



Deccan Education Society's
Fergusson College (Autonomous), Pune
Department of IKS
organises

One day IKS Conference

IKS PRAVAHA:

From Ancient roots

to

Modern Routes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Firodia Auditorium,

Fergusson College Campus, Pune.

Concept

The theme Pravaha—The Living Stream of Wisdom—presents Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) as a dynamic and evolving continuum rather than a static repository of information. Rooted in the civilizational insights of the Vedas and the Upanishads, it views knowledge as a lived and experiential process aligned with the larger cosmic order. Pravaha, meaning “flow,” signifies continuity, adaptability, and harmony, emphasizing that learning is not possession but participation. IKS integrates ethics, ecology, philosophy, science, and daily life into a holistic framework that nurtures balance among body, mind, society, and environment. In the contemporary context, it moves beyond preservation to meaningful application. Traditional health practices inform integrative medicine, ecological principles guide sustainable development, and classical intellectual frameworks inspire innovation in education, governance, and technology. Thus, IKS remains an ever-renewing stream of wisdom, connecting ancient roots with modern pathways.

Themes

- Tantrayukti as a Framework for Knowledge Organization: Reconstructing Ancient Indian Methods of Systematic Writing
- Tantrayukti and the Science of Arrangement: Indigenous Principles of Scholarly Writing in Classical India
- Bridging Tradition and Academia: Tantrayukti and Contemporary Thesis Organization
- Beyond Religion: Dharma as a Normative System for Social Order and Justice
- Dharma and Sustainable Governance: Indigenous Insights for Modern Legal Systems
- Dharma as a Framework for Community-Centered Law and Sustainable Governance
- Pañca-Kośa Theory as a Framework for Holistic Education: An Indigenous Pedagogical Model
- From Body to Consciousness: Pañca-Kośa as a Model for Comprehensive Human Development
- Embedding Pañca-Kośa in Educational Reform: An IKS Approach to Holistic Development
- Pancha Mahabhuta Theory: An Early Holistic Model of Biological and Ecological Interdependence
- Elemental Metaphors to Scientific Models: Translating Panchabhuta Theory into Contemporary Science
- Mahabhuta Theory and Climate Ethics: Elemental Harmony as a Framework for Sustainability
- From Sūtra to Algorithm: Oral Compression and Procedural Efficiency in Indian Mathematics
- Orality, Brevity, and Calculation: Structural Efficiency in the Sūtra Tradition
- Learning by Sūtra: Oral Pedagogy and Cognitive Efficiency in Indian Mathematical Practice
- From Emptiness to Number: The Conceptual Evolution of Śūnya and the Rise of Positional Arithmetic
- Śūnya and Place-Value Notation: A Turning Point in the History of Computation
- Śūnya and Computational Modernity: Foundations of Efficient Numerical Representation

Themes

- Integrating Traditional Knowledge into Skill Ecosystems: Policy Pathways for Vocational IKS
- Traditional Skills for Modern Markets: Repositioning Lok Vidya in the Skill Economy
- Mapping Lok Vidya to National Skill Frameworks: A Systems Approach
- Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems into STEM: Policy Pathways for Logic and Mathematics in the National Quantum Mission
- Conceptual Tools from IKS for Training the Next Generation of Quantum Scientists
- Traditional Logic, Modern Innovation: Building a Knowledge Continuum for India's Scientific Missions
- The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library and Intellectual Property Policy: Safeguarding India's Knowledge Heritage from Biopiracy
- TKDL and Global Patent Regimes: Policy Responses to Knowledge Appropriation
- Traditional Knowledge Protection in the WTO Era: Lessons from India's TKDL
- Cultural Ecology and Conservation: The Role of Sacred Groves in Sustainable Landscapes
- Faith, Forests, and Biodiversity: Indigenous Practices as Conservation Models
- From Ritual Protection to Regulatory Frameworks: Mainstreaming Sacred Groves in Environmental Planning
- Harmony over Conflict? Indigenous Models of Social Cohesion and Their Implications for Social Justice
- Harmony as Social Method: Indigenous Philosophies of Collective Well-being
- Community Governance and Social Equity: Integrating Indigenous Cohesion Models into Welfare Policy
- The Science of Śabda: Sanskrit Grammar and Its Relevance to Computational Linguistics
- Knowledge Representation in Classical Linguistics: Lessons for AI Systems
- Śabda in the Digital Age: Bridging Classical Linguistics and Digital Humanities
- Reimagining AI through Indigenous Linguistic Frameworks: The Case of Śabda-Śāstra
- Aparigraha and Circular Economy: Indigenous Ethical Foundations for Sustainable Development Policy
- Restraint, Reciprocity, and Regeneration: An IKS Framework for Sustainable Economies
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sustainable Development Goals: Operationalizing Aparigraha

Important Dates

Registration for attendees (only) -

5th March

Abstract submission - **26th February**

Abstract acceptance notification-

30th February

Paper Submissions - **3rd March**

**No Abstracts will be accepted
after the given date.**

Registration Link-

<https://forms.gle/pfj1Av3qyAoG9Cfs5>

Registration Fees

Only Attendees - 200/-

Paper Presentation (For Students) -
300/-

Paper Presentation (For Faculties
and Individual Researchers) -
500/-

(Working Lunch Included)

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