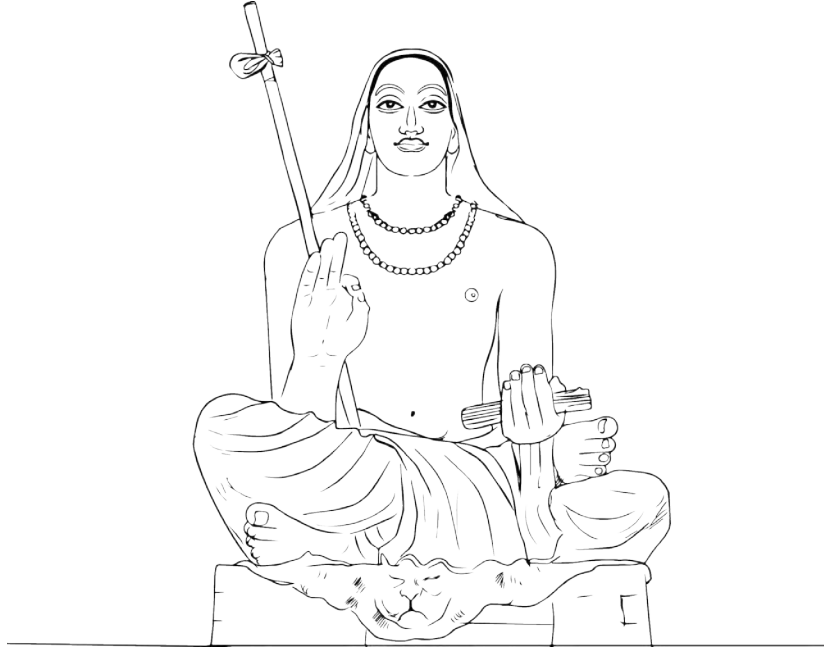श्री शङ्कराचार्य संस्कृतसर्वकलाशाला

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit

" ज्ञानादेव तु कैवल्यम् "

"Liberation Through Knowledge"

To be an abode of educational excellence moulding students, researchers and critical thinkers through liberating knowledge and its dissemination leading to self-actualisation and social transformation

At a glance

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit (SSUS) has consistently upheld its vision of achieving excellence in Higher Education and enjoys the status of being one amongst the best Sanskrit Universities in India. The University was established in 1993 at Kalady, Kerala. The foundational aim of the University is to impart knowledge in Sanskrit, Other Indian and Foreign Languages, Social Sciences and Fine Arts. As an assemblage of multiple cultural heritages and an abode for traditional and modern art forms, the University is envisaged to realize harmony and wisdom through amalgamation of indigenous Sanskrit knowledge with modern institutional forms.

Leadership

Prof. Dharmarajan P. K.
Vice Chancellor

Prof. K. S. Ravikumar
Pro Vice Chancellor

Dr. Gopalakrishnan M. B.
Registrar

Syndicate

The Syndicate is the chief executive body of the University appointed by the Chancellor of the University.

Academic Council

The Academic Council is the apex academic body of the University with members representing various stakeholders of the University.

University Headquarters, Kalady

The University Headquarters is at Kalady, the birth place of Sree Sankaracharya, the propounder of Advaita Vedanta. This historic town, flanked by the Periyar (Purna) river, is an important site of reverence in south India. Tucked between the mighty Sahyadri mountain ranges and the western coast, the rural landscape of Kalady is famous for the cultivation of spices like pepper and nutmeg. The University headquarters also lies in close proximity to the famous St. Thomas shrine in Malayattoor which attracts thousands of pillgrims and tourists every year.

Kalady, despite being a quaint small village, is well-connected to the urban hub of Ernakulam. The Cochin International Airport is 6 kms away from the University. This humble yet effervescent suburban locale is an abode of knowledge, history, and heritage.

Regional Campuses

The University has eight regional campuses across the state located in, Payyannur, Koyilandy, Tirur ,Thrissur, Thuravoor, Ettumanoor, Panmana and Thiruvananthapuram.

Why SSUS ?

