

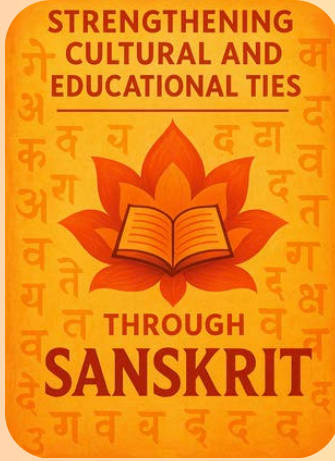


**CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY**

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**EVENT REPORT: NEPAL-INDIA INTERNATIONAL  
SANSKRIT CONFERENCE**



**Date: March 27–29, 2024**

**Location: Park Village Resort, Budhanilkantha,  
Kathmandu, Nepal**

**Theme: Strengthening Cultural & Educational Ties  
through Sanskrit**



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The three-day Nepal-India International Sanskrit Conference was a landmark event aimed at fostering bilateral relations through the shared heritage of Sanskrit. Approximately 500 eminent personalities, including Vice Chancellors from 16 Indian universities and representatives from over 30 institutions, convened to discuss the preservation and modernization of Sanskrit education.

The conference was organized through a strategic trilateral collaboration between:

- **Central Sanskrit University, Delhi (India)**
- **Niti Anusandhan Pratishthan (Nepal)**
- **India Foundation, Delhi (India)**



## ROLE OF CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY (CSU)

Central Sanskrit University played a pivotal role in conceptualizing and executing the conference. As a primary organizer, CSU's leadership provided the intellectual framework for the event.

• **Strategic Leadership:** Prof. Srinivas Varakhedi (Vice Chancellor, CSU) delivered a visionary address, asserting that education is the root of development for both nations. He proposed that by adopting Eastern education systems, India and Nepal could lead global education within two years. He called for modernizing Sanskrit pedagogy through new curricula and digital content.

• **Thematic Direction:** Prof. Kashinath Nyopane (Chair Professor, CSU) delivered the keynote address, framing the conference's objective. He emphasized that while the nations are politically distinct, they remain integral to one another through Sanskrit and culture, describing each nation as a pilgrimage site for the other.



## KEY DELIBERATIONS & CULTURAL INSIGHTS

### A. The "Five Threads" of Connection

Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar articulated five specific cultural pillars that bind the two nations:

- 1. Geography:** The Himalayas preserve Vedic culture (Himalayo nama nagadhirajah).
- 2. Spiritual Heritage:** Nepal as the birthplace of Lord Buddha and Mother Janaki.
- 3. Timekeeping:** Both nations share the Vikram Samvat calendar and astrological systems.
- 4. Festivals:** Shared celebrations including Guru Purnima, Holi, Diwali, and Shivaratri.
- 5. National Mottos:** A shared philosophy of Vasudeva Kutumbkam (The world is one family).

### B. Modern Relevance of Sanskrit

- **Hon. Shakti Bahadur Basnet** highlighted the urgent need to integrate ancient Sanskrit knowledge with modern lifestyles.
- **Mr. Dinesh Kamat** described Nepal as the "Land of Gods" (source of Shaligram and Rudraksha) and urged participants to commit to a 10-day Sanskrit learning regimen to preserve this shared intellectual property.

### C. The "One Soul" Philosophy

"Nepal and India are two countries with two bodies but one soul." —  
**Prof. Srinivas Varkhedi, VC, Central Sanskrit University.**



## **CONCLUSION**

The conference concluded with a consensus that Sanskrit is not merely an ancient language but the future of Indo-Nepal intellectual diplomacy. The active participation of Central Sanskrit University ensured that the event moved beyond ceremonial pleasantries to concrete discussions on curriculum development, research collaboration, and the digital propagation of Sanskrit.

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