

Evaluative Report of the Centre

1. Name of the Center:
Buddhist Studies Centre
2. Year of establishment:
2009
3. Is the Centre part of a Faculty of the university:
Yes Faculty of Social Sciences
4. Names of programmes offered:
No Programme is being offered because it is only a research Centre, which provides knowledge of Buddhism in new perspective to research scholars and students.
5. Interdisciplinary programmes and departments involved:
Center is not running any interdisciplinary programmes at present and no faculty of any other department is involved in the programmes run by this department.
6. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc.
Center is not running any teaching programmes. However several activities to promote students to work in this area are organized with the help of UGC & University.
7. Details of programmes discontinued, if any, with reasons:
No programme has been discontinued during 2009-15.
8. Examination System:
Center is not running any teaching programmes.
9. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments :
Faculty members of this department are not involved in the programmes run by other department.
10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned, filled and actual (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors/others)
No teaching position has been sanctioned to this center. Director of this center is having additional charge.
11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance.
Following is the details of faculty in this center:

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of Ph.D./ M. Phil. students guided for the last 4 years
Prof. Vibha Upadhyaya	M.A., Ph. D.	Director	Ancient Indian History	32 Years	Ph. D.06 M.Phil. 08
Dr. Pramila Poonia	M.A., Ph. D.	Dy. Director	Modern Indian History	18 Years	Ph. D.02 M.Phil. 08

12. List of senior Visiting Fellows,:

No senior Visiting Fellows, Adjunct Faculty, Emeritus Professors visited this department during 2009 – 15. However following eminent persons visited this center in recent past:

- Prof. Satyapala Bhikku, Prof. & Head, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi
- Prof. R.S. Mishra, Retd. Dept. of History of History and Indian Culture, UOR, Jaipur.
- Prof. S.N. Dube, Dept. of History of History and Indian Culture, UOR, Jaipur.
- Dr. Lal Jadu Singh, Buddhist Scholar, Infinity Foundation, Princeton, USA
- Dr. (Bhadent) Gyan Ratna Mahathera, Delhi
- Prof. D.C. Jain, Director of Buddhist Studies Centre, JN Vyas, University, Jodhpur
- Prof. Asha Kaushika, Retd, Department of Political Science, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty :

Department do not running any teaching programme.

14. Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio :

Department do not running any teaching programme.

15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned, filled and actual :

Following is the position of ministerial, technical staff and lab bearers:

	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual
Technical	---	---	---
Administrative	---	---	---

16. Research thrust areas as recognized by major funding agencies :

No thrust area is recognized by any major funding agencies.

17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies, project title and grants received project-wise :

No faculty member is associated with this center except its Director and Dy. Director.

18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and associated grants received

a) National collaboration

Centre is not having any National Collaboration

b) International collaboration

NIL

19. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, AICTE, etc.; Total grants received.

Center received one time grant of Rs. 8.20 lacs under UGC scheme of epoch making of social thinkers of India in 2009.

20. Research facility / centre with;

National recognition

NIL

International recognition:

NIL

21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies

NIL

22. Publications:

* Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals

NIL

* Monographs

NIL

* Chapters in Books

NIL

* Edited Books

NIL

* Books with ISBN with details of publishers

NIL

* Number listed in International Database

NIL

* Citation Index – range / average

NIL

- * SNIP
NIL
- * SJR
NIL
- * Impact Factor – range / average
NIL
- * h-index
NIL

23. Details of patents and income generated :

No patent has been registered by any faculty member of this center.

24. Areas of consultancy and income generated :

NIL

25. Faculty selected nationally / internationally to visit other laboratories / institutions/ industries in India and abroad :

NIL

26. Faculty serving in :

a) National committees

NIL

b) International committees

NIL

c) Editorial Boards d) any other (please specify)

NIL

d) Any other

Prof. Vibha Upadhyaya

- Expert in AICTE in Syllabus making of 'Culture Sector'
- Expert in "Translation Mission" Mysore, Dept. of Higher Education. Govt. of India.
- Expert in 'Commission of Teaching and Scientific terminology' Ministry of Culture, New Delhi.
- Member in Selection Committees UPSC, Uttrakhand UPSC & other University
- External Member in Academic Council of Kota Open University.

