

**Guidelines
for
Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Entrance Test, 2022**

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1. Brief Introduction of Central Sanskrit University, Delhi

As per the recommendations of the Sanskrit Commission 1956, the **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan** was established by the Government of India in the year 1970. Its main objective is to promote, propagate and preserve Sanskrit education, teaching, and research throughout the country. It was fully funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education), Government of India. Keeping in view its contribution in the field of promotion and dissemination of traditional Sanskrit education, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan was accorded the status of Deemed University on 7th May 2002. The erstwhile Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed University) has been passed by the Parliament as **Central Sanskrit University, Delhi** under the **Central Sanskrit Universities Act 2020** (No. 5 of 2020). With the approval of His Excellency the President of India, it started functioning as Central Sanskrit University, Delhi with effect from 30th April 2020.

The guidelines for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) are made as per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) as UGC Gazetted Notification dated 7th November 2022 and in supersession of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 and its amendments.

2. Eligibility Criteria for Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test

2.1 All those students who:

- **possess** Acharya/M.A. in any subject of Sanskrit or equivalent degree from Universities/Deemed Universities/Private Universities recognized by University Grants Commission, with at least 55% marks,
- **or, appearing** in 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme
- **or, appearing** in a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

2.2 A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time.

2.3 Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time.

2.4 Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

- 2.5 Teacher Researcher from the campuses of the CSU and other affiliated institutions who have completed Acharya or M.A. Sanskrit Exam and Passed with 55% Marks can apply as 'Teacher-Researcher'. But their enrolment will be as per the rules of University Grants Commission.
- 2.6 All foreign students who have passed a master's degree in any branch of Sanskrit from a recognized University in India with a minimum of 55% marks or in its equivalent category, or as certified degree (by the Academic Council of University) holder students can apply through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and through the Ministry of Education.

The rules for eligibility are decided in the light of the UGC regulation, 2022 named University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) as UGC Gazetted Notification dated 7th November 2022 and in supersession of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 and its amendments.

3. Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET)

- 3.1 Admission to Vidyavaridhi programme will be through Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET). All candidates seeking admission to the programme must apply through proper online application.
- 3.2 All the details regarding to Admit Card, and other concerned issues will be available on Central Sanskrit University Website. All students can go through the instructions in this prospectus.
- 3.3 All eligible candidates will be required to appear for Entrance Test. Admit cards for appearing in the VVET will be uploaded on CSU website. While applying online application, each candidate is directed to mention his/her choice in maximum preference order for admission in CSU Campuses. The mentioned same choice preference order will be followed for admission in CSU Campuses.
- 3.4 Only JRF awarded and Foreign Students are **exempted** to appear in Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET), but such students must apply online as per the instructions and guidelines mentioned in this prospectus.
- 3.5 In case of non-availability of seats in the desired CSU, the admission may be given in any one of the Campuses according to merit. Merit-lists for admission will be prepared in All India level. The information for successful candidates will be uploaded on website.
- 3.6 Key Points of **Online Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test:**
- The test will be bi-lingual – Sanskrit & English
 - First Part - 75 questions out of 100 questions are common to all students.
 - Second Part - 25 questions will be school-specific.
 - Test will be conducted in two shifts:
First Shift – 10.00 AM – 12.00 PM (120 Minutes) for One School/Subject
Second Shift 12.00 PM – 12.30 PM (only 30 Minutes) for Two School/Subject

4. Permissible Seats under each Research Supervisor

- 4.1 As per U.G.C. regulations 2016 (Para 6.5) and University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) as UGC Gazetted Notification dated 7th November 2022, the following number of seats are permissible under each research supervisor is as follows: **Professor – 8, Associate Professor – 6, Assistant Professor – 4.**
- 4.2 Additional 2 Seats for foreign students are permissible to all Research Supervisors.
- 4.3 The Vice-Chancellor can marginally change the number as per the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee or due to any other unavoidable circumstances.

4.4 Availability of seats for Vidyavaridhi as per the following list:

S. No.	Name of School	Availability of Seats
1.	School of Veda-Vedanga & Vedic Science	61
2.	School of Education	179
3.	School of Language, Literature and Culture	33
4.	School of Shastric Knowledge System	17
5.	School of Darshan	81
6.	School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems & Humanities	06
7.	School of Multidisciplinary Science and Technology	-
8.	School of Yogic Science & Holistic Health Practices	-

5. Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET) 2022 - Date and Timings

- 5.1 Central Sanskrit University will conduct Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Entrance Test (VVET-2022) for minimum three years Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme on 22.01.2023 in two shifts. One Shift I – 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM (2 Hours) and Shift II – 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM (30 Minutes) at specific centres as listed para 7.2.
- 5.2 Eligible candidates can apply Online with in time for entrance test by following websites: - www.sanskrit.nic.in

