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## NATIONAL SEMINAR

**Wisdom through the Ages:  
Exploring the Essence, Scope & Relevance  
of Indian Knowledge System (IKS)**

(Hybrid Mode)

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## ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEMINAR

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) represent a vast and rich intellectual tradition developed over millennia, encompassing diverse fields such as administration, education, and the arts; epistemology; engineering sciences; and the natural world. These systems provide profound insights into human understanding, nature, and the pursuit of knowledge. However, their value has often been undermined due to the dominance of European cultural experiences in shaping contemporary knowledge systems. This has led to the marginalization of IKS, discouraging young scholars from pursuing it as a field of inquiry. The limited work is frequently misunderstood, misrepresented, or relegated to the periphery, resulting in a significant intellectual loss for humanity. Without proper acknowledgment, the world continues to be deprived of this body of elegant literature capable of advancing theoretical and applied knowledge. However, India's global practitioners strive to rediscover and engage with these knowledge systems. This renewed focus is welcome but presents challenges, particularly the tendency to force-fit IKS into dominant Western frameworks that do not fully capture its cultural essence or intellectual richness..

### Objectives of the Seminar

- ❖ To promote interdisciplinary academic dialogue on Indian Knowledge Systems.
- ❖ To critically examine classical, regional and indigenous knowledge traditions in their historical contexts.
- ❖ To encourage the integration of IKS perspectives into teaching, research, and policy discourse.
- ❖ Provide a forum for academics, researchers, and practitioners to present their scholarship and engage in intellectual dialogue surrounding IKS.
- ❖ Help to develop new frameworks, theories, and creative applications in the IKS domain to address contemporary challenges.

### Main Themes and Sub-Themes (But not Limited to)

#### ➤ Foundations of Indian Knowledge System (Bharatiya Gyana Parampara)

*Indian Concepts of Knowledge: Dharma, Pramāṇa, Sāstra, Anubhava, Dristi*

*Schools of Indian Philosophy and Epistemology*

*Knowledge Traditions in Vedic, Buddhist, Jain, and Bhakti texts*

#### ➤ IKS, Society, and Governance

*Dharma, Ethics, and Social Order*

*Statecraft and administration: Arthashastra and allied texts*

*Indigenous perspectives on Justice and Governance*

#### ➤ Science, Technology, and Environment

*Traditional Scientific Knowledge and Methodologies*

*Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and Sustainability, Community Centric Development*

#### ➤ Health, Well-being, and Lifestyle Practices

*Ayurveda, Yoga, Siddha, and Traditional healing systems*

*Preventive Healthcare and Sustainable Living Practices*

#### ➤ Art, Architecture, and Aesthetic Traditions

*Temple architecture, Vāstu Sāstra, and Iconography*

*Performing Arts, Crafts, and Oral Traditions*

#### ➤ Education, Pedagogy, and Knowledge Transmission

*Gurukula system and Traditional pedagogy*

*Integration of IKS in curriculum and research under NEP 2020*

#### ➤ Indigenous, Tribal, and Folk Knowledge Systems

*Tribal Knowledge Traditions of Odisha and India*

*Continuity and Transformation of Local Knowledge Systems*

## Expected Outcomes of the Seminar

Enhanced scholarly engagement with Indian Knowledge Systems across disciplines.

Policy-relevant insights on integrating IKS within higher education and research.

Publication of selected papers in an edited volume / UGC-CARE-listed journal.

## Target Participants

Faculty members, researchers, research scholars, postgraduate students, educators, policymakers, and practitioners working in the areas of IKS, humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary studies.

## Submission Guidelines

**Abstract:** 200-300 words with 5 keywords

**Deadline for Abstract Submission:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 26

**Acceptance of Abstract:** 22<sup>th</sup> January 26

**Full Chapter Length:** 5,000-6,000 words (including references)

**Formatting:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced; APA 7th edition citations

**Deadline for Full Chapter Submission:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 26

## Registration

**For Faculty presenters:** Rs. 1000

**For Research Scholar presenters:** Rs. 700

**For Students Presenters:** Rs. 500

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