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IKS Competitive Research Proposals Program 2026-2027

Application and Instructions

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Dates to Remember

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| Proposals Due by | 30 th January 2026 |
| Announcement of Awards | 27 th February 2026 |
| Funding Available | 15 th April 2026 |
| Progress Report Due | 1 st July 2026 |
| Mid Term Review of the project | 31 st August 2026 |
| Annual Progress Report | 29 th January 2027 |
| Final Report Due | 31 st March 2028 |

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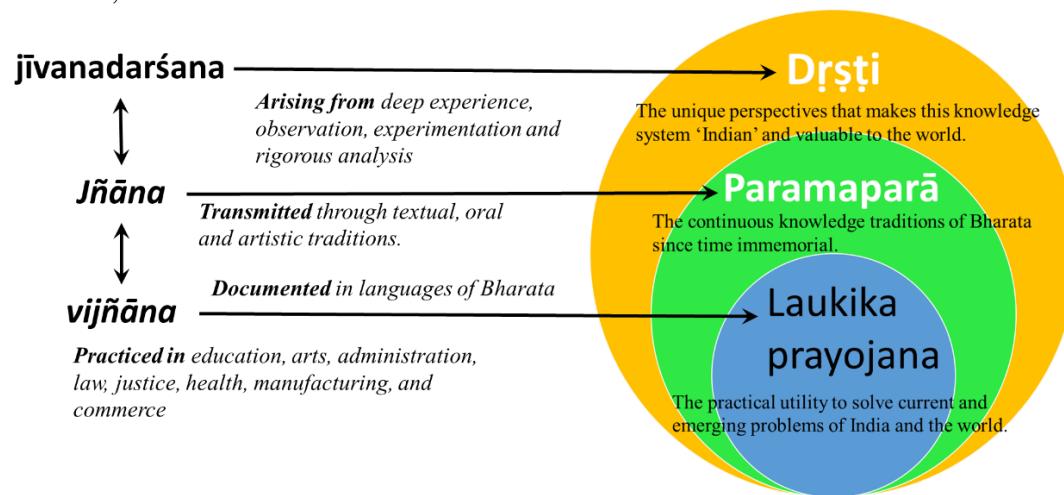
Proposal Submission link: Please visit www.iksindia.org for the details of submission. (*The submission link will be made available from 15th Jan 2026 onwards. Please visit the website regularly for updates.*)

About Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division

Home to the oldest continuously living civilization of the world, the Indian subcontinent has been a knowledge and manufacturing powerhouse of the world for most of the known history. A Dharmic culture that emphasized the development of all dimensions of humanity with an emphasis on living in harmony with oneself, one's environment, and the universe at large. It is becoming very apparent from the recent developments around the world that the current models of development are unsustainable and are in serious conflict with nature. The rising inequalities in the modern world point to a dire need for new paradigms of development.

There is an Indian way that is both sustainable and strives for the welfare of all. The grand vision for the IKS Division of Ministry of Education is to initiate a process of training generations of scholars who will show the 'Indian way' to the world. If we want to become the Knowledge Leader in this century and be the 'Viśvaguru', it is imperative that we regain a comprehensive knowledge of our heritage and demonstrate the 'Indian way' of doing things to the entire world. Therefore, the IKS Division of Ministry of Education has been established with a *vision to promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research on all aspects of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), update and disseminate IKS knowledge for further innovations and societal applications.*

The Indian Knowledge System comprises of Jnan, Vignan, and Jeevan Darshan of the people of Bharat continuously arising out of deep experience, observation, experimentation and rigorous analysis, with a tradition of validating and putting into practice in several areas including education, arts, administration, law, justice, health, manufacturing, and commerce, documented in classical and other languages of Bharat, and transmitted through textual, oral and artistic traditions.



Vision and Mission

The objective of the IKS Division for the next 12 years is to completely decolonize Indian mind by generating interest and healthy critical reverence to the unbroken knowledge traditions of Bhārata for the welfare of the world. To achieve this objective, the vision of the IKS division for the next five years will be to rejuvenate and mainstream Indian knowledge systems for the contemporary world.