1.	Important Dates - Online application (Without late fee)	<u>12.12.2022 to 31.12.2022</u>
2.	Online application (With late fee) and editing in submitted online application	<u>02.01.2023 to 05.01.2023</u>
3.	Download of Admit Cards	<u>14.01.2023 onwards</u>
4.	Date of Examination	<u>22.01.2023 (Sunday)</u>
5.	Objection Prayer on Payment Mode	<u>24.01.2023 to 25.01.2023</u>
6.	Final Keys of Answers	<u>31.01.2023</u>
7.	List of Qualified Students in Entrance Test	<u>10.02.2023</u>
8.	Interview/Viva Voce (Obtaining at least 50% marks in Entrance Test will be the qualification for Interview/Viva Voce)	<u>Dates to be announced and to be published on website</u>
9.	Final List of Qualified Students	<u>Dates to be announced and to be published on website</u>

6. Fee for Entrance Test and Objection Prayer

Details and Date	Fee for Unreserved Candidates	Fee for SC/ST/EWS/ Differently-abled/ OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) Candidates
Application without late fee (Date <u>12.12.2022 to 31.12.2022</u>)	Rs. 2,000 (Application Fee Rs. 1,000+ Processing Fee Rs. 1,000)	Rs. 1,000 (Application Fee Rs. 500+ Processing Fee Rs. 500)
Application Fee with late Fee	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 1,500

(Date <u>02.01.2023 to 05.01.2023</u>)	(Application Fee Rs. 1,000+ Processing Fee Rs. 1,000+ Late Fee Rs. 1,000)	(Application Fee Rs. 500+ Processing Fee Rs. 500+ Late Fee Rs. 500)
Fee for Additional School (Subject) Test	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 500
Editing Fee	No Fee	No Fee
Objection Prayer per question	Rs. 100 (Refundable if objection is found valid)	Rs. 100 (Refundable if objection is found valid)

7. Examination Centres

7.1 The centre for Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET) shall be allotted as per information and preference submitted by the candidate. Once the centre for examination is allotted, it will not be changed. The candidate must appear at the allotted centre only.

7.2 The Examination Centres available as per the Listed below:

S. No.	Name of Centre	S. No.	Name of Centre
1.	Agartala	2.	Jammu
3.	Mangalore	4.	Hyderabad
5.	Bhubaneshwar	6.	Guwahati
7.	Chandigarh	8.	Jaipur
9.	Chennai	10.	Kolkata
11.	Delhi	12.	Patna
13.	Lucknow	14.	Mumbai
15.	Prayagraj	16.	Bhopal
17.	Roorkee	18.	Thrissur
19.	Shimla	20.	Ahmedabad

8. Instructions for filling the online application

8.1 The applicants appearing for VVET-2022 can fill prescribed online application from websites of Central Sanskrit University, Delhi. The online applications filled after the last date will not be accepted.

8.2 Only eligible candidates in VVET will be admitted in order of merit. This merit list will be valid for the year 2022 only.

8.3 Admit Cards will be downloaded from 14.01.2023 onwards.

8.4 No transfer will be permissible after admission and the fees paid shall also not be transferred.

8.5 At the time of Admission in Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme, the VVET-2022 Admit-Card must be submitted compulsorily.

8.6 Please upload latest passport-size Photograph while applying online.

8.7 Eligible candidates only can appear in the written test. If the candidate lacking the prescribed qualification appears for VVET then he/she will be responsible for the consequences.

8.8 The admission will be strictly based on number of seats and rank in the merit list allotted to each CSU Campus.

8.9 Scrutinizes of eligibility for admission, verification of reservations etc. are under the control of the CSU.

8.10 All judicial matters will be settled under Delhi Jurisdiction only.

8.11 No re-evaluation of the answer copy is permissible.

8.12 The entry in the examination hall will not be allowed without admit card at the time of VVET.

8.13 The VVET-2022 admits card must be submitted at the time of registration in Vidyavaridhi Programme.

8.14 The decision of the V.C. of the CSU will be final regarding admission.

9. Syllabus for All Shastras/Subjects

9.1 The candidates, appearing for this test are expected to-

- have sufficient knowledge in the subject offered at Acharya/M.A./PG level.
- have sufficient general knowledge about Indian History and its culture, Sanskrit literature, and the various stages of the development of language.
- have sufficient knowledge in the subject Research Methodology & Manuscriptology.
- have sufficient general knowledge of the contemporary world and the constitutional structure of modern India.
- For entrance test, there will be three sections in single question paper with maximum marks of 100. Total Marks for test are 100.

