

# Conference Booklet



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## OMRISE - III International Conference

# Personal Finance for Women

*The Consciousness Revolution*



## OMRISE

### 16-17 December, 2021

(online mode)

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH is perhaps the only university in India that has a Centre for Personal Finance for Women that received recognition and grants from BA Continuum, State Bank of India, Ice trail, Banasthali Alumnae etc. We are organizing the second International Conference on PERSONAL FINANCE FOR WOMEN - THE CONSCIOUSNESS REVOLUTION during 16-17 December, 2021 which will include deliberations on themes like Retirement Planning, Mutual Funds, Managing Goals, Estate Planning, Investment Management, Cultural aspects involving money management, Insights from Spirituality, etc. The programme will begin at 11:00 AM on Thursday, the 16th December, 2021 with Devi Saraswati Vandana followed by the address by the Key Speakers.

We therefore reached out to the socially conscious people of the world to make this conference a grand success. In this backdrop, we are grateful to the guests who accepted our invitation to deliver a talk during the conference.

To promote women's education there is no registration fee and certificates will be provided to all attendees.

**Free registration on <https://forms.gle/b9HnrHB8pz5C3k5h8>**

## Minute by Minute Programme

Day 1: Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	
INAUGURAL SESSION	
11:00 AM	Devi Saraswati Vandana and Deep Prajjwalan in the gracious presence of <b>Prof. Siddharth Shastri</b> , President, Banasthali Vidyapith
11:15 AM	Welcome Address
11:25 AM	Keynote Address by <b>Ms. Aakanksha Arora</b> , Deputy Director, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, on the topic entitled 'Financial inclusion and development'
11:45 AM	Inaugural Address by <b>Prof. Monika Halan</b> , Author, Let's Talk Money, on the topic entitled 'Why you should be rich? Getting away from the poverty mind-set'
12:10 PM	Guest of Honour Address by <b>Dr. Sharad Nair</b> , Philanthropist and Founder & Director, Apex Advisors, Dubai, on the topic entitled 'Cross-cultural issues in personal finance'
12:35 PM	OMRISE Partner's Address by <b>Prof. Sangeeta Jain</b> , Director, IMS, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore
12:55 PM	Special Guest address by <b>Shri Nitin Pareek</b> , MD and CFO, Standard Chartered, Singapore, on the topic entitled 'Role played by banks in personal finance management of individuals'
1:15 PM	Vote of Thanks by the organizers
1:30 PM	Break

## Session I: Investment Management

2:30 PM	Session by <b>Ms. Shweta Camma</b> , Director, NGO Spirit for Help Welfare Organisation and Trainer-NISM, AMFI, BSE, NCDEX programmes, on the topic entitled 'Investing in stocks using fundamental analysis'
3:15 PM	Session by <b>Shri Nitin Bansal</b> , Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith, on the topic entitled 'Investing in stocks using technical analysis'
	Moderator: <b>Dr. Peeyush Bangur</b> , Associate Prof., Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith

## Session II: Mutual Funds

4:00 PM	Session by <b>Shri Bhupesh Ahuja</b> (VP & State Sales Head) & Ms. Nandita Malhotra (Vice President & North Head- Distribution), DSP Investment Managers Pvt Ltd., on the topic entitled 'Mutual Funds - the best product for personal finance'
	Moderator: <b>Dr. Priyanka Vijay</b> , Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith
5:05 PM	Break

## Session III: In the world of Estate Planning

5:20 PM	Session by <b>Dr. Vikas Balia</b> , Lawyer, Investor and Social Entrepreneur, on the topic entitled 'Estate planning for individuals'
	Moderator: <b>Prof. Harsh Purohit</b> , Dean-FMS WISDOM

## Special Plenary Session

6:15 PM	OMRISE Key Note Address by <b>Prof. Sharda Nandram</b> , Professor of Hindu-Spirituality, Vrije University, Amsterdam
	OMRISE Newsletter Release
	<b>Prof. (Dr.) Lokanath Mishra's</b> Financial Literacy Booklet Release, followed by a special talk by <b>Shri Sandeep Dash</b> , Consultant, Social protection & Jobs, World Bank
6:30 PM	Session by <b>CS Amitava Banerjee</b> , Independent Corporate Governance Consultant, on the topic entitled 'A primer on National Strategy for Financial Education'
6:45 PM	Session by <b>Dr. Kapil Sharma</b> , Associate Professor, IMS, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, on the topic entitled 'International investment and diversification'
7:15 PM	Students' Discussion on the topic entitled 'My learnings on personal finance from the book Let's Talk Money by Monika Halan' moderated by <b>Team Abhiti, Girl Up, United Nations Foundation</b>
	Moderator: Dr. Ankur Joshi, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith
8:00 PM	End of the programme for Day 1

Day 2: 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

### Session IV: Risk Management

11:00 AM Session by **Ms. Anuradha Kapoor Salwan**, Executive Director, National Foundation for Corporate Governance, on the topic entitled 'Risk management through insurance'

