

10. Centre of Extension

The Centre of Extension is established by the CU Act, 2009, Section 6(4)(iii). The real education of a child starts from the mother's womb. Couples who wish to have children should plan before conception. According to Indian scriptures, one can get a bright child by following balanced Ahar, Vihar and Sadachar. The Center of Extension is providing essential services of education and guidance based on Indian scriptures and contemporary research. Childcare-education guidance services to expectant mothers, families and teachers for the holistic development of the child, learning materials and guidance is provided through television, ICT and social media to the families, teachers and institutions regarding all aspects of child development from pre-birth to eighteen years.

The Center of Extension is also working to provide services for the excellence of early childhood education institutions. The center provides guidance and educates every individual and organization including government and private sector regarding childcare.

A. Department of Tapovan

The Department of Tapovan undertakes Garbhadhan Samskara and Garbha Sankar to produce the best, the most unique, and divine progeny. Indian sages have relied on Garbha-Vigyan and Garbha-Samskar to produce greater children for millennia. Focusing on the Motto - "Every Child Matters" and the concept of Pavhkoshiya Vikas, the Department of Tapovan offers a wide range of services, as Garbha Samskar in both virtual and brick-and-mortar classrooms, as well as seminars, workshops, and awareness programs. This department fosters the health and happiness of unborn children and aspiring mothers.



Activities Carried out :

Children's University Gandhinagar organized Simantonnayan Sanskar for pregnant women on 2nd August, 2022, Tuesday from 9:00 am onwards. In which 25 couples participated. Simantonnayan Sanskar was performed with vedic rituals to ensure good health of pregnant women and their unborn babies. More than 100 people were present in this program. This program was organized under the guidance of Hon'ble vice-chancellor Dr. Harshadbhai Patel. The Simantonnayan Sanskar of pregnant women having sixth and seventh months of pregnancy were performed according to

Vedic rituals. Hon'ble vice-chancellor Dr. Harshadbhai Patel gave blessing to the couple with good wishes on this occasion. Dr. Harshadbhai Patel said that, today he is having a different kind of feeling when a family is depriving their daughter. Shri Jaydev Dhandiya, a teacher of the university, performed the Simantonnayan Sanskar. Ayurvedacharya Dr. Vrundan Jayswal had coordinated this program. Program was anchored by Dr. Sunil Jadav. Each pregnant women was gifted a silver coin by the University.



Children's University, Gandhinagar organized two programs on 24th December, 2022 under the extension center 'Baalucherni Barakshari' and 'Dharanthi Santati Avtaran'. Former vice-chancellor of SNDT Women's University Dr. Sasikala Vanzari was specially present as a chief guest in the program. Program was presided over by Hon'ble vice-chancellor Dr. Harshadbhai Patel. Both the programs were attended by a large number of audiences including children up to three years along with their parents, pregnant women and newly married couples. The 'Baalucherni Barakshari' program was organized by the Child Counseling Department which started at 11.30 am. The director of the extension center Prof. Ranjit Singh Pawar gave Introduction of the program. Head of the Department of Shishuparamarshan Center Dr. Rupambahen Upadhyay gave detailed guidance on the role of family in child rearing.



After which Abhinaya song was presented by Mrs. Divyaben Rawal, coordinator of Shishuparamarshan Kendra, and the importance of the activities of Shishuparamarshan Kendra was introduced and explained. After which the response was given by the beneficiary parents of the Child Counseling Centre. In which one parent said, "My two-and-a-half-year-old child speaks pure syllables with the practice of reciting Sanskrit verses," while another parent told the participants to take advantage of the Shishuparamarshan Kendra.

B. Department of Shishuparamarshan

According to Section 6, (11) of the Children's University Act, the Department of Shishu Paramarshan, is functioning. Parents of children from birth to three years of age enroll in the Shishu Paramarshan Department under the Extension Center of Children's University to receive guidance regarding the excellence and holistic development of child and as well as child rearing. The child speaks and acts as the family speaks and acts. If the parents and the family have the desire to have excellent children, then the family should first prepare for it. After the birth of the child, parents and families can take full care of the child, get guidance on all aspects of child development, and take appropriate decisions regarding various dilemmas related to childcare. The "Shishu Paramarshan Department" is functioning in Children's University.

Another objective of Shishu Paramarshan is to assist children and their mothers or family members in coping with various challenges and difficulties they may encounter during children's formative years. These challenges can include family conflicts, peer relationships, emotional issues, behavioral problems, and other developmental concerns. Counselors work collaboratively with children, their parents or guardians. Shishu Paramarshan typically involves creating a safe and confidential environment for child and mother both. The role of a counselor is multifaceted. They work closely with parents or guardians, providing guidance on effective parenting strategies and creating a supportive home environment for the child's well-being.

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C. Department of School Accreditation

The Department of School Accreditation is committed to create a strong mechanism for quality education at school education. The process is a channel for transformative excellence, and our accreditation process is designed on a standards-based framework to feed continuous improvement and transform education according to its philosophy of holistic child development concept. We have faith that the day will come when education providers of all types will follow and confide in the philosophy of holistic child development concept. Our accreditation process asks institutions and systems to critically evaluate their vision, strategies, priorities, leadership and programs and resources. Our process of earning and maintaining accreditation provide institutions and educational systems with clear direction for implementing changes to move towards the child oriented approaches where every child matters. School assessment & accreditation (SAAF) is envisaged as a positive step to enable all schools to continuously engage themselves in self-improvement.

Activity:

A total of 18 schools have applied for school accreditation under the accreditation department, 2 schools have been accredited and certificates and reports have been given to the schools. These schools include Eklavya Residential School, Bartad, Dis.- Navsari and New Era Senior Secondary School, Vadodara. The certificates issued by the university to these schools will be valid for the next three years.



- Guide for upgradation pre-school / Anganwadi on the basis of accreditation process
- Develop the Module / Manual and Standards for pre-school / Anganwadi