Section-A (Common Questions to all applicants) (75 Questions)

Part A - Research and Reasoning Aptitude (50 Questions)

- Research Aptitude
- Logical/Analytical Aptitude
- Comprehension Ability

Part B - Proficiency in Sanskrit Language (25 Questions)

- Sanskrit Grammar
- General Awareness of Sanskrit Literature
- General knowledge (India and Indian Society and culture)
- Gradual development of Sanskrit language in various periods and sciences.
- Various religions and philosophies (prevalent in India/originated in India)
- Fundamentals of all the disciplines (Shastras). (Basic principles only)
- Manuscript Science/general introductory knowledge about research- methodology. (References, footnotes, preparation of index of referred works, annexure, knowledge of other scripts etc.)

Section-B (Specific Questions to concerned applicants) (25 Questions)

Part C - School-wise section for concerned applicants (25 Questions)

(Separate Test Paper for each domain of knowledge/school of study)

- **School of Veda-Vedanga & Vedic Science** (Vyakarana Shastra, Jyotish Shastra, Veda/Paurohitya/Karmakanda, Vedanga & Veda Bhashya)
 - **School of Education** (Shikshashastra)
 - **School of Language, Literature and Culture** (Sahitya, Puranetihasa, English, Indian Languages – Hindi, Bangla, Odiya, Nepali, Dogri, Malayalama, Kannada, Marathi, Maithili, and other regional language, Natyashastra)
 - **School of Shastric Knowledge System** (Dharmashastra, Manuscriptology and Palaeography)
 - **School of Darshan** (Bauddha Darshan & Pali, Vedanta, Nyaya, Darshan, Jain Darshan & Prakrit, Mimansa, Sankhya Yoga Darshan)
 - **School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems & Humanities** (Social Science – Political Science, Economics, History, Sociology, Geography & Any other Discipline, Commerce, Business & Public Administration)
 - **School of Multidisciplinary Science and Technology** (Computer Science & Natural Language Processing, Linguistic and Translation Studies).
 - **School of Yogic Science & Holistic Health Practices** (Yogic Sciences & Spirituality, Ayurveda & Naturopathy)
- In specific case of research, the school other than university may approved with collaborating institutions based on MoUs.

Total Marks - 100

9.2 For each question will be Multiple Choice Question with only one correct answer. By ticking the correct answer, a candidate's response will be recorded. If no answer is marked

for any question, it will be treated no response, and no mark will be awarded for such an answer. All the questions will be in bi-lingual mode Sanskrit and English.

9.3 One mark per question is scheduled. There is no minus marking.

10. Minimum Percentage of Marks Required for Passing VVET-2022

- 10.1 Students who have secured 50% marks in the Online Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test are eligible to be called for the interview/Viva Voce.
- 10.2 A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the Online Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time.
- 10.3 Central Sanskrit University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.**
- 10.4 Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the Central Sanskrit University, a weightage of 70 % for the entrance test and 30% for the performance in the interview/viva- voce shall be given.

11. Process of Admission & Registration

- 11.1 The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the Central Sanskrit University keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned and considering the Central Reservation Policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.
- 11.2 Admission to the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme shall be made using the following methods:
- Central Sanskrit University, Delhi will admit students who qualify for UGC-JRF, and Foreign Students based on an interview/Viva Voce.
- And,
- Central Sanskrit University will admit students through an Online Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test conducted at the national level. **The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology, and 50% shall be school specific.**
- Central Sanskrit University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.
 - Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the Central Sanskrit University, a weightage of 70 % for the entrance test and 30% for the performance in the interview/viva- voce shall be given.
 - a. For admission in Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.), candidates who have obtained NET (including SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship and holder of Vishishtacharya (M.Phil.) degree will also have to pass the Online Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test.
 - b. Only JRF awarded and Foreign Students are **exempted** to appear in Online Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET), but such students must apply online as per the instructions and guidelines mentioned in this prospectus.
- 11.3 Central Sanskrit University which is eligible to conduct Ph.D. programmes, shall:
- Notify a prospectus well in advance on the institution's website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates.
 - Adhere to the National Reservation Policy, as applicable.