11:20 AM Session by **Dr. Pawandeep Kaur Bindra**, Ex-Banker, ICICI Bank Ltd., Visiting Faculty, Banasthali Vidyapith & Sunstone Eduversity, on the topic entitled 'Learnings about general insurance for individuals'

Moderator: **Prof. Ashutosh Pareek**, Professor, Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith

### Session V

12:05 PM Session by **Shri Ashish Modani**, Founder, SLA Finserv Private Limited

Moderator: **Dr. Nishtha Pareek**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith

### Session VI: Banks and Personal Finance

1:00 PM Session by **Dr. Manoranjan Sharma**, Chief Economist, Infomerics Ratings, on 'Things that an individual should keep in mind while applying for a bank loan'

1:30 PM Session by **CA Archana Purohit**, Credit Manager, Bank of Baroda, on the topic entitled 'CIBIL for retail clients'

Moderator: **Dr. Sarika Srivastava**, Asst. Prof., Graduate School of Management Studies (GSMS), Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad

2:00 PM Break

### Session VII: Cultural aspects involving money management and Spirituality in Personal Finance

3:00 PM Keynote Address by **Prof. V. Krishnamurthy**, Former Deputy Director, BITS Pilani and author 'A primer on spirituality'

3:30 PM Session by **Prof. Harsh Purohit**, Dean – FMS WISDOM, Banasthali Vidyapith on the topic entitled 'Bhartiya model for a transformation in managing money'

Moderator: **Dr. Ankur Joshi**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith

### Banasthali Alumnae Dialogue

4:05 PM Keynote Address by **Ms. Meenakshi Rathore**, Technical Consultant -Women Economic Empowerment, (UN-Women), Deptt. of Women and Child Development, Delhi Government

4:20 PM Session by **Dr. Nidhi Malhotra**, Senior Assistant Professor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, on the topic entitled 'Green bonds'

4:45 PM Session by **Dr. Sweta Agarwal**, Senior Assistant Professor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, on the topic entitled 'Cryptocurrency as an asset class'

5:05 PM Session by **Dr. Gargi Pant Shukla**, Associate Professor, Doon Business School, on the topic entitled 'Financial inclusion'

## Panel Discussion – Opportunities for Research in Personal Finance

5:15 PM	Panel Members	Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Associate Professor, IES MCRC, Bandra, Mumbai
		Dr. Ravisha Chutani, Ex-Banker, Deutsche Bank, Visiting Faculty, Banasthali Vidyapith
		Dr. Meenakshi Rohella, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith
		Dr. Priyanka Malik, Researcher of e-commerce and Financial Capability & Program Leader of Management Students Asst. Professor, Amity International Business School, Noida

Moderator: **Dr. Abhinav Nigam**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith

## Session VIII: The Alternative Investment Options

5:50 PM Session by **Dr. Rajeev Jain**, Principal, TRUBA Institute of Science and Commerce, Bhopal, on the topic entitled 'Investing in Gold- the alternatives'

6:10 PM Session by **Ms. Pujyasri Jetty**, Content Creator, Money Nook, on the topic entitled 'Property market as an investment avenue'

Moderator: **Ms. Madhulika Singh**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce & Management, Banasthali Vidyapith

## Valedictory Function

6:40 PM	Conference Report by Team Girl Up Abhiti, United Nations Foundation
	Address by <b>Shri Abhishek Pareek</b> , CEO, AIC BV
	Address by the Chief Guest
	<b>Ms. Aditi Arora</b> , Country Manager, Girl Up Abhiti, United Nations Foundation (*Confirmation awaited)
	Participants' feedback, followed by Vote of Thanks



# OMRISE GROUP: THE ORGANISER



**OMRISE** is a research group that focuses on Organizational Management (OM), Research (R), Innovation (I) and Sustainable Entrepreneurship (SE). The group comprises of researchers, consultants, entrepreneurs, business organisations and academic institutions, all organised and nourishing each other like a Banyan Tree.

The Integrative Paradigm as the key guiding principle for the research undertaken. The group actively disseminates its research through publications, consulting, online modules etc. The research and consulting domain is Organisational Theory & Practice, that includes gross as well as subtle organisational aspects viz. culture, design, structure, technology, strategy, leadership and governance to name a few. The group strongly believes in co-creation of knowledge and it guides the engagement with business and consulting organisations. The group was setup in collaboration of Buurtzorg Nederland (Netherlands), Praan Group (Netherlands), Banasthali Vidyapith (India) and has been joined by Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya (Haridwar), Institute of Management Studies, DAVV (Indore), Cultre (New Delhi), and Gujarat Technical University (Ahmedabad).

