towards promotion of Sanskrit Language and being implemented through Central Sanskrit University.

- 1) Scheme of the Presidential Award of Certificate of Honour and Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman to Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic, Persian, Classical Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam Scholars.
- 2) All India Merit Sanskrit Scholarship Scheme (Award of Scholarships to Students of Sanskrit Pathshalas / Mahavidyalayas / High / Higher Secondary Schools / Colleges).
- 3) Financial assistance to the institutions recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Shodha Sansthan.
- 4) Financial Assistance for Sanskrit Teachin- Teachers for Modern Subjects in Traditional Sanskrit Pathasalas/Mahavidyalayas.
- 5) Financial Assistance for Sanskrit Teachers in State Government Schools.
- 6) Financial Assistance to NGOs/Deemed Sanskrit Universities/Universities for various Research Projects and Programmes/Activities for promotion of Sanskrit.
- 7) Financial Assistance for Vocational Training Scheme.
- 8) Financial Assistance for Utilization of services of retired/eminent literary Sanskrit Scholars (Shastra Chudamani).
- 9) Financial Assistance for Publication, Re-print of Rare Sanskrit Books and Bulk Purchase of Sanskrit Books.
- 10) Samman Rashi to Eminent Sanskrit Pandits in indigent circumstances.
- 11) All India Sanskrit Elocution Contest.
- 12) Ashtaadashi (18 Projects) for sustaining the growth of Sanskrit.
- 13) Sanskrit Dictionary Project, Deccan College, Pune. In addition to the above Central schemes, University has also taken up the following activity for development of Sanskrit.
- 14) Non-Formal Sanskrit Education (NFSE) Programme.

ANNEXURE-II

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Financial Assistance provided to the Universities by the UGC loacated in various states for the promotion of Sanskrit Language.

(Rs. In lakhs)

State	Name of Central University	2021-22	2022-23 (as on date)
Andhra Pradesh	National Sanskrit University	5461.26	7694.00
Delhi	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University	6366.64	7064.00
Delhi	Central Sanskrit University	20725.87	32443.00

(Rs. In lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Universities	Grant Released
1	K.S.D. Sanskrit University, Darbhanga, Bihar	391.60
2	Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala	320.00
3	KaviKulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur, Maharashtra	547.34
4	Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri, Odisha	339.20
5	Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	341.20