- The Central Sanskrit University shall maintain a list of Ph.D. supervisors (specifying the name of the supervisor, his or her designation, and the department/school/centre), along with the details of Ph.D. scholars (specifying the name of the registered Ph.D. scholar, the topic of his/her research and the date of admission) admitted under them on the website of the institution and update this list every academic year.
 - An interview/viva-voce will be organized by the CSU wherein the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Committee by Central Research Board. The final selection of qualified candidates will be based on Entrance Test Score and interview/viva-voce. For JRF and Foreign Students, the selection criteria will be the score of Interview/Viva Voce.
 - The ratio for Entrance Test and Interview/Viva Voce is 70:30. The final list of qualified candidates will be constructed on both scores of Entrance Test and Interview/Viva Voce.
- 11.4 The interview/viva-voce will be considered the following aspects, viz. whether:
- the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.
 - the research work can be suitably undertaken at the university.
 - the candidate possesses the language proficiency, particularly in Sanskrit.
- 11.5 Provided that, any circular/notification/communication by the UGC/Ministry of Education, Govt. of India regarding the conduct of a common entrance test for this purpose shall be applicable and binding on the Central Sanskrit University, Delhi (and covered under such a circular/notification/ communication).
- 11.6 Students selected in the order of merit in Online Vidyavidhi Entrance Test and Interview/Viva Voce will complete the registration process by depositing their admission fee. After being passed the Six-month course work, the student will do preparation study for next six months.
- 11.7 The students will submit the synopsis in the stipulated period after being forwarded by the research supervisor to Research Advisory Committee of campus/affiliated institution. After that, Research Advisory Committee will review research proposals along with the feasibility and relevancy of research topics, and research formats prescribed by university and Research Advisory Committee itself.
- 11.8 Special Provisions-**
- A research scholar will apply first for provisional admission.
 - **First six months of Course Work** are scheduled for course work, then **further six months** for preparation are scheduled for the following aspects regarding to *Research Proposal – Purposes/Objectives of Research, Area/Theme of Research, Review of Related Literature, Identification of Research Problem, and Research Proposal.*
 - For next **Second Six Months**, the research scholar will spend the time at own selected campus/affiliated institution.
 - After one year, the progress of a research scholar will be assessed by the Research Advisory Committee particularly made for him/her. **On the recommendations of Research Advisory Committee, admission will be confirmed.**
- 11.9 **Fee for course work will be Rs. 1,500 and fee for examination of course work will be Rs. 1,000.**
- 11.10 The director will send the appropriate applications along with the research proposals forwarded/recommended by Research Advisory Committee to the Central Research Board of CSU, Delhi for further consideration and acceptance by the stipulated date. After approval by the Research Board of Central Sanskrit University, the information of the decision will be sent to the concerned campus/affiliated institute. Research work can be done at campus/Headquarter/affiliated institute.

- 11.11 The list of all the students registered for the same will be maintained on annual basis by the university. The list will contain the details of the name of the registered research student, the subject of his research, his supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/registration. A copy of the annual list related to the registered research students will also be preserved with the director of campus, and same will be published on the university website.
- 11.12 A student recommended for registration in Vidyavaridhi will be allowed to do research work under the guidance of research supervisor who will look after the research work as per directions produced by Research Advisory Committee. No teacher will be allowed to direct the research scholars admitted in Vidyavaridhi more than the prescribed number.
- 11.13 Registration for appointment in a recognized university/deemed university/college for Vidyavaridhi degree will be done based on the recommendation of the Central Research Board. It will also be mandatory for such teachers to attend the prescribed research course and pass the relevant semester examination.
- 11.14 Study leaves for the prescribed period from the concerned University/Deemed University/College. It will also be mandatory to take necessary actions to be taken.
- 11.15 This is noticeable that a research scholar will apply primarily to the school that are School of Veda-Vedanga & Vedic Science, School of Education, School of Language, Literature and Culture, School of Shastric Knowledge System, School of Darshan, School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems & Humanities, School of Multidisciplinary Science and Technology, School of Yogic Science & Holistic Health Practices
- 11.16 For Foreign Students, the online application process is mandatory. They must apply online for entrance test for admission in campuses and affiliated institute.
- 11.17 The Central Sanskrit University, Delhi to conduct Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme, shall decide on an annual basis through its campuses and research institution a pre-scheduled and manageable number of Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) scholars to be admitted depending on the number of available Research Supervisors and other academic, research, and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar-teacher ratio, laboratory, library, and such other facilities.
- 11.18 Central Sanskrit University, Delhi adheres to the **Central Reservation Policy** as applicable.
- 11.19 The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by CSU, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned, and considering the reservation policy of the Central Government from time to time.
- 11.20 The University shall maintain the list of all the registered Ph.D. scholars on website on a year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, the topic of his/her research, the name of his/her supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.

12. De-registration and Re-registration

- 12.1 The research scholars who are dropping out from their Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) degree for jobs, for optimum utilisation of resources, time and manpower, such students are facilitated a provision of de-registration and re-registration facilities by CSU.

De-registration

- 12.2 The name of a Ph.D. student shall be removed from the rolls of the University if she/he fails to submit her/his thesis within a maximum period of 6 years of her/his admission Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) degree.
- 12.3 The Research Advisory Board (which is constructed for each student) may however consider the request of a candidate whose name has been removed from the rolls of the University for de-registration and to get re-registered and become eligible for submission

of her/his thesis provided she/he submits the thesis not later than one year from the date of re-registration.

