

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Abstract Submission	30 January 2026
Notification for Acceptance of Abstracts	31 January 2026
Last date of Registration	01 February 2026
Seminar Dates	12, 13 & 14 February 2026

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts on the focal theme or any sub-themes are invited. The abstracts should be submitted through the Google form link given below. **Abstracts sent by email or post will not be accepted.**

Abstract Submission Link: <https://forms.gle/21Vpk4Q3rQkpKHLm6>

Abstract Submission GUIDELINES

- All abstracts must be submitted in English.
- Abstracts should clearly outline the objectives, methods, results, and significance of the study.
- Number of words: 300 words excluding title, authors, and affiliations.
- Keywords: 4-6 words.
- Plain text should be used without any special characters.
- Font: Times New Roman; Font size: 12 points; Single line spacing.
- No references should be included.
- Graphics will not be accepted.

NOTE: Selected abstracts will be invited for oral presentation. The selected abstracts will be published in the seminar abstract volume. Selected papers will be published in an edited book (to be notified later).

REGISTRATION FEES

	Without Accommodation	With Accommodation
Faculty / Delegates	Rs. 2500	Rs. 4500
Research Scholars	Rs. 1500	Rs. 3500
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Note: 1. Registration Fee is non-refundable.
2. Registration fee includes Seminar kit, certificate of participation/presentation, food & refreshment on the days of the Seminar.

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ANRF-sponsored NATIONAL SEMINAR



Inclusive Development and Well-being: Lessons from Indian Knowledge System (IKS-Bhāratīya Jñāna Paramparā) for Viksit Bhārat @ 2047

12th, 13th & 14th February 2026

Organized by



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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Indian Knowledge System (IKS) or *Bhārtīya-Jñāna Paramparā* can today be considered an approach to understand and re-evaluate challenges related to diverse issues like climate change, health, wellbeing, education, economy linked with cultural identity, agricultural management, sustainability, and development of India. In this new era, we need to explore and learn from the time-tested, age-old knowledge, culture, and tradition of this country to combat the present-day challenges for achieving Viksit Bhārat @ 2047.

This Seminar will bring researchers from various disciplines under a single platform to discuss these issues, both theoretically and empirically to re-learn the lessons from the Knowledge System rooted in the Indian culture and tradition. This seminar will also create a new network of researchers interested in carrying on the legacy of research on the Indian Knowledge System. As multidisciplinary is the essence of our Indian traditional education system, this seminar invites papers from various disciplines of Social Sciences & Arts, Literature & Languages, and Natural Sciences. The outcome of the deliberations will be mapped as and where feasible and appropriate.

Themes

- ❖ Indian Knowledge System and Sacred Geography
- ❖ Indian Knowledge System, Environment and Development
- ❖ Indian Knowledge System, Population, Health and Wellbeing
- ❖ Indian Knowledge System and Traditional Artisan Skills
- ❖ Indian Knowledge System, Education, Research and Development
- ❖ Indian Knowledge System, Agriculture and Rural Economy
- ❖ Indian Knowledge System and Cartography
- ❖ Indian Knowledge System, Science and Technology

IKS at Visva-Bharati - *retour aux sources*

In the words of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, “We need an institution where knowledge will be exchanged and compared, where India’s knowledge can be located and analyzed in the perspective of the knowledge acquired by the entire mankind...” Gurudev’s educational philosophy includes “*Brahmacharya Ashram, Swadeshi or National Education, Visva-Bharati, and Lokshiksha*”, which were born of his continuing desire to relate education to “*swabhava* or nature of people and their culture, life of the common people, and an endeavour to unite the people of India to the world and a humanist education rooted in universal values”. In recognition of this philosophy, UNESCO designated Visva-Bharati as a World Heritage Site in 2023 that uniquely upholds the realms of the Indian knowledge system, which, through the ages, has always sought the attainment of *prajñā*. Thus, while the Seminar sessions will include deliberations and discussions on the various aspects of the IKS, delegates and participants will have the opportunity to join the “*Heritage Walk*” and stroll through the serenity of Santiniketan, experiencing its tangible and intangible heritage of knowledge exchange. A morning session on mental and physical well-being by the Department of Yogic Art and Science, held in the peaceful, green expanse of the Vinaya Bhavana campus, will emotionally enrich participants. Overall, the three days of the Seminar will encompass a holistic experience of the emblematic institution of IKS.

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