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Curricular Aspects



**English Version
(Write-up)**

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Institution integrates cross cutting issues as reflected in Sanskrit literature relevant to Gender, Environment and Sustainability, Human Values and Professional Ethics and traditional system of shastric learning into the Curriculum.

The essence of Sanskrit literature is reflected in the teachings "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family) and "Sarve bhavantu sukhinah, sarve santu niramayah" (may all be happy, may all be free from illness). The university's curriculum integrates the teachings of Sanskrit literature, focusing on values such as unity, patriotism, non-violence, truthfulness, and social responsibility. This holistic approach aims to shape well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to society.

In the **Shastri program**, students study a broad range of subjects across six semesters. These include traditional literature, Dharmashastra (legal and social systems), Jyotish (timekeeping), Vastu (architecture), Mimamsa (Vedic interpretation), and Advaita Vedanta. The curriculum emphasizes spiritual growth, self-awareness, and social responsibility, aiming to cultivate a deep understanding of Indian philosophy, values, and culture. For instance, texts such as *Uttara Ramacharita* and *Kadambari* explore human behavior and ethics, while *Valmiki Ramayana* covers themes like animal welfare and truth.

Gender equality is a central theme of the **Women and Men Studies** curriculum. Texts such as *Abhijnana Shakuntalam* highlight co-education and mutual respect between men and women, while *Meghadutam* emphasizes friendship, water conservation, and environmental awareness. These subjects help students develop a sense of social harmony, gender equality, and responsibility.

The **Value Education** curriculum, integrated into the Shastri program, emphasizes environmental conservation, human rights, and non-violence. From the second semester onwards, students are introduced to environmental education, focusing on nature preservation. In later semesters, topics such as human values, gender equality, and spiritual growth are emphasized. Optional

courses in Sociology and Political Science further enhance students' administrative and spiritual skills, preparing them for responsible societal roles.

The **Acharya program** (postgraduate) expands on ethical and governance principles. Texts like **Kautilya's Arthashastra** cover topics such as diplomacy, ministerial appointments, and wealth management, while **Manu Smriti** deals with the responsibilities of leadership and ethical governance. Jain Darshan's **Samayasara** explores spiritual concepts like the nature of the soul, karmic bondage, and liberation. This comprehensive study equips students with the skills to become wise leaders and responsible citizens.

The Acharya program also incorporates **Human Values** by covering a wide array of subjects, including Sankhya Yoga, Hatha Yoga, Mimamsa, and Advaita Vedanta. These subjects promote self-realization and spiritual growth through texts like the **Chhandogya Upanishad and Shrimad Bhagavatam**, which focus on devotion, truth, and family values. The Pourohitya department provides training in yajna procedures, fostering spiritual and cultural growth.

The university's programs blend traditional Sanskrit teachings with contemporary themes to provide students with a well-rounded education. They learn to appreciate ancient wisdom while developing the skills necessary for modern leadership and social responsibility. Through subjects such as political philosophy, environmental education, and spiritual studies, students are equipped to contribute positively to society, embodying values like social harmony, environmental stewardship, and ethical governance.