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**Three-day
International Conference on
Decoding Indian Knowledge Systems:
Research, Relevance & Renaissance**

Dates: 27 to 29 March, 2026

Organised by:

**Indian Knowledge System Department,
School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad**

In association with:

**Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG), Ahmedabad
&
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**



Venue:

**Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
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About Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU), established by the Government of Gujarat, is committed to providing inclusive, flexible and high-quality education to learners across the state. With more than 80 programmes, Eight Regional Centres and over 270 Study Centres, BAOU is a pioneer in distance and open learning.

Vision: To elevate the access of education, to improve the quality of education; to reach the unreached by creating learner-centric environment; to provide life-long learning opportunities and skill up-gradation to all learners using innovative technologies and methodologies.

Mission: Educating and empowering the last mile learners, enabling them to compete with the global world by equipping them with the upright combination of knowledge, skills, employability and values for serving society. The mission of the university is "Education for all". The university strives for excellence by developing an innovative, flexible and open system of education using the latest methods and technologies.

About KCG

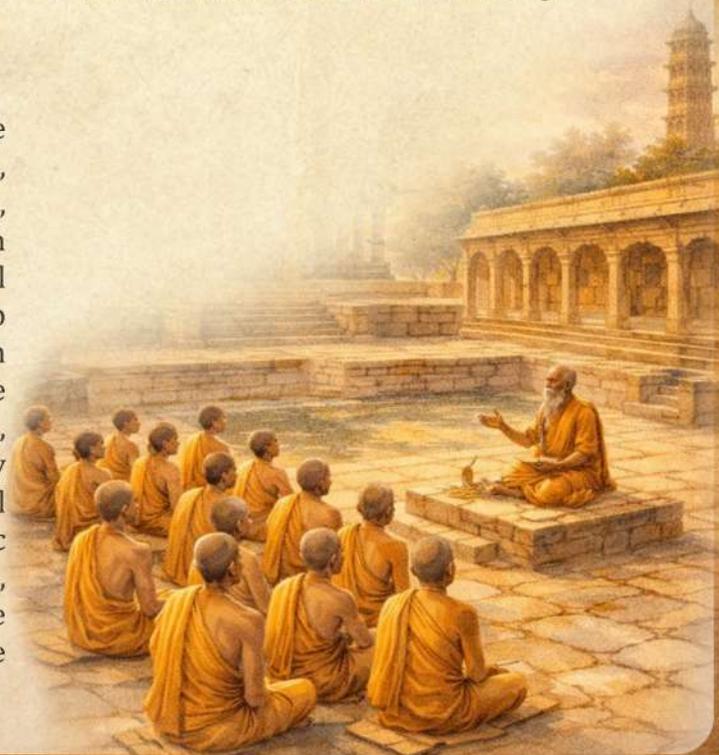
The Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG), established by the Department of Education, Government of Gujarat, works to transform higher education through innovation, collaboration, and quality enhancement. As a nodal agency, it drives major reforms, capacity-building programs, and continuous improvement in teaching-learning processes. Through initiatives like SCOPE, UDISHA, Finishing Schools, Study in Gujarat, Digital Gujarat, research development, and quality assurance, KCG bridges traditional knowledge with modern educational needs and industry expectations. As a partner of this International Conference, it contributes expertise in policy, institutional development, and innovation, strengthening efforts to promote Indian Knowledge Systems and academic excellence.

About ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is the apex institution of the Ministry of Education, Government of India dedicated to research in the social and human sciences. It plays a crucial role in enhancing understanding of diverse social issues and challenges and in offering evidence-based inputs to policymakers and stakeholders for national development. ICSSR supports and promotes social science research through a wide range of initiatives and schemes, including research projects; doctoral, postdoctoral, senior and national fellowships; training and capacity-building programmes for early career researchers; publication grants; organization of national and international seminars, conferences, and workshops.

Concept Note:

India has been the cradle of rich and diverse knowledge systems encompassing philosophy, mathematics, astronomy, linguistics, Ayurveda, yoga, governance, classical arts and holistic education rooted in consciousness. Evolved over millennia, these intellectual traditions reflect advanced scientific reasoning, deep philosophical inquiry and sustainable ways of living. In today's rapidly changing world, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) offer enduring insights into well-being, ecological balance, ethical leadership, scientific inquiry and inclusive education. The growing national and global interest in IKS highlights its relevance as a dynamic framework capable of shaping contemporary innovation, governance, education and cultural identity. The International Conference on "Decoding Indian Knowledge Systems: Research, Relevance & Renaissance" aims to



