International conference on

Indian Knowledge Systems

Issues, Strategies and a Way Forward

19th - 21st April 2023 | Bangalore

Broad themes of the conference

| Sustainable development goals & IKS | Human lifestyle, holistic health & IKS | Action Research, developmental projects & IKS | Modern education & IKS | Governance and Development mechanisms & IKS |

Important dates

Research paper submission

05th Apr 2022 — Abstract 500 words submission.

25th May 2022 — Abstract 1500 words submission.

25th Sep 2022 — Submission of full paper 8,000 words

Poster presentation submission

25th Apr 2022 — Abstract 250 words submission.

25th Jun 2022 — Abstract 4500 words submission.

25th Sep 2022 — Submission of full poster soft copy

Partnering organizations

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1) Why this Conference?

Over the years, a large number of researchers and well-wishers of the Indian knowledge systems (IKS) have been making sincere efforts in promoting it; also pondering over the issues of what next and how to enhance its contributions and to broad base it. Equally concerned about enabling our youth to adopt and rejuvenate Indian knowledge systems. To move further we need: a) to identify key issues, that we need to be worried about; b) deliberate on the possible strategies to enhance IKS contributions for the present and future world; c) design options to move forward.

Hence, we (Chanakya University, Art of Living, Central Sanskrit University, and IKS division of the Government of India) are organizing an international conference on "Indian Knowledge Systems: Issues, Strategies and A way Forward". The conference mission is to facilitate productive debate to identify key issues, to workout strategies, to suggest possible options and action projects for future.

2) Broad Themes

a) Sustainable Development Goals & IKS

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) as declared by UNDP needs to be focused. How IKS areas are aligned with each of these goals needs deeper analysis. It is essential to converge with both traditional and modern scholars working on SDG goals. This theme would provide an opportunity for the modern scholars to benefit from a focused revelation of indigenous knowledge/practices across India.

b) Human lifestyle, holistic health & IKS

Key sources for IKS would be Atharva Veda, Gandharva Veda, Ayurveda, Siddha, Kreeda, Yoga, Spiritual practices, Dharma Shastra and others. These should be aligned with modern medicine, pharma industry, health and wellness industries. Also need to converge with state and central government departments (like, health, family welfare, social welfare and others) and leading NGOs and private organizations.

c) Action Research, development projects & IKS

Across the globe, several organizations have been working relentlessly in promoting Indian knowledge systems. Surely, there are more to be done and scale up the best practices. Good number of case studies and comparative analytical studies/papers will be discussed here. Based on discussions on the above (a) and (b) themes, and on this theme, all the networking and research organizations may design a road map and milestones for course of action. It should also focus on identifying areas for empirical research and specific case studies for better understanding of IKS.

d) Modern education system & IKS

The National Education Policy 2020 has emphasized the need for IKS orientation in education. Thus, the papers may explore the philosophy, principles and practices that gave the world, glorious learning centres. The research may contribute in the realm of content integration both generic and course specific, teacher attributes, pedagogical methods, evaluation systems, social impact and education as a means of national reconstruction.

e) Governance and development mechanisms & IKS

Based on ancient wisdom, we need to learn improved methods of capacity building at all levels and governance mechanisms for the betterment of our society. What lessons we may learn from the Indian knowledge systems and how they may apply to development process in today's world is critical to understand. Better methods for stakeholders' participation, convergence of developmental schemes at all levels, integrated approach for a holistic development should be some of the key focus areas.

f) Technology & IKS

 Research is the pursuit of truth and linked to the problem-solving orientation of science and technology. Knowledge in Indian Heritage across domains are evidence of the consistent efforts at insightful and imaginative innovation by a lineage of illustrious scholars. This theme focuses on understanding of India's contribution in the field of Metallurgy, Astronomy, Earth sciences, Textiles, Food, Agriculture, Health sciences, Architecture and others. The inter-disciplinary approach and the transdisciplinary methodology offers insight into the rich tradition of knowledge. The demands of modernity compel us to review, record and re-establish these traditions for adoption and integration into modern realms of learning. From conceptualization, empirical validation, application and review for enrichment, the legacy of Indian heritage offers invaluable lessons in enriching the modern teaching and learning

process across all levels of science, technology and education.

g) Poster presentation

A visual representation of concepts and research findings related to the themes of conference or IKS in general, in the form of posters will be presented by the students and young researchers.

Themes- The themes are same as that of research papers.