SSUS is a premier institution in south India for teaching, learning and dissemination of knowledge in Sanskrit, Humanities and Social Sciences. The multi- disciplinary environment nurtures a resourceful intercourse between indigenous erudition in Sanskrit and contemporary scholarship. This dynamic intellectual milieu makes the institution unique among Sanskrit universities in the country. The presence of the Departments of Fine Arts and Performing Arts add vibrant ambience to academic pursuits. Achieving a meritorious A Grade in the first cycle of NAAC accreditation, the University proceeded to become the first in the state to update and introduce the OBTLE (Outcome Based Teaching Learning and Evaluation) system. Technological advances enhance academic engagements within the campus and extend outside. The operational LMS platform places the university on firm ground in the pandemic situation.

Graduate Attributes

Ability to evaluate and analyse fundamentals of the knowledge area chosen for graduation, in a scientific, critical and inclusive manner

Ability to keep pace with developments in the chosen area of study in the national and global contexts

Ability to articulate the knowledge-content orally and literally in an effective manner.

Capability to adapt to the ever - evolving technological, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and multicultural environment

Adequate awareness and knowledge about constitutional values of secularism and social equality

Competency to develop research networks and to enhance entrepreneurial skills

Sensitivity to gender equality and rights

Ability to consolidate and initiate intellectual dialogues between Sanskrit and Other Indian, eastern and western knowledge traditions

Informed orientation towards eco-friendly and sustainable development

Ability to inculcate creative understanding of the rich and diverse legacy of Sanskrit tradition and to simultaneously engage with contemporary issues and challenges

Systems Ensuring Quality

IQAC - IQAC of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit aims to continuously monitor quality, create quality alerts and propose ways and means of enhancing quality.

R & D Cell - Research and Development Cell is constituted as a platform to give strategic leadership to the research activities of the University.

Academic Bodies - Academic activities, policies and innovative programs are implemented through statutory bodies and committees at different levels such as Research Committees, Research Advisory Committees, Department Council, Board of Studies, Faculty Council, Academic Council, etc.

Academic Departments and Programmes of Study

The 24 Academic Departments and 4 Centres of Study of the University offer PhD Programmes (26), MPhil Programmes (20), Post Graduate Programmes (25), Under Graduate Programmes (10), Post Graduate Diploma Programmes (2), Certificate Programmes(9) and Diploma Programme (1).

PhD Programmes

Sanskrit Sahitya	Ayurveda	History
Sanskrit Vedanta	Vastuvidya	Philosophy
Sanskrit Vyakarana	Malayalam	Social Work
Sanskrit Nyaya	Urdu	Sociology
Sanskrit General	Hindi	Geography
Manuscriptology	English	Psychology
Comparative Literature	Dance	Physical Education
Translation Studies	Music	Gender Studies
Vedic Studies	Theatre	

MPhil Programmes

Sanskrit Sahitya	Translation Studies	History
Sanskrit Vedanta	Vedic Studies	Philosophy
Sanskrit Vyakarana	Malayalam	Sociology
Sanskrit Nyaya	Urdu	Geography
Sanskrit General	Hindi	Psychology
Manuscriptology	English	Gender Studies
Comparative Literature	Music	

Post Graduate Programmes

Master of Arts
Sanskrit Sahitya
Sanskrit Vedanta
Sanskrit Vyakarana
Sanskrit Nyaya
Sanskrit General
Vedic Studies
Hindi
Malayalam
Urdu
Arabic
English
Comparative Literature
Museology
History

Philosophy
Sociology
Dance (Bharatanatyam)
Dance (Mohiniyattam)
Music
Theatre

Master of Science
Geography
Psychology

Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts
Master of Social Work
Master of Physical Education and Sports

Under Graduate Programmes

Sanskrit Sahitya
Sanskrit Vedanta
Sanskrit Vyakarana
Sanskrit Nyaya
Sanskrit General

Sanskrit Sahitya and Information Technology
Music
Dance (Bharatanatyam)
Dance (Mohiniyattam)
Fine Arts

Post Graduate Diploma, Diploma and Certificate Programmes

Post Graduate Diploma
Translation and Office Proceedings in Hindi
Wellness and Spa Management