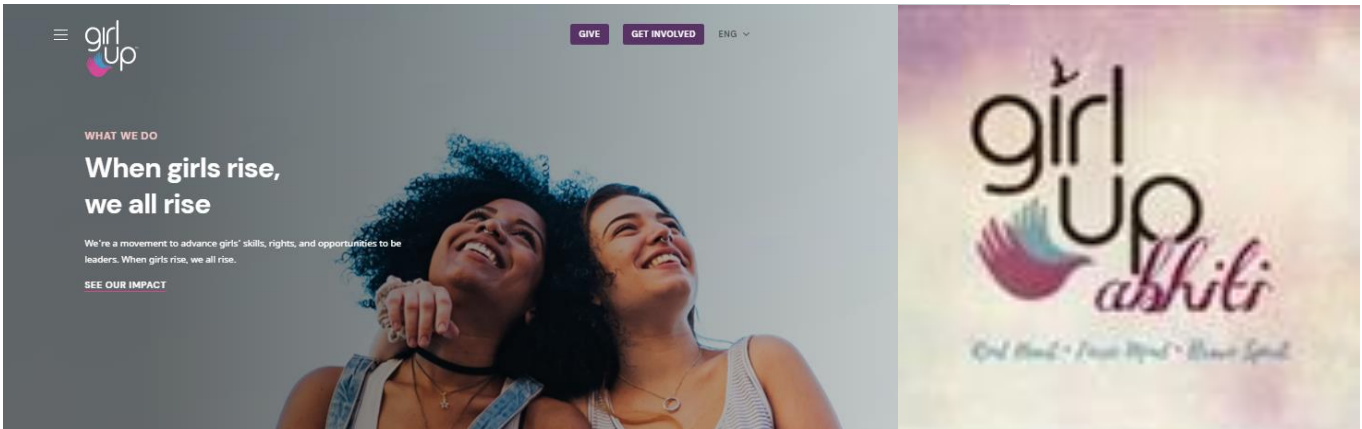
The group organizes international conferences, research seminars and workshops to further the cause of indigenous research with and integrative approach. The latest initiative of OM-RISE online magazine has taken off very well and its unique ideas are being appreciated by readers all over the world.

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# GIRL UP ABHITI OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION: THE CO-ORGANIZER

Girl Up's leadership development programs have impacted **95,000 girls** through **5,000 Clubs** in nearly **130 countries**.



# THE OMRISE PARTNERS



**Buurtzorg** is a pioneering healthcare organisation established in 2006 with a nurse-led model of holistic care that has revolutionised community care in the Netherlands. Collaboration is key to Buurtzorg's model of care which helps them find new ways of working at home and internationally.

They are sharing the experience and knowledge of this new model and a global learning network is developing alongside. Buurtzorg continues to influence and lead innovation across the care system in the Netherlands and internationally. Since the first team was created in 2006 Buurtzorg Netherlands has grown rapidly to 950 teams and 15000 nurses. In 2016 Buurtzorg transformed two competing Dutch care companies. Both are now enjoying similar gains in productivity and staff and client satisfaction. Building further on this success Buurtzorg has developed and applied its innovative approaches to Children and Families, Mental health and Domestic support.

Buurtzorg's founder, **Mr. Jos De Blok** is a nurse by education and considered a change agent in the Netherlands when it comes to the organization of community based (home) care. Before he established Buurtzorg he had several senior management positions in home care organizations including director Innovations for medical services. He has received recognition for his outstanding contributions including Thinkers 50 Ideas into Practice Award and Peter Drucker Purpose Excellence Award.





**Praan Group** is based in the Netherlands and has primary focus on Developing Self- and Team-Leadership. The founders collectively offer more than 60 person years of research and consulting experience across a wide spectrum of industries, geographies and cultures.

Their mission is to contribute to practices that enhance human development and transformations and have a vision to suggest solutions to our clients based on holistic and integrative approaches. Praan Group's approaches are based on the concepts Integrative Intelligence, Mental Fitness and Integrating Simplification, which have been developed by the founders. They contribute towards Youth & Sports, Performance Consulting & Executive Coaching, Facilitating Spiritual Journeys and Integrative Intelligence. One of the core focus are research and dissemination of knowledge through regular publications, education programs, courses and workshops for companies and academic institutions. Praan Group has a large network through multiple affiliations at universities and government, industry and international collaborations. Praan Group is a proud collaborator in the OMRISE Research Group and their team members are actively involved in ongoing research & publications like OM RISE Magazine.

**Prof. (Dr.) Sharda Nandram**, born in Suriname, has been a Dutch resident since 1985. Her family originally hailed from Rajasthan, India. Sharda is a full professor of Hindu Spirituality and Society at the Faculty of Religion and Theology of the Vrije University of Amsterdam. She is also Professor at Nyenrode Business University within the center for Entrepreneurship, Governance and stewardship. Sharda holds a position as Adjunct Professor at the Banasthali Vidyapith.



She is also a non-executive director of Buurtzorg Edugreen Neighborhood Care India. Sharda is a member of the steering committee of the European SPES (Spirituality Economics Society) Institute and co-founder of Praan Group. She has studied at the University of Amsterdam, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in both Psychology and Economics. She received her PhD in Social Sciences from the Vrije University of Amsterdam. Sharda has published more than 70 articles in academic and professional journals, and she has written about 30 book chapters, 21 books, about 40 reviewed papers, and 40 research reports. She is mentioned in more than 70 newspaper articles and magazines.