Objectives – IKS poster presentation

1. To exhibit and show case research on IKS
2. To encourage, recognize and reward young scholars' achievements and aspirations
3. To facilitate collaboration between intra and inter disciplinary domains related to IKS

3) Organizing Partners

a) Chanakya University, Bengaluru. (Prof KV Raju, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean, Research. www.chanakyauniversity.in).

b) Art of Living, Bengaluru. (Sri G.Sasisekhar, Chief Operating Officer, Social Projects. www.artofliving.org).

c) Central Sanskrit University, Delhi. (Prof Shrinivasa Varkhedi, Vice-Chancellor. (www.sanskrit.nic.in).

d) IKS division of Government of India, Delhi. (Prof Ganti Suryanaryanamurthy, National Coordinator. www.iksindia.org).

4) a) Process for research papers selection and publication

a) The author/s are requested to read relevant books/papers on IKS, before submitting the abstract. b) The paper should be based on critical analysis of IKS and its relevance for current times. Each paper should clearly focus on historical, functional, and futuristic perspectives.

c) Research paper size: around 8,000 words.

d) Maximum number of papers to be accepted 30 (including all themes).

e) Step-1: The author/s should submit an abstract of 500 words, indicating paper title, authors details, critical issues focused, key findings based on their analysis and strategic recommendations for the future. Also list out references. This will go for double-blind review process.

f) Step-2. Authors of the selected abstracts will be invited to submit extended abstract of

1500 words. Based on double-blind review, the shortlisted authors will be invited to submit full manuscript.

g) Step-3. The full manuscript will undergo double-blind review process and plagiarism check.

h) Step-4. The organizers will send all these papers for copy editing.

i) Step-5. These papers will be presented by the authors during the conference, which will be discussed by a set of expert discussants. Then the authors will be requested to refine based on the suggestions received in the conference and submit the revised version.

j) Thus, accepted final version of the papers will be paid an honorarium of Rs.25,000 per paper.

k) The organizers will bring out a book from a leading international publisher and also provide open access, as per the global standards.

4) b) Timelines for Research papers selection and submission

a) Announcement in websites of partner organizations. 5th march, 2022.

b) Abstract – 500 words submission. 5th April 2022.

c) Abstract – 1500 words submission. 25th May, 2022.

d) Submission of full paper- 8,000 words. 25th September, 2022.

e) Review process completion. 25th November, 2022.

f) Revised paper submission. 15th Jan, 2023.

g) Copy editing completion. 25th Feb, 2023.

h) Submitting book proposal to Publisher. March 2023.

i) Presentation of final papers in the conference, April, 2023.

j) Revised papers submission, May, 2023.

k) Final manuscript submission to publisher, June 2023.

Guidelines for poster presentation

5) a) Process for abstract screening for poster presentation

a) The presenters are requested to read relevant books/papers on IKS, before submitting the abstract.

b) The topics of the poster should be based on critical analysis of IKS and its relevance for current times. The abstract should clearly focus on historical, functional, and futuristic perspectives.

d) Maximum number of posters to be presented 50 (including all themes).

e) Step-1: The author/s should submit an abstract of 250 words, indicating paper title, Authors details, critical issues focused, key findings based on their analysis and strategic recommendations for the future

f) Step-2. Authors of the selected 50 abstracts will be invited to submit an extended abstract of 4500 words.

g) Step-3: Authors will be requested to send the soft copy of the posters.

h) Step-4 Authors will be allowed to present posters at the conference.

i) Step-5. The three best posters will be paid award prize money of Rs.25,000, 15,000 and 10,000 for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively

5) b) Timelines for poster presentation selection and submission

a) Announcement in websites of partner organizations. 5th March 2022.

b) Abstract – 250 words submission. 25th April 2022.

c) Abstract – 4500 words submission. 25th June 2022.

d) Submission of full poster soft copy. 25th September 2022.

6) Date: Few suggestions

   a) 19th, 20th, 21st, April 2023.
   b) Mid-March 2023
   c) 17th,18th,19th May 2023 (Rainy season starts from May 15th, 2023)
   d) 6th -8th or 8th-10th May 2023

7) Location: Art of Living, Bengaluru.

8) The Chanakya University will:

a) Hire exclusively two research staff (One Research Associate and one Research Assistant) for 24 months.

b) Total responsibility of quality control of all submitted papers, their peer review process, communication with authors, structuring of sessions and rapporteurs report preparation and publication. All this in consultation with partner organizations and their cooperation.

9) Budget:

9.1. All costs will be equally shared by all partner organizations. This includes research staff salaries, honorarium to paper writers, referee process and editing. The costs exclude travel costs of the participants (both domestic and international).