- 12.4 **Only student who has completed her/his 18 months of research duration may be allowed for de-registration.**
- 12.5 The gap between the removal of the name/de-registration and re-registration should not be more than five years. No fee will be charged for the period of deregistration or from the date of removal of the name till the date of re-registration.
- 12.6 A Ph.D. student may also apply for de-registration and withdrawal from the programme due to personal reasons through proper channel (her/his supervisor, the research advisory committee, Head/Dean) but only after the completion of the course work, residential requirement, and other requirements/provisions (added time-to-time) for submission of the thesis. Such candidates can re-register.

Re-registration

- 12.7 A Ph.D. student may apply first to re-register within five years from the date of de-registration. The fee for re-registration is Rs. 50,000 and subject to be changed as per the rules of CSU, Delhi.
- 12.8 After the de-registration, time of only one year will be allotted to submit the thesis.
- 12.9 Provisions of de-registration and re-registration would create better research opportunities for dropout research scholar, and they will get their research degree without sacrificing their socio-economic circumstances, hence resulting no national and intellectual waste in higher education.

13. The Broad Areas of Research

1. Research Projects

- The provisions regarding Seed Money will stimulate competitive research project in crucial areas of national or international importance. The grants of Seed Money will promote innovative ideas, knowledge, and facilitate the start of research projects which will also potentially develop the sources their own through external funding.
- The infrastructure which includes facilities, resources and services will be provided and funded by Head Office, CSU, Delhi for research project. The provisions will be designed to conduct research projects and to foster innovation in the field of Sanskrit and Sanskrit Education.
- Any administrative support will be provided by Head Office, CSU, Delhi to facilitate the research culture and research projects.

2. Research Publications

- The University will promote the print and online publication of quality journals in the fields of Sanskrit and other allied disciplines.
- The University will also economically support the republication of published rare publications of established scholars and authors.
- The University will stimulate, energise, and encourage the faculty members to publish the quality research papers in high indexed quality journals.
- Faculty members will be funded to attend the conferences/seminars to present the quality research regarding Sanskrit Knowledge Traditions.
- The University will exclusively appreciate, support, and sustain the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research publication which possesses the scientific research methodologies, and produces the specific outcomes.

3. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

- Under the broad theme '**Creative India, Innovative India**' accepted by Government of India, the policy will stimulate a dynamic, vibrant, and balanced **intellectual property rights system** in university. The policy document will foster creativity and innovations, and promote entrepreneurship and enhance socio-economic and cultural development,

and to focus on enhancing access to Sanskrit Knowledge Traditions including Yoga, Ayurveda, healthcare, Sustainable Development, and other sectors of vital social, economic, and technological development.

- The University will ensure that intellectual property rights are the legal rights given to researcher over the creations of her/his mind. The researcher will be given the exclusive rights over the use of his/her creation for a certain period of time.
- The University will sustain a critical ecosystem which is critical to foster innovations. Without protection of ideas, research would not reap the full benefits of inventions and would focus less on research and development.

4. Manuscripts Repository

- The Sharing, collecting, purchasing, digitizing, and acknowledging the manuscripts resulting as IPRs and patents - all these pursuits will be performed in Ganganath Jha Campus, Prayagraj.
- The preservation and protection of Manuscripts will be main concerns as per the Protection Rules.
- The Manuscripts will be electronically digitalised, and available for researchers and faculty members on payment mode.
- The manuscripts will be collected and preserved by the fund allocated by university.

5. Research in Different Programmes

- The University is committed to promote the quality research in various programmes offered by university at different levels i.e., at Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral levels.
- The University will have the detailed guidelines for the above-mentioned programmes to ensure the quality in research.
- The guidelines will be prepared as per the directions of UGC and other regulatory bodies.

14. Priorities and Thrust Areas for Research

- The CSU will identify the priorities and thrust areas of research in consultation with the respective various institutional committees, and other concerned councils. The priorities and thrust areas of research need to be conducted systematically along with the details of facilities, availability of funding/scholarship/incentives/fellowships and infrastructure available for undertaking research in these areas.
- The CSU will prioritise the research regarding **Research Projects, Publications, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), and Manuscripts Repository.**
- The following are the priorities and thrust areas, as well these are subjects to review from time to time:

1. Manuscripts Editing and Preparation of Critical Editions

- Critical editing under editing principles and rules.
- Critical Review of published and unpublished manuscripts.
- Preparation of critical edition of a single available manuscript.
- Special editions with translation in Sanskrit, Hindi, English and other language.
- The Sharing, collecting, purchasing, digitizing, and acknowledging the manuscripts resulting as **IPRs and patents** - all these pursuits will be performed in Ganganath Jha Campus, Prayagraj.

