



INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS DIVISION

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Dear Prof. Ami Upadhyay,

Namaste,

Congratulations! Your following research proposal submitted to the IKS Division has been approved for funding after a rigorous three-phase peer review.

- **Title: Centre for Indian Culinary and Performing Arts**
- **Principal Investigator: Prof. Ami Upadhyay, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad**
- **Co-Principal Investigator: Mrs. Rima Upadhyay, Mr. Shyam Patel**
- **Collaborator: NIL**
- **Sanctioned amount: Total Rs.5,00,000/- (Five Lakh Only)**

Your IKS Centre proposal's approved budget is given below. Reporting requirements and mid-project review details will be mentioned in the sanction letter.

Head	Remarks
Salaries	No Salaries for PI/CoPI
Supplies/Equipment	Equipment purchases >Rs. 50,000/- only with the prior approval from IKS Division.
Education/Mentoring/Outreach	Expenditure will be incurred only for IKS related Event/Activities.
Travel and Conferences	
Contingencies	Maximum 5%
Overhead	Not Allowed

The proposal selection process was very competitive and only < 10 % of the total proposals submitted were selected for funding after a rigorous three-stage review by a distinguished panel of reviewers.

We sincerely wish you the very best and hope that your IKS Centre will bring out exciting results that will be useful to society. Please feel free to reach us if you have any questions. We once again congratulate you and your team for this big achievement.

Best Wishes,

Prof. Ganti S Murthy
National Coordinator,
IKS Division, MoE,
Govt. of India.

Approved Objectives & Timeline:

Dear PI,

This is to inform you that the Expert Committee has approved the following Outputs/Deliverables for your Project/Centre selected under the Scheme “IKS Centres” along with the Timelines:

Sl. No.	Outputs/Deliverables
1.	<i>Research Outputs:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documentation of 50+ traditional Indian recipes with regional Ayurvedic relevance• Field research reports on 20+ indigenous performing art forms and culinary rituals• Creation of a digital archive of oral histories, traditional songs, and community-based cooking practices• Compilation and translation of 5 classical texts related to food, performance, or healing (e.g., Charaka Samhita, Natyashastra)• Publication of 3 monographs and 5+ research papers in reputed IKS journals
2.	<i>Educational Outputs:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of 4 Certificate Courses (2 in Culinary Sciences, 2 in Performing Arts)• Launch of 10 online modules on IKS themes through BAOU LMS/SWAYAM• Training and certification of 100+ learners including students, home cooks, and artists• Development of one multilingual e-book/manual on Indian Culinary and Performing Arts traditions
3.	<i>Mentoring and Capacity Building Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engagement of 10 research interns and 4 research fellows over two years• Organization of 4 faculty development programs/workshops on IKS themes• Structured mentorship for emerging folk performers and culinary practitioners
4.	<i>Outreach and Dissemination Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization of 6 public exhibitions and cultural performances showcasing IKS practices• Development of a mobile app/website for accessing IKS recipes, songs, and videos• Active social media outreach campaign to reach 10,000+ users• Participation in 4 national-level IKS conferences/symposia

It is to be noted that the 2nd Instalment will be disbursed after the satisfactory submission of the Annual Progress Report and Completion of the objectives in the Stipulated Timeline.

Expected Outreach Activities & Outputs by the selected IKS Centre:

The Centre is expected to work on the outreach activities and deliver the outputs based on their proposed Thematic Areas and objectives. Each Centre should focus on the following Activities:

A. Education, Mentoring and Outreach Activities:

- Expand activities to include **Schools and UG/PG students**.
- Provide education and mentoring support for **scholars outside the institution**.

Category I: Organize a minimum of 5 to 6 events each (per year) as given below

- Online Competitions (Quiz, Poster presentations, Paper presentations, JAMs etc.) online Campaigns in Thematic Areas.
- Online Lecture Series/Webinars in Thematic Areas.
- Knowledge dissemination through Social Media (Short Reels about IKS, Awareness Campaigns, did you know Posters, Interesting Facts etc.)
- Hackathons
- Putting up stalls at IKS events to represent the IKS division

Category II: Organize a minimum of 02 events each (per year) as given below

- Seminars/Conferences/Symposia.
- Workshops/Training Sessions/FDPs.
- Exposure on IKS through Field Visits/Educational Tours in Heritage Villages/sites.
- IKS Saptahik

Please Note: Ensure that all event plans are communicated in advance to the **IKS Division**.

B. Publications & Knowledge Dissemination:

- Plan for the creation of **Coffee Table Books/Books and Flipbooks**.
- Creation of IKS Educational Content Videos.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. The funds will be released to the awardee Institution/Organization only.
2. The grant does not allow any provision for construction of any building or acquiring vehicles, establishment of or purchase of new research facility lab, Office Furniture, etc.
3. Funding cannot be transferred to other institutions without the prior approval of IKS Division.
4. Once project is selected, a formal Intimation letter and sanction order will be issued by the IKS Division. Total Grant of the project is finalized based on the proposal approved under the project. sanction order provides detailed breakup of funds allocated as per Budget Heads mentioned in Scheme Guidelines.
5. All the procurement should be as per procedure laid down in GFR.
6. IKS Division reserves sole rights on the assets created out of grants. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of government grants (except those declared as obsolete and unserviceable or condemned in accordance with the procedure laid down in GFR), shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of IKS Division.
7. The Organization/Institution will maintain separate audited accounts for the Project. If it is found expedient to keep a part or whole of the grant in a bank account earning interest, the interest thus earned should be reported to IKS and should be reflected in the UC, Payment & Receipt Column. The interest thus earned will be treated as a credit to the Organization and to be adjusted towards further instalment of the grant.
8. All submitted progress reports must be the original work of the author(s). Plagiarism, in any form, will not be tolerated. Progress reports found to contain plagiarism will be rejected. No further funding will be disbursed.
9. The Organization will not entrust the implementation of the work (except the out-sourced part as approved) for which the grant has been sanctioned to any other Organization nor will it divert the grant receipts to any other Organization as assistance. In case the Organization is not in a position to implement or complete the Project, it should forthwith, refund to IKS Division the entire grant received by it or the balance grant remaining with it.
10. All the assets acquired from the grant given by IKS Division will be the property of the IKS Division and should not, without the prior sanction of the IKS Division, be disposed-off or encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned.
11. IKS Division reserves the right to terminate the Project at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or satisfactory progress is not being made.
12. The comptroller & Auditor General of India, at his discretion, shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the Institute/organization maintained in respect of the grant received for the project from the IKS Division.
13. Any un-spent balance out of the amount sanctioned must be surrendered to the IKS Division through a crossed RTGS/Online or Demand Draft drawn in favour of IKS Division, MoE.
14. In case of Exemption of the Guidelines & Terms and Conditions, IKS Division of MoE would be empowered to take suitable decision. Investigators wishing to publish technical/ scientific papers based on the research work done under the Project should acknowledge the support received from IKS Division, indicating the Programme. Investigators are expected to publish a few of their research papers emerging out of the Project in leading Indian Journals.