

# IKS Newsletter

April, 2024

INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS DIVISION  
(IKS Division)

Ministry of Education, Govt of India



## What is Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)?

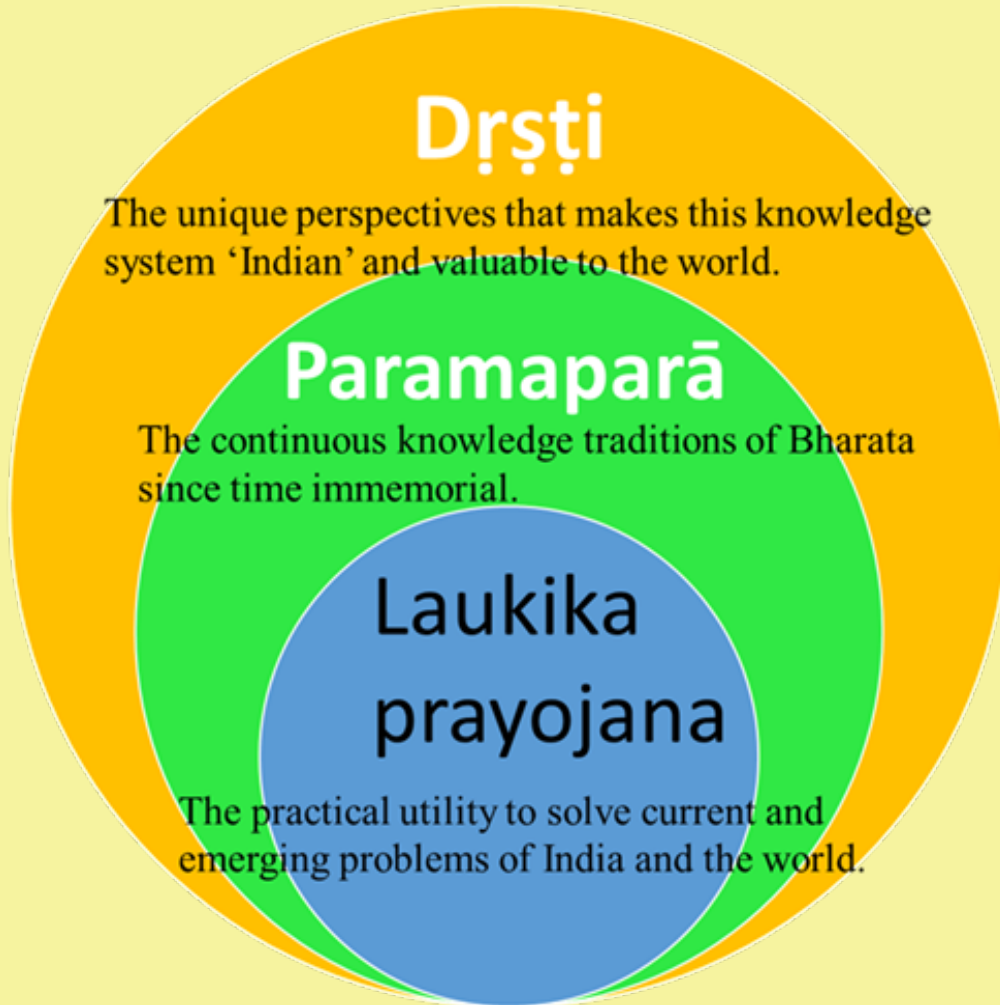
Indian Knowledge System comprises of *jñāna*, *vijñāna* *jīvanadarśana* of the people of *Bhārat* continuously arising out of deep experience, observation, experimentation and rigorous analysis, with a tradition of validating and putting into practice in several areas including education, arts, administration,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