The primary goal of the IKS division is to bridge the gap between the traditional Indian knowledge systems and contemporary knowledge systems. The IKS division will continue to focus on three fundamental principles when undertaking any activity:

Paramaparā: Embracing the rich heritage and lineage of Indian knowledge systems, the IKS division aims to uphold and carry forward the wisdom that has been passed down through generations. The goal is to highlight and nurture the continuous unbroken knowledge traditions of Bharata since time immemorial.

Drṣṭi: The unique perspectives provided make this knowledge system ‘Indian’ and valuable to the world. Indian knowledge systems offer a unique perspective that holds immense value in addressing contemporary and emerging challenges. By combining traditional wisdom with modern knowledge, we can find holistic solutions that transcend the limitations of either approach.

Laukik Prayojana: The practical utility of the Indian knowledge system to solve current and emerging problems of Indian and the world. To ensure the practicality and impact of IKS projects, emphasis is placed on developing knowledge systems that are relevant to the present. By focusing on areas of societal importance, such as health, technology, and social well-being, IKS projects strive to make a tangible difference.

Functions of IKS Division:

- 1) Facilitate and coordinate IKS based/related inter and transdisciplinary work done by various institutions in India and abroad including Universities, Institutions of national importance, R&D Laboratories and different ministries and inspire private sector organizations to engage with it.
- 2) Establish, guide and monitor subject-wise interdisciplinary research groups comprising of researchers from institutes, centers and individuals.
- 3) Create and promote popularization schemes.
- 4) Facilitate funding of various projects and develop mechanisms to undertake research.
- 5) Make Policy recommendations wherever required for the promotion of IKS.

Nature of outputs expected from this program: The deliverables of this program must align with the objectives of the IKS Division, Ministry of Education, and directly contribute to the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the area of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). The outputs shall be structured and categorized strictly as per the thematic areas of IKS Division, ensuring comprehensive coverage and relevance to the identified knowledge domains.

Copyright: The IKS Division will retain the right for using/disseminating all the materials created under this program will be fully owned and copyrighted by the IKS Division, Ministry of Education. Contributors retain authorship but receive no royalties. The IKS Division can freely use and disseminate the content, which will be made publicly available at no cost.

Overview of the Competitive Research Proposals Program of IKS Division of MoE

The Competitive Grants Program of the Indian Knowledge Systems is designed to encourage and fund research studies that will contribute to the research mission of the IKS Division. Our goal is to make catalytic grants that encourage original, serious, and deep scholarly research in the Indian Knowledge Systems and rejuvenate IKS research in India. The funds available to support the Competitive Grants Program are discretionary funds provided by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India to support the activities of the IKS Division. The level of funding available for the program each year is determined by the MoE, Govt. of India. Each proposal call of the division will focus on certain thematic areas identified with the help of experts and IKS researcher community feedback.

Funding research that may eventually lead to deeper understanding or practical products or to solutions to contemporary problems is the top priority. The research proposals must be interdisciplinary, involving the study of the traditional concepts, methods, technologies, or approaches using the modern tools and approaches wherever necessary, in order to solve contemporary societal problems or develop deeper understanding of the Indian Knowledge Systems. Research proposals should be collaborative and involve traditional scholars/scholars well versed with the traditional texts and practices and compare them wherever possible to the developments in modern sciences.

This call for proposals has the following research priority areas. We intend to support up to 10 high quality research proposals in each area subject to availability of funding. We may not fund any proposals in a thematic area if we do not receive high quality proposals.

1. आन्वीक्षिकी विभाग / Vedic Philosophical and Cognitive Sciences
2. इतिहास एवं सभ्यता विभाग / Historical and Civilizational Sciences
3. लौकिकशास्त्र विभाग / Contemporary Social / Cultural Sciences
4. गणित-भौत-ज्यौतिष विभाग / Mathematical, Physical and Astronomical Sciences
5. वाङ्विभाग / Speech and Linguistics
6. राजनीति एवं अर्थशास्त्र विभाग / Political, Economic and Strategic sciences
7. भैषज्य एवं आरोग्य विभाग / Medical and Health sciences
8. द्रव्य-गुण-संयोग विभाग / Culinary, Nutritional and Pharmacological Sciences
9. कृषि एवं पशुपाल्य विभाग - वार्ता विभाग / Agricultural Science, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry
10. गांधर्व विभाग / Performing Arts
11. यांत्रिक एवं नव्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग / Mechanical & Digital Design & Engineering
12. वास्तु विभाग / Civil and Architectural Sciences
13. शिल्प-आलेख्य विभाग / Fine Arts and Sculpture
14. रस-धातु विभाग / Chemical, Metallurgical & Material Sciences
15. अलङ्कारादि विभाग / Fashion and Interior Design
16. शैक्षणिक-क्रीड़नीयक विभाग / Edutainment Sciences

