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INTRODUCTION

The Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrit Sahitya Sammelan established a Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at Delhi on the auspicious day of Vijaya Dashmi on the 8th of October, 1962. Dr. Mandan Mishra was appointed as the Officer-on-Special-Duty and the Director of the Vidyapeetha. In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Sammelan, a separate Society under the name of Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha was established with the late **Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri as its Founder President**. The inspiration and guidance of **Late Shri Shastriji** had been the impetus for the development of this Vidyapeetha. Shri Shastriji in his capacity as the Prime Minister of India declared to develop this Vidyapeetha as an institution of international repute.

After Shri Shastriji, the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi accepted the Presidentship of the Vidyapeetha. On the 2nd October, 1966, Smt. Indira Gandhi declared that the Vidyapeetha would henceforth be known as Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha. On 1st April, 1967, the Vidyapeetha was taken over by the Government of India and on the 21st December, 1970, it became a constituent of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan New Delhi.. Impressed by its performance and all round developments, the Government of India, in March, 1983 mooted a proposal to confer the status of **Deemed to be University** on this Vidyapeetha. Subsequently, on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission, the Govt. of India had decided to register a new society in the name of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (independent of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan) vide its letter no. RSKS/Acd./10-4/85/2270, dated 26/12/1986 and accordingly it was registered under the Chairmanship of the former Human Resource Development Minister, Hon'ble Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao on the 20th January 1987. Certificate of Registration under Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) No. S-17454 of 1987 has been given on 20th January, 1987. After the necessary inspection and other formalities, the Government of India, on the recommendations of the University Grants Commission, granted the status of **Deemed to be University** to the Vidyapeetha in November, 1987. In 1989, Dr. Mandan Mishra was appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Vidyapeetha and Deputy Secretary of the GOI, Shri. P.K Seth took over the charge as Registrar on 23/7/1990.

After the formal transfer of the movable and immovable properties followed by the transfer of the teaching and non-teaching staff, the Vidyapeetha became fully functional with effect from the 1st November, 1991, as a **Deemed to be University**.

The Vidyapeetha comprises four faculties: Faculty of Veda-Vedanga, Faculty of Darshan, Faculty of Sahitya and Sanskriti and Faculty of Adhunik Jnana and Vijnana. The first three faculties provide the study and teaching facilities with a view to obtaining degrees of three-year courses of **Shastri, Shastri (Hons) and the two-year course of Acharya** in different disciplines of Sanskrit. The faculty of **Adhunik Jnana & Vignana** provides teaching facilities for completion of one year teacher training course called **Shiksha Shastri (B.Ed.)** and one year course for advanced study in Shiksha Shastra called **Shikshacharya (M.Ed.)**. The research scholars, who are keen on pursuing research work in various branches of Sanskrit learning, can join any of the above mentioned faculties as per their specialization. There is an independent department of Research & Publication in the Vidyapeetha that collect, preserve and brings out historical publications by reputed scholars of the country. It also brings out a research journal **Shodha-Prabha** which carries its own distinction. Since the session 1994-95, the Vidyapeetha has been successfully organizing Vocational courses in Sanskrit, Hindi, and Computer Application along with Shastri courses of study. Besides, different certificate courses are also offered by the Vidyapeetha from time to time. The Vidyapeetha has been progressing under the able guidance and dynamic leadership of its Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vachaspati Upadhyaya and the Chancellor Justice P.N. Bhagawati.