Ministry of Education
Government of India

भारतीयज्ञानसंवर्धनयोजना-6

Competitive Research Proposals Program 2025-2026

Application and Instructions

Dates to Remember

Proposals Due by	28th February 2025
Announcement of Awards	31st March 2025
Funding Available	15th April 2025
Progress Report Due	1st September 2025
Review of the project	31st January 2026
Final Report Due	31st March 2027

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Proposal Submission link: https://forms.gle/GwNHGJFTSTb5ewiSA
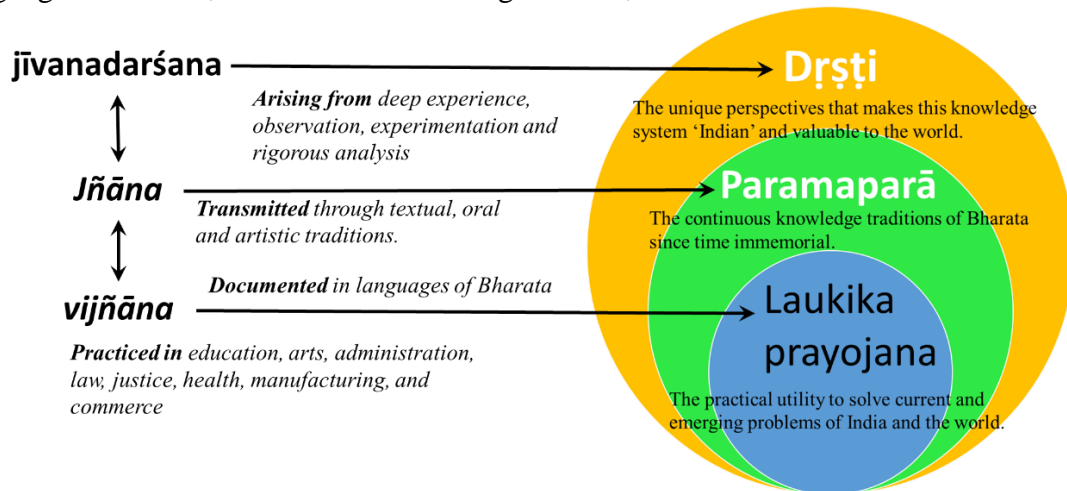
About Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division

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 withan 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.

Dṛṣṭi: 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 support the IKS division's research mission.

Copyright: The PIs of the project will retain all IPR created from this project. IKS Division retains the right for first refusal.

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 5-6 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. वाग्विभाग / **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**

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 Govt. recognized educational institutions (private/public), Govt. 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 Govt. recognized educational institutions (private/public), Govt. 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, 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.

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 PI or 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 CoPI 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. 20 Lakhs (total amount) over a period of two years for experimental projects.

5. All projects must be **completed before 31st March, 2027** 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**. Anyother form of submissions will not be considered. *Late proposals will not be accepted for any reason*.

7. Results will be announced, and funds will be available in April 2025.

8. Progress reports are due 1st September 2025, 31st January 2025 and 1st July 2026. The research carried out in the project will be reviewed at the end of one year (January,2025) by a committee. Future grants will be made only upon favourable recommendations.

