

3. Evaluative Report of the Department

1. Name of the Department
Centre for Rajasthan Studies
2. Year of establishment:
11th November, 1975
3. Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the university?
Yes, Centre is a part of Faculty of Social Science
4. Names of programmes offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., D. Sc., D.Litt., etc.)
Center is offering the following PG Course under SFS scheme:
 - M.A. in Rajasthani Language, Literature and Culture since 2011-2012
5. Interdisciplinary programmes and departments involved
There is close involvement of faculty members of other Departments in the Centre for Rajasthan Studies. It is closely associated with the Department of History & Indian Culture, UOR, Jaipur. The faculty of some other Departments like Hindi, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science etc. are also involved in the activities of the Centre for Rajasthan Studies.
6. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc.
Center is not having any programme in collaboration with other universities or institutes.
7. Details of programmes discontinued, if any, with reasons
No programme has been discontinued in past five years.
8. Examination System: Annual/Semester/Trimester/Choice Based Credit System
University has adopted Semester scheme of examination with choice based credit system for the PG programme in Rajasthani Language.
9. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments
No faculty member from other departments is participating ongoing programmes of this center.
10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned, filled and actual (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors/others)
Following are the details of sanctioned posts in this center:

	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual (including CAS & MPS)
Professor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Associate Professors	Nil	Nil	Nil
Asst. Professors	Nil	Nil	Nil
Others	Nil	Nil	Nil

*The Centre had submitted its application to the University for seeking sanction for the following teaching posts in the Centre for Rajasthan Studies under new five year Plan (XII Plan) of UGC : - Professor : 02 (01 for Rajasthan's History & Culture and 01 for Rajasthani Language & Literature) ; Associate Professor : 02 (01 for Rajasthan's

History & Culture and 01 for Rajasthani Language & Literature) ; Assistant Professor : 04 (02 for Rajasthan's History & Culture and 02 for Rajasthani Language & Literature) ; Research Associate : 06

11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance

There is no regular faculty in the Centre. Senior teachers from University Department of History & Indian Culture have held posts of Honorary Director and Deputy Director in the Centre. The details of faculty in this center are as follow:

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of Ph.D./ M. Phil. students guided for the last 4 years
Prof. K.G.Sharma (Deptt. of History & Indian Culture)	M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.	Director (Additional Charge)	History & Culture of Rajasthan	30 Years	08 Ph.D. Students 02 M.Phil Students
Dr. Sangeeta Sharma (Deptt. of History & Indian Culture)	M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.	Deputy Director (Additional Charge)	History of Modern Rajasthan	19 Years	04 Ph.D. Students 02 M.Phil. Students

12. List of senior Visiting Fellows, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors

Prof. (Dr.) Brij Kishore Sharma, Retd. Professor of History, Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota has joined as Senior Fellow of ICSSR in the Centre for Rajasthan Studies, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur in September, 2013. As Senior Fellow of ICSSR, he working on a project entitled "Caste Politics in India since Independence – A Study of Rajasthan".

02 ICSSR PDF fellows are also presently affiliated with the Centre, namely:

1. Dr. Charvi Mahla (since 4th April, 2013) and
2. Dr. Suman Rani Makkar (since 3rd January, 2015)

13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty programme-wise information

The classes in PG course under SFS i.e. M.A. in Rajasthani Language, Literature and Culture being run by the Centre are engaged by regular faculty members of other departments in the University and by guest faculty including retired teachers.

14. Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio

Following are the approximate Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratios in different courses run by department:

U.G.: No UG course is being run by the Centre
P.G.: 5:1

15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned, filled and actual

Following is the position of ministerial, technical staff and lab bearers:

	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual
Technical Research Assistant	01	01	01
Administrative Computer Operator	---	---	---
LDC	01	NIL	01 (Contractual)
	01	NIL	01 (Contractual)
Others Peon	01	NIL	01 (Contractual)

16. Research thrust areas as recognized by major funding agencies

Following is thrust area recognized by major funding agencies:

- History and Culture of Rajasthan

17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from

a) national

NIL

b) international funding agencies and

NIL

c) Total grants received.

