



*“Rediscovering Indian Intellectual Traditions: A Faculty Development Program”*

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## About University

**Veer Narmad South Gujarat University** has endeavored to be an institution of excellence in higher education since its existence, keeping in view the regional needs and the emerging trends in the global scenario. A semi-urban University located at Surat City, the University has a campus spread over 210 acres. The University has been re-accredited with A grade by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council in 2017. The university was originally established under the South Gujarat University Act, 1965 passed by the Gujarat State Legislative Assembly. It became functional from the academic year of 1966 and was incorporated as a University on 23 May, 1967. Recognized by the University Grants Commission in 1968, it was renamed as Veer Narmad South Gujarat University in 2004 after the great Gujarati poet Narmad, Narmadshankar Lalshankar Dave. The mandate of the University is to meet the developmental needs of the seven districts and two Union Territory in the region and attempts at realizing their potential in every walk of life ranging from technology, business, industry and commerce to language, culture and fine arts. The basic objectives of the University as envisaged by the University Act are: • Undergraduate and Post-graduate teaching, maintaining their high standards, and award of degrees to the candidates successful in their respective examinations. • Promotion of research and extension activities relevant to the requirements of the region in accordance with the interests of nation building.

## About Department

The **Department of Public Administration** is Establish in 1970 and one of the earliest PG departments of this university and the oldest University Department in the State of Gujarat to offer PG courses in the discipline of Public Administration such as a M.A. (in Public Administration) and Ph.D. (Public Administration). The PG curriculum is relevant for students getting into the Government Services. Curriculum includes elective subjects and dissertation/ Project and the curriculum is regularly revised as per the need. At the beginning of the session Orientation Program is held for the new entrants. Department regularly conducts the scholarly activities for the students. The post graduate program and the Ph.D. program run by the Department have been attracting foreign students also. Two full-time faculty members are involved in the research and associated with the state and national administrative institutes.

## About Faculty Development Program

This Faculty Development Program, "Rediscovering Indian Intellectual Traditions," is designed to immerse participants in the depth and breadth of India's philosophical and intellectual heritage. It addresses the need to integrate valuable Indian Knowledge Systems into contemporary education, enriching the curriculum and providing a more holistic learning experience. Participants can expect to gain a comprehensive understanding of ancient Indian disciplines. The program will explore how these traditions can inform and enhance modern academic practices, fostering critical thinking and interdisciplinary approaches.

This FDP will benefit faculty by equipping them with the knowledge and tools to connect with India's intellectual past and apply it to their teaching methodologies. By revitalizing these traditions, educators can offer students a richer, more culturally grounded education, promoting a deeper understanding of India's contribution to global knowledge and thought. Ultimately, this will contribute to the development of well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of cultural identity and intellectual capacity.

## Objective of the Faculty Development Program

- This Faculty Development Program aims to explore and revitalize India's rich intellectual traditions.
- This program also seeks to integrate Indian Knowledge Systems into contemporary education for faculty.
- Furthermore, it intends to foster interdisciplinary understanding among faculty members.
- Finally, this FDP will align faculty development with the goals of the National Education Policy 2020.

## Who should attend?

This Faculty Development Program is for anyone who wants to learn more about Ancient Indian Traditions, Culture, and Heritage etc.

- Academicians who want to use Indian Intellectuals in their classes and research.
- Faculty who study and teach about India's history, philosophy and culture.
- Students doing their Ph.D. or other research on Indian Knowledge Systems.

# Sessions

Date	Time	Titles of the FDP	Name of Speaker
<b>Day 01</b>			
<b>June 30 ,2025</b>			
Session 1	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Inauguration Ceremony	Dr. Kishorsinh N. Chavda Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. Rameshdan Gadhvi Hon. Registrar
	11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Key Note Address	Dr Phan Anh Tu Vice Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities - Vietnam National University.
Session 2	12:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.	A Comprehensive Study of 6 Schools of Indian Thoughts	Dr. Satya Upadhyay
Lunch Break	01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.		
Session 3	02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	The Solah divine Sanskars cultivating values for a higher life	Dr. Shubhra Upadhyay
Session 4	03:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.	The Golden Bird Legacy Exploring India's Rich Heritage	Prof. Dr. Shriram Parihar
<b>Day 02</b>			
<b>July 01 ,2025</b>			
Session 5	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Significance of Scriptures in Indian Life (Vedas,Upnishad Etc.)	Prin. Dr. Nilim Tripathi
Session 6	12:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.	Introduction to IKS-Vedic Jurisprudence, Basic Sources to Study Bhartiya Gyan Parampara.	Dr. Siddharth Dave
Lunch Break	01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.		
Session 7	01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.	Revisiting the Traditional Method of Farming	Mr. Ramveer Shreshth Anchor : Sansad Television
Session 8	03:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.	From Indus Valley to Modernity: Tracing the Evolution of Indian Culture	Prof. Janak Singh Meena

## Day 03

July 02 ,2025

Session 9	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Pillars of Kingship: Justice, Dharma and Sovereign Obligations	Adv. Dr. C. P. Mishra
Session 10	12:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.	Ancient Indian Administration During the Reign of Golden Era	Prof. Dr. Manoj Pandey
Lunch Break	01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.		
Session 11	02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	Role of Plant and Animal in Bhartiya Sanskriti and Instincts of Different Animals and their Instance	Dr. Shri Krishan Jugnu
Session 12	03:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.	Indic Approach to Eco System	Shree Vivek Maniya

## Day 04

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Session 13	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Role of Sanskrit Shlokas,Geetas & Krantigeetas in Freedom Fighting	Prof. Ramakant Pandey
Session 14	12:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.	Ancient Health Practices	Shri Ramavatar Bhairav
Lunch Break	01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.		
Session 15	02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	Intercultural Mass Communication and Vedic System	Dr. Sujata Mishra
Session 16	03:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.	Trade And Economy in Ancient India	Dr. Praveen Arya

## Day 05

July 04 ,2025

Session 17	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	State Crafts in the Epics: Defence Strategy	Capt. Meera Dave
Session 18	12:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.	Scientific Analysis of Jyotish Shastra	Shri Manoj Mishra
Lunch Break	01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.		
Session 19	02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	The Linguistic Landscape of Ancient India	Dr. Ram Gopal Singh
Session 20	03:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.	The Stories Behind Indian Festival	Dr. Kumar Jaimini Shastri
<b>Day 6</b>			
<b>July 05,2025</b>			
Session 21	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	The Legacy of Indian Architect	Dr. Sunil Pathak
Session 22	12:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.	Scientific Basis of Vedic Time Calculation	Dr. Rajendra Singh Sahil
Lunch Break	01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.		
Session 23	02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	Indian Concept of Gurukul	Dr. Ritudhwaj Singh
Session 24	03:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.	Valedictory & Feedback	Prof. Manish

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/w8Hw594vdGBvBDNc8>

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### **Note:**

- Limited Number of participants are to be enrolled that is 50 participants. Registration will be on first come first serve basis.
- Participants need to attend all the sessions of the FDP.
- Attendance of 99% is compulsory for all registered candidates.
- A certificate will only be given to those who take the exam.
- Free registration
- Accommodation is not available to participants
- No Objection Certificate (mandatory) is required from the employer
- Please note that no traveling allowance will be paid to participants
- Offline mode

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