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1. Prof.(Mrs.) Indu Sharma	Director & Professor	M.A., Ph.D.	Grammar, Vedic & Pauranic Literature.
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1. Institute Profile :

The 'Institute of Sanskrit and Indological Studies' was established by the University Grants Commission with a specific goal and calculated expectation that some concrete and substantial research tools must be provided to the researchers who want to promote some high quality of Research in Indology. The Institute is a research Institute furnished with an exclusive reference library and other necessary infrastructure needed for higher research in any discipline of Indology, *i.e.* comparative study of Ancient Indian Literature, Languages, Scripts, Indian Philosophy and Religion, Ancient Indian Culture, Civilization and History including Jainism & Buddhism with other aspects of Indology.

Initially this institute was established with the vision and leadership of late Prof. Dharmendra Nath Shastri and late Prof. Buddha Prakash in 1963 under the auspices of the faculty of Indic Studies. At the very outset it started publication of **Praci-Jyoti** : A Digest of Indological Studies in 1963. At the time of Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Kurukshetra University, with the sincere efforts of the then Director late Prof. Gopikamohan Bhattacharya, the institute was strengthened by the UGC in 1985 with full faculty and helping staff, specious and beautiful building along with library grants.

2. Publication of the Journal entitled Praci Jyoti – Digest of Indological Studies

The institute publishes an annual journal entitled 'Praci-Jyoti' – Digest of Indological Studies. Praci-Jyoti is the only one and prime abstract Journal in Indology in the whole world which supplies latest information about ongoing and completed major/minor research projects, theses,

dissertations besides abridged summaries of latest research papers. It has been continuously serving the world of scholars since 1963. This journal contains comprehensive abstracts of all articles on Indological subjects published in scholarly journals in different languages all over the world. It has been serving the world of scholars since 1963. The journal has following sections:

Archaeology, Arts and Crafts, Epics and Puranas, Epigraphy and Numismatics, Geography, History, India and the World, Polity and Administration, Linguistics and Grammar, Literature and Rhetorics, Miscellaneous, Philosophy and Religion (Buddhist), Philosophy and Religion (non-Buddhist), Positive sciences, social and economic institutions and Vedic Studies and Manuscriptology. So far 40 volumes of this journal have been published.

Nature of Activities/Services provided :

1. Consultative facilities to Researchers in any sphere of Indology including Research Methodology and Manuscriptology.
2. Long Term collaborative and short term individual projects are in progress. A gigantic collaborative project -'**A Word Concordance of Mahabharata**' is being published and three parts of the same have already been published. Fourth part is in press and press copies of next three parts are ready for publication and the 8th part is near completion.
3. *Praci-Jyoti* : A Digest of Indological Studies has been regularly published annually since 1963.
4. National Seminars, work-shops, quiz-competitions, extension lectures are regularly organised independently as well collaboratively with other academic Institutions.

Facilities available :

1. A well-equipped Reference Library having almost all important texts -Vedic to Classical Literature along with suitable arrangement for sitting.
2. Microfilm reader, Photocopier and computer etc.
3. Expertise and apparatus to carry on or impart guidance for advance Research in Vedic as well as classical Sanskrit lexicography, Vedic & Puranic Mythology, Ancient Indian Culture and History, Manuscriptology, Grammar and Literature.

Noteworthy Achievements :

1. Twenty-five National Level Seminars/Work-shops have been organised.
2. 40 Ph.D. scholars have completed their research under the supervision of the teachers of the Institute.

MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT

The Institute has undertaken a major long-term collaborative research project, *i.e.* '**A Word Concordance of Mahabharata**'

It is of purely a Research tool supplying well alphabatized and grammatically analysed record of each and every word unit occurring in the text of different *Parvans of Mahabharata(Mbh)*. The critical text of 'Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute', Poona has been

taken as the basic text. The whole project is to be published in fifteen volumes. H.R.D. Ministry, Govt. of India has financed its expenditure of publication by sanctioning a liberal grant of Rs. 30 lacs and its first installment of Rs. 6 lacs has already been utilised on the publication of various volumes.

4. Facilities :

Lab & Library:

1. A well-equipped Reference Library having almost all important texts -Vedic to classical literature along with suitable arrangement for sitting.
2. Microfilm reader, 1 Photocopier and 4 computers with printers and scanner. etc. and a inverter for continuous supply of electricity.
3. Internet facility is to be available in the institute for the use of teachers and research scholars.
4. Expertise and apparatus to carry on or impart guidance for advance Research in Vedic as well as classical Sanskrit lexicography, Vedic & Puranic Mythology, Ancient Indian Culture and History, Manuscriptology, Grammar and Literature.

5. **Placements** : This Institute is a Research Institute and there is no placements agencies.

8. Information on Achievements :

Achievement Area

Achievement Detail

- a). Prof. Shri Krishan Sharma, visited the University of Edinburgh, Scotland on 10-14 July, 2006 to present research paper in the World Sanskrit Conference.
- b). The Institute has been elected to host the 44th session of All India Oriental Conference from 28 to 30th July 2008 which will be the prestigious event for the University.**
- c). Prof. Ranvir Singh has been elected the member of Executive council of 44th All India Oriental Conference.
- d). Prof. Shri Krishan Sharma has been elected the sectional president of Manuscriptology section for 44 the All India Oriental Conference to be held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.

Director