



# FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

SAM HIGGINBOTTOM UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCES

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The Faculty of Theology is one of the six faculties of the University.

In the midst of the explosion of disciplines and sub-disciplines, sustaining and reinventing collegiality among disciplines in one University is the greatest challenge.

The role of Faculty of Theology is to seek prophetic wisdom immersed in the realities of life today being oriented to God when the Knowledge, know-how and information are often commodified or divorced from ethical responsibilities and holistic formation. The task is to nurture collegiality of wisdom seeking conversation.

The Faculty of Theology had a humble beginning with seven students in a small classroom in 2002.

The foundation of the **Gospel and Plough School of Theology** was laid in 2003 with ground breaking ceremony but was consolidated in 2008. Now it has grown to be a full faculty offering Undergraduate, Post-graduate and Ph.D. programs. A student in Theology learns not in isolation of walls of an Institute but in the context of an environment of five other faculties with approximately eleven thousand students on the campus.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of India (Ref: D.O. No. F. 20-71/2005-U-3, December 21, 2005) has clarified that in terms of the provision under article no (1) of the Constitution of India, the University may conduct its courses in 'Theology' in whatever mode it wants to, as it has the right to do so.

Based on the above-mentioned notification, the University Grants Commission, in its letter No. F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I), 15th July 2006, issued a clarification that the Ph.D. Degree in Theology awarded by SHUATS, is a specified and valid degree as per section 22 of the UGC Act 1956.

The 'CHAPEL' and 'YESHU DARBAR UNIVERSITY CHURCH' are two focal points of the identity of the Faculty of Theology, charting a new discourse on ecclesiology. It has initiated a unique movement of witness that can be truly indigenous. Thousands of people from all walks of life come every week to hear the Word of God and have the healing touch of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. The vision of 'Gospel and Plough' with combination of innovation, educational rigor, Christian integrity and a strong sense of mission continues in reality.

**Vision-** Servant Leaders who know God's word, engage in God's world and discern God's will for His entire 'oikoumene' following the legacy of the Founder: 'Gospel and Plough.'

**Mission Statement-** Train and Equip Word-Based and Holy Spirit Empowered Christian leaders and scholars integrating academic excellence-mission praxis-spiritual values.

## Core Commitments

Christ-Centered  
Biblically Grounded  
Contextually Rooted  
Intellectually Honest  
Ministry Oriented  
Servant Leadership  
Holistic Transformation



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OF GPIT

### Undergraduate Programs

#### Bachelor of Arts

Three Years Degree program in three subjects Theology, History and Psychology/English Literature/Sociology

**Eligibility:** Intermediate (10+2 Passed) **Tuition Fee:** Rs. 6000.00 per semester

#### Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Theology

Three Years Degree program with option of general History and Psychology/Philosophy/Political Science/Sociology with Honours in Theology

**Eligibility:** Intermediate (10+2 Passed) **Tuition Fee:** Rs. 6000.00 per semester

#### Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.)

Five Years Professional Degree program specially designed to train Pastors/Priests/Counsellors/Chaplains

**Eligibility:** Intermediate (10+2 Passed). The duration for BD Candidate with undergraduate degree in any discipline is Four Years and Three Years for B.Th. with 60% Marks)

**Tuition Fee:** Rs. 6000.00 per semester.

### Post Graduate Programs

#### Master of Arts/ Master of Theology

Two years Master Degree program in Old Testament/New Testament/Christian Theology/Christian Ethics/Religions/History of Christianity/Missiology/Christian Ministry/Counselling/Communication

**Eligibility:** Bachelor of Divinity/Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Theology/M.Div. with a Bachelor Degree from a recognized University. **Tuition Fee:** Rs. 8000.00 per semester.

### Doctoral Programs

Faculty of Theology offers Ph.D. programs from two different Departments, GPIT and DATS

#### Ph.D. Theology (Offered by GPIT)

In all Theological Disciplines such as Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Theology, Christian Ethics, Religions, History of Christianity, Missiology, Christian Ministry/Education, Counselling & Communication

**Eligibility:** Master's in the specialized branch of theology **Tuition Fee:** Rs. 36000.00 per semester.

#### Ph.D. in Christian Studies(offerred by DATS)

**Eligibility:** Candidate who has a Master's Degree in any discipline with B.D./M.Div/M.Th.

or M.Th. or M.A. Christian Studies offerred by SHUATS- **Tuition Fees:** Rs.36000.00 per semester.

For Ph.D. Christian Studies, kindly contact

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## **FACULTY OF GOSPEL & PLOUGH INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY**

### **Rev. Siricharan Iswary, Associate Dean, GPIT & Assistant Professor**

A Lutheran Minister and also an ordained pastor of Yeshu Darbar Church, SHUATS, Prayagraj. Rev. Iswary served two years in Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in Assam and Eight Years in Yeshu Darbar Church, Uttar Pradesh. Having received Masters in Theology from the Senate of Serampore in the field of Old Testament, he has taught for 17 Years, and contributed several articles. His research and teaching interests include Pentateuch and Prophets.