No fund is received by this centre under projects.

18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and associated grants received

a) National collaboration

NIL

b) International collaboration

NIL

19. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, AICTE, etc.; total grants received.

Center has not received any such departmental project during 2009-15.

20. Research facility/ centre with

- State recognition

NIL

- National recognition

NIL

- International recognition

NIL

21. Special research laboratories sponsored by/created by industry or corporate bodies

NIL

22. Publications:

The Centre for Rajasthan Studies has brought out following publications during the sessions 2009-2013:-

- * Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national/international)
N.A. (There is no regular faculty in the Centre for Rajasthan Studies)

- * Monographs
N.A.
- * Chapters in Books in Reference books only
N.A.
- * Edited Books
N.A.
- * Books with ISBN with details of publishers

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Sr.	Name of Book	Year
1.	Rajasthan ri Vigat (Prof. Krishna Gopal Sharma, Dr. Anuradha Rathore, Dr. Sangeeta Sharma)	2011
2.	Jaipur ri Vigat (Prof. Krishna Gopal Sharma, Dr. Anuradha Rathore, Dr. Sangeeta Sharma)	2012
3.	Rajasthan Itihas ke Abhilekh agariya evam Niji Srota (in Hindi) (Vijay Kumar Vashishtha)	2014
4.	History & Culture of Rajasthan (Ed. Prof. Krishna Gopal Sharma)	2014
5.	Sturdy Sikhs of Ganganagar : Dimensions of their Growth (Ed. Dr. S.C. Misra)	2014
6.	Dhundharki Vigat (Prof. Krishna Gopal Sharma, Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Dr. G.S. Gupta)	2015

- * Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.)

N.A.

- * Citation Index – range / average

N.A.

- * SNIP

N.A.

- * SJR

N.A.

- * Impact Factor – range / average

N.A.

- * h-index

N.A.

23. Details of patents and income generated

N.A.

24. Areas of consultancy and income generated

N.A.

25. Faculty selected nationally/ internationally to visit other laboratories / institutions/ industries in India and abroad

N.A.

26. Faculty serving in

N.A. (There is no regular faculty in the Centre for Rajasthan Studies)

- a) National committees
- b) International committees
- c) Editorial Boards
- d) anyother

27. Faculty recharging strategies (UGC, ASC, Refresher / orientation programs, workshops, training programs and similar programs).

National/International Seminars/ Symposiums/ Memorial Lecturers/ Workshops etc. have been organized. (See details below in column no. 30)

28. Student projects

- percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects

NIL

- percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities/ industry / institute

NIL

29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by

- Faculty

NIL

- Doctoral / post-doctoral Fellows

NIL

- Students

NIL

30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national/international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

During the period 2009-15, the centre organized following National Seminars/ Symposiums/Workshop etc:

- 13th National seminar on the theme "Historical Sources and Historiography of Rajasthan: New Perspective" on 11th and 12th February, 2011 (Funded by UGC unassigned grant). The Seminar turned out to be a grand event with participation of more than 400 delegates and presentation of nearly 166 papers which were read and discussed in three parallel sessions conducted for two days. The Centre is publishing the proceedings of this seminar in the form of a thematic volume.
- 14th National Seminar on the theme "Cultural History of Rajasthan: New Researches, Hypotheses and Prospects" on 27th& 28th January, 2012 (Funded by ICHR, New Delhi). The Seminar turned out to be a big success with participation of more than 500 delegates (55 Resource Persons and 451 Delegates) and presentation of 244 papers which were read out and deliberated upon, in three parallel academic sessions, conducted over a span of two days. A booklet entitled "*Rajasthan ri Vigat*", containing abstracts of the papers presented in the Seminar, was released during the Seminar.
- A National Symposium on "Post Modernism, History Writing and Literature" was held on November 25, 2012, under the joint auspices of Centre for Rajasthan Studies,

University of Rajasthan, Jaipur and Rajasthan Hindi Granth Academy, Jaipur. The Symposium was organized on the occasion of the Rajasthan PustakaParva organized by the Rajasthan Hindi Granth Academy.