Diploma
Ayurveda Panchakarma and International Spa Therapy

Certificate Programmes
Introduction to Gender Studies
Kerala Tradition of Architecture Study Based on Sanskrit Sources
Intangible Heritage
Copy Editing and Proof Reading
Mohiniyattam
Natural Disaster Management
Teaching and Learning on Women's Lives
Spoken Sanskrit
Yogic Science : Theory and Practice

Specialised Centres

The 14 Centres of Study facilitate research initiatives that transcend conventional disciplinary boundaries. These Centres regularly organise seminars and workshops that promote interdisciplinary learning.

Teaching Faculty

The University is endowed with the presence of eminent faculty members, associated with renowned academic institutions both in India and abroad, who distinguish themselves in instructional competence , innovative research and social commitment. A rare blend of traditional learning and modern institutional instruction is the mainstay of the University's academic practices.

Visiting Faculty

SSUS hosts scholars of international repute from within the country and outside who impart global perspectives and dynamic insights to the academic programs.

In-depth and Innovative Schemes for the Promotion of Sanskrit

International School for Sree Sankara Studies draws together national and international scholarship to facilitate research and publications on the philosophy and thought of Sree Sankaracharya .

Sastrasamvardhini Centre for Traditional Learning imparts Shastraic learning, in the traditional mode, to students and faculty members of the University as well as of schools and colleges in Kerala.

Strengthening of Sanskrit Studies, envisaged under the special scheme selecting the University as the nodal agency in Kerala, promotes learning of Sanskrit in schools through provision of scholarships, specific instruction modules and competitions organised.

Sanskrit Day and Sree Sankara Annual Lectures are key annual events conducted with much participation.

Administrative Support

Responsible, supportive and student friendly administrative personnel ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the University

Social Commitment

SSUS is always in the forefront in serving the society by effective dissemination of knowledge. In addition to scholarly exchanges, the academic Departments employ their expertise to assist the public to survive critical situations like the deluge and the pandemic.

Shastrayan : Organised as an open house event showcasing academic excellence and research of the University through exhibitions, demonstrations and performances, the programme was recognised for its wide public participation and social interest.

International Exposure

The University ensures global exposure marking its international presence through various academic exchanges. Many scholars and faculty members from SSUS have been visiting abroad for academic presentations and cultural programmes. The University also hosts scholars from other countries, offering its culturally diverse and academically unique environment.

Academic Support System and Student Services

Mentoring and Career Guidance : Faculty support to students in advisory and counsellor capacities offers guidance at personal and academic levels and enables successful scholastic progression and balanced personality development.

International Students Cell : The Cell provides information, guidance and personal assistance to attract students from abroad to the University as well as to open up international prospects to the students of the University.

Student Counselling Cell : Student's Counsellor provides counselling and personal assistance to students in distress.

Students' Services Cell : Students' Services Cell links facilities and support services to cater to the needs of students.

Career Guidance and Placement Support : The **University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau** and the **Career Guidance and Counselling Centre** function in mutual coordination to enable excellent job placements for students. In addition, the **Institute of Public Enterprises (IPE)** is committed to impart Programme specific and employment oriented professional skills to students.

Awards , Fellowships and Endowments : Several awards, fellowships and endowments instituted recognize and reward meritorious performances of students.

Matrubhasha Puraskaram : The University strongly endorses and promotes the state government's initiatives to implement Malayalam as the language of governance. The Pradeepan Pampirikkunnu Memorial Matrubhasha Puraskaram instituted since 2017 and awarded to persons involved in the pursuit of promoting Malayalam strongly vouch for this.

Helpline : The University has a 24 x 7 helpline with +91 8301853380 as number.