### **Rev. (Dr.) Prof. Joseph Prabhakar Dayam, Professor**

A Pastor of Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Prof. Dayam is trained in Systematic and Philosophical Theology in India and USA. He has edited three books and has contributed several articles to scholarly journals and edited books. His research interests include Contextual Christologies, Theologies of the Cross, and Liberation Theologies. Having served as a pastor, social activist and an academic theologian, he draws his expertise from his grass-root involvement and global ecumenical engagement.

### **Rev. Dr. Vimal Kant Singh, Associate Professor**

An ordained minister of the Madhya Pradesh Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Senior Priest at the Yeshu Darbar Church, Prayagraj, Dr. Singh holds two doctoral degrees in Christian Theology and Hindi respectively. His research and Teaching interests include Dalit/ Tribal Theologies and Asian Theologies.

### **Dr. Y. HeshetoChishi, Associate Professor**

A member of Baptist Church in Nagaland, Dr.Chishi teaches in the area of History of Christianity and Culture Studies. His research interests include gospel and culture, folk art, and indigenous medicine. Having given leadership to an NGO and facilitated several programs related to cultural activism and Human Rights defence, he brings rich experience of social activism and pastoral commitment.

### **Rev. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati, Asst. Professor**

An ordained minister of Church of North India, Dr. Senapati teaches in the area of Religion, Philosophy and Society. A gifted musician and Singer, Dr. Senapati is an accomplished lyricist. He is an author of two books and a regular contributor to theological journals.

### **Dr. Jonali Doley, Asst. Professor**

A member of Baptist Church in Assam, Dr.Doley received her Ph.D. from SHUATS and has been teaching in the area of Missiology. Her research interests include Cultural Anthropology and History of Mission.

### **Dr. Imlienla Ao, Asst. Professor**

A member of Baptist Church of Nagaland, Dr. Ao has been teaching in the area of Old Testament for the last twelve years. Her research and teaching interests include Biblical Hermeneutics, Biblical Laws, Women and Children in the Scriptures. She has a keen interest to make Scripture relevant in providing an inclusive theology that values, accepts, welcomes and protects vulnerable children in building a Child-friendly society.

### **Rev. Leeva Lama, Asst. Professor**

A member of Baptist Church, Nepal and an ordained minister of Yeshu Darbar Church. Rev. Lama teaches Gospels and Pauline Letters. Apart from teaching New Testament, Rev. Lama's interests include, Music, Liturgy and Worship.

### **Dr.Vibeitunuo Mere, Asst. Professor**

Dr. Mere is from Baptist Church, Nagaland and currently a member of Ao Baptist Church in Nagaland. She has earned her doctoral degree in the area of Pastoral Care and Counselling from the Senate of Serampore. She has contributed several articles to theological journals and brings experiences of working with women in Nagaland and from mission fields. For the last 17 years, she has been serving in the teaching ministry in theological institutions. Her research interests include Women Studies, Mental Health and Family Care-giving, and Pastoral Theology and Counselling.

### **Mr. N. Moatemjen Ao, Asst. Professor**

A member of Ao Baptist Church in Nagaland, Mr. Ao teaches History of Christianity, and currently pursuing his Ph. D at SHUATS. He enriches his teaching of History of Christianity by bringing experiences from Mission Fields. He has been involved in teaching ministry for the last seventeen years. Besides teaching, he has great interest in Organic gardening and farming.

### **Visiting Faculty (GPIT)**

**Rev. Dr. Ravi Tiwari** B.Sc., B.D., M.A., Ph.D.

**Rev. Dr. Samuel George** B.D., M.Th., D. Th.

**Rev. Dr. Amit Thomas** B.A., M.A., B.D., MTh, Ph.D.(SHUATS)

**Rabbi Ezekiel Isaac Malekar** B.A. Hons, LL B, P.G. Labour Law

## DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (DATS)

**Rev. Dr. Boaz Johnson**

Honorary Head

**Mr. Ashish Mishra**

Coordinator

### VISITING FACULTY

**Prof. Atul Aghamkar**

Ph.D. (Missiology)

**Prof. Richard Howel**

Ph.D. (Christian Theology)

**Prof. Daniel Jeyaraj**

D.Th. (Historical Theology) and

Ph.D. (German Studies)

**Prof. Rajkumar Boaz Johnson**

Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and Theological Studies

**Prof. Robert K. Johnston**

Ph.D. (Religion)

**Prof. Joshua Iyadurai**

Ph. D. (Christian Studies)

**Prof. Evangeline Anderson-Rajkumar**

D.Th. (Christian Theology)

**Prof. Ajit A. Prasad**

Ph.D. (Counselling)

**Prof. Viji Nakka Cammauf**

Ph.D. (Theology and the Arts)

**Prof. Brian Wintle**

Ph.D. (New Testament)

**Dr. David Nystrom**

Ph.D. (Biblical Studies)

**Rev. Dr. Roji Thomas George**

D.Th. (New Testament)

**Rev. Dr. Praveen Paul**

D.Th. (Old Testament)

**Dr. Atola Longkumer**

D.Th. (Religions)



**Prof. Valson Thampu**

Ph.D Theology (Alumni)

Former Principal, St. Stephen's College, New Delhi & Former Member, N.C.M.E.I. & N.I.C. Govt. of India.