27. Faculty recharging strategies (UGC, ASC, Refresher / orientation programs, workshops, training programs and similar programs).

Center has not organized any faculty recharge programme during 2009-15.

28. Student projects

- percentage of students who have done in-house projects including interdepartmental projects:

NIL

- percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities/ industry / institute :

NIL

29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by

- Faculty

NIL

- Doctoral / post doctoral fellows

NIL

- Students

NIL

30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national/ international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

Following are the activities organized by the center:

- The inaugural function of the Buddhist Studies Centre, Department of History and Indian Culture, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur was held on 28th March, 2009. A special lecture was organized on this day which was delivered by the eminent Buddhist Scholar Bhikkhu Dr. Satyapala, Professor & Head, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi, on the theme "Early Buddhism in India". Another speaker on this occasion was Prof. Paramanand Singh, Department of History & Director, Buddhist Studies Centre, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanashi (U.P.), who elaborated on the theme "Social Philosophy of Buddhism and its Implications". Dr. N.K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur presided over the function which was attended by a galaxy of scholars, a number of research scholars and students.
- The second extension lecture on Buddhism was delivered by Prof. R. S. Mishra on 9th May, 2009 (Buddha Pournima). He spoke extensively on the theme "Buddha's Enlightenment and Significance of Buddha Pournima". The lecture was held in the Seminar Hall of the Department of History and Indian Culture, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- A one-day workshop was organized by the Centre on 7th October, 2009 on the theme "Buddha and his religion in the present context". This workshop was held in the seminar hall of the Department of History and Indian Culture, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur and attended by a number of research scholars and faculty

members of the University. The key-note address on this occasion was delivered by Prof. S.N. Dube, the famous Buddhist scholar.

- The third extension lecture on Buddhism was held on 27th May, 2010 (Buddha Poonnima) on the theme "सम्राट अशोक एवं बौद्ध धर्म". This lecture was also delivered by Prof. S.N. Dube in the seminar hall of the Department of History and Indian Culture.
- The Centre organized a NATIONAL SEMINAR on the theme "Buddhism and World Today" on 10th & 11th March, 2011 in the Seminar Hall of the Department of History and Indian Culture, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. The inaugural lecture in the seminar was delivered by Dr. Laul Jadu Singh, renowned Buddhist scholar, Infinity foundation, Princeton N.J. (U.S.A.). The inaugural session of the seminar was presided over by Dr. (Bhadant) Gyan Ratna Mahathera, Tripitakacharya, noted Buddhist scholar from Delhi. In all, 25 research papers were read out in the seminar by the Buddhist scholars and researchers from the various regions of India. Nearly 100 participants got themselves registered for the seminar and actively participated in its proceedings.
- The fourth extension lecture on Buddhism was held on 17/05/2011 on the theme "सामाजिक क्रांति के प्रणेता महात्मा बुद्ध". This lecture was delivered by Prof. Vibha Upadhyaya of the Department of History and Indian Culture, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- The fifth extension lecturer was held on 03/10/2011 on the theme "निरीश्वरवाद:बौद्ध धर्म के विशेष संदर्भ में" This lecture was delivered by Prof. D.C. Jain, Deptt. of Sanskrit & Director, Buddhist Studies Centre, J.N. Vyas University, Jodhpur (Rajasthan).
- The sixth extension lecturer was on 08/10/2011 delivered by Prof. Asha Kaushik, Deptt. of Political Science & Dean, faculty of Social Sciences, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. She elaborated on the theme "बुद्ध एवं गांधी के परिप्रेक्ष्य में अहिंसा". The lecture was attended by the faculty members, research scholars and students.

31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments :

Codes of ethics for research are followed as per UGC and University of Rajasthan norms.

32. Student profile programme-wise:

Center is not running any teaching programme.

Name of the Programme	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

33. Diversity of students :

Center is not running any teaching programme.

Name of the Programme	% of Students from the same university	% of students from other universities within the State	% of students from universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defense Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise. :

No student is presently registered at this center.

35. Student progression :

Following is the student's progression:

Student progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG -	NIL
PG to M.Phil. -	NIL
PG to Ph.D. -	NIL
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral -	NIL
Employed - Campus selection • Other than campus recruitment	NIL
Entrepreneurs	NIL

36. Diversity of staff :

Following is the diversity of staff of this department:

Percentage of faculty who are graduates	
of the same university	NIL
from other universities within the State	NIL
from universities from other States	NIL
from universities outside the country	NIL

37. Number of faculty who were awarded M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period :

No faculty member was awarded M.Phil., Ph.D. D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period.