Projects

Faculty members and students are provided guidance and support for applying for research projects at national and international levels. Internships, fieldwork, extension programmes, dissertations, etc. are designed to prepare students to undertake independent projects and enhance their chances of employability.
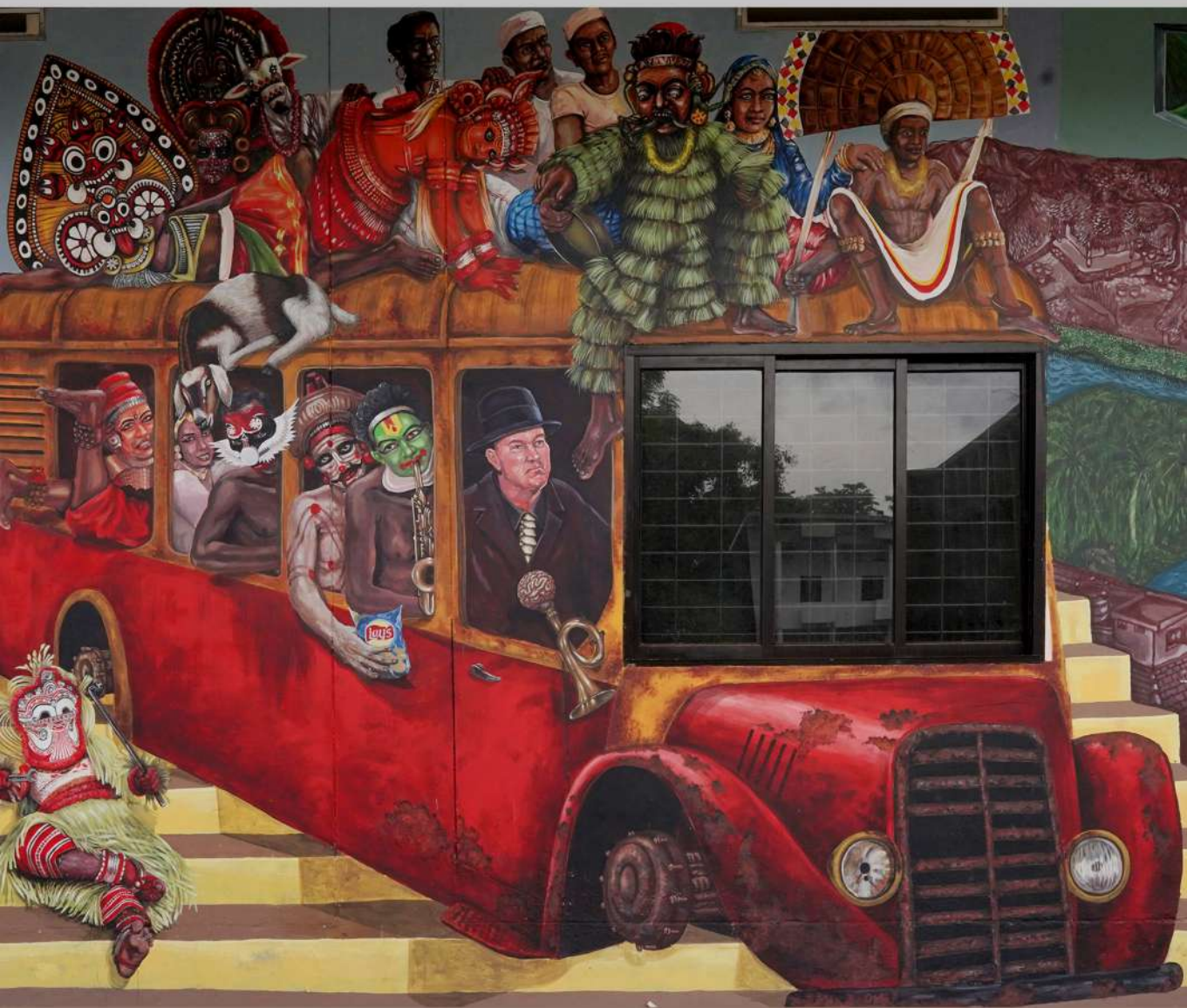
Library and Learning Resources

Saraswatham Centre for Learning, the University library, functions at the University Headquarters at Kalady and is complemented with libraries functioning in the eight regional campuses. Off-Campus Access Service is provided to faculty members and research scholars to seamlessly access the subscribed electronic resources from outside the University campus.

