



# Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational & Research Institute

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## Programme Project Report Online MA in Sanskrit

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Education is the manifestation of perfection  
already in man.

*Vivekananda*  
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## Online Programme for MA in Sanskrit

### PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT

#### **Programme's mission and objectives:**

Mission of the online programme of Master of Arts in Sanskrit, is to considerably widen the scope of Sanskrit learning and enhance its quality by blending traditional pedagogy of Sanskrit with modern technology. Enhancing the quality of Sanskrit education in our country needs teaching Sanskrit through Sanskrit medium.

Whereas the other main Sanskrit learning programme offered by the university is for residential students and therefore has a limited outreach, an online programme caters to the needs of a larger student community. Thus this programme is intended to achieve the following objectives:

- Making provision for the study of Sanskrit for distant learners.
- Providing an opportunity for the learners to study Sanskrit even while engaged in other pursuits.
- Enhancing the proficiency in Sanskrit language, both spoken and written.
- Creating a community of scholars well versed in Sanskrit for the rejuvenation of ancient Indian heritage.

### **Relevance of the program with HEI's Mission and Goals**

Reviving the knowledge traditions in Sanskrit for the well-being of the humanity is the main focus of the School of Indian Heritage at the university. A good grounding in classical Sanskrit is a *sine qua non* for the resuscitation of India's glorious heritage. Therefore cultivating language skills in Sanskrit and training in the knowledge traditions contained in it should go hand in hand. Thus creating a community of scholars well equipped to use, interpret and enrich the Sanskrit literature and its textual corpus, is the mission of the university in launching various Sanskrit programmes.

Acquiring scholarship in Sanskrit, complete with different cognitive and conative skills requires great effort on the part of the teacher and the taught. While this becomes easy through a lively Sanskrit ambience, it is not easily available in the case of Sanskrit unlike other languages. This can be facilitated with the help of technology, which makes online post-graduate learning in Sanskrit important. This makes the online programme of Master of Arts in Sanskrit relevant and suited to the modern times, under the School of Indian Heritage of the university.

### **Nature of prospective target group of learners**

Candidates who have successfully completed their undergraduate programme with Sanskrit as Honours / Major subject of study from any university recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) will be eligible to apply for the online post-graduate programme being presently launched.

### **Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning and/or Online mode to acquire specific skills and competence**

There is a great demand for Sanskrit learning as Sanskrit is a gateway to gain access to the cultural, spiritual, philosophical, scientific and other knowledge treasures of Bharatiya Jnana Parampara (the Indic knowledge traditions). There are not many institutes which offer post-graduate programmes in Sanskrit in online mode. Hence, the special importance of the present online programme in Sanskrit.

## Instructional Design

The pedagogical method that defines the basic nature of all the Sanskrit learning programmes and courses that the university offers in the conventional mode is *Sanskrit through Sanskrit medium*. This method will be adhered to in the online MA programme as well, which is the uniqueness of this programme. Being online the four-quadrant approach as prescribed by UGC will be followed for the delivery of this *Sanskrit through Sanskrit* programme.

The programme curriculum is designed to teach a comprehensive range of areas in Sanskrit language and literature, such as grammar, aesthetics, exegesis, logic, literature, philosophy, etc. The various topics will be taught with the help of worksheets and exercises. Learners can get them corrected and assessed by the instructors on a regular basis.

Table 1: Online MA (Sanskrit) Curriculum

Sem	Courses	Cr	Instructor
1	Vaiyākaraṇa-siddhāntakaumudī I	6	Neeraj Kumar Bhargave
1	Samskṛta-sāhityetihāsaḥ	6	Swami Japasiddhananda
1	Vākyavinyāśavidhiḥ	6	Swami Vedarthananda
1	Pūrvamīmāṃsā (arthasaṅgrahaḥ) niruktaṃ ca	6	Venkataramana Bhat
2	Vaiyākaraṇa-siddhāntakaumudī II	6	Sukhdev Bhatt
2	Sāṅkhyakārikā yogasūtrāṇi ca	6	Nagaraja Bhat
2	Bhāsa-kālidāsādīnām kṛtayaḥ	6	Rakesh Das
2	Vaidikavāṇmayaḥ (sūktāni ṛgveda-bhāṣya-bhūmikā ca)	6	Swami Japasiddhananda
3	Parama-laghu-mañjūṣā	6	Gopikrishnan Reghu
3	Alaṅkāraśāstra-śevadhiḥ (kāvyaprakāśa-dhvanyālokādīkam)	6	Venkataramana Bhat
3	Nyāya-siddhānta-muktāvaliḥ	6	Neeraj Kumar Bhargave
3	Śīlālekhāḥ prācīna-lipayaśca (Inscriptions and Palaeography)	6	Swami Vedarthananda
4	Upaniṣad-gītānām sañcitāṃśāḥ (bhāṣya-sametāḥ)	6	Shantanu Ayachit
4	Vedānta-catussūtrī (Śāṅkara-Rāmānuja-Mādhva-bhāṣya-sametā)	6	Swami Vedarthananda
4	Itihāsa-purāṇayoḥ sañcitāṃśāḥ	6	Rakesh Das
4	Rāmakṛṣṇa-Vivekānanda-vāṇmayaḥ	6	Swami Japasiddhananda

Sem – Semester; Cr – Credits

### **Procedure for admissions, curriculum transaction and evaluation**

- The admission to the online program will be through an entrance test followed by an interview. The entire admission procedure will be conducted online.
- Curriculum transaction will be carried out through the learning management system (LMS) of the university.
- Apart from the informal evaluation in the form of short tests and quiz etc. the learner may be encouraged to undergo, there will be 4 formal assessments for all the courses.

### **Requirement of the laboratory support and Library Resources**

Study material for all the courses will be provided by the university. There is no laboratory support needed.

### **Cost estimate of the programme and the provisions**

The online programs are conducted with the already developed inhouse resources. The institute has adequate infrastructure to develop the learning material. The institute will make provision of about Rs.20 lakh per annum to successfully implement and sustain the MA programme.

### **Quality assurance mechanism and expected programme outcomes**

#### **Quality assurance mechanism**

- All the lecture videos will be prepared prior to the start and uploaded in the LMS portal hosted by the university.
- The duration of the lectures will be 45 minutes on an average.
- The objectives of each learning material will be clearly stated at the beginning matching with the outcome of the course.
- The lecture materials will be subjected to an internal peer review procedure as a part of quality assurance in content and production.
- Online feedback system for every aspect of the programme will be in place for the learners to voice their opinion.
- For every topic, an online discussion forum will be in place to facilitate the learners to interact, contribute and share their ideas.

- The learners will also have the facility to interact with the instructor team through other modes like email, whatsapp, etc.

### **Expected Program Outcome**

- Acquiring language skills in Sanskrit (both written and spoken) with a considerable degree of proficiency through Sanskrit as a medium of instruction.
- Ability to translate passages to and from Sanskrit.
- Acquiring skills in vākyārthaḥ (as part of exegetics) and vādakathā (debates).
- Ability to compose poetry in Sanskrit in various metres.
- Enabling self-learning of any Sanskrit text using tools like grammar and lexicon.
- Acquiring skills for study of manuscripts in Sanskrit.
- Orientation to exploration and research in various avenues of ancient Indian heritage.