



A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF CIFSS

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ABSTRACT

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Objectives of CIFSS

The CIFSS carried on the legacy from CIF and imbibed the academic character from the CSU. It envisions and works on for the:

- Preservation and promotion of Sanskrit, Indian heritage, Tradition and Culture through research and publication to build up an advanced academic atmosphere at par with international standards.
- Propagation of Sanskrit by organising seminars, conferences and workshops on Sanskrit, science and śāstrās.
- Conservation and preservation of manuscripts.
- Organise academic competitions in Sanskrit and allied subjects.
- Organise spoken-Sanskrit classes and run short-term evening courses.
- Institute awards and prizes for writers, researchers and renowned scholars.

Curriculum

As mentioned in the beginning, CIFSS had affiliation for conducting PhD programmes from the MG University, Kottayam, Kerala.

16 students joined us for Ph.D. programmes. Among them 8 students were awarded Ph.D. during the period of 2010 to 2021. Another 8 students changed their choice of research centre from CIFSS due to a 2016 UGC regulation which mandated non-affiliation of off-campus. Subsequently, in 2022, we received affiliation from the CSU and now we are awaiting inclusion of CIFSS as a research centre in the upcoming notifications.

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Facilities for Research & Innovation

The CIFSS has facilities like:

- A manuscript preservation center
- A manuscript repository (physical and digital) with access to rare manuscripts
- A well-stocked library
- A Manuscript Conservation Centre funded by National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) which at present is awaiting further funds

Academic contributions

- The CIFSS has conducted 68 seminars, workshops and other events in total
- And has conducted 10 seminars, workshops and other events in the past 3 years.
- The CIFSS has published 59 books/ monographs and research journals in total.
- And in the past 3 years the CIFSS published 6 books.
- In the past three years the CIFSS faculty contributed
 - 3 Research papers
 - Edited 4 Books and monographs and 2 manuscripts
 - 4 original creative writings
 - 1 book chapter

Current academic activities

- 14th Vol. of annual research journal – Dhimahi is under print.
- A Bibliographical work of Kerala Sanskrit Literature by Iswara Namputhiri and V Subramanya Iyer is being updated by Dr. C. P. Ambika.
- An English translation of Dharmakūṭam: A Sanskrit commentary of Vālmīki Rāmāyaṇa under the Ashtadashi Project of CSU by Dr. Rajashekhar Reddy.
- Bhagavadgītābhāṣyārkaprakāśikā of Rāmarāyakavi by Dr. Rajashekar Reddy
- CIFSS has MoUs with IITK and Govt. Sanskrit College, Tripunithura for academic collaboration.
- Following Diploma/Certificate Courses (Online/offline mode) have been approved by CSU
 - P.G. Diploma in Manuscriptology & Paleography
 - P.G. Diploma in Yoga through Sanskrit
 - P.G. Diploma in Yogic Science
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- Hakārādi-Hayagrīvasahasranāmāvaliḥ with commentary of Rāmarāyakavi by Dr Rajshekar Reddy.
- In-depth analysis of Bhavarthadipika - A commentary by Narayana Kavi: in comparison with other commentaries on Bhavabhuti's Uttararamacaritam by Prof. C. N. Ratnam.
- Jātavedadīkṣita's commentary on Amarakośa (Subodhinī Vyākhyā, Bṛhadvṛttiḥ) by Dr. G. Rajashekar Reddy.
- Jīvanmuktiviveka with commentary: by Shri Ananta Basudev Nanda.
- Kavicientāmaṇiḥ of Śrīmadgopināthakavibhūṣaṇa: Unpublished Manuscript Editing by Dr Rajshekar Reddy.
- Lexical Semantics of Sanskrit Verbs: An online Thesaurus based on Kriyanighantu: is a collaborative project undertaken by CIFSS and IIT Kottayam under the Ashtadasi scheme carried out by Dr. Manu Madhavan, Dr. Nandini J. Warriar and Dr. V. R. Manoj.
- Publication of Śaradrātri - A commentary of Vaiyyākaraṇasiddhāntakaumudī by Rāmarāyakavi by Dr. P. N. Sudarshan.
- Recording Lectures of Prof O. Valsala (Retd.) on Paramalaghumanjoosha of Nagesa is over-seen by Dr. P. N. Sudarshan.
- Reprinting of CIFSS publications that are out-of-stock:
 - Brahmaguptaganitam English Translation by Venugopal F. Heroor
 - Mahabhasyarthadipika Navahnikanta Prathamam Bhaga by Prof. Krishnakumar
 - Navya Nyayaparibhashaya Pratyayarekhanapaddhatya ca by Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi
- Sanskrit Homonyms – A Beginners' Handbook by Dr. V. R. Manoj
- The descriptive catalogue of the collection of CIFSS manuscripts' library by Shri Ananta Basudev Nanda.

