

7.1.2 The institution provides the following amenities to ensure gender sensitivity:

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University: The University consistently promotes equal opportunities for boys and girls, male and female students, ensuring equality in the teaching-learning process. Beyond academics, equal opportunities are extended in co-curricular activities, various festivals, national and international programs, and all kinds of initiatives, free from gender discrimination. The university integrates women in all activities to promote and maintain gender equality. The specific initiatives established by the university to maintain and strengthen gender equality are as follows:

- To promote a just social system and ensure equal rights and opportunities, promoting gender equality is essential. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University is committed to providing educational opportunities to all, with particular attention to girls. In this regard, a Women's Studies Center was established in 2006 as part of the tenth five-year plan of the University Grants Commission (UGC). This center works to recognize the significant contributions of past women in various fields and to interpret ancient Indian texts from a gender-sensitive perspective. It is actively involved in empowering young women.
- Following the directives of the UGC, the center has been operating since 2006, engaging in teaching, research, training, and outreach activities. Several short-term projects, such as "Women Seers in the Rigveda" and "Women Reflected in the Yajnavalkya Smriti," have also been accepted and completed.
- Various workshops on gender sensitization and curriculum development are organized, and a 'Gender' course has been integrated into the curriculum for undergraduate and postgraduate research students, with classes conducted by the center.
- The center organizes seminars and workshops to promote female representation in academic and non-academic career-oriented activities. Every year, ten-day gender-sensitization sessions are conducted for education students to challenge stereotypes and foster an inclusive culture. The center also manages a curriculum on 'Gender and Schools' for teaching education classes, which is part of the university's initiatives for gender equality.
- International Women's Day is celebrated every year to recognize women's rights, understand their issues, and suggest solutions. Competitions, speeches by distinguished women scholars, and other activities are also organized.
- A research journal titled "Sumangali" is published by the Women's Studies Center. This journal is multilingual, internationally indexed, and listed in the UGC's research journal directory. The center has also compiled volumes summarizing the outcomes of its seminars, aimed at providing equal opportunities to both men and women.
- Every year, International Women's Day, Mother Tongue Day, Hindi Fortnight, and similar

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celebrations are organized with grandeur.

- Based on the Vedic mantra “Saha Nau Bhunaktu,” the university provides equal opportunities for young men and women in classes, competitions, events, seminars, workshops, sports, special ceremonies, and libraries. It is a positive aspect that students participate equally in all these areas with mutual respect and understanding.
- A women’s grievance cell has been established, managed by the Women’s Studies Center, which runs various programs for equality.
- The Women’s Studies Center organizes seminars and workshops to raise awareness of women’s fundamental rights and promote their empowerment.

Additionally, the university provides several physical facilities to ensure gender sensitivity, such as:

1 Safety and Security

- Surveillance cameras have been installed at various locations within the university campus, covering nearby areas to create a safe and conducive learning environment. Female security personnel also serve here to provide a comfortable and reassuring learning environment for male and female students. Additionally, external visitors are required to register their information, which is recorded in an "Outers Record" log. This system is also maintained at the hostel. For the safety of both boys and girls, separate male and female security teams are arranged at key locations within the university, and CCTV cameras enhance security.

2 Counseling

- A grievance redressal cell and internal complaints committee are in place to address related issues. A dedicated counseling cell, established by the university, helps address various incidents through the complaints committee. The counseling committee addresses both academic and career-related issues for students.

3 Common Room

- A common room is available for female students, where they can study during breaks. A similar provision is available in the Department of Education for female students to use during breaks, providing a space for doctoral students to conduct their studies and seek guidance from faculty members.
- An NCC program is available for male and female students, supported by two highly trained female teachers with military ranks. After receiving certification, students become eligible for employment opportunities in various fields and contribute to national development.
- To support women’s health, a gynecologist, female homeopathic doctor, and Ayurvedic practitioner are available.
- The Women’s Studies Center’s library holds books and journals by prominent thinkers

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on women's issues, along with a recreational and counseling cell.

- The university library provides designated seating and study spaces for female students to facilitate their academic work.