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**ACADEMIC REPORT: INTERNATIONAL SANSKRIT
CONFERENCES & ACADEMIC VISIT TO AUSTRALIA**

Dates: September 5–16, 2024

Locations: Brisbane, Sydney, and Canberra

Collaboration: Central Sanskrit University (New Delhi) &
BAPS Swaminarayan Research Institute (Australia)



Executive Summary

In a strategic initiative to globalize Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Central Sanskrit University (CSU) undertook a high-level academic visit to Australia in September 2024. Collaborative conferences were held across major cities, organized jointly with the BAPS Swaminarayan Research Institute.

The series of events, comprising seminars, round-table discussions, and youth engagement sessions, successfully established a dialogue between Indian Sanskrit scholars, Australian academics, and community leaders. The visit emphasized the scientific relevance of Sanskrit and its critical role in preserving global intellectual heritage.



Strategic Leadership: Central Sanskrit University

As the nodal agency for Sanskrit promotion, CSU led the academic discourse during this tour. The delegation provided expert insights into the preservation of ancient Shastras and the modernization of Sanskrit pedagogy.

Key Delegation Members:

- **Prof. Shrinivasa Varkhedi:** Honorable Vice-Chancellor, CSU (Head of Delegation).
- **Dr. Pavan Vyas:** Joint Director, CSU.
- **Prof. Ganesh Timmanna Pandit:** Joint Director of Academic Projects, CSU.
- **Prof. Sukant Kumar Senapati:** Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Shree Somnath Sanskrit University (Distinguished Guest).



Conference Structure & Thematic Focus

The academic engagement was structured around three one-day seminars held in Brisbane, Canberra, and Sydney. The conferences were designed to address diverse demographics through three distinct sessions:

Inaugural Session: Highlighting the global importance of Sanskrit.

Sanskrit for Youths: Focusing on the relevance of ancient wisdom for the next generation.

Sanskrit in Australia: Round-table discussions with social and religious groups on institutionalizing Sanskrit learning within Australia.



Key Outcomes and Impact

- **Institutional Networking:** The visit facilitated direct interaction between CSU scholars and faculty members from Australian universities (such as the University of Queensland), paving the way for future academic research and collaboration.
- **Intellectual Discourse:** Mahamahopadhyaya Bhadreshdas Swami (Head, BAPS Swaminarayan Research Institute) and the CSU delegation successfully explored the "timeless wisdom" of Shastras, bridging the gap between ancient texts and modern scientific inquiry.
- **Policy & Promotion:** The round-table discussions generated actionable strategies for promoting Sanskrit language learning within the Australian educational and community frameworks.



Major Accomplishments & Strategic Outcomes

- **Global Recognition:** The university was honoured with the prestigious title 'Ambassador of Sanskrit', acknowledging its sustained contribution to the promotion and preservation of Sanskrit knowledge traditions worldwide.
- **Institutional Collaboration:** The delegation held productive interactions with faculty members from various Australian universities (notably the University of Queensland), initiating critical discussions on future collaborations in teaching, research, and cultural exchange.
- **Community & Youth Engagement:** Three one-day seminars were successfully conducted, generating significant interest in Sanskrit studies among students, researchers, and the Indian diaspora.
- **Cultural Diplomacy:** The visit featured vibrant cultural programmes that showcased India's intellectual and cultural heritage, strengthening the soft power of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS).
- **Strategic Expansion:** High-level academic discussions paved the way for joint initiative, including potential student exchange programmes, training modules, and shared research projects.

Conclusion

The Australia Academic Visit (Sept 5–16, 2024) served as a landmark event for Central Sanskrit University. By engaging with youth, community leaders, and international academics, CSU not only reaffirmed its status as a global guardian of Sanskrit but also successfully demonstrated the language's enduring capacity to foster civilized and dignified cross-cultural dialogue.

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