create an interdisciplinary platform for exploring and critically engaging with India's civilizational knowledge traditions. By bringing together researchers, educators, scientists, technologists, practitioners and policymakers, the conference seeks to reinterpret various dimensions of IKS through modern research methodologies and integrate them with current scientific, technological and socio-educational paradigms. Key themes include ancient scientific knowledge astronomy, mathematics, metallurgy, architecture and ecological management along with Ayurveda, yoga, naturopathy and indigenous health systems that emphasize preventive and holistic well-being. Environmental strands explore traditional water management, sustainable agriculture, climate understanding and tribal ecological wisdom, offering valuable models for addressing present-day ecological challenges. Philosophical foundations rooted in the Vedas, Upanishads and classical Darshanas highlight frameworks for value-based education, emotional resilience and ethical leadership. Insights from Arthashastra, Niti texts and traditional legal thought contribute to contemporary governance and public policy. Themes on arts, aesthetics, town planning, iconography and cultural diplomacy emphasize India's civilizational soft power and global cultural presence. A dedicated focus on Women and Knowledge Systems foregrounds gender perspectives and acknowledges women's contributions throughout India's intellectual history. Aligned with NEP-2020, the conference supports curriculum innovation, digital tools and pedagogical reforms rooted in IKS. Overall, it seeks to re-examine Traditional knowledge for modern applicability, encourage new research agendas and foster global dialogue grounded in Indian civilizational values envisioning a future where traditional wisdom and modern innovation coexist harmoniously.

Themes

1. Bharatiya Scientific Knowledge Traditions
2. IKS in Health, Wellness and Life Sciences
3. Environmental Knowledge, Agriculture and Sustainable Living Practices
4. Philosophical and Spiritual Foundations of IKS
5. IKS in Governance, Polity and Public Administration
6. IKS in Language, Literature and Translation Studies
7. Art, Culture and Aesthetics in Indian Knowledge Systems
8. Technology, Innovation and Applied Knowledge in Ancient India
9. IKS for Contemporary Education and Curriculum Development
10. Soft Power, Cultural Diplomacy and Global Influence of IKS
11. Women and knowledge Systems: Contemporary Reflections

Call for Papers

- Researchers, academicians, scholars and practitioners are invited to submit PDF and Word file:
- **Abstract:** 250 - 300 words
- **Full Paper:** 2500 - 3000 words
- **Paper Submission Email:** iksconference.2026@baou.edu.in
- **Language:** English / Hindi / Gujarati / Sanskrit

Submission Guidelines

- **Paper size:** A4
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **Font:** Times New Roman / Arial Unicode MS
- **Title:** 14 pt, Body: 12 pt
- **Referencing Style:** APA/MLA
- Original, unpublished work only.

Participation:

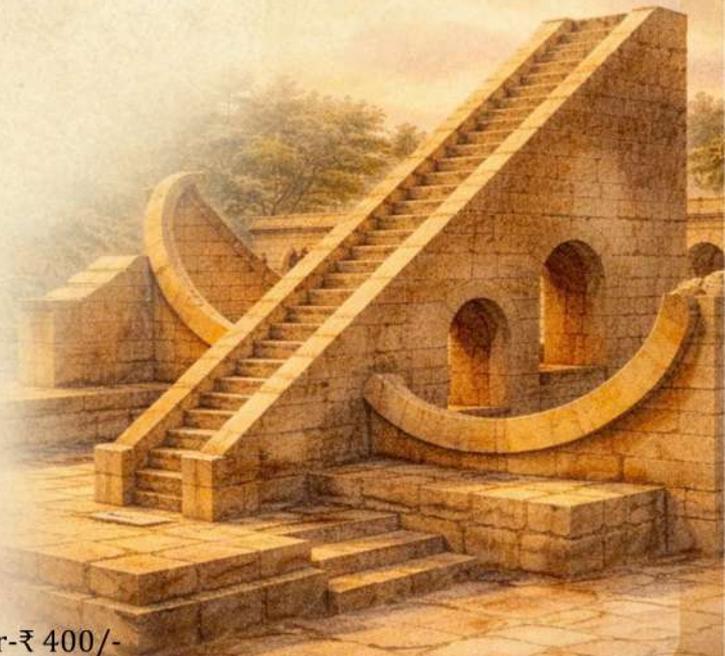
Registration is mandatory to attend the conference. Students, Research Scholars, Academicians, Policymakers and IKS Practitioners can register themselves. Joint Paper authors are required to register separately.

Important Dates

Last Date for Abstract Submission: 28/02/2026

Last Date for Full Paper Submission: 15/03/2026

Registration Fee: For Faculty- ₹ 800/-, For Research Scholar- ₹ 400/-



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For registration click here

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