Sharda has more than three decades of research, consulting and entrepreneurial experience in the healthcare, banking and insurance, government, education, and sports sectors. She is the founder of the concept of "Integrating Simplification" and the co-founder of the concept of "Integrative Intelligence". She is well travelled with diverse cross-cultural experience gained through education, consulting, research and teaching engagements across Europe, South America, North America, Asia, South Africa, and Australia. In addition to her professional commitments, she enjoys taking care of her family—her Dutch husband and her two children.





Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV), Indore (M.P.) was established in the year 1964 by Government of Madhya Pradesh as a State Government University, it provides an avenue for unleashing your potential to realize your dreams.

With a glorious history of more than fifty years, the University has been accredited with 'A+' grade by NAAC. **Institute of Management Studies (IMS)** a University Teaching Department of DAVV, Indore. IMS was established in 1969 and has a glorious track record of contribution in the field of management education, research, consultancy, training programmes and social awareness. Most recently IMS has been identified as an Institution for Center of Excellence under World Bank MPHEQIP programme. Apart for offering Ph.D. and M. Phil. in Management the institute offers 7 Post Graduate programmes and 2 Integrated Programmes catering to different specialized areas of Management. IMS is continuously striving in field of management education with the objective of creating global leaders who can navigate the ever-changing business landscape.

IMS believes in creating, advancing and disseminating knowledge with collective wisdom, through value based holistic education. To achieve this, it is continuously striving to excel in both quantitative as well as qualitative aspects of management education. In accordance with the rationale and philosophy behind the NEP-2020 which focuses on Capacity building and developing skills in youth, institute has revised syllabus of all its programs to meet the industry requirement of skilled professionals. The diversity of options in our curriculum is complemented by a breadth of activities outside the classroom. Every student finds ample opportunities to participate in and contribute to a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities through various clubs, and events. Most of the student related activities are managed by the students themselves through committees in an atmosphere of voluntarism and participation.

At IMS, we realize that life in coming decades will be different. It will be inevitably global, digital and experiential. Paradigms can no longer be taught; they need to be shaped. Businesses will range from global to hyperlocal. Cultural ethos shall continue to define societies and yet borders will be more porous than ever. We cannot be spectators to all this, but we have to be an integral part of this. One of the ways of being part of this is imparting quality teaching and learning which has always remained at the core of our all activities. Over the five decades we have not just contributed to the body of knowledge but we have tried to revive the spirit of education, foster learning and embody ethics in our students. We are committed to imparting quality management education which is a mix of our Indian roots, value system along with the necessary modern-day thoughts, tools and techniques. This initiates curiosity, challenges beliefs, incubates fresh ideas, concentrates on combination of employable skills, social skills and envelopes the practicality of corporate world thus boosting the overall personality of the students.

Regularly students interact with the giants from the corporate world who are helping us in grooming our students into leaders and not just the managers of tomorrow. Needless to say that a combination of our skill based academic inputs, strong academic institute interaction has made us one of the best institutes in Central India when it comes campus placements. Our strong network of the alumni spread all over the globe, holding leading positions in industry and academia alike, are a testimony to the Institute's focus of nurturing individual actualization and the pursuit of excellence.

**Prof. Sangeeta Jain** has about Twenty-Eight years of professional experience which includes teaching, research, administration, institution building and corporate training. Presently she is serving as Director and Professor at Institute of Management Studies (IMS) at Devi Ahilya University (DAVV), Indore. She is also currently Chairman Board of Studies in Management at DAVV Indore. In her assignments she has initiated a number of innovative practices and promotion of programmes for the growth and development of the student, staff and teachers.



Prof. Jain has significantly contributed in the developmental activities of the Devi Ahilya University, Indore as Dean Faculty of Studies, Examination Committee, Selection Committee etc. and has completed many important assignments. Prof Jain has also been actively involved at NAAC, Bangalore as Assessor (Peer Team Visit). She has very closely observed the teaching learning processes, research, quality assurance, educational systems, infrastructure, use of technology, governance, and other dimensions of higher education institutions.

Prof. Jain has participated in a large number of national and international seminars, conferences and workshops. She has attended many Training Programmes of the prestigious institutions.

She has also conducted a large number of Management Development Programmes/Training Programmes for leading Private and Public Sector Organizations in India. Prof. Jain has publications in refereed international and national journals. Her academic interests include Organizational Behaviour, Interpersonal Relationships Human Resource Management, Managerial Effectiveness, Team Work, Leadership, Stress Management etc.

Prof. Jain has visited leading universities/colleges of USA, UK, and Singapore in various capacities including Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) and Rotary Exchange Programme. She is very actively involved in Rotary International and has served in various capacities such as Assistant Governor, President of Malvika Club, Indore etc., and has undertaken important assignments of social work. She is also actively involved in National Peace Mission and Universal Solidarity Movement.