38. Present details of departmental infrastructural facilities with regard to

a) Library :

The center has its own library that consists of about 395 books and dissertations submitted by the students.

- b) Internet facilities for staff and students :
Wi-Fi and LAN facilities are provided to all faculty members, research scholars and PG students through University INFONET center
- c) Total number of class rooms :
Center does not have any class room.
- d) Class rooms with ICT facility :
N.A.
- e) Students' laboratories :
Center does not have any Students' laboratory.
- f) Research laboratories :
Center does not have any research laboratory.

39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students and Research Associates:

- a) from the host institution/university
NIL
- b) from other institutions/universities
NIL

40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university.

No student of this department is getting any financial assistant from university.

41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme (s)? If so, highlight the methodology. :

No such exercises were undertaken at this center during 2009-15.

42. Does the department obtain feedback from :

- a. faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback?

Yes, the informal inputs from teachers participating in the activities of this center are obtained during events organized by this center and tries to incorporate their suggestions in organizing next events.

- b. students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback?

No input on faculty and curriculum of this center is obtained. However, informal inputs from students taking part in activities is obtained to design future activities of this center.

- c. alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback?

NIL

43. List the distinguished alumni of the department:

NIL

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops /seminar) involving external experts. :

Center has organized several seminars and workshops and all the details are included under point 30.

45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes. :

No teaching programme is currently undergoing at this center.

46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored? :

Center ensures that programme objectives are constantly met through frequent discussion with experts, visiting faculty and students attending activities of this center.

47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities. :

Presently no student or faculty other than its Director is associated with this center.

48. Give details of “beyond syllabus scholarly activities” of the department. :

Center is not organizing any such activity presently.

49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details. :

NO

50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.

Centre highlighted the concept of Violence, Social justice, Equalitarian Society of Mahatma Buddha to the students. It also encouraged the study and research on Buddhology a comprehensive term included the realign, philosophy and culture. Centre constantly created interest among research scholar to take research problems related to Buddhist Studies.

51. Detail five major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department.

Following are major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges of the department:

Strengths

- This center is perhaps the only center of this state which is providing research facilities on Buddha and on his teachings and thinking.
- Regularly organizing seminars, lectures and workshops on Buddha and on his thinking.

- Several rare documents on Buddha are available in this center

Weaknesses

- Lack of Regular Funds received in the center.
- Deficiency of Books in library of this center.
- Proper faculty is not available for the students to guide their research work.
- Lacking in available infrastructure.

Opportunities

- Knowledge about Buddha and Social Transformation,
- Creation of new research programmes

Challenges

- Recruitment of new faculty
- Generation of Space
- Placement of students

52. Future plans of the department. : Vision

Following are the future plans of this center:

- National level seminars, theme related to various aspects of Buddhism in India and outside India will be organized.
- Publication of annual research Journal “Buddha Vani”
- Series of extension lectures on different themes of Buddhism and also to make plan for their publication is planned.
- A Research Project related to Cataloguing of Buddhist monuments, scattered in different parts of Rajasthan related to different periods of History will be prepared and submitted in due course of time. It would also support to the Study of ancient routes of Rajasthan. It would be based on extensive field work.
- National Workshop of seven days on ‘Learning of Pali language’ will be organized. It would be organized with eminent scholars of Pali Language from different parts of India and outside India. This workshop would help to understand Pali Language, which would help in the studies of original Buddhist texts in Pali language.
- National workshop of seven days on ‘Paleographic training of Brahmi’ related to Buddhist inscription will be organized.
- Translation of various Buddhist texts in Hindi with the help of eminent scholars of Pali will be done.
- Efforts will be made for the promotion of research work on Buddhism and relevance and importance of Buddhism for Modern world.
- Efforts will be made to publish monograph on Buddhism.
- Following will be essential requirement for this center and request for these will be sent to university administration:

- * Enrichment of present library with original texts of Buddhism and research journals published nationally and international level.
- * One research assistant who would also be competent in computer work.
- * One computer operator to manage office and other works and one Class IV the Centre are required.

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