2. Indian Knowledge Traditions and their Application

- Research on contemporary problems, challenges, and issues in the context of most enriched traditions of Indian Knowledge Traditions.
- Some Research related to Indian Knowledge Traditions are expected as Scientific and fundamental research engaging in different areas leading to new theories.

- Research focussing on correlative studies with these concerns and domains of Indian Knowledge Traditions.
- Research dealing with ancient history, archaeology, museology, Vedic agriculture, traditions of medicines, healthcare, and so on are the top priorities of CSU.
- **Any theme related with other Shastric discipline** - Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research on allied branches of Sanskrit Knowledge System.
- **Critical discourse analysis of Sanskrit Language** - Analysis of Sanskrit Language with other Indian and foreign languages which is based on growing interdisciplinary research movement
- **Information and Communication Technology based Themes and Areas** - Computational Linguistics and Traditional Studies, Natural Language Processing, Technological Experiments based Research, i.e., development of technological resources for teaching of Sanskrit, Development of Tools, and Software for learning and optimum utilisation of Sanskrit Knowledge System.

3. Review of Criticism of Indian Knowledge Traditions

- Review of Indian Shastric Literature.
- Evaluation of theory formulations and propagations performed by colonial approaches.
- Criticism of prior publications and propagations by modern commentators and Scholars.

4. Historical, Descriptive and Experimental Research

- The main focus of educational research should be on National Education Policy 2020. The areas for educational research may be accepted as National Curriculum Framework, New Curricula, Pedagogical Experiments, and enhancement of Sanskrit Teaching-Learning Practices, which are directly interconnected with National Education Policy 2020.
- The educational research must deal with new paradigm shifting towards medium of mother language and its impact on teaching-learning practices that also result in new possibilities and innovations in Sanskrit Education.
- The historical educational research should deal with ancient Indian history and educational systems of India. The qualitative research methodology should be adopted to study these educational phenomena.
- The descriptive survey-based research focussed the trends, challenges, problems, and issues of Sanskrit and Sanskrit Education to understand the cross-cutting socio-cultural aspects.
- The experimental educational research should deal with teaching methodologies, especially the Indic methods to teach humanities and science subjects. Similarly, some studies to develop Bharatiya research methodologies should be encouraged, recommended, and endorsed.

15. Schools and Departments for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.)

SN	School	Disciplines/Departments
1.	School of Veda-Vedanga & Vedic Science	1. Vyakarana Shastra 2. Jyotish Shastra 3. Veda/Paurohitya/Karmakanda 4. Vedanga & Veda Bhashya
2.	School of Education	5. Shikshashastra
3.	School of Language, Literature and Culture	6. Sahitya 7. Puranetihasa 8. English 9. Indian Languages – Hindi, Bangla, Odiya, Nepali, Dogri, Malayalama, Kannada, Marathi, Maithili, and other regional language 10. Natyashastra
4.	School of Shastric Knowledge System	11. Dharmashastra 12. Manuscriptology and Palaeography
5.	School of Darshan	13. Bauddha Darshan & Pali 14. Vedanta 15. Nyaya 16. Darshan 17. Jain Darshan & Prakrit 18. Mimansa 19. Sankhya Yoga Darshan
6.	School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems & Humanities Department	20. Social Science – Political Science, Economics, History, Sociology, Geography & Any other Discipline 21. Commerce, Business & Public Administration
7.	School of Multidisciplinary Science and Technology	22. Computer Science & Natural Language Processing 23. Linguistic and Translation Studies
8.	School of Yogic Science & Holistic Health Practices	24. Yogic Sciences & Spirituality 25. Ayurveda & Naturopathy

In specific case of research, the school other than university may approved with collaborating institutions based on MoUs.

***Modern Subject may be the area of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research**

15.1 The degree in research is known as Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.). Its degree printed in Sanskrit along with English Translation will be awarded in convocation or any other programme of the University. The degree has been recognized as equivalent to Ph.D. degree awarded by other Universities.

Interdisciplinary Research

15.2 As per the provision of National Education Policy (Para 11.6), CSU will facilitate the move towards high-quality holistic and multidisciplinary education and research. This will be encouraged by faculty members and institutional autonomy in pursuing multidisciplinary research with emphasis on cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary thinking.

15.3 Again, as per the special provision of National Education Policy (Para 22.15) regarding Sanskrit Institutions, it is highly appreciated for interdisciplinary research in interesting and innovative ways, and connected to other contemporary and relevant subjects such as mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, linguistics, dramatics, yoga, etc. due to vast and

significant contributions and literature across genres and subjects of Sanskrit, its cultural significance, and its scientific nature, rather than being restricted to single-discipline research methodology.