Doing a doctoral program in theology through the Department of Theology in the Sam Higginbottom University was a turning point in my life, through my trust with this institution began as a seeming accident. I experienced a student-friendly atmosphere in the institution geared to facilitating scholars in every respect. But for this, doing a doctoral program at a time when I was engaged in hectic work of national significance would have been impossible.



**Bishop Dr. Pradip L Kamble**

Ph.D in Theology (Alumni)

The Gospel and Plough Institute of Theology aspires to educate students from all around the world for vocations as priests, catechists, and teachers.



**Rev. Dr. Richard Howel**

Ph.D in Theology (Alumni)

Principal Caleb Institute

"Gospel and Plough Institute of Theology gives an opening to scholars to pursue high level of research in the field of theology. The Institute helps to balance between academic excellence, Christ-centred Spirituality and mission. While pursuing my PhD, GPIT supported me to sharpen my academic skill. I was deeply enriched by their service that helped me to complete my work successfully."



**Michael Brahma (Alumni)**

M.Th Missiology

Loving Water Church

Guwahati, Assam

"Gospel and Plough Institute of theology" has played a very significant role in my theological education, character development and ministerial formation.



**Sanskruti R. Kadam**

M.A. Counselling- 3rd Sem

This institution has not only laid the foundation to my faith and theological journey but has also moulded me for God's service for which I will be grateful always.



**Mr. Imtinungit**

M. Th. Missiology 3rd Sem

I am thankful to all the faculty of GPIT who supports us at every single step of learning. I have gained a lot of confidence while studying here. GPIT offered me opportunities to discern my gifts and grow in grace.



**Sam George**

M.Th. in Theology 1st Sem

I have been exposed to a number of different theological institutions in India, but this is the one that I would endorse above any others. The experience of studying theology, as one of the many departments in a full-fledged university, with more than 12,000 students hailing from different parts of India and even around the globe, under well-equipped and experienced team of faculty, in a very healthy and competitive environment; is not less than an opportunity to experience a real mini-world of different ideas and opinions, different cultures and heritage, and different ideologies and lifestyles. An aspirant may obtain and enhance in-depth theological understanding and become an effective leader and prolific academician to enlighten and strengthen the church of God.





**Bishop Prof. Dr. Rajendra B. Lal**  
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SHUATS

The Allahabad Agricultural Institute was established under the leadership of Dr. Sam Higginbottom, in 1910, as an ecumenical Institution in India.

The Central Government declared the Allahabad Agricultural Institute as Deemed University (No. F-9-26/94-U.3. 15th of March 2000) and Bishop Prof. Dr. Rajendra B. Lal, was appointed as The First **Vice-Chancellor**.

The University has been accredited with "A Grade" by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council in 2013 and 'A' category by MHRD Govt. of India. It was rechristened as "SAM HIGGINBOTTOM INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCES (No. F.13-7/2008-U.3.A, 22nd September, 2009) as a tribute to the founder.

It is now known as 'SAM HIGGINBOTTOM UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCES' (SHUATS) as per U.P. State Act No. 35 of 2016, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Bishop Prof. Dr. R.B. Lal.

The vision of the founding Father, 'Gospel and Plough' with a mission '**Feed the Hungry**' and motto to '**Serve the Land**'.



**Rev. Prof. Sarvjeet Herbert**  
Pro Vice Chancellor(PMD)  
& Dean, Faculty of Theology

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## ADMISSION PROCESS

Applicants of all the UG, PG and PhD programs of Faculty of Theology are required to appear in Written Entrance Examination and Direct Interview

### Application Form

Preliminary Application Form  
may be downloaded from the following website:  
**GPIT Link: [http://shuats.org/webwapp/coll\\_gpst.asp](http://shuats.org/webwapp/coll_gpst.asp)**

For further information, kindly contact:

#### Associate Dean

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## HOSTEL & MESS FACILITIES

GPIT provides Free Hostel Facilities for Boys and Girls separately. GPIT has a Mess run by the students themselves. It facilitates students to have their food in the Mess managed by the contribution of Monthly Mess Fee.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

SHUATS provides Scholarships for meritorious students as well as for the needy candidates. The deserving students from poor economic background are granted concession from monthly Mess Fees which is borne by the University through grant of subsidies.

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

Free Medical Treatment is given to the students of Theology. The students of theology along with other students of the University have GHI policy that helps students to avail medical treatment.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

The extra-curricular activities include sports and cultural activities in the larger context of the University.

