



SLC (University of Delhi) SHYAM LAL COLLEGE

IQAC & Saraswati IKS Centre
in collaboration with
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organize

International Conference

"Indian Knowledge Systems: Integration & Internationalization"

14-15 July, 2022



Call for Papers

IQAC & Saraswati IKS Centre, SLC, University of Delhi takes immense pleasure in announcing two days International Conference on **"Indian Knowledge Systems: Integration & Internationalization"** to be held on 14-15 July, 2022. This International Conference will be of great interest to faculties, students and research scholars from different universities and colleges.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

SLC is a premier educational institution offering vibrant inclusive environment for the development of excellence in academics, culture, sports and other student empowered activities. Founded in 1964 by the great visionary and entrepreneur Padmashree (late) Shri Shyam Lal Gupta, Shyam Lal College (SLC) is a co-educational constituent college of the University of Delhi. SLC is among the best institutions in the entire University of Delhi, and over the past several years, has been making steady progress towards achieving academic excellence. SLC is a dynamic centre of academic excellence and aspires to make quality education accessible to the students, especially girls, from economically and educationally disadvantaged community of East Delhi. The College campus has sprawling sports ground and is full of lush green lawns and blooming gardens that create natural ambience of holistic teaching learning process. Over a period of 56 years, SLC has evolved into a leading higher education institute of learning, innovation and knowledge creation with consistent good NIRF ranking for Colleges of India - 69th (2020), 41st (2019) and 61st (2018). The College has also been selected for DBT STAR College Programme under the Ministry of Science and Technology in 2020.

The College has rapidly emerged as a prominent educational institution of the Country and the Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu has graced our Annual Day and Prize Distribution function, 2018-19.

ABOUT IQAC

As per National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) guidelines every accredited institution should establish an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) as a post-accreditation quality sustenance measure. Since quality enhancement is a continuous process, the IQAC, SLC works towards realization of the goals of quality enhancement and sustenance. The prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of the College through monitoring and facilitating academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular initiatives. The IQAC of the College achieves all these through a systemic and regular feedback mechanism and pursues towards achievement of new agendas and goals.

ABOUT SARASWATI IKS CENTRE

The Saraswati IKS Centre focuses on IKS based approaches for enhancing Knowledge paradigms deeply rooted on Indian pride and cultural heritage. IKS in the fields of spirituality, ayurveda, philosophy, sciences, mathematics, polity, governance, ethics, economics and others offer very useful knowledge bases for contemporary branches of study for application of public benefits. The central tenets and beliefs of Indian ethos are a part of social and cultural consciousness of people in the Indian subcontinent and thus constitute a living tradition which is yet to be adequately explored and documented. **SLC Saraswati IKS Center**, by focusing on these core issues, aims to contribute original research in different domains so as to encourage young stakeholders to understand and conserve the rich historical, cultural and philosophical heritage of India and to propagate it for wider benefit. With this, the same Centre would fulfil the mandate of NEP 2020 and would further contribute to making India the *Visvaguru*.

ABOUT ICSSR

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country. ICSSR provide grants for projects, fellowships, international collaboration, capacity building, survey, publications etc. to promote research in social sciences in India. Documentation center of ICSSR - National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC) - provides library and information support services to researchers in social sciences. ICSSR has developed ICSSR Data Service to serve as a national data service for promoting powerful research environment through sharing and reuse of data among social science community in India.

CONFERENCE THEME

The conference is aimed at understanding the idea of *Bharat* through the Indian Knowledge Systems and also focus on how that idea is central to understanding the trajectory of the spiritual and social progress of the nation in the global context. The conference would focus on detailing the idea of India which is embedded in the discourse of dharma, the temple and pilgrimage tradition, philosophical and belief systems, ethics and values, the tradition of *shastrartha*,

educational systems, ancient vision of ecology, aesthetics and arts, developments in astronomy and sciences and more.

India has an expansive tradition of scholarly inquiry and a well-documented heritage that goes back to several centuries. India was way advanced in knowledge, wisdom and practices in ancient times with the “world’s largest collection of manuscripts, its attested traditions of texts, thinkers and schools” (Kapil Kapoor) in varied realms of knowledge. The intellectual accomplishments of Indian ethos were reflected in many fields – metaphysics, art, polity, philosophy, creativity, economics, science and society. The central tenets and beliefs of these ethos are a part of social and cultural consciousness of the people in the Indian subcontinent and thus constitute a living tradition. This tradition is internalized as well as actualized through a whole range of scriptural, philosophical, scientific and artistic works ranging from the Vedas and the Upanishads to *Sushruta Samhita* and more. There are 18 major vidyas, theoretical disciplines, applied disciplines, crafts and 64 kalas in different knowledge domains. Most importantly, it is the ancient Indian philosophical discourse that probes and goes beyond “conventional categories of thought to the realm of speculation” (Pavan Verma, 62) with the ultimate aim to achieve *moksha* or salvation. At a time when most civilizations asserted that they alone have the monopoly of truth, the ancient Indian texts like Upanishads advocated that the one truth can have differing interpretations.