Link for suggested areas to consider under each thematic areas: *Coming Soon (Please check the website)*

Available Funding: The funds available to support the IKS Research projects are discretionary funds provided by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India to support the activities of the IKS Division. The level of funding available for the program each year is determined by the MoE, Govt. of India. The IKS Division encourages IKS Research projects across the country with a funding level of up to **Rs. 25 Lakhs** over two years.

Goal for Funding IKS Research Projects: Our goal is to make catalytic grants that encourage original, serious, and deep scholarly research in the Indian Knowledge Systems to rejuvenate IKS research in India. ***Each IKS research project is expected to focus on one thematic area. Research may be basic or applied. Generalized Research Proposals without identifying focus areas is highly discouraged and will be rejected at first step of the review process.*** Funding research that may eventually lead to practical products or practices or leads to solutions to current societal problems is the top priority. ***Involving students, younger faculty with an aim to train and nurture next generation of scholars is highly encouraged.***

Nature of Support: Each IKS research project will be supported with funding for the manpower (Research fellows, project associates and interns), supplies, equipment, travel and miscellaneous expenses. This funding is expected to support and encourage scholarly research work in IKS.

IKS Research project Evaluation: The success of the IKS research projects will be monitored through quarterly follow up to the Principal Investigators (PIs), and yearly reports on the progress of the research projects. The project outputs will likely be updated on the IKS Division website to help disseminate the results to the IKS community. The metrics to evaluate the performance of the IKS research projects will include the research papers published, publications in peer- reviewed journals, popular articles, and books published in addition to other appropriate metrics which will be communicated to the PIs in advance. ***IKS Division reserves the right to discontinue funding if there is no satisfactory progress (as indicated by an expert review) in any IKS Research project.***

Proposal Eligibility Criteria/Preparation and Submission Instructions

The IKS Division is inviting proposals from PIs working in the Indian Knowledge Systems.

- Faculty members in any Government-recognized educational institutions (private/public), Government-funded labs and NGOs/Trusts/foundations, Acharyas in any gurukula or pathashala, practicing artists with a minimum of 5 years' experience in teaching and learning are eligible to be the **Principal Investigators**.
- Faculty members in any Government-recognized educational institutions (private/public), Government-funded labs and NGOs/Trusts/foundations, Acharyas in any gurukula or pathashala, practicing artists with a minimum of 3 years' experience in teaching and learning are eligible to be the **Co-Principal Investigators**.
- To be eligible for this grant, organizations like NGOs/Trusts/foundations must be **solely working** in the research and education related to Indian Knowledge Systems.
- Independent researchers without an institutional affiliation are not eligible to apply.
- Researchers who have been funded by the IKS Division through the Research proposal program/IKS center program in earlier rounds are also eligible to apply as Principal Investigators or Co-Principal Investigators. They can also be involved as a collaborator.
- Involving traditional scholars and artisans as co-principal investigators and collaborators is highly encouraged.

Funding the best research is our priority. When proposals are similarly scored, we give preference to assistant professors, associate professors and professors (in this order).

Researchers may submit up to two proposals as principal investigator, but only one will be funded. A researcher can be involved in a maximum of three proposals as a Co-PI. If a faculty member submits two proposals and both are ranked for funding, the person will be asked to the proposal for which she/he would like to receive funding. **The proposal can be submitted in any Indian Language included in the Eighth Schedule or English.**