**Dr. Kapil Sharma** holds a Ph.D. in Management and an MMS degree from International Institute of Professional Studies, DAVV, Indore. Apart from the above mentioned two degrees, he has earned a Diploma in Banking and Finance from Pondicherry University and a degree in Law (L.L.B) from DAVV, Indore. Currently he works as an Associate Professor in the area of Finance at IMS, DAVV, Indore and has 18 years of experience in the area of teaching, training and research.



His current prominent academic and administrative responsibilities include being Nodal Officer for Center of Excellence and Chief Academic Coordinator at IMS. He was Dy. Director Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushal Kendra, DAVV, Indore from 28/04/16 –1/12/2017.

Dr. Sharma is the recipient of Received Best Research Paper Award in 2003 at AIMS Convention in Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India. He has to his credit 04 books and 60 research papers / articles published in reputed national and international Journals .and authored 04 books. 08 Students completed their Ph.D under his supervision. Dr. Sharma is associated with a number of Universities in India in different capacities. Dr. Sharma had the privilege to visit USA as a part of team member of the prestigious Group Study Exchange Program of Rotary International in 2009. Besides academics, he is an ardent reader of world history and current international affairs and keeps updated on issues of international concern.



**Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya (DSVV)** is a unique establishment of Ancient Gurukul system with a modern outlook. It is based on the teachings and vision of, Pt. Shri Ram Sharma Acharya Ji, who was a ground-breaking scholar and one of the greatest philosophers of recent times in India.

Acharya ji's education philosophy was to provide a free education to the deserving students with the contribution of the society and in turn, the qualified students should return the learnt skills back to the society in the form of a mandatory social internship. The University is quickly gaining an international renown for its dynamic blend of ancient and modern as well as due to its unique approach to the personal and intellectual development of its students.

The lush green 90-acre campus is set in the Himalayan surroundings and is both beautiful and state-of-the-art. In and amongst herbal gardens, Acupressure Park and a functioning dairy farm with an attached unit of self-employment centre, the fully Wi-Fi campus includes computer labs, state of the art libraries, laboratories, and a multi-modal Poly-Clinic. We are also the proud host of world famous annual International Festival on Yoga, Culture and Spirituality.

In addition to offering undergraduate, post-graduate and post-doctoral programs in a wide array of schools such as School of Indology, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Foundation courses, School of Technology, Communication and Management, School of Biological Sciences and Sustainability which offers variety of programs such as Animation and Media Studies, Journalism and Mass Communication, Computer Science, Yoga and Human Consciousness, Holistic Health, History and Culture, Music, Tourism, Rural Entrepreneurship and Development, Environmental Science, Linguists, Humanities, Education, Psychology etc., DSVV specializes in the character development of its students through fostering an uplifted lifestyle based on the spiritual practices of east and the west. The result is well-rounded and dynamic graduates eager to channelize their skills towards serving the needs of society.

The University has more than 60 International Collaborations with esteemed International Institutions in USA, UK, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Indonesia, China, Japan, Russia, Spain, Poland, Portugal and Korea. Our University is also a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) as well as Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and proudly hosts high number of International students from more than 14 nationalities in the last academic semester.

We are also hosting a Centre for Tai Chi, which is in collaboration of a Chinese University and as mentioned earlier are also Asia's first ever **Center for Baltic Culture and Studies(CBCS)** is a vital part of our set up a well. The CBCS in DSVV is established to commemorate the unique cultural ties that India shares with the Baltic nations. The echo of these ties and its relevance has been unveiled at regular intervals by the political leaders of both the nations and keeping that in context, the Centre of Baltic Culture and Studies, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya envisions running dual degree programmes, joint academic exchange programmes; research and development initiatives, joint seminars, conferences etc. with an intention to foster and promote the cultural activities of both India and Baltic countries in respective nations.

In order to further the objectives of DSVV and CBCS, since 2016; we have participated in innumerable academic and cultural exchange programs with our partner universities in Baltic nations. You may be pleased to know that DSVV is currently one of the few universities in Asia to have more than 20 International collaborations with Universities in Baltic States. In 2018, we also hosted the famous Latvian festival of Usindiena to commemorate the Centenary year of Independence of Latvia. The Cabinet Minister of Culture and Ambassador of Latvia to India graced those celebrations and we also witnessed the presence of famous Latvian choir groups; i.e. Laime, Jubilate and Saeime.