## About the IKS Division of MoE:

The IKS Division of the Ministry of Education at AICTE was established in October 2020, with a vision to promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research on all aspects of IKS, preserve and disseminate a deeper understanding and appreciation of IKS for further research, and societal applications. The IKS Division supports and funds the establishment of IKS centres, and interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research in IKS. The Division conducts internship programmes for undergraduate students in addition to conducting faculty-development programmes, workshops, text mining and documentation projects, and many outreach activities in partnership with other institutions. The main objective of the IKS Division is to go beyond merely acknowledging the existence of Indian Knowledge Systems and to rejuvenate and mainstream it by integrating it into the fabric of our education research ecosystem for the contemporary world. It further seek to bridge the gap between Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems and contemporary knowledge systems. By doing so, the IKS Division aims at cultivating a living tradition that fosters the creation of new knowledge and inspires the development of future innovators and scholars based on Indic paradigms of knowledge generation and transmission. In other words, the IKS Division is not satisfied discussing about *suśruta*, *āryabhata* and other venerated *ācāryas*; we actively strive to create an ecosystem that will inspire and give rise to many more *suśrutas* and *āryabhaas*.

## Vision of IKS:

The vision of the IKS division is to rejuvenate and mainstream Indian knowledge systems for the contemporary world.



## Objective of IKS Division:

The objective of the IKS Division is to completely decolonize Indian mind by generating interest and healthy critical reverence for the unbroken knowledge traditions of Bhārata for the welfare of the world.



## Upcoming Events May to June, 2024

We, the IKS Division, are happy to announce a series of upcoming events and initiatives aimed at promoting and preserving Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) across various domains. Here's a glimpse of what's in store for May to June 2024:

- National Youth Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems: Date: May 15 to 17, 2024 Location: Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Ernakulam. Join us for the National Youth Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems, where young minds will converge to discuss and explore the rich heritage of Indian Knowledge Systems.
- Next round of IKS Faculty Training Programmes in collaboration with UGC: We are excited to continue our collaboration with the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the next round of IKS Faculty Training Programmes. These programmes aim to equip educators with the necessary skills and knowledge to integrate IKS into mainstream education.
- Launch of Bharateeya Khel: The announcement of the launch of a new indigenous Bharatiya Khel, celebrating our rich sporting heritage. We are actively promoting Bharateeya Khel among school students nationwide, fostering a deeper appreciation for indigenous sports and games. We encourage participation from students across the nation. A new game will be launched in May.

## Spotlight on the IKS Division's Achievements since 2021

- 53 centers
- 88 research projects
- 5200+ Internships
- 90+ FDPs/workshops/conferences
- 120+ scholarly publications
- 2500+ books digitized
- IKSWiki started
- 75+ Videos and AIR programs
- 100 scholars being trained
- 1500 UG/PG students trained
- 2500 teachers trained
- >400,000+ general public outreach
- 24+ cities in 23 states covered



## **IKS Quarterly Digest: Illuminating the Path of Knowledge**

This part aims to provide an overview of the various IKS activities such as Seminars, Exhibitions, Conferences, Workshops, FDPs conducted by the Division during January 2024 to March 2024.

As we embark on our journey to share the vibrant tapestry of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), we are thrilled to present the inaugural edition of our quarterly digest. Within these pages, you'll discover a treasure trove of insights and reflections on the enriching events that have unfolded in the realm of IKS over the past quarter. The following section is a brief snapshot of some of milestones on the way:

- **Unveiling IKS Excellence at IISF Exhibition (January 17-20, 2024):**

In a spectacular showcase of innovation and tradition, the IKS Exhibition at the India International Science Festivals (IISF) captivated the minds of thousands. This event was held from January 17th to 20th, 2024, at the DBT THSTI-RCB Campus in Faridabad, Haryana. With an approximate footfall of 5000 enthusiasts, the exhibition served as a testament to the enduring relevance and allure of Indian knowledge traditions.

- **Charting the Course: IKS Implementation Meeting (February 3-4, 2024):**

Steering the course towards effective implementation, the IKS Meeting of Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) Core Committee and Academic Committee convened on February 3rd and 4th, 2024, at the Visvesarya Conference Hall, AICTE. The meeting fostered fruitful discussions among 30 participants on the 3rd and 40 participants on the 4th, laying the groundwork for future endeavors in the realm of IKS.