- 28th Session of the Rajasthan History Congress on 15th& 16th December, 2012 (Funded by ICHR, New Delhi). In all, 426 delegates working on the history and culture of Rajasthan, hailing from different parts of India, participated in the Congress. Nearly 180 research papers were presented in the course. A thematic booklet entitled "*Jaipur riVigat*" containing papers on the history and culture of Jaipur city, was released during the Congress.
- 39th Foundation Day of Centre was celebrated on 11th November, 2014. On this occasion, a memorial lecture in the name of the founder Director of the Centre i.e. Prof. G.N. Sharma was organized. Prof. V.K. Vashishtha eminent historian of Rajasthan, delivered the memorial lecture on the theme "Courtly Culture of Mewar State during the times of Maharana Fateh Singh as revealed from the *Haqiqat Bahidas*".
- Prof. M.S. Jain Memorial Lecture on the theme "18th Century: Could we change our views towards this period? A study based on the states of Rajasthan" was delivered by Prof. G.S.L. Devra on 20th December, 2014.
- 15th National Seminar on the theme "Historical Dimensions of the Literary Heritage of Rajasthan" on 23-24 January, 2015 (Funded by ICHR, New Delhi). (45 Resource Persons and 487 Delegates) and presentation of 195 papers which were read out and deliberated upon, in 3 parallel academic sessions, conducted over a span of two days. A booklet entitled "*Dhundharki Vigat*", containing abstracts of the papers presented in the Seminar, was released during the Seminar.
- A three day "Rajasthani Kavita Utsav" was organized in collaboration with Sahitya Academy, New Delhi in the University Senate Hall from 26-28 Feb., 2015.
- XII Biennial International Conference of CLAI (Comparative Literature Association of India) on the theme "Culture, Arts and Socio-Political Movements in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives" was hosted by Centre for Rajasthan Studies from March 01 to 04, 2015, a four day event. This International Conference was attended by foreign delegates from USA, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Hungary and Pakistan.

31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments

Codes of ethics for research are followed as per UGC and University of Rajasthan norms.

32. Student profile programme-wise:

Following is the student profile in PG programme of this center:

Name of the Programme	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
M.A. : Rajasthani Language, Literature and Culture					
2009-10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2010-11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2011-12	63	47	4	88.24%	11.76%
2012-13	35	16	1	94.11%	5.88%
2013-14	42	26	2	93.10%	6.89%
2014-15	51	47	4	87.03%	7.84%

33. Diversity of students

Following is the diversity of students profile in PG programme of this department:

Name of the Programme	% of students from the same university	% of students from other universities within the State	% of students from Universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
M.A. : Rajasthani Language, Literature And Culture				
2009-10	NA	NA	NA	NA
2010-11	NA	NA	NA	NA
2011-12	100%	0	0	0
2012-13	100%	0	0	0
2013-14	96.55%	0	3.44%	0
2014-15	96.08%	3.92%	0	0

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defense Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise.

As per information available in this center twelve students from PG batches 2013-2015 have passed different competitive examinations as mentioned below:

- NET 02
- SET 05
- Banking 01
- Railway 01
- Indian Postal Service 01
- I Grade SchoolTeacher 02

35. Student progression

Following is the student's progression:

Student progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	No UG course being run by the Centre
PG to M.Phil.	No M.Phil. course being run
PG to Ph.D.	No Ph. D. course being run
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	N.A.
Employed	
• Campus selection	NIL
• Other than campus recruitment	06
Entrepreneurs	NIL

36. Diversity of staff of Present faculty :

N.A. (There is no faculty in the Centre)

Percentage of faculty who are graduates	
of the same university	N.A.
from other universities within the State	N.A.
from universities from other States	N.A.
from universities outside the country	N.A.