- 15.4** CSU will move towards becoming large multidisciplinary institution of quality research. CSU will establish infrastructures and formulate specific provisions to conduct outstanding interdisciplinary research on Sanskrit and Sanskrit Knowledge Systems. Research Proposals focussed on multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary approaches regarding above said subjects and other allied subjects will be highly appreciated/ strengthened.
- 15.5** For multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary research, research scholars can apply and submit the proposals which require any collaboration with Sanskrit universities and higher education institutions. The approval of such kind of research are the concerns of MoUs which can be subject of CSU's policy, planning, and implementation.

16. Research Centres for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme*

1. **Central Sanskrit University**, Ekalavya Campus, Village- Sipai Para, PO- Lembucherra, District- West Tripura, State- Tripura, Pin- 799210
2. **Central Sanskrit University**, Shri Raghunath Kirti Campus, Devprayag, Pauri Garhwal-249301 (Uttarakhand)
3. **Central Sanskrit University**, Ved Vyas Campus, Village- Balahar, Tehsil- Dehra, Distt. Kangra 177108, (Himachal Pradesh)
4. **Central Sanskrit University**, Shri Ranbir Campus, Vill & P.O. Kot Bhalwal, (Near Central Jail), Tehsil/Distt – Jammu 181122, (Jammu)
5. **Central Sanskrit University**, Guruvayoor Campus, Post Office-Puranattukara, Distt. -Trichur 680551, (Kerala)
6. **Central Sanskrit University**, Rajiv Gandhi Campus, Post Office - Sringeri, Distt. - Chikmagalur 577139, (Karnataka)
7. **Central Sanskrit University**, K.J. Somaya Campus, Suruchi Kala Bhavan, 1st Floor, Vidya Vihar, 400 077, (Mumbai)
8. **Central Sanskrit University**, Bhopal Campus, Sanskrit Marg, Bagsewaniya, Bhopal 462043, (Madhya Pradesh)
9. **Central Sanskrit University**, Shri Sadashiv Campus, Near Mochi Sahi Chhak, Puri 752 001, (Orissa)
10. **Central Sanskrit University**, Jaipur Campus, Triveni Nagar, Gopal Pura ByPass, Jaipur 302018, (Rajasthan)
11. **Central Sanskrit University**, Lucknow Campus, Vishal Khand- 4, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Pin – 226 010 (Uttar Pradesh)
12. **Central Sanskrit University**, Sh. Ganganath Jha Campus, Azad Park, Prayagraj 211001 (Uttar Pradesh)
13. **Central Sanskrit University**, 56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058
14. **Poornaprajana Samsodhan Mandiram**, Katriguppa Main Road, Bengaluru 560028 (Karnataka)

*The University may add some more research centres for the Vidyavaridhi Programme in due course of time.

17. Fee and Scholarship

- 17.1 Fee for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) will be payable as per the rules of Central Sanskrit University, Delhi.
- 17.2 Scholarship is also provided to eligible research candidates as per rules of the CSU in Vidyavaridhi Programme.

18. Most Important Instructions

- 18.1 Read all the guidelines of Entrance Test carefully and fill the online application carefully.
- 18.2 The facts mentioned in the online application will be duly verified at the time of examination and admission.
- 18.3 On verification of any type of false information legal action as per rules will be taken. It also includes disqualification from examination or cancellation of admission.
- 18.4 Upload your clear and latest photo on the online form. If the photo does not match properly at the time of examination/admission, then it may result in disqualification from the examination/cancellation of admission, or any other legal action deemed fit.

19. Detailed Syllabus of Entrance Test

Section-A (Common to all applicants) (75 Questions)	
Part A - Research and Reasoning Aptitude	50 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research Methodology ▪ Logical/Analytical Aptitude ▪ Comprehension Ability 	
Part B - Proficiency in Sanskrit Language	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sanskrit Grammar ▪ General Awareness of Sanskrit Literature ▪ General knowledge (India and Indian Society and culture) ▪ Gradual development of Sanskrit language in various periods and sciences. ▪ Various religions and philosophies (prevalent in India/originated in India) ▪ Fundamentals of all the disciplines (Shastras). (Basic principles only) ▪ Manuscript Science/general introductory knowledge about research- methodology. (References, footnotes, preparation of index of referred works, annexure, knowledge of other scripts etc.) 	