We also have strong policies for spreading the true picture of the Salient Ancient Indian Culture through our outreach. We have a very strong representation abroad through our Chancellor H. H. Dr. Pranav Pandya Ji & Pro Vice Chancellor Resp. Dr. Chinmay Pandya Ji who have several accolades in their profile. H. H. Dr. Pranav Pandya Ji is a close disciple of Acharya Shriram Sharma and at the present head of All World Gayatri Pariwar, Shantikunj. He has authored several books on Scientific Spirituality & Personality Refinement and is also the Chief Editor-Akhand Jyoti that is published in 9 languages and has over 3 million readers world-wide. Dr. Pranav Pandya presented scientific aspects of Indian culture to the World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago (USA) and in Cape Town. He also addressed a joint session of the House of Lords and the House of Commons in London and is known as a global messenger who has been inspiring Youths to take up the three-fold path of Sadhana (self-discipline), Upasana (adoration & adoption of divine values) and Aradhana, (self-less service). Under his dynamic leadership, the Gayatri Pariwar fraternity has blossomed into a world-wide organization. He established branches of the Gayatri Pariwar world-wide.

During recent times while the pandemic has had a devastating impact on all educational institutions and their functioning, DSVV has been fortunate enough to have negligible impact of the COVID19 as we maintained excellent hygiene and physical distancing standards. The academic semester commenced on time through the online mode. In during such times, DSVV has been awarded with the University of the year for holistic education by a renowned magazine called Academic Insights. In order to celebrate the International Day of Yoga, we hosted a very unique Global E-Conclave on the theme of "Embracing Unity & Solidarity in COVID19 Times". In this online event, 55 global leaders from all walks of life shared their expertise and stressed upon the importance of unity and solidarity in these times more than ever.

In the month of August, an E-Conference on "Universal Brotherhood" was also hosted by us in collaboration with Yoga Vidya Ashram, Germany. It witnessed extremely overwhelming reviews and participation. When the world was struggling in terms of lockdown and isolation, at Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, we thrived to spread wellness and positivity through our various departments successfully conducting nearly 10+ e-conferences and workshops on various topics. Earlier this year, the Ministry of AYUSH of the Government of India has also accredited us as the Leading Yoga Institution of India. DSVV strives to strike the balance of academic vigor and social responsibility for which since the beginning of pandemic itself we initiated a Covid19 Helpline number that used to operate 24X7 through the Department of Psychology to help support with mental health related issues absolutely free of cost.



Along with Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, All centres of Shantikunj along with Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya were constantly working to provide free food supplies for all the citizens belonging to economically weaker sections as well as the corona warriors like the defence and police personnel and medical staff members who were constantly working round the clock for supporting people. Our teams were also looking after and providing necessary supplies for animals and birds who relied upon human beings for basic daily needs. Mass distribution of masks, availability of basic health care facilities were also ensured by the volunteers of Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya and Shantikunj. Due to the government regulations, the campuses of DSVV and Shantikunj were void of any students or public conveyance thus we offered facilities of both the campuses to the state government for them to provide secure and top-quality quarantine centres to migrants and travelers.

**Dr. Chinmay Pandya** is grandson of one of the greatest scholars, seers, philosophers of recent times in India – Pt. Shriram Sharma Acharya (1911-1990), who was the founder of All World Gayatri Pariwar fraternity, which has 100 million members and thousands of global centers for social reform. He currently serves as Pro Vice Chancellor of Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya University (DSVV).



Following medical studies in India, he trained in the United Kingdom, where he gained Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (MRCPsych). In London, he rose through the ranks of the British National Health Service and secured the post of Associate Specialist in Older People Services at the West London Mental Health Trust. In this capacity, he managed patients with multiple psychiatric disorders, focusing on the treatment of dementia due to Alzheimer's disease. He returned to India and DSVV in 2010, heeding an inner calling.

Today, Dr. Pandya occupies multiple roles in the life of his University and beyond. He is Editor of the Dev Sanskriti, an Interdisciplinary International Journal that addresses a broad range of Indian intellectual interests including Vedic philosophy, culture, psychology, communication, education, Ayurveda, Indian and Eastern studies and religious pedagogies. As Director of DSVV's School of Yoga and Health, he leads efforts to analyse and advance the scientific and philosophical understanding of meditation and stress management in contemporary contexts. He is Chairperson of the International Festival of Yoga, Culture and Spirituality and has convened more than seventy national and international colloquia at DSVV on issues ranging from the rights of indigenous people to water desalination. He is responsible for ethos, academic rigour and policy implementation at DSVV. The University was recently awarded the Best University for Holistic Education of the year 2019 by the renowned Academic Insight Magazine.

Dr. Pandya serves on the Governing Body of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR); is a member of the Advisory Council of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); is part of the Syllabus Restructuring Committee of the National Council for Teachers' Education (NCTE); and is one of five institutional leaders from around world, including those from the University of Cambridge, and the University of Virginia, to be a Director of the Global Covenant of Religions (GCR).

He is also invited as an expert in the list of Yoga Experts furnished by the World Health Organization (WHO). He has presented papers, addressed symposia and lectured at the Universities of Cambridge, Latvia and Chicago; Lambeth Palace, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT); the Indian Institutes of Management (IIM); the Indian Medical Association; the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Nuclear Fuels Corporation (NFC), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) and the Defence Research and Development organization (DRDO) of India. He has also represented India in the Inter-Governmental meeting of the UNESCO on the issue of Intangible Cultural Heritage and serves as Board of Trustees of India Development Foundation (IDF). He is also one of the judges of the globally prestigious Templeton Prize Committee. Alongside this, Dr. Pandya continues a busy psychiatric practice, on a pro bono basis.



**Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), India** is pioneer in many unique initiatives starting from Student Start-Up Policy, Innovation and Incubation System, International Exposure to the students & faculty members, Cross cultural academic environment with students of 48 Countries of the world, Implementation of emerging concepts Like Design Engineering in curriculum, Digitization of academic and administrative system to the heart-touching social activities by the students.

With a vision of imparting a quality education with global standards in fields of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Computer Application and Architecture to the youth of Gujarat, India and entire world, Shri Narendra Modi, Hon. Prime Minister of India laid the foundation of GTU in 2007 when he was leading the state of Gujarat as a Chief Minister. The seed planted by Shri Narendra Modi before 14 years has now grown up as a widespread tree catering 3,70,000 students, 17000 faculties and more than 420 colleges providing its fruits in the form of enlightened, skilled and socially responsible youth with the knowledge of emerging technologies, excellence in professionalism, global competitiveness as well as essence of innovation and entrepreneurial attitude. Though very young, the university has developed very strong and efficient eco-system of teaching & learning, industry-oriented courses and syllabi, centre of excellences and strong collaborations with national and international institutions which enables GTU to lead the Higher Education System of India on many fronts.

GTU has received many prestigious awards at national and state level for outstanding contribution in the field of innovation and internationalization including 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in Gujarat State Institutional Ratings Framework (GSIRF). Gujarat Technological University is the perfect destination for students who are looking for innovative solutions through technical education and have interest in global exposure to learn cross cultural diversity.



#### DHAROHAR - GTU CENTRE FOR INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

Since its inception, the university leadership has emphasized on Innovation and Internationalization. As per National Education Policy (NEP) – 2020, now GTU is also focusing on Multidisciplinary approach.

To initiate the courses / programs related to Indian culture, Indian philosophy, Indian thoughts, Indian ideology, Ancient Indian Knowledge, Modern Indian Cultural Philosophy etc., university has established 'DHAROHAR - GTU Centre for Indian Knowledge System' under the visionary leadership of **Prof. (Dr.) Navin Sheth**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GTU. Currently various certificate programs are being offered under this centre.



GTU has signed an MoU with Banasthali University to promote joint activities in the area of Indian Knowledge System. More information can be received from <https://dharohar.gtu.ac.in/>.

The centre has been established with the following objectives -

- To spread awareness about Indian Knowledge among young generation.
- To inculcate values and skills among students for Indian knowledge reservoir.
- To initiate the courses in line with the more holistic approach as per NEP 2020.
- To help in preserving traditional art, culture, knowledge and skills of Indian origin.
- To generate interest towards Indian Ethos for enhancing the acceptance of Indian Knowledge System at global level.
- To provide solutions to the world on the basis of Indian /knowledge System.

Coordinators:

Dr. Sarika Srivastava, Assistant Professor, GSMS, GTU

Mr. Mahesh Panchal, Assistant Professor, GSET, GTU



Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Government of India praised the efforts of GTU during 9<sup>th</sup> Convocation ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020



Foreign students at Gujarat Technological University during Winter School Program

## Best Practices at GTU

### INTERNATIONALIZATION (DEPT. OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

- Collaborations: with 30+ Universities and Institutes of America, USA, Canada, Europe, Asia and Africa: Making GTU an 'International Innovative University'.
- IEP: India's most intensive Foreign Study Program in which around 350 plus students visits 5 Countries and 6 Foreign universities every year for 8 weeks.
- Foreign Students: 820 plus international students from more than 48 countries of the world.
- Foreign Co-Supervisors in Ph.D. Program: About 70 Professors from North America and Europe as adjunct professors at GTU's Ph.D. program.

### INNOVATION, STATUP AND IPR SUPPORT (GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL): A Large set-up in the country to nurture creativity and innovation within the university community.

- GTU Innovation and Start-up Centre: An Initiation by GTU to encourage Incubation & Innovation amongst the GTU student's fraternity. 69 Registered Start-ups under DIPP, 236 Start-up Supported, 6.35 crore of Grant provided, 17.00 crore revenue and 670 people are employed by start-ups.
- IPR Activities: More than 350 patents filed by faculties and students & GTU is Gujarat's First University to Setup a WIPO - Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC). This center is approved by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- Design Engineering: Introduction of Design Engineering syllabi in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of degree engineering courses to infuse the design thinking among the young engineers.
- AIC: Atal Incubation Centre for Research in Biotech and allied area – 1<sup>st</sup> University Centre in Gujarat to get ICMR Approved RTPCR Testing Facility in Gujarat and helped the community in 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid-19 pandemic with RTPCR test result within 6 hrs.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

- Establishment of University Teaching Depts: From 2017 to 2021, 4 PG schools have been established offering unique Master Programs in fields of Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Applied Science. In 2020, university has also taken over the charge of managing a UG engineering college as a constituent college.
- Initiation of Various Schemes for improving research capabilities: Post -Doctoral Fellowship, Seed Money Scheme, Financial Assistance for research and publication.

