



IKS Steering Committee, Visva-Bharati
presents
Three-Day National Conference
On

Indian Knowledge Systems: Perspectives and Praxis

📅 11-13 March 2026
Bangladesh Bhavana
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

About Visva-Bharati & IKS

Visva-Bharati has been a hub of Indian Knowledge Systems right from its very inception. Both Maharshi Debendranath Tagore and Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore were deeply immersed in the Indian Philosophical System. Accordingly, Maharshi created in Santiniketan a confluence of spirituality (*Brahama Upasana*), learning (library and school) and an engagement with the community (*Grameen Mela*). Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, who shunned the artificiality of colonial education, created his educational institution based on the *Gurukula*, the *Tapovana* and the *Ashrama*, where nature, human beings, creativity and joyousness could merge with a kinship towards the local community. In his seminal essay “The Centre of Indian Culture”, written as a prelude to the establishment of Visva-Bharati, Tagore emphasized three crucial areas: a) the mind of India has to be concentrated and made conscious of itself b) the inspiring atmosphere of creative activity and the constructive work of knowledge - teaching should be like the overflowing water of this spring of culture, spontaneous and inevitable, and c) our education should be in full touch with our complete life, economical, intellectual aesthetic, social and spiritual, connected with it by the living bonds of varied co-operations. For, true education, Tagore wrote, is to realize at every step how our training and knowledge have organic connection with our surroundings. The key thrust of the IKS Centre at Visva-Bharati is to create an interdisciplinary body which will probe into the indigenous traditions of fine arts, performing arts, agriculture and edutainment sciences, thereby creating deliverables that will be circulated through the University and radiate to the community at large while invoking the spirit of creative joyousness.

At every level of pedagogic practice, Tagore incorporated practices of Indian knowledge. His ideas of art, architecture, philosophy and science were deeply imbued with such practices. His institution created artworks, performances drawing upon indigenous people, folk forms, traditional agricultural practices and architecture. However, Tagore did not believe in any parochial bias and allowed a free flow of the best Western ideas so that Indian Knowledge Systems existed in conjunction with global knowledge systems to create Visva-Bharati as a true centre of global consciousness with its motto ‘*Yatra Visvam Bhavatiekaneedam*’ (where the world meets in a single nest).

About the Conference

The Conference aims to examine the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), emphasizing its historical foundations and current applicability. It seeks to establish a forum for exchanging concepts, encouraging discussion, and fusing conventional knowledge with contemporary developments. The event will highlight IKS's multidisciplinary nature by addressing topics related to humanities, philosophy, social sciences, communication, management, education, agriculture, music, yoga and traditional sports, music, art, design and architecture. A special focus of the conference will be its exploration of the experiments of Tagore in Visva-Bharati and beyond. The Conference aims to bring renowned professionals, researchers, contributions, opinions, and innovations to IKS and its integration into education.

Conference Sub-Themes

- *Bharatvarsha* – A Land of Natural Endowments
- IKS: Definitions and Methodologies, *Pramana, Pratyaksha, Sastra*
- Ideas of *Dharma, Niti, Artha, Purusharthas*
- Foundational Literature of Indian Civilisation, including the *Vedas, the Itihasas, the Puranas*, etc.
- Indian Philosophical Systems
- Indian Language Sciences
- IKS in Mathematics and the other Sciences
- Indian Health Sciences, including Ayurveda
- IKS and Indian Educational Practices
- IKS and the Purpose of Knowledge in India – *Para Vidya, Apara Vidya, Rita, Dharma*, etc.
- Indian Architecture and Town Planning
- IKS in Traditional Indian Sports and Yoga
- Indian Fine Arts – *Gandharva Veda, Natyashastra, Lakshya, Lakshana*
- Indian Agriculture
- Indian Textiles
- Indian Polity & Economy – *Varta, Grama, Natyashastra*
- Outreach of IKS- East, South East Asia
- Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, Jorasanko and IKS
- Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Visva-Bharati and IKS

Who can participate

Industry Professionals, Academicians, Research Scholars, Students.

There will be a limited number of Parallel Sessions for the Presentation of Papers

Research Papers Guidelines

- Scholarly research papers and articles are invited on theme and sub-theme-based topics, adhering to the prescribed format.
- Papers should be submitted exclusively via email to the designated email address:
- Details for the Registration, fee payment, including bank account information are provided below. Ensure to complete your registration promptly to secure your participation.
- In case of multiple-authored papers, all authors should register for the paper to be included in the proceedings.
- **There is a provision for Student/Research Scholar Posters, and the best posters will be awarded prizes**

Specification and Format

Language of the paper	English	Font	Times New Roman
Font size	12	Line spacing	1.5 lines
Paper size	A4 with 1" Margin sides	Word limit	500 words (Abstract) 4500 words (Full paper)
Format	MS Word		

Major Dates

Submission of Abstract	22 February 2026
Full paper submission	04 March 2026 (Only if Abstract is accepted)
Last date of Payment	05 March 2026
Date of conference	11-13 March 2026

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/S7wXcJxoDpvDgdyK7>

Email Address: iksseminar.2026@visva-bharati.ac.in

Registration Fees

Student (UG/ PG)	Rs. 500
Research Scholar	Rs. 1000
Academician	Rs. 3000
Industry professional	Rs. 3000

Payment Details

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Special Note

- Registration fee includes Conference Kit, Lunch, Refreshment and Certificate
- Outstation participants will have to arrange for own accommodation
- A Participation Certificate will be provided to all the participants

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