9. Final reports are due 31st March 2027. Besides a detailed report, IKS division requests that a no more than 300-word simple language summary (Suitable for publicly posting on the webpage) and several photos of your work be submitted with each report. These may be used in IKS's annual report or on our website.
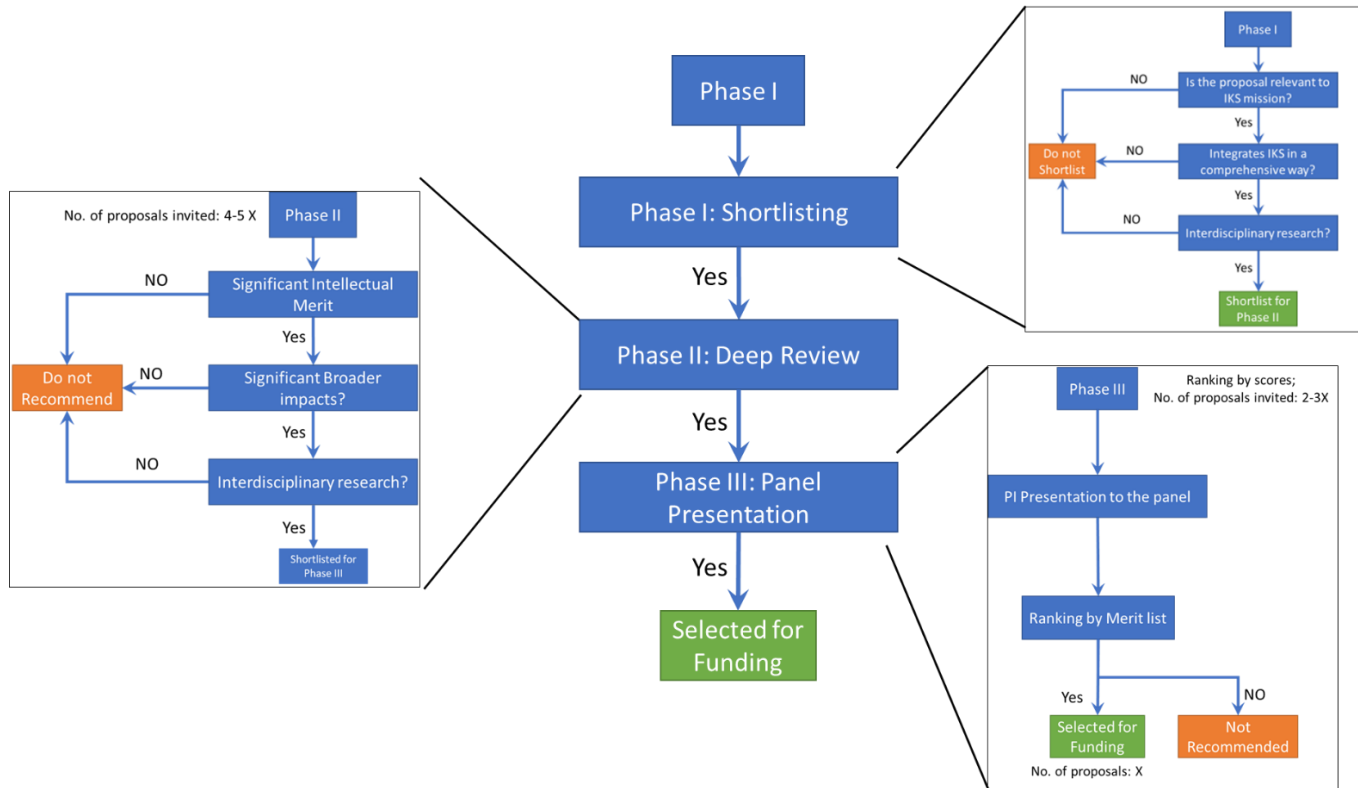
10. If the Principal Investigator (PI) wishes to transfer the project from current institution to a different institution, prior approval from the IKS Division of the Ministry of Education (MoE) is Mandatory. A formal request for project transfer from the PI, duly signed by the Head of the new institution, must be submitted to the IKS Division.

11. Please prepare the proposal as per the proposal guidelines given below. Failure to follow these proposal guidelines will result in your proposal not being reviewed or funded.

   · 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. Proposals that do not follow the template will be rejected without review. There will be no further communication entertained if the proposal does not follow the template provided.
   · 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
   · Whole document file must be <100MB.
   · Once your proposal is finalized, save as a PDF file using this naming format YOURLASTNAME_IKS_BGSYojana6. If you are submitting two proposals, add a suffix identifier to each file name, i.e., YOURLASTNAME_IKS_BGSYojana6_projectname

12. Submission Process
   · Please visit the IKS Division website and fill the details here: iksindia.org
   · Upload your PDF proposal files (<100 MB) and then press the submit button
   · If your submission has been successful in the web system, a notification will be sent within two days informing you of the successful submission. If you submitted a proposal but do not receive such notice, please contact the IKS.

13. Budget Distribution:
   · The project funds for research over two years will be mentioned in sanction letter.
   · Proposals proposing more than the budget limit (Rs.20 lakhs) will be returned without review and automatically excluded from the review process. There will be no further communication in this regard.
   · Salary for project personnel/project associates/research fellowships/interns. 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 can be included in this budget head.
   · Equipment/Facilities: Any non-consumable item with a single piece value less than ₹10,000 or over is considered equipment. Please note that construction of new facilities (Brick and mortar) is not allowed in this project. Acquisition of resource such as books are acceptable under this budget head.

Purchase of computers/laptops/printers are allowed only under extraordinary circumstances with strong justification and explicit approval from the IKS Division.

· Travel and conferences: Any travel and related expenses to attend domesticconferences within India are allowed in this grant. International travel is explicitly not allowed. The PI's must plan on attending the Annual IKS Symposium/conference.

· Contingencies: Maximum contingency allowed is 5% of the total budget.