1. Proposal(s) should focus on research important to IKS's research mission. Research may be basic or applied. **Preference will be given to proposals that may eventually lead to practical products or practices or leads to solutions to contemporary problems.**
2. **It is a mandatory requirement that the team must have at least one person (PI or Co-PI or Collaborator) who can read the primary text without the aid or any translations.**
3. Joint, interdisciplinary projects are preferred, and encouraged.
4. The typical awards for research projects are Rs. 5-10 lakhs (total amount) and a maximum award will be Rs. 25 Lakhs (total amount) over a period of two years for research projects.
5. The project must be completed before the project deadline indicated on the first page unless an extension is granted.
6. **Proposal deadline is mentioned on the first page of this document. Proposals must be submitted through online link given on the first page of this document only. Any other form of submissions will not be considered. Late proposals will not be accepted for any reason.**
7. IKS Division reserves the right to nominate proposals to the review panel. The nominated proposals will be considered on an equal basis and will undergo the same peer review process as other proposals.
8. The IKS Division also reserves the right to approach any institution and invite proposals from them directly. All these proposals will be considered on an equal basis as other proposals and will undergo the same peer review process as other proposals.
9. If the proposal is not suitable for the IKS Research project Scheme, the review panel may nominate it for any schemes of IKS Division. These proposals will be treated equally with direct submissions and will follow the identical peer review process.
10. Progress reports are due on the dates indicated on the first page. The research carried out in the project will be reviewed at the end of one year by an external expert committee. Future grants will be made only upon favorable recommendations.
11. If the Principal Investigator (PI) wishes to transfer the project from current institution to a different institution, prior approval from the IKS Division of the Ministry of Education (MoE) is Mandatory. A formal request for project transfer from the PI, duly signed by the Head of the new institution, must be submitted to the IKS Division.
12. Please prepare the proposal as per the proposal guidelines given below.
 - **Please use the proposal template provided.** If you use the version at the end of this document, you will need to adjust pagination and margins.
 - Use the signature page provided and make it a separate page in your document.
 - Complete the cover page provided. Make it a separate page in your document.
 - The proposal body with appropriate references should not be more than ten (10) pages long. Please write your proposal in clear simple language and do not list references unless you cite them.
 - Use 1-inch margins on all sides, single line spacing, at least 11-point font.
 - Please place page numbers at bottom center of the pages.
 - a. A complete proposal includes the following separate documents (**as a Single pdf with below all**

documents only):

- Document 1: Cover page
- Document 2: Proposal narrative
- Document 3: Budget page
- Document 4: PI and Co-PI resumes
- Document 5: PI signature and institutional approval pages
- Document 6: Plagiarism detection report and AI generated content report
- Document 7: Organization Darpan certificate (NGO/Trust/Foundation etc)
- Whole document file must be <20MB.
- Once your proposal is finalized, save as a PDF file using this naming format IKSBGSyojana_YOURLASTNAME.

13. Submission Process

- Please visit the IKS Division website and fill the details here: iksindia.org
- Upload your PDF proposal files (<20 MB) and then press the submit button
- If your submission has been successful, you will see a pop-up message “Your response has been submitted successfully to IKS Division. No other emails will be sent to you regarding confirmation of your proposal”.

14. Budget Distribution: Proposals proposing more than the budget limit (25 lakhs) will be returned without review and automatically excluded from the review process. There will be no further communication in this regard.

Funding will be provided to support the following:

- **Salary** for project personnel/ project associates/ research fellowships/ internships is supported. PI or Co-PI salaries/honorariums are NOT supported.
- **Supplies:** defined as consumable items costing shall be <₹10,000 per item i.e. ten temperature sensors or chemical bottles at ₹1000 each are still considered to be supplies and service charges for sample analysis.
- **Equipment:** defined as non-consumable items costing ₹10,000 or more. Equipment/facilities budget line must not exceed 20% of the total sanctioned budget. Please note that construction of new facilities (Brick and mortar) is not allowed in this project. Acquisition of resource such as limited number of books (strictly relating to the focus area of the Research Project) are acceptable under this budget head.
- **Travel:** Travel and conferences (domestic only). International travel is not allowed. The PI and research team may conduct field visits (both local and non-local). PI attendance at the Annual IKS Conference is expected.
- **Contingencies:** up to 5% of the total sanctioned budget not exceeding Rs 1 lakh.
- **Overhead:** No overhead allowed.