**SKILLS ENHANCEMENT THROUGH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCES:** GTU is having CoEs for Automation by Bosch Rexroth, Germany, Welding Technology by Keepsake Engineering Consultancy Private Limited and CoE for 'Industrial Instrumentation' by Siemens Centre of Excellence. CoE on Solar Energy was established with the special grant from Department of Energy and Petrochemical, Govt. of Gujarat.





**Cultre (Cultech Wave Pvt Ltd)**, is a cultural enterprise which aims to use technology solutions to widen access to, and deepen understanding of history, arts, culture, and heritage in their diversity. They believe technology has now provided many new and exciting opportunities to democratize the experience and interpretation of heritage and we would like to be the thought leaders of this domain in India.

The founders of Cultre are alumni of prestigious institutions like IIM-Bangalore and IIT- Bombay and have been associated with renowned institutions like UNESCO, National Museum, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Development of Museums and Cultural Spaces (GoI) and Ministry of Culture (GoI) to name a few. They are a team of professional historians, architects, archaeologists, conservation experts, technology experts and designers who have worked on several state and national level projects in the culture and heritage sector. Cultre offers many online and offline solutions and their initiatives bring together stakeholders in the domain of culture, technology and entrepreneurship.

**Shri Vaibhav Chauhan**, C.E.O. of Cultre is a Heritage professional with over 15 years of experience in the culture and heritage sector, Co-Founder of Sahapedia.org and India Heritage Walks. He is a Cultural Entrepreneur with specialization in Arts & Culture, Heritage Management and Tourism, Public & Cultural Policy, Corporate Social Responsibility. He has served as advisor to Corporates & Public Sector Enterprises on CSR. He was part of the Heritage Education Committee of CBSE and Museum Committee of National Bal Bhawan





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**Banasthali Vidyapith** is the world's largest fully residential university for women's education, and preparing enlightened citizens with a strong value base since 1935. Ranked among the 'Top 5% of universities in India' by the NIRF, Government of India, the university has featured in the 'THE WUR 2020 & 2021' and re-accredited at the highest possible 'A++ Grade' by the NAAC, Government of India. To know more, please visit [www.banasthali.org](http://www.banasthali.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/banasthali.org>

By the blessings of Bhagwan, **Dr. Harsh Purohit** is serving as a Professor of Personal Finance at the largest residential university for women's education in India - Banasthali Vidyapith and the Dean of 2 Schools, FMS as well as Faculty of Law with combined enrollment of 3000 girls. Both are India's largest all women institutes. He also heads the National Center for Corporate Governance setup by National Foundation for Corporate Governance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and he is also on the Board of Directors of 2 companies.



He also serves as a member of the General Council of the university and acts as the Chief Finance Officer and coordinates NAAC, AISHE and IQAC. The university is ranked All India 35th in NIRF, and reaccredited at 'A++ Grade' by NAAC with 3.63 CGPA.

Prof. Purohit, a Gold medalist in Commerce, and a Management graduate from IMS, DAVV, Indore has authored 2 books, over 70 articles in reputed journals while during his 15 years of Ph.D. Supervision, over five dozen of his students have been awarded PhD in his supervision. He also coordinates the MHRD's National Resource Centre in Management at Banasthali Vidyapith. Prof. Purohit was selected by the University to act as Chair Professor of ICICI Bank Chair for BFSI at Banasthali Vidyapith during 2008-2017. He has recently conceptualized framework of 'Holistic Electoral Competency Rating', 'Bharatiya Model of Financial and Digital Literacy' and 'Work-Life Natural Fusion' which have potential to bring another revolution. He has contributed in raising CSR grants for the University from Bank of America, SBI, Tech Mahindra Foundation, HDFC Bank, Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation etc. and received 9 awards from Principal Mutual Funds, ICSI, Lions Club etc. for promotion of Financial Literacy in India.

He has completed 3 projects. Number of Scopus/ABDC listed publications: 15 published, and several potential working papers uploaded on SSRN, USA. Other Research achievement: Global rank Top 5% among 3,25,000 researchers registered on SSRN, USA

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At Banasthali Vidyapith he works under supervision of Prof. Harsh Purohit, Dean of Faculty of Management Studies and contributes to research, training and teaching through OMRISE Research Group (collaboration with Buurtzorg and Praan Group), National Center for Corporate Governance (supported by NFCG, New Delhi) and National Resource Center (setup by Ministry of Education, GoI). He has developed content and is involved in training for Integrative Spiritual Care course under leadership of Prof. Sharda Nandram, Chair – Hindu Spirituality at Vrije University, The Netherlands. He has developed online modules, conducted various training sessions for teachers, civil servants and students. He is an editor for OMRISE Magazine and acts as reviewer for a few academic journals. He has published about 25 papers and book chapters.





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