- Upodghātagranthamālā - Purāṇa: is a project entrusted by CSU.
- Vedāntadharmamañjarī (8 Laghuprakaraṇagranthās) and Vedāntadīpikā of Rāmarāyakavi (Unpublished Manuscript Editing): by Dr Rajshekar Reddy.
- Visiting Scholar/Scholar-in-Residence programme is a latest initiative which aims at:
 - Regular presence of Visiting Sanskrit scholars in the campus to keep academic exchange and ambiance alive. The visiting scholar is expected to present a couple of lecture sessions and write a research paper during his stay. The institute takes care of his travel, board and lodge and present a humble dakshina.

Extended Community Activities

Though we are awaiting enrolment of regular Research Scholars to begin co-curricular/extracurricular activities, the Shodha Sansthan had several Extended Community Activities such as:

- Blood Donation Camp
- Environmental Day
- International Yoga Day
- Medical Camps
- Sanskrit Festival and
- Spoken Sanskrit Class

Sustainability outcomes including Green Initiatives

The CIFSS campus has:

- 2 huge ponds with a total capacity of 40 lakhs liters for rain water harvesting
- 7 water wells in the campus
- Bio-degradable and other waste disposal facilities.
- 1 biogas plant with a capacity of 100 kgs of waste daily.

Governance and Administration

- CIFSS has posted its Vision and Mission on the Homepage of its website www.cifss.res.in
- CIFSS has its Research Policies and has all statutory committees functioning.
- CIFSS takes digital attendance of staff.
- CIFSS provides interest-free CPF loans for its staff.
- CIFSS Managing Committee acts as the grievance redressal cell.
- CIFSS has functional IQAC
- The best practice of CIFSS is to create a research friendly ambience.

Faculty Resources

- 1 post of Research Assistant was vacant and was filled in the last 3 years.
- There are 3 faculties at present.

- CIFSS faculties belong to Kerala, Maharashtra and Telangana.
- CIFSS Faculty are paid as per UGC 6th pay scale.

Infrastructure

- The CIFSS has a Library and Manuscript preservation center.
- - and traditional Gurukula style open class rooms.
- Space to be used as Yogashala.
- High-speed and reliable Hi-fi internet connectivity
- Computers for faculty and office with licensed software.
- CIFSS campus is fully under CCTV surveillance.
- The CIFSS has elderly-friendly foot-path in its campus.
- 1496 books were added to the library in the past 3 years.
- CIFSS has every resource required for Research.
- Boarding and lodging on payment of nominal fees provided by the parent body for resident scholars and visitors.
- A canteen that serves sumptuous vegetarian food.

Financial Resources as per audited report

1. Last 3 years grant-in-aid received up-to-date is Rs. 2,93,91,425/
2. Total grant-in-aid received from inception on Sept. 2008 up-to-date is Rs. 10,62,80,128/
3. Last 3 years fund received for various projects Rs. 12,50,000/
4. Total fund received for various projects from inception on Sept. 2008 up-to-date is Rs. 90,55,000/
5. There is also a Resource Fund in a fixed deposit worth Rs. 51,75,455/