9.2. Component wise sharing can be adopted

a) IKS-GOI will take care of the costs for Honorarium and peer-reviewers
b) Central Sanskrit University will support the expenditure to participating a) Sanskrit scholars b) Sanskrit students and c) Sanskrit Faculty across the country for poster presentation and on the proposals submitted on Theme C (Action research, development projects & IKS)
c) Chanakya University will take care of all processing costs from day one which includes a) co-ordinating papers, b) reviewers, c) copy editing, d) publishing (with international publishers) e) Correspondence f) Rapporteurs This also includes sending a formal letter to authors and reviewers)
d) AOL will take care of event management, food, and accommodation

9.3. **Budget sheet** (Annexure 1)

10) Outputs

a) A high-quality book from an international publisher.

b) A few research papers to be published globally.

c) All publications will have digital open access.

d) Identify locations and topics for: i) action research, ii) Specific locations for

action-based development of IKS; iii) focused case studies.

e) Indicate potential themes for future conferences.

11) Coordinators/contact person details from each organization.

a) Chanakya University. Dr Sandeep Nair, Associate Professor. Email: sandeep@cessedu.org and Ms. Srilekha Prabhu, Research Assistant. Email: srilekha.p@cessedu.org

b) Art of Living. Sri G.Sasisekhar, COO, Social Projects. Email: coo@projects.artofliving.org

c) Central Sanskrit Uni, Delhi. Dr Shrinivasa Varkhedi, Vice Chancellor. Email: vicechancellor@csu.co.in & shrivarakhedi@gmail.com

d) IKS-GOI- Delhi. Dr Ganti Suryanaryanamurthy, National Coordinator. Email: nciks@aicte-india.org

Participation Certificate shall be awarded to all the participants.

Annexure 1

Budget Sheet

Sl no.	Purpose		Total in Rupees	
Chanakya University				
1	Salaries for 2 Research staffs from Chanakya University	For 16 months	16,00,000	
2	Website component, Registration of delegates, Logistics & Correspondence, Rapporteurs Discussants		10,00,000	
			Total	**26,00,000**
IKS-GOI				
1	Research Papers honorarium (Each paper Rs.25,000)	25,000*30	7,50,000	
2	Reviewers' honorarium (Each Reviewer Rs.2,500)	2,500*60 (2 reviewers for 1 paper)	1,50,000	
3	Copy editors (Each paper Rs.5,000)	5,000*30	1,50,000	
4	Poster presentation Prize money (Best 3)	1st prize- 25,000 2nd prize- 15,000 3rd prize- 10,000	50,000	
			Total	**11,00,000**
Central Sanskrit University				
1	Sanskrit a) Scholars b) Faculty c) Pandits d) Students The numbers will be determined by CSU	a) Poster presentation b) Preparation of action research, development projects c) Research paper presentation d) All related travel costs from across India	Around 12,00,000	
				12,00,000
Art Of Living				
1	Food (3 days)	3 days, 3 meals, 50 people		
2	Accommodation (3 days)	3 days for 50 people		
3	Events organising costs	3 days		
4	Cultural programs	3 days		
5	Poster display			
Cultural events- suggested (Attached in the annexure 1)		Cost to be estimated and decide on who will pay?		

NOTE

a) **The present budgeting is done in the assumption that number of papers will be 30 and another 20 which includes Chairpersons and discussants. Thereby, 50. Should there be any increase in the number of any category, proportionately the costs may go up**

b) **The above cost excludes travel and related costs.**

Annexure 2

A Concept Note on Value Addition to the IKS Conference during April 2023

Suggested by Dr Sandeep Nair, Associate Professor, Chanakya University

Needs suggestion from the partners

Introduction:

- As the planned international conference with eminent partners is taking the desired shape with, it is proposed to add certain value addition to the conference in terms of actual experience of Indian Knowledge and Social Heritage.

Concept:

- Experiential enrichment of India's Cultural, Spiritual, Aesthetic, and Intellectual heritage.
- Event for Entertainment and showcasing the Legacy.

Programs:

- Cultural event with Music, Dance, Drama other.
- Spiritual Event: Meditation, Discourse, Yoga, etc.
- Heritage: Demonstration of lesser known from of Art/ Practice/ other.
- Literature: Introduction to Great Books/ Literary Heritage or Practice.
- Avadahana: A session on Shataavadhana by Sri. R. Ganesh.

Scheduling:

- The Event may be scheduled for a duration of 60-90 minutes, in the Evening/ Morning.

Organization:

- Each partnering institution may be advised to take up the responsibility of conducting an Event. Like,
- Chanakya University: Cultural/ Avadhaana/ other
- Central Sanskrit University: Literary Heritage
- AOL: Spiritual Heritage/ other
- IKS GOI Division: Art and Practices.

Exhibition:

- An Exhibition of the journey of Indic Knowledge Heritage/ other would be appropriate.

Budgeting:

- May involve only if, reputed/ professional artistes are being invited.
- Easily manageable, if executed by Students and volunteers