- **Empowering Educators: Indian Mathematical Heritage Workshop (February 12-14, 2024):**

In a bid to empower educators with the rich tapestry of Indian Mathematical Heritage, a transformative workshop was hosted by IIT Gandhinagar. Welcoming 100 enthusiastic teachers, this workshop helped participants delve deeper into the extensive contributions of Indian mathematics to the world.

- **Shaping Tomorrow: India INC for Global Future Conference (February 23, 2024):**

Embracing the ethos of thought leadership and global collaboration, the India INC for Global Future Conference convened on February 23rd, 2024, at the AICTE HQ was organized by the IKS Division. This conference served as a melting pot of ideas, charting a course for a dynamic future fueled by the timeless wisdom of Indian knowledge systems.

- **Delving Deeper: Discipline-Specific Faculty Training Workshops (February 22-23, 2024):**

From exploring Indian philosophical traditions to unraveling the mysteries of Indian medical heritage, a series of discipline-specific faculty training workshops unfolded from February 22nd to 23rd, 2024. Hosted at esteemed institutions

including IIT Bhubaneswar, Amrita School of Ayurveda, and Sri Sri University, these workshops enriched participants with profound insights into diverse facets of Indian

- **Nurturing Masters: Faculty Training Programs (February 26 – March 2, 2024 & March 18–23, 2024):**

In a bid to nurture the next generation of IKS torchbearers, intensive faculty training programs were conducted in two phases. Phase 1 unfolded from February 26th to March 2nd, 2024, at the Central Sanskrit University Bhopal Campus, while Phase 2 took place from March 18th to 23rd, 2024, at the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati. With the guidance of esteemed mentors, 98 and 96 dedicated participants, respectively, embarked on a transformative journey towards mastering the nuances of IKS.

- **Intellectual Discourse: National Seminar on Nikāma Sevā (March 2–3, 2024):**

Exploring the profound concept of selfless social service, a two-day National Seminar on Nikāma Sevā was held on March 2nd and 3rd, 2024, at IIT Kharagpur. The seminar served as a platform for stimulating intellectual discourse and introspection.

- **Bhāratīya Khel: Learn six Bhāratīya games in a year:**

**Current Game:** KHO KHO. Submit entries by April 30, 2024, for a chance to win Rs 10,000! Explore ancient games reflecting our rich heritage, launched under the 75 Bhāratīya Games/Khel initiative. Join hands with educators and organizations to reintroduce these games, fostering joy and national integration. Let's revive these gems of our culture. Visit <https://bharatiyakhel.in/> for details. Get involved, play, and unite under the banner of Bhāratīya Khel. *Khelenge hum jitegā Bhārat!*"

- **Unveiling IKS Excellence at IISF Exhibition (January 17–20, 2024):**



- **Delving Deeper: Discipline-Specific Faculty Training Workshops (February 22-23, 2024) IIT Bhubaneswar :**



- **Delving Deeper: Discipline-Specific Faculty Training Workshops (February 22-23, 2024) Amrita School of Ayurveda :**



- **Delving Deeper: Discipline-Specific Faculty Training Workshops (February 22-23, 2024) Sri Sri University :**



- **Nurturing Masters: Faculty Training Programs, CSU, Bhopal (February 26 - March 2, 2024):**



- **Nurturing Masters: Faculty Training Programs, CSU, Tirupati (March 18–23, 2024):**



- **IKS Team**







भद्रायां सुमतौ यतेम | -ऋग्वेद (६.१.१० )  
*Let us strive for the wisdom that leads to the welfare of all*

**INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS DIVISION**

**(IKS Division)**

**Ministry of Education, Govt of India**

**Contact: Team IKS**

IKS Division of MoE, at AICTE Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070  
Website: [iksindia.org](http://iksindia.org) Email: [iksoutreach@aicte-india.org](mailto:iksoutreach@aicte-india.org) Office Phone: 011-29581005