Manuscript Resource Conservation Centre (MRCC)

An excellent collection of manuscripts, dating back centuries, has been collected, digitally processed, preserved and curated in MRCC and is open to scholars for reference. The Manuscript Resource Centre and Manuscript Conservation Centre provid access to a wide range of rare research materials.

Attractions

Lalit Kala Art Gallery : Situated in the Utility Building and established in association with the Kerala Lalit Kala Akademi, the Art Gallery showcases the art and creative potential of students and faculty members.

Koothambalam : The structure of the Koothambalam emulates the traditional architecture of the performance spaces of Koodiyattam and is the location for Theatre and Bharatanatyam Departments.

Kanakadhara Museum : As an exhibition space for historical and cultural resources of the region, the Museum holds the promise of preserving the artefacts that the Periyar Valley yields.

Rupakalpana : The business incubator caters to the creative and innovative aspirations of students.

Amenities

Media Centre : 3000 square feet **Arts Studio** with five recording booths and an **Interactive Centre** with training facilities and computer labs.

Activity Centre : Facility for physical workouts , a **Gymnasium** and **Badminton Court** along with a **Meditation Centre**, that helps rejuvenate, are housed in the Activity Centre. Regional Centres too have facilities for sports and games.

Language Lab : Located in the Language Block, the Language Lab Manidveepam provides training for learners of Sanksrit ,Hindi, Malayalam and English to improve their LSRW skills.

Network Connectivity : Wide range of core ICT projects and industry–standard campus wide network systems are in place which include Data Centre, E- Campus facility and other ICT multi-disciplinary facilities.

University Publications Division: Sankaracharya University Press (SUP) provides the platform for dissemination of knowledge produced, through the print of research journals and books.

Utility Centre : The common Utility Building provides space for a commercial bank, Post Office, Art Gallery, Co-operative Store, Publications Division Sales Counter, etc. This building is easily accessible for the public.

Health Centre : Facilitates out-patient treatment and healthcare based on modern medicine and Ayurveda.

Accommodation Facilities : Separate hostels for students and researchers, both men and women, in addition to the Faculty Guest House and the apartments for administrative personnel provide safe and healthy accommodation on the University premises.

Rupakalpana

Kanakadhara Museum

Koothambalam

Art Gallery

Sports and Cultural Festivals

Students actively engage in cultural festivals, often showcasing their talents to visitors to the campus, and participate in intra-university and inter-university competitions, Sanskrit youth festivals and cultural events both within the state and on national platforms and acquire national acclaim in Theatre and dance contests.

Fine Arts Consortium

The University is renowned for the best teaching departments in Fine Arts where traditional forms of arts like, Koodiyattom, Mohiniyattom, Bharatanatyam, Mural Painting, Modern theatre and Carnatic Music are taught and practiced.

Eco friendly Campus

Heralding the message of eco-friendly living, a Bird sanctuary Poorna that attracts rare birds like Night Heron, a lotus pond Thamarakkulam which links to the irrigation canal nearby , a 100 KW solar power plant generating carbon-free energy , rain harvesting devices and cycle-friendly motor-free pathways boost the green initiatives of the university. The Shantishthal, a grove of rare flora, lends beauty to the landscape of the University.

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Post Graduate Programmes:

Admission to the Post Graduate Programmes are through Common Entrance Tests. Group discussions and Aptitude Tests also form components for admission to selected Programmes. Admissions are notified in April every year.

Under Graduate Programmes:

Admissions to the Under Graduate Programmes are on the basis of grades obtained in the qualifying examinations. Apart from this, the Aptitude Tests and Proficiency Assessment decide admission to the Fine Arts Programmes. Applications are invited in the month of April every year.

Research Programmes:

Along with the successful scores in the entrance test, research proposals are discussed in the Research Committees for granting admission to PhD Programmes. Admission to the M.Phil. programme is based on an entrance test and fellowships are provided to research scholars. Admissions are notified in the month of October.

Diploma/Certificate Programmes:

Admissions to the Diploma and Certificate programmes are on the basis of the merit of the applicants.

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