Review Process

1. We will follow a two-phase peer review process.
2. The rating criteria that will be used by the reviewers are given in the next section.
3. All proposals will be reviewed by multiple independent experts.
4. Shortlisted Proposals from the Phase I will be sent for further evaluation in Phase II. PIs may be contacted by the Review Panel in Phase II over a call/video conference.
5. The shortlisted PIs in Phase-II will receive the reviewer comments for their proposal through email subject to experts' review.
6. Additional funding may be given to selected proposals subject to Review Panel's recommendations.
7. The IKS Division will be bound by the decisions of the review panel regarding the selection of the proposals.
8. The list of selected proposals will be published through IKS Division website.

Discretion: The IKS Division is a mission mode scheme. Therefore, IKS Division shall reserve the discretion on determination of sanction of funding and processes as per its standard norms and such determination shall be final. The selection process is not open to review.

Proposal Rating Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the reviewers of your proposal to evaluate your proposal against others.

Please think about these questions carefully and answer them clearly in your proposal using the proposal structure specified.

- Are the research plan and goals clearly stated and **understandable**? (10 points)
- Is this project **relevant** to IKS Division's mission and focus areas? (20 points)
- Does the proposed research address a **significant** problem or potential? To what extent is the proposed research **original, innovative, or new**? (20 points)
- Will the results of this study be **useful**? Might they **make a difference**? What are the **economic/environmental/social** benefits of this research? (15 points)
- Does the proposed **budget seem appropriate** for the work to be executed in the project? (10 points)
- Does the PI and the team have necessary competence, prior experience and expertise to undertake the proposed research in the proposed topic? (25 points)

Strength of the proposal (up to 100 words): Please list the specific strengths of the proposal.

Weakness of the proposal (up to 100 words): Please list the specific weaknesses of the proposal if any.

NOTwithstanding the weaknesses do you think that there are some specific reasons due to which the project

may still be considered for support?

Summary Statement (up to 100 words): Please indicate whether this proposal should be supported or not.

Further guidance on proposal preparation

Considerations in preparing your proposal:

1. The charge of this program of the IKS division is to support **research in Indian Knowledge Systems** that will make meaningful contributions to the furtherance of IKS. Please refer *Annexure -I* to see what qualifies as an IKS project. Please refer to the IKS Website for list of projects that have been supported in the past.
2. A good proposal will emphasize how the proposed research is intended to contribute towards the IKS's mission either in the near future(applied) or by leading to major developments in the long run(basic). Simply satisfying curiosity or compiling data for a refereed paper will not be in the interest of the IKS Division and will not impress the reviewers.
3. ***The Research projects must strictly be related to IKS themes.*** Proposals which are not within the scope of this solicitation will be rejected in Phase 1 review without any further communication in this regard. Projects must have clear scope that can be completed in two years. The projects must have clear quantifiable deliverables. Writing a comprehensive report is required for all projects. For projects that involve performing arts, a comprehensive multimedia documentation is expected.
4. Clear communication is the key: Proposals that clearly specify the contribution of the research will be considered.
5. We do not fund acquisition or construction of facilities (bricks and mortar). Requests for equipment needed to carry out proposed research are permitted. The proposal must describe your need and specify how the equipment will be used in this specific research. ***Funding will not be provided to better equip your laboratory or facilitate other work.***
6. Interdisciplinary research that is original and innovative will be favored.
7. Please keep in mind that funds to finance this research are limited. We will make a call on the number of proposals to be funded based on the availability of funds and quality of proposals.
8. Please ensure that you cite all your references in your proposal. All proposals must include at least one primary text in the references.
9. If you intend to use IKS project funds in concert with other funding to complete a project, be sure to thoroughly describe the other funding source(s) and amount(s) on your budget page. Reviewers are interested in knowing about funds leveraging possibilities.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. The funds will be released to the awardee Institution/Organisation 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 scheme. 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, SoE (Payment & Receipt Column). The interest thus earned will be treated as a credit to the Organisation and to be adjusted towards further instalment of the grant.
8. The Organisation 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 Organisation nor will it divert the grant receipts to any other Organisation as assistance. In case the Organisation 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 along with reports.
9. 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.
10. IKS Division reserves the right to terminate the Project at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilised or satisfactory progress is not being made.
11. The comptroller & Auditor General of India, at his discretion, shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the Institute/organisation maintained in respect of the grant received for the project from the IKS Division.
12. 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.
13. Organisations like NGOs/Trusts/Foundations must submit darpan certificate.
14. In case of Exemption of the Guidelines & Terms and Conditions, IKS Division of Ministry of Education 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.

THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS DIVISION OF MoE

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**IKS COMPETITIVE RESEARCH PROPOSAL PROGRAM: 2026-2027
2026-27 IKS BG SAMVARDHAN YOJANA PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

(not included in page limit) Proposal title:

Lead Researcher (Principal Investigator):

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Academic rank:

Appointment type:

Physical work location:

Academic home department:

Co-PI(s) (if any):

Cooperator(s)/Collaborator(s) (if any):

Project Budget Amount:

I certify that I will lead the project and complete all the tasks outlined in the proposal. I certify that a Project completion report will be submitted at the end of the project and the funding support from IKS Division of MoE will be acknowledged in any publication resulting from this work.

Principal Investigator

Date:

Principal Investigator Printed Name:

IKS BG SAMVARDHAN YOJANA PROPOSAL BODY

(Proposals that exceed the word limits for individual sections will be returned without review)

Abstract of the proposal (250 words): What is the project about? Describe the project idea here. Please note that this abstract will be published on the IKS Division Website. Please do not include any proprietary knowledge or ideas in this section. Please write this for general public.

Overview of the project (250 words): What is the project about? What is the thematic/focus area of the project? Describe the project idea here.

Contribution to the IKS Mission (250 words): How does this project contribute to the IKS mission?

Justification (500 words): Please provide a justification for the project and its importance.

Objectives and timelines (250 words): Please provide a clear list of specific objectives for this project. One-Three objectives a reasonable for this RFP. Clear and specific objectives will be given higher weightage.

Published Work in the last 100 years related to the Proposed Research Project (500 words): Please list out any research papers/articles/books or any other published work matching to the proposed topic.

Project Intellectual merit (500 words): What are the questions that will be addressed under the proposed research? Describe the unique contributions of this project to IKS (with respect to *Gyan/Parampara, Vigyan/Laukik Prayojana and Jeevan Darshan/Drishti*) with a focus on

- Epistemology (प्रमाणपद्धतिः)
- Ontology (जगदृष्टिः/प्रमेयशास्त्रम्)
- Methodology (पद्धतिः/विधि: /तन्त्रम्/न्यायविधानम्)

Project broader impacts (250 words): What are the broader (Societal, economic and environmental impacts?

Outputs and outcomes of the proposal (250 words): What are the outputs and outcomes of the project? Please prepare a list of specific outputs and outcomes. DO NOT use paragraphs to describe the outputs/outcomes.

Procedures (1000 words): Please provide a summary of the procedures that will be used in this project. While writing the summary of the procedures ensure to provide with adequate references to literature.

Project team expertise (250 words): Please tell us about the prior experience of the PI and the Co-PIs in the proposed topic. What are the facilities available to the team to perform the research work outlined in the proposal? Expertise existing with each of the investigators in terms of preliminary results, to execute every component of the proposal should be highlighted.

Specific roles of Co-PI(s) and Cooperator(s), if listed on cover page (250 words): What are the specific roles of the team members? The team must include substantial contribution from all members. If the proposal contains more than one investigator, it is important to clearly mention the role of each Investigator in implementing the objectives of the proposal.

Timelines (100 words): Indicate timelines for project tasks and schedule of activities giving milestones through bar diagrams.

Summary Table:

Write the Summary of the Project in bullets under every section as per the tabular format given below

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Title of the Project | |
| Thematic Area | |
| Objectives | |
| No. of Co-PIs | |
| No. of Collaborators/Cooperators | |
| Outputs | |
| Outcomes | |

Methodology: summarized plan of research.

References cited (not included in the page limit):

- **Primary References:** Cannot be left blank. Must include at least one primary text. Primary references are the original texts pertaining to the research proposed. These are typically in Sanskrit or other Bharateeya bhashas. The team must have at least one person who can read the primary text without the aid or any translations.
- **Translated primary texts and Secondary References:** These pertain to the translations of the primary texts into various languages including English. Secondary references refer to the texts/articles such as commentaries for the primary texts.
- **Other references:** All other pertinent references are included here.