37. Number of faculty who were awarded M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period
N.A.

38. Present details of departmental infrastructural facilities with regard to

a) Library

- The Centre has built up a good research library consisting of nearly 5000 books and a valuable collection of Thikana records. This library is widely utilized by Indian and foreign students and scholars of History, Culture, Archaeology, Anthropology, Sociology, Literature and other disciplines.

b) Internet facilities for staff and students

Wi-Fi and LAN facilities are provided to faculty members and PG students through University INFONET centre.

c) Total number of class rooms

One

d) Class rooms with ICT facility

NIL

e) Students' laboratories

N.A.

f) Research laboratories

N.A.

39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students and Research Associates

a) from the host institution/university

Centre is not running any Ph.D. programme at present.

b) from other institutions/universities :

Presently, there are three fellows of ICSSR, New Delhi affiliated with the Centre as mentioned below:

1. Prof. B.K. Sharma, Senior Fellow
2. Dr. Charvi Mahla, PDF
3. Dr. Suman Rani Makkar, PDF

40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university.

The following student of the Centre received financial assistance from the university:

- Sanu Agarwal (PG Batch 2011-12)

41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)? If so, highlight the methodology.

Yes, centre is undertaking need assessment exercise through its COC in Rajasthani Language, Literature and Culture. Suggestions from subject experts and teachers are invited for forming or amending the curriculum. Feedback from students are also invited. Related programmes and curricula being run by other universities are also consulted.

42. Does the department obtain feedback from

a. Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback?

Yes, the inputs from teachers with regard to the curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation process as practiced and experienced by them in the class rooms, are regularly discussed. Constructive remedial measures are undertaken regularly.

b. Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback?

Yes, students' informal feedback on teachers and courses are discussed and duly taken care of. The continuous internal assessment, group discussion, tutorials, seminar, students counseling and mentoring contribute to a healthy feedback from the students. The centre informally examines such feedback and takes action to address problems, if any.

- c. Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback?

Yes, center also takes informal feedback from its old students during meetings at different forums and tries to incorporate them in the curriculum for PG course.

43. List the distinguished alumni of the department

NIL

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops / seminar) involving external experts

Special Lectures and workshops for students are organized at regular intervals. The students were also invited to participate in the National Seminars organized by the Centre. The details of Seminars/Special Lectures/Workshops organized by the Centre in which students also participated in large number, are mentioned in column no. 30 above.

45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes.

Faculty members preferably adopt blackboard lecture method and Power Point Presentation technique. Discussion, Seminar & Workshop, Remedial Classes, Tutorial, Assignments and Classroom exercise, Continuous assessment, ICT supported class room teaching are the other methods adopted for the evaluation of students of this centre. Centre also offers project work /dissertation work for its students.

46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?

Centre ensures that programme objectives are constantly met through its frequent discussions with experts and students. Regular teaching & training counseling, engagement in research projects, demonstration and training programmes, continued internal tests, project works, mentoring programmes, field trips and study tours outside the centre, continuous assessment, class tests, assignments, class seminars and end of semester exams also ensure it.

47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities.

Students of this centre participate in field visits, tree plantation, environment awareness among community and adoption of village for overall development.

48. Give details of "beyond syllabus scholarly activities" of the department.

Centre organizes several "beyond syllabus scholarly activities" for its students, e.g., programmes on Women's day, Cleanliness Day (October 2), Environment Day and other important days, cultural events, interacting sessions with experts etc.

49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details.

NO

50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge basic or applied.

