Conclusion

Shree Somnath Sanskrit University was established by the Government of Gujarat in the city of Veraval located in the serene and historic Prabhas Kshetra in the year 2005. University Grants Commission gave approval under section 2 (f) and included it in the list of recognized Universities in 2006. ‘पूर्णता गौरवाय (Consummation for glory)’ is the motto of this University. Propagation of Sanskrit, Culture and values, relating the ancient knowledge to modern streams of learning, increase the scope of vocational courses and maximum utilization of technology for meeting the challenges of today are the main goals of the University. The University conducts its academic activities keeping these goals in mind. In order to awaken the country for protection of its culture, the University has included in its curriculum, numerous sections related to national awakening from Sanskrit Shastras. The syllabi of various programs of the University focus on importance of hard work, detailed Shastric Study, creative writing, skill development and employability. It has included in its curriculum academic flexibility, gender equality, environmental awareness, development of human values, character building, honesty, tolerance, serenity, Karmakanda skills, teacher training, training in spoken Sanskrit, knowledge of Indian tradition, knowledge about Vastu Shastra, training in easy Sanskrit, Jyotisha and temple-management. For the over-all development of the students, it provides opportunities in sports and other activities apart from academics.

As a part of its strategies to attract students for its various courses the University follows a well-administered and transparent admission process. It follows a systemic process for assessing the level of understanding of different students. The University develops creativity and value system in its students by teaching in Gurukula-pattern. It also strives to create Sanskrit-environment which is at the core of Gurukula-pattern. Sanskrit is used as the medium of expression in all the University examinations, Ph.D. thesis writing and M.Phil dissertation writing. The University houses a Yagyashala, communication methodology laboratory, Yoga training center, research center, manuscript conservation center, play ground etc. For the development of research and conduction of quality research a research policy and rules akin to the research policy are in place. The faculty is also encouraged to take up research by extending assistance for finding financial sources for the same. In order to avoid plagiarism and wrong practices in research the University follows innovative method based on mutual support. Shree Somnath Sanskrit University has MoUs with 21 important national and international institutions. Sufficient infrastructural facilities for smooth conduction of academic activities are available at the University.

The University is expanding its infrastructural facilities through smart class with internet facility, center for processing the manuscripts, manuscript conservation center, computer laboratory, Yoga center, Science in Sanskrit gallery, Subhashita banners, meditation center, sports equipments, multimedia center etc. Books, research journals, ‘Jyotih’ institutional repository and other material is available at the library for information related to courses and enhancing the knowledge and skills of the students. Institutional email ids have been given to the faculty members, employees and students of the University. For every 10 students 1 computer is available at the University. The University enters into annual contracts for availing various services such as maintenance of various gadgets, gardening, wooden work and electrical work. For the encouragement of the students studying in this University there are various projects like the Counseling Center, Students’ Grievances Redressal Cell and Center for Training in Competitive Examinations. Remedial classes are also conducted for students experiencing difficulties in understanding their respective subjects. Various measures are taken to ensure that students coming from all the strata of society get equal opportunity to study Shastras and Vedic literature. Various opportunities are provided to students to learn skills like banner printing, creative writing and manuscript editing. The University follows all-inclusive practices for the development of the beneficiaries of social justice. The planning, execution, administration systems, activities of the professors and financial policies necessary for the achievement of the vision and mission of the University are being practiced as per the rules. An Internal Quality Assurance Cell is set up for enhancing the quality of academic and administrative activities of the University. The best practices followed by the University are yielding best results. ‘Sanskrit environment everywhere’ and ‘quality in publication’ are the two best practices of the University.