IKS Research Project BUDGET

(not included in the page limit – please round all figures to nearest hundred rupees)

NOTE: Please do not exceed the maximum budget limit of the project. Proposals proposing more than the budget limit (>25lakhs) will be returned without review and automatically excluded from the review process.

Salaries: Include the salaries for the research fellows /project associates in this project. PI or Co-PI salaries/honorariums are NOT supported.

Supplies: Includes equipment with an individual piece value less than ₹10,000, i.e. ten temperature sensors or chemical bottles at ₹1000 each are still considered to be supplies. Any service charges for the analysis of samples.

Equipment: defined as non-consumable items costing ₹10,000 or more. Equipment/facilities budget line must not exceed 20% of the total sanctioned budget. Please note that construction of new facilities (Brick and mortar) is not allowed in this project. Acquisition of resource such as limited number of books (strictly relating to the focus area of the Research Project) are acceptable under this budget head.

Travel: Travel and conferences (domestic only). International travel is not allowed. The PI and research team may conduct field visits (both local and non-local). PI attendance at the Annual IKS Conference is expected.

Contingencies: up to 5% of the total sanctioned budget not exceeding Rs 1 lakh.

Overhead: No overhead allowed for centrally funded institutions. Even incase of other institutions, overheads are at the discretion of the IKS division and are capped at 5% of the total grant value.

Other funding sources (if any): While not mandatory, institutional support through matching grants or any other financial or in-kind support is encouraged to leverage the scant resources of the IKS division. Please indicate monetary and in-kind support from other sources for this project.

Resume Format (Do not exceed two pages for each investigator. The resumes are not included in the page limit)

1. Name:
2. Correspondence Address:
3. Email:
4. Contact Numbers:
5. Institution:
6. Academic Qualification:
7. Work Experience (in chronological order):
8. Professional Recognition/Award/Prize/Certificate, Fellowship:
9. Peer Reviewed Publications:
10. Details of Patents (if any):
11. Books/Reports/Chapters/General Articles etc.:
12. Ongoing/completed Projects during the last 5 years:
13. Your competence to undertake this project (Maximum 500 words):
14. Any other information (Maximum 500 words):

Certificate from the Investigator
(Not included in the page limit)

Project Title:

It is certified that

1. The same project proposal has not been submitted elsewhere for financial support.
2. I undertake that spare time on equipment procured in the project will be made available to other users.
3. I agree to submit ethical clearance certificate from the concerned ethical committee, if the project involves field trials/ experiments/ exchange of specimens, human & animal materials etc.
4. The research work proposed in the scheme/ project does not in any way duplicate the work already done or being carried out elsewhere on the subject.
5. Publication Acknowledgement: Work conducted under this project and published in technical/scientific papers or books will acknowledge the support received from the IKS Division of Ministry of Education. This acknowledgement will explicitly mention the specific IKS Division program that provided the support.
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7. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of IKS Division of MoE grant.

Signature of the PI

Name of the PI

Affiliation of the PI

Date:

Place:

Annexure-1:

Thematic Area CODE:

1. आन्वीक्षिकी विभाग / Vedic Philosophical and Cognitive Sciences
2. इतिहास एवं सभ्यता विभाग / Historical and Civilizational Sciences
3. लौकिकशास्त्र विभाग / Contemporary Social / Cultural Sciences
4. गणित-भौत-ज्यौतिष विभाग / Mathematical, Physical and Astronomical Sciences
5. वाङ्विभाग / Speech and Linguistics
6. राजनीति एवं अर्थशास्त्र विभाग / Political, Economic and Strategic sciences
7. भैषज्य एवं आरोग्य विभाग / Medical and Health sciences
8. द्रव्य-गुण-संयोग विभाग / Culinary, Nutritional and Pharmacological Sciences
9. कृषि एवं पशुपाल्य विभाग) वार्ता विभाग / Agricultural Science, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry
10. गांधर्व विभाग / Performing Arts
11. यांत्रिक एवं नव्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग / Mechanical & Digital Design & Engineering
12. वास्तु विभाग / Civil and Architectural Science
13. शिल्प-आलेख्य विभाग / Fine Arts and Sculpture
14. रस-धातु विभाग / Chemical, Metallurgical & Material Sciences
15. अलङ्कारादि विभाग / Fashion and Interior Design
16. शैक्षणिक-क्रीड़नीयक विभाग / Edutainment Sciences