Section B (School-wise separate section for concerned applicants)	
1. School of Ved-Vedanga	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ व्याकरणम् – संज्ञाप्रकरणम्, परिभाषाप्रकरणम्, सन्धिप्रकरणम्, स्त्रीप्रत्ययप्रकरणम्, कारकप्रकरणम्। ▪ सिद्धान्तज्यौतिषम् – नवविधकालमानानि, ग्रहस्पष्टीकरणम्, ग्रहणविचारः, लग्नसाधनम्, पञ्चाङ्गपरिचयः। फलितज्यौतिषम् – राशिपरिचयः, ग्रहपरिचयः, द्वादशभावविमर्शः, दशाविमर्शः, मुहूर्तविचारः। ▪ वेदाः - ऋग्वेदस्य परिचयः, शुक्लयजुर्वेदस्य परिचयः, कृष्णयजुर्वेदस्य परिचयः, सामवेदस्य परिचयः अथर्ववेदस्य परिचयः। ▪ पौरोहित्यम् - भारतीयकर्मकाण्डस्वरूपविचारः, षोडशसंस्काराः, श्राद्धप्रकाराः स्वरूपञ्च, विधिनिषेधनियमाः। 	
2. School of Shikshashastra	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ शैक्षिकदर्शनं समाजशास्त्रञ्च (Educational Philosophy and Sociology) ▪ शैक्षिकमनोविज्ञानम् (Educational Psychology) ▪ शैक्षिकप्रविधिः (Educational Technology) ▪ समकालिकभारतीयशिक्षायाः इतिहासः विषयाश्च (History and Issues of Contemporary Indian Education) ▪ शास्त्रशिक्षणम् – दर्शनम्, व्याकरणं, साहित्यञ्च (Teaching of Shastra- Darshan, Vyakarana & Sahitya) 	
3. School of Language, Literature and Culture	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ साहित्यम् – काव्यभेदाः विकासश्च, श्रव्यकाव्यानि, दृश्यकाव्यानि, काव्यस्वरूपम्। ▪ पुराणेतिहासः – वैदिकसाहित्यस्येतिहासः, भारतीया संस्कृतिश्च, रामायणं महाभारतञ्च, भगवद्गीता, पुराणानि, उपपुराणानि च। ▪ भारतीयभाषाः क्षेत्रीयभाषाः 	

4. School of Shastric Knowledge System	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ धर्मशास्त्रम् – धर्मलक्षणम्, आश्रमाः, उपनयनसंस्कारः, विवाहसंस्कारः, विवादपदानि, अग्निहोत्रप्रयोगः। ▪ पाण्डुलिपिविज्ञानम् ▪ प्राचीनशिलालेखाध्ययनम् 	
5. School of Darshan	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ दर्शनम् – प्रमाणविचारः, प्रमेयविचारः, आत्मविचारः, कर्मविचारः, आस्तिकनास्तिकदर्शनानां सामान्यपरिचयः। ▪ जैनदर्शनम् - प्रमाणनयमीमांसा, सर्वज्ञसिद्धिः, षड् द्रव्याणि, सप्त तत्त्वानि, जैनसाहित्यस्य सामान्यपरिचयः। ▪ बौद्धदर्शनम् - दार्शनिकविचाराः – प्रतीत्यसमुत्पादः, अनात्मवादः, आर्यसत्यानि, अष्टाङ्गमार्गः, बौद्धधर्मविकासः (शाखाचतुष्टयम्), बौद्धसाहित्यस्य सामान्यपरिचयः। ▪ वेदान्तः – मोक्षः, प्रमाणानि, साक्षी, सत्तात्रैविध्यम्, माया, अध्यासः, विष्णोः सर्वशब्दवाच्यत्वम्, विष्णोः सदागमैकवेद्यत्वम्, ▪ मीमांसा – अङ्गत्वविचारः, भावना, विधिप्रकारः, सोमविचारः, नामधेयविचारः, शाब्दबोधनिरूपणम्। ▪ साङ्ख्ययोगः – दुःखत्रयम्, सत्कार्यवादः, सर्गः, पुरुषः, अष्टाङ्गयोगः। ▪ न्यायः - कारणं तद्प्रभेदाः, प्रत्यक्षसामग्रीविमर्शः, शक्तिग्रहोपायाः, द्वितीयलक्षणं चतुर्थलक्षणञ्च, अवतरणग्रन्थः, संशयपक्षता। वैशेषिकम् – द्रव्यविचारः, प्रमाणविचारः, कर्मविचारः, धर्मविचारः। 	
6. School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems & Humanities	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ सामाजिकविज्ञानानि 	
7. School of Multidisciplinary Science and Technology	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computer Science & Natural Language Processing ▪ Linguistics ▪ Translation Studies 	
8. School of Yogic Science and Holistic Health Practices	25 Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yogic Science & Spirituality ▪ Ayurveda & Naturopathy 	

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