Centre is contributing in generating new knowledge in the following ways:

A. Research:

- Centre for Rajasthan Studies is one of the oldest research centers of the University and has been instrumental in promoting studies and research in Rajasthan's history and culture. Over the years the Centre has been actively engaged in carrying out research projects related to collecting, cataloguing and publishing source material on various themes related to the history, culture, society, economy etc. of the region.
- The Centre has granted affiliation to 3 foreign scholars to work as Research Scholars with the Centre for Rajasthan Studies.

B. Publications

- The Centre has so far published 21 books which also include proceedings of some seminars held by the Centre.

C. Collection of Source Material

- The Centre has built up a good research library consisting of nearly 5000 books and a valuable collection of Thikana records. This library is widely utilized by Indian and foreign students and scholars of History, Culture, Archaeology, Anthropology, Sociology, Literature and other disciplines. As a result of persuasive efforts, the Centre was able to obtain as gift, a treasure of 1417 rare books on history and culture of Rajasthan from late Professor G.N. Sharma's Collection.

D. Seminars/Symposiums/Workshops

- The Centre has organized fifteen national seminars on numerous themes related to history, culture and society of the region and provided a platform to scholars to share their research findings, views and interpretations.

E. Teaching

- The Centre devised a Curriculum for a new M.A. Course in Rajasthani Language, Literature and Culture which was approved by the Academic Council and Syndicate. This course was begun by the centre w.e.f. the academic session 2011-12 under Self Financing Scheme. Presently, there are 51 students enrolled in this course in Semester II and Semester IV (Session 2014-15).

51. Detail five major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department.

Following are major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges of the department:

Strengths

- The centre has been publishing research studies and monographs on the history and culture of Rajasthan. Till date, it has brought out 21 such publications.
- The centre possesses a rich library of nearly 5000 books on Rajasthan studies including some rare collection.
- The centre is running an M. A. Course in "Rajasthani Language, Literature and Culture" which is unique and exclusive in its design.
- The centre has been organized 15 National Seminars on various themes related to the history, culture, society, economy etc. of the region.

- The centre has the distinction of having created its own fund from the sale of its publications which is generally utilized for enriching the Library of the Centre.

Weaknesses

- Lack of teaching faculty in the Centre.
- Lack of Research Associates/ Research Assistants & other technical staff.
- Lack of adequate infrastructure in the Centre in terms of building, equipment, furniture etc.
- Lack of permanent non-teaching staff in the Centre
- Lack of adequate funds for Research Activities, Library, Publication, Seminars etc.

Opportunities

- Good teaching programmes,
- Creation of new research programmes

Challenges:

- Recruitment of new faculty.
- Generation of Space
- Placements

52. Future plans of the department.

In the coming years, the centre would like to initiate and accomplish several academic and research activities as mentioned below:

- Centre will continue to organize one National level Seminar and one State level Seminar every year on significant themes of Rajasthan's history and culture. The proceeding of these seminars will be published.
- Centre will continue to organize special lectures every year by eminent resource persons on Rajasthan.
- Centre is planning the publication of a research journal on annual basis.
- Publication of research monographs/books concerning various aspects of the history, society and culture of Rajasthan.
- Centre is planning for undertaking a project on the collection and documentation of the source material (archaeological, literary and archival) of Rajasthan concerning the three major periods of history – Ancient, Medieval, and Modern.
- Centre is planning to undertake a Project on the Historical Geography of Rajasthan and to bring out a Historical Atlas of Rajasthan.
- Centre would like to begin an M.Phil. Course in Rajasthani Language, Literature and Culture.
- Centre is shortly commencing a Certificate Course in Rajasthani Language.
- Centre is planning for conducting Archaeological Explorations and Excavations on sites of prehistoric and historic significance in Rajasthan in collaboration with the Archaeological survey of India and other agencies.
- Centre is planning for building a small Museum of Antiquities from Rajasthan.
- Centre has submitted a request to University and UGC to sanction adequate posts for recruitment of regular Teaching Faculty in the Centre for post-graduate teaching and Ph.D. supervision.

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