Examples of what qualify/do not qualify as an IKS project

Note: The following examples are simply indicators of good IKS projects and are provided purely to help teams decide their research topics. Submitting proposals based on these topics does not mean that they will be funded. The funding decisions are made based on the expert review.

| Thematic Area | Example of an IKS-Aligned Project | Example of a Non-IKS / Not IKS Project |
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| 1. आन्वीक्षिकी विभाग / Vedic Philosophical and Cognitive Sciences | Study of pramāṇa theory (pratyakṣa, anumāna, śabda) in Nyāya and its relevance to modern cognitive science | General introduction to Indian philosophy and cognitive science |
| 2. इतिहास एवं सभ्यता विभाग / Historical and Civilizational Sciences | Study and document the history of the Bharatiya dynasties and their paramparas (oral traditions). Eg Ahom Dynasty | Chronological listing of historical sites |
| 3. लौकिकशास्त्र विभाग / Contemporary Social / Cultural Sciences | Study of traditional communities, their traditions, land governance systems, concepts of Gram Mandirs, Sacred Groves etc. and their relevance | Survey of current societal problems |
| 4. गणित-भौत-ज्योतिष विभाग / Mathematical, Physical and Astronomical Sciences | Study of astronomical calculations in Sūrya Siddhānta using observational data | Listing ancient Indian astronomers or mathematicians |
| 5. वाङ्वेभाग / Speech and Linguistics | Contextual analysis of key Sanskrit terms across śāstric traditions | Word-frequency count in a Sanskrit text |
| 6. राजनीति एवं अर्थशास्त्र विभाग / Political, Economic and Strategic Sciences | Application of Arthaśāstra principles to contemporary public administration and governance | Study of Western economic theories |
| 7. भैषज्य एवं आरोग्य विभाग / Medical and Health Sciences | Pharmacology study of formulations from classical Ayurvedic texts or Documentation of Traditional Medicinal Plants | Study of modern drugs and their effects on humans |
| 8. द्रव्य-गुण-संयोग विभाग / Culinary, Nutritional and Pharmacological Sciences | Nutritional and biochemical evaluation of traditional Indian diets described in classical texts like Kshemakutuhalam or allied texts/oral traditions | Documenting/Collection of modern recipes |
| 9. कृषि एवं पशुपाल्य विभाग / Agricultural, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Sciences | Experimental validation of crop, soil, or animal-care practices from Vṛkṣayurveda or allied texts/oral traditions | Farmer perception survey on agriculture/ Studying the concepts of modern-day organic farming techniques |
| 10. गांधर्व विभाग / Performing Arts | Analytical study of Nātyaśāstra principles and chapters | Recording a dance or music performance |
| 11. यांत्रिक एवं नव्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग / Mechanical & Digital Design & Engineering | Reconstruction and functional analysis of ancient tools (yantras) described in classical texts | Designing a modern machine |
| 12. वास्तु विभाग / Civil and Architectural Sciences | Structural and material analysis of temple or stepwell architecture based on Vāstuśāstra | Architectural photography of monuments |
| 13. शिल्प-आलेख्य विभाग / Fine Arts and Sculpture | Study of iconometric rules (tālamāna) in classical sculpture and their aesthetic logic Study and documentation of traditional art forms of Bharat, like Madhubani, Pattachitra etc. | Cataloguing sculptures or documentation of modern art |
| 14. रस-धातु विभाग / Chemical, | Scientific analysis of traditional metallurgy, metal extraction processes or rasāyana | Chemical testing of modern alloys |

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| Metallurgical and Material Sciences | processes described in classical texts (Eg. Rasaratnakara) | |
| 15. अलङ्कारादि विभाग / Fashion and Interior Design | Study of textile materials, dyes, and design principles from traditional Indian sources (Eg. visṇudharmottara purāṇa) | Modern fashion trend analysis |
| 16. शैक्षणिक-क्रीड़नीयक विभाग / Edutainment Sciences | Developing educational games, apps or card/board games based on traditional Indian knowledge frameworks (Eg. Quiz App- Questions based on Indian Knowledge Systems) | Creating generic educational games on regular school subjects like Maths or Physics |