

दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

MINUTES

A meeting of the following, as directed by the Chairperson, to deliberate upon the Equivalency of the Certificate, Diploma and Degree (Shastri/Acharya) awarded by Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya for the purpose of pursuing admission, research and employment held on 04.09.2024 in the Committee Room of the Dean of Colleges of the University in pursuance to the Executive Council Resolution No. 5 (5-41) dated 27.07.2024.

- 1. Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges - Chairperson
- 2. Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, Director, SDC
- 3. Prof. Ranjan Tripathi, DSW and former Joint Dean (Colleges)
- 4. Prof. Bhartendu Pandey, Head, Department of Sanskrit
- 5. Joint Registrar (Academic)

Assistant Registrar (Academic) and Section Officer (Academic I) assisted the deliberations in this meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson briefly mentioned the terms of reference of the discussion in light of the Executive Council Resolution No. 5 (5-41) dated 27.07.2024 wherein the Council considered and recommended the proposal in principle. However, it has been suggested that some modifications/ corrections are required to be incorporated in the proposal.

After due deliberations by the members of the Executive Council, it was resolved that the committee may re-draft the proposal and authorized the Vice Chancellor to consider and accept the recommendations. The decision in this matter shall be reported in the next meeting of the Executive Council.

It was highlighted in the meeting that the University of Delhi does not recognize the "Acharya" Degrees obtained from the Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya for the purpose of pursuing research and any kind of teaching employment.

In this context, following letter/ office memorandum/ Gazette notification related to equivalence of certificates/ Degrees awarded in Sanskrit was taken note in the meeting.

- 1. Office Memorandum No. 6/12/71/ESTT (D) Dated 18.07.1972 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India regarding recognition of the examinations conducted by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, as equivalent to various educational qualifications in the general set up of education for purposes of employment under the Central Government (Appendix I), which are as follows.

Sl.No.	Name of the Examination	As equivalent to
1	Prathama	Middle School
2	Madhyama	Higher Secondary
3	Shastri	B.A.
4	Acharya	M.A.
5	Shiksha Shastri	B.Ed.
6	Vidya Varidhi	Ph.D
7	Vachaspati	D.Litt.

- 2. Letter No. 1-28/2018-Skt.II dated 15/22.10.2013 of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development addressed to the Chief Secretaries of all States/Union Territories, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Secretary, Railway Board, New Delhi, Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Secretary, Staff Selection Commission regarding Recognition/ Equivalence of Certificates/ Degrees awarded by all the Sanskrit Universities which are awarding Shastri/ Acharya degrees. (Appendix II).

According to this letter, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS) conducts the examinations from Prathama (8th Standard) to Acharya (M.A.) level and also conducts Ph.D. programmes. The certificates/ degrees awarded by the Sanskrit Universities are equivalent to the modern certificates/ degrees awarded by other Universities/ Boards/ Examination Bodies situated in the country as under.

Sl.No.	Examinations conducted by RSKS	Equivalent to
1	Prathama (IIIrd)	VIIIth Standard
2	Purva Madhyama (Ist and IInd year)	IXth and Xth Standard
3	Uttarmadhyama/ Prak Shastri (Ist and IInd year)	XIth and XIIth Standard
4	Shastri (Ist, IInd and IIIrd year)	B.A. (Ist, IInd and IIIrd year)
5	Sammanit Shastri	B.A. (Hons) (IV year UG)
6	Acharya (Ist and IInd year)	M.A. (Ist and IInd year)
7	Shiksha Shastri	B.Ed.
8	Shiksha Acharya	M.Ed.
9	Vidya Varidhi	Ph.D.
10	Vachaspati	D.Litt.

- 3. The Gazette of India Notification No. 27 dated 05.07.2014 (Appendix III) also mentions about the following equivalence of degrees.

Sl.No.	Name of the Examination	As equivalent to
1	Shastri/ Shastri (Hons.)	Bachelor's
2	Acharya	Master's
3	Shiksha Shastri	Bachelor's
4	Shiksha Acharya	Master's
5	Vishistacharya	Pre-Doctoral/M.Phil.
6	Vidya Varidhi	Doctoral
7	Vachaspati	Post Doctoral/ D.Lit.

Deliberations in the meeting

3. The above mentioned letter/Office Memorandum under reference and Gazette notification No. 27 dated 05.07.2014 were taken into consideration which is already available in the public domain. It was observed that equivalence of Graduation, Postgraduate and Doctoral degrees have already been carried out by various government bodies from time to time to facilitate inclusion of degrees awarded by Sanskrit Universities/Institutions.

It was also noted that the decision of the Cabinet Secretariat vide Office Memorandum No. 6/12/71/ESTT (D) Dated 18.07.1972 taken in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission. Further, the letter No. 1-28/2018-Skt.II dated 15/22.10.2013 of the MHRD is also addressed to the UPSC, SSC, Railway Board, Ministry of Defence and Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs indicating that the equivalence has been drawn to facilitate appointments at the Central and State level.

Therefore, it would be appropriate for the University of Delhi to consider equivalence of certificates of the degrees awarded by the Sanskrit Universities/ Institutions for the purpose of research and employment as it will facilitate further progress of Sanskrit as a language and Literature.

Recommendations

4. In view of the discussions held in this matter, as detailed above, it was recommended that the following degrees awarded by Sanskrit Universities like Central Sanskrit University, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University/ Institution etc., in any of the areas/ specializations* as offered by Sanskrit Department of Delhi University, may be considered equivalent to the degrees awarded by the University of Delhi for the purpose of admission, research and employment:

Name of the Examination	As equivalent to	
Shastri	B.A.	✓
Sammanit Shastri	B.A. (Hons) (IV year UG)	✓
Acharya	M.A.	✓

* The Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi is offering the following optional courses/ specializations to PG students as mentioned in the Departmental records:

1. वैदिक वांगमय (वेद, उपनिषद आदि)
2. दर्शन (योग, न्याय, वेदांत आदि)
3. साहित्य शास्त्र
4. संस्कृत भाषा और व्याकरण
5. धर्म शास्त्र
6. लिपि शास्त्र
7. आधुनिक संस्कृत साहित्य शास्त्र
8. इतिहास और पुराण
9. ज्योतिष शास्त्र **

* Acharya degree as offered in above papers by the Sanskrit Universities and Institutions will be treated equivalent to Master's degree of Department of Sanskrit of the University of Delhi.

** Similarly, Acharya Degree in Jyotish Shastra & Vastu Shastra offered by the Sanskrit Universities/ Institutions will be treated equivalent to Jyotish Shastra in MA offered by the University of Delhi.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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