Indian knowledge systems had clearly defined and distinct concepts of dharma, spirituality, philosophy, polity, governance, ethics that are being deciphered and understood with inputs from archaeological, literary and epigraphy sources. The six schools of Hindu philosophy, *Advaita*, *Nyaya*, *Vaisheshika*, *Sankhya*, *Yoga* and *Purva Mimamsa*, are united in their pursuit for the ultimate truth through *jnana* (knowledge), *karma* (action) and *atmasamarpan* (surrender). These discourses are the foundational tenets of spiritual, cultural and geographical unity of India contributing to the creation of a sacred geography embedded in the great Indian epics, countless pilgrimage traditions, legends and myths. In this context, the proposed International conference aims to initiate intellectual discussion and deliberations on the rich historical, cultural and philosophical heritage of ancient India and communicate to the participants the relevance of introducing this vast knowledge oeuvre in the present academic and institutional system. Such an academic endeavour adheres to the ancient and well-known tradition of *Shastrartha*; the dialogic tradition of open enquiry and debate to find truth.

The fundamental concept of dharma is central to understanding the cultural and spiritual unity of India. At the same time, the cultural integration of the subcontinent was centrally contributed by the Indus-Sarasvati civilization with the creation of a sacred geography constructed over the vibrant pilgrimage tradition of India. India, since ancient times, had distinct systems of ethics and values that survive and are also integrated in the institutional mission statements. Interestingly, ancient Indian society had deep ecological sense and laid great importance on living in harmony with nature. Vedic literature show deep level of knowledge and awareness around weather cycle, need for ecological balance and environmental protection. The world, in present times, is seriously deliberating on issues of environmental sustainability which have been part of the ancient Indian ethos for many millennia. The interface and relation between the individual and *Prakrti* are both ontologically oriented and have cosmological implications. All these knowledge systems have survived and thrived for thousands of years with many gurus and great sages like Adi Shankaracharya, Ramanuja, Swami Vivekananda, Swami Chinmayananda contributing to the civilizational legacy of the Indian philosophical and spiritual thought. The vast knowledge systems of India function as a living tradition that is resilient, continuous and is notable for its spillover into every aspect of life of the people of India.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

With this background, the conference aims to address those aspects of Indian knowledge system that have and continue to contribute to the cultural and spiritual identity of India. This becomes significant mainly because it is this civilizational legacy that is contributing notably to the sustainable trajectory of India's progress in the present global context. The conference also intends to explore the advanced knowledge, practices and wisdom of ancient India reflected in varied fields with contemporary relevance. The conference will also have special focus on the need to introduce this vast knowledge oeuvre in the present Indian academic and institutional system.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

This international conference will be of great interest to faculties, research scholars, social scientists, education experts working and researching on the areas related to Indian Knowledge system.

SUB THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

We welcome original ideas as per the following tracks in relation to Indian Knowledge System. However, this is indicative and not restrictive.

- Indian Knowledge System as a Living Tradition
- The philosophical heritage of ancient India
- The cultural and spiritual identity of India
- The temple and pilgrimage tradition of ancient India
- Relevance of Indian Knowledge system in present academic system
- The tradition of *shastrartha*
- The civilizational legacy of ancient India
- Indian ethos and the global context
- Indian Philosophical Tradition
- Indus-Sarasvati Civilization and the Cultural Integration
- The Idea of Bharat through Indian Knowledge System
- The Great Sages of India

EMINENT SPEAKERS

Renowned academics, policy makers, researchers, officials will be key speakers in this International Conference.

TIMELINE

Original Research Papers/Conceptual Papers and Case Studies are invited from research scholars, faculty, members of universities and colleges as well as students. The abstracts should be submitted at iqaconference@shyamlal.du.ac.in in Docx/(or readable PDF) format with the main track (listed in the attachment) mentioned in the subject line as per the following schedule:

Extended Abstract Submission End Date.....June 20, 2022

Acceptance Notification.....June 21, 2022

Early Registration Start Date.....June 21, 2022

Early Registration End Date.....June 30, 2022

DELEGATION FEE

The Conference delegation fee is mentioned below. The Conference delegation fee entitles the participants to a conference kit, writing pad with pen, a copy of the conference proceedings, conference programme and two days' refreshments and lunch. The conference volunteers are in talks with Guest houses/ Budgets hotels for special concessional rates for the participants. Details shall be notified shortly.

Students	500/- *
Research Scholars	800/-
Faculty Members	1200/-
Corporate/Industry Delegate	1500/-
Foreign Delegate	\$75/-

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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The selected and peer-reviewed complete papers will be published as an edited volume with an ISBN number. The original research papers, to be submitted, should not exceed 5000 words in length and be in 12 point size font, Times New Roman with 1.5 line spacing.

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VENUE

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