

6.2.1: Perspective/Strategic plan and deployment documents are available in the institution संस्थायां भविष्यद्योजनायाः/व्यूहात्मकयोजनायाः नियोजनप्रलेखा उपलब्धन्ते क्रियान्वयनसम्बद्धानि प्रमाणानि वा उपलब्धन्ते।

The university continually designs and implements various plans for its advancement. The prominent plans include the following:

1. **Establishment of the Institute as a Central University:** In 2017, a decision regarding this was approved, and after extensive efforts, the institute was transformed into a Central Sanskrit University in 2020.
2. **Adoption of NEP-2020 (National Education Policy):** Implementation of policies in line with NEP-2020.
3. **Curriculum Reforms:** Changes in curriculum as per the guidelines of the new education policy.
4. **Creation of New Ordinances:** Drafting new ordinances based on updated regulations.
5. **Proposal for the Establishment of a New Centre for Ancient Knowledge:** The proposal was approved by the university's competent authorities, and plans are being formulated for its commencement.
6. **Digital Initiatives:** Introduction of digital technology under the "E-Office" initiative.
7. **Academic Bank of Credit (ABC):** The system has been implemented for the benefit of university students.

Transformation from Deemed University to Central University:

The university's journey from being a deemed university to being recognized as a central university is a significant milestone. Various committees played an important role in this transition, and detailed discussions were held on as highlighted below:

The Governing Body of the Institute initially noted that Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth was declared an university by the Government of India in 1987. It became fully operational from November 1, 1991. Subsequently, the institution was reconstituted as a Central Sanskrit University named "Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi," effective from April 30, 2020. This transformation fulfills the vision of the late Honorable Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, who envisioned establishing this institution as a central entity, not just for India but as an international hub for Sanskrit studies. Scholars worldwide could pursue Sanskrit education and research here, bringing the university to the forefront as a model institution.

On April 3, 2017, during its seventh meeting, the Academic Council discussed the proposal to transform the institute into a Central University. The council formed a high-level committee to examine the proposal and prepared a report. The recommendations of this committee were approved by the Board of Management (BoM) and sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on April 7, 2017.

Following this, the Vice-Chancellor formed a committee comprising the following members to analyze the subject:

1. Prof. Kapil Kapoor, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha.
2. Prof. T.V. Kattimani, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh.
3. Prof. C.S. Radhakrishnan, Former Head of the Sanskrit Department, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
4. Prof. Vasant K.M. Bhatt, Former Director and Head, Sanskrit Department, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
5. Prof. Santosh Kumar Shukla, Centre for Sanskrit Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

The committee held several meetings between July and September 2017, deliberating extensively, and submitted its recommendations on October 4, 2017. It emphasized promoting the institute and establishing it as a Central Sanskrit University in the national capital.

Finalization and Government Approval:

Based on the committee's report, the Vice-Chancellor submitted a detailed proposal to the Honorable Minister of Human Resource Development on December 27, 2017. After thorough review and modifications by the Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department, the proposal was approved. On November 4, 2019, the Cabinet approved the draft bill, which was subsequently introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 11, 2019, and passed on December 12, 2019.

After deliberation, the Rajya Sabha passed the bill on March 16, 2020. The Central Sanskrit University Act, 2020, was published in the Gazette of India by the Ministry of Law and Justice. Consequently, a notification on dated April 22, 2020, announced the establishment of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University as a Central University.

The university officially commenced operations as a Central University on April 30, 2020, marking a new chapter in its esteemed history.