· Overhead: Maximum overhead allowed is 5% of the total budget.

Review Process

1. We will follow a blind three 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. There will be a presentation before an expert committee for final selection.
5. The PIs in Phase III will receive the average scores for their proposal, and the reviewer comments. The minimum cutoff score for the selected proposals will also be shared inthe interest of process integrity and transparency.

Figure 1. Overview of the three-phase review process

Proposal Rating Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the reviewers of your proposal to evaluate and rank 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.

NOT withstanding 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

1. The charge of the IKS is to support **research in Indian Knowledge Systems** that will makemeaningful contributions to the furtherance of IKS.
2. A good proposal will emphasize how the proposed research is intended to contribute towards the IKS's mission either in the near future or by leading to major developments in the long run. Simply satisfying curiosity or compiling data for a refereed paper will not be inthe interest of the IKS Division and will not impress the reviewers.
3. *The projects must strictly be related to IKS themes.* Projects which are not within the scopeof this solicitation will be rejected in Phase 1 review (internal review process) without any further communication in this regard. Projects must have clear scope that can be completedin 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.

Table 1. Examples of what qualify/do not qualify as an IKS project

Is an IKS project	Is NOT an IKS project
Study of mortar composition used in older bridges/forts/temples.	Study of bridges and ships in a locality.
Documenting and evaluating the water treatment methods practiced by communities.	Monitoring plastic pollution in a river.
Studying the relevance and applicabilityof Chanakya's arthashastra is relevant for solving current societal problems.	Studying the economic theories ofAdam Smith or MMT.
Study of port construction in Dholaviraand Lothal and estimating the capacityof those ports.	Studying ships in a port.
A study of the influence of Sanskrit education on the cognitive abilities ofthe students.	Visiting schools to see how Sanskrit education is imparted.
Identifying the contextual and etymological meanings of the words (ex.Dharma, nyaya, papa, punya) in a purana for the current societal context.	Enumerating the occurrences of words(ex. Dharma, nyaya, papa, punya) in a purana

4. Clear communication is the key: Proposals that clearly specify the contribution of the research will score higher.
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. It may happen that your reviewers could be scholars who may have only a minimal familiarity with the details of your specialized field. Please write your justification, objectives, procedures, and impacts such that a person who may only have a limited background in your area can understand.
7. Research that is original and innovative will be favored.
8. Future funding is difficult to predict but tell us how the results of your research might help lead to future grant funding from other sources.
9. 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.
10. Please ensure that you cite all your references in your text. All proposals must include at least one primary text in the references.
11. 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 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. 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 Organisation and to be adjusted towards further instalment of the grant.
7. 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. You are requested not to use AI tools to auto generate Progress Reports.
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.
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. In case of Exemption of the Guidelines & Terms and Conditions, IKS Division of Ministry of Education would be empowered to take suitable decision.
14. 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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COMPETITIVE RESEARCH PROPOSAL PROGRAM: 2025-2026
2025-26 IKS SAMVARDHINI 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 certifythat a complete project 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

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Date

Principal Investigator Printed Name:

2025-26 IKS SAMVARDHINI YOJANA PROPOSAL BODY (Ten--page limit; Proposals thatexceed the word limits for individual sections will be returned without review)

Overview of the project (250 words): What is the project about? 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 givenhigher weightage.

Project Intellectual merit (250 words): What are the questions that will be addressedunder 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 (जगद्दृष्टिः/प्रमेयशास्त्रम्)
- Methodology (पद्धतिः/विधिः/तन्त्रं/न्यायविधानम्)

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

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

Procedures (1000 words): Please provide a summary of the procedures that will be used in thisproject. 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 mentionthe 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.

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 inSanskrit or other Bharateeya bhasas. 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.

2025-26 IKS 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 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. Anyservice charges for the analysis of samples.

Equipment/Facilities: Any non-consumable item with a single piece value less than ₹10,000 or over is considered equipment. 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 are acceptable under this budget head. Purchase of computers/laptops/printers are allowed only under extraordinary circumstances with strong justification and explicit approval from the IKS Division.

Travel and conferences: Any travel and related expenses to attend domestic conferences withinIndia are allowed in this grant. International travel is explicitly not allowed. The PI's must plan on attending the Annual IKS Symposium/conference.

Contingencies: Maximum contingency allowed is 5% of the total budget (i.e. Rs. 1 lakh).

Overhead: Maximum overhead allowed is 5% of the total budget (i.e. Rs. 1 lakh).

Total:

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):

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

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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 trails/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. 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: