

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES (2019–2024)

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University

About the Centre

The Centre for Women's Studies was established in **2005** under the **UGC Xth Five-Year Plan** and began functioning in **2006**. It is the only Centre for Women's Studies in a Sanskrit university, dedicated to:

- Reinterpreting ancient Sanskrit texts from a women-centric perspective.
- Reviving the respect and dignity historically accorded to Indian women.
- Highlighting achievements of historical women as role models.

Directorship:

- Prof. P. Geetha (till Oct 2011)
- Prof. Rajni Joshi Choudhary (from 1st Nov 2011)
- Prof. Minu Kashyap (as of 2022–23)

Annual Activities Overview (2019–2024)

2019–20

- **Foundation Course on Gender Sensitization** (10 days for B.Ed. 2nd year): 6–20 Feb 2020
- **Induction Programme** for teaching faculty: 5 Feb 2020
- **International Women's Day (6 March 2020)** – Theme: *Sanskrit Language, Culture & Women: International Perspective*
- **International Women's Week Celebrations** – Competitions for students and employees
- **Journal Publications:**
 - *Sumangali: A Journal of Gender and Heritage* Vol. VI (2018) – Final printing stage
 - Vol. VII (2019) – In process
- Compilation of **newspaper clippings** and articles on women's issues – In final publication stage

2020–21

- **Online Orientation Meeting** for Gender Sensitization instructors: 20 Feb 2021
- **Foundation Course on Gender Sensitization:** 22–26 Feb 2021 (online via Google Meet)
- **International Women's Day Celebration:** 6 March 2021 – Competitions held
- **Journal Publications:**

Minu Kashyap

- *Sumangali* Issue (2019) – Published
- Joint Issue (2020–21) – In final publication stage

Staff Structure (2020–21):

1. Director-in-Charge – 1
2. Research Assistant – 1
3. MTS – 1

2021–22

- Centre kept **in abeyance** (temporarily inactive)

2022–23

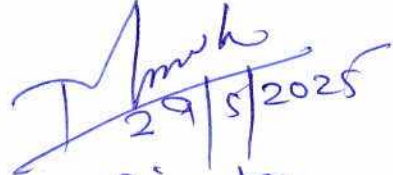
- Centre resumed activity, headed by **Prof. Minu Kashyap**
- **International Women's Day Competitions** – Essay, Poster, and Lecture competitions
- **National Seminar** in collaboration with *Saksham Sanstha*:
 - Theme: "*Jagruk Nari, Swasthya Samaj*" (10 March 2023)

2023–24

- **Gender Sensitization Foundation Course** (Shikshashastri 1st year):
 - April – 3rd May 2023
 - 12–23 February 2024
- **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Competitions**: 14–21 August 2023
- **Gender Sensitization Workshop** (M.Ed students): 26 February 2024
- **Women's Health Awareness Programme**: 5 March 2024
- **International Women's Day Competitions**: 1–6 March 2024
- **Mental Health Awareness Programme**: 21 March 2024

Conclusion

Over five years (2019–2024), the Centre has actively engaged in academic, cultural, and awareness programs to promote gender sensitivity, celebrate women's contributions, and integrate a gendered perspective into traditional Sanskrit studies. Despite a brief pause in 2021–22, the Centre has shown remarkable continuity and expansion of activities, especially in online and hybrid formats in response to contemporary needs.


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 Director
 Center, Women's Studies