

# A Two-Day National Conference on "Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Higher Education: A Step Towards Viksit Bharat 2047"

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*Organised by:*

Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit  
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*In Association with:*

Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women  
Dakshineswar, West Bengal

Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri College  
Kolkata, West Bengal



*Venue:*

Women's College Calcutta

P-29, Kshirode Vidyavinode Avenue, Kolkata 700003

## About the Conference

Indian Knowledge System (*IKS*) is the vast ocean of knowledge developed in India over the years. The Indian Knowledge System (*IKS*) is an interdisciplinary academic field that integrates thousands of years of indigenous Indian wisdom into modern education. Backed by the Ministry of Education, it spans scientific, philosophical, mathematical, and artistic domains to address contemporary global issues. *IKS* offers structured ways of understanding the world and human life. It does not separate disciplines, but connects them. A glimpse of ancient Indian Knowledge System explains that knowledge needs to be useful, dynamic, and practical in life.

Incorporating the Indian Knowledge System (*IKS*) into the modern curriculum connects students with ancient, culturally grounded wisdom. The integration of *IKS* into contemporary teaching holds great promise for fostering innovation and creativity by connecting conventional and contemporary knowledge systems thereby providing the students with a well-rounded education that is culturally sensitive and internationally competitive.

Against this backdrop a two-day National Conference entitled “*Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Higher Education: A Step Towards Vikshit Bharat 2047*” has been jointly organized by Centre for Bharat Studies, International Benevolent Research Foundation and Departments of Philosophy and Sanskrit, Women's College, Calcutta in association with Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakshineswar, West Bengal and Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri College, Kolkata, West Bengal on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

## About the Organisers

### ***International Benevolent Research Foundation (IBRF), India***

International Benevolent Research Foundation (*IBRF*), An ISO 9001:2015 and *UDDAYAM* certified organization has been established on the auspicious occasion of the National Teacher's Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 and incorporated under the Central Act II of 1882, Government of India and enlisted with 12A and 80G, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India based in Kolkata with the main objective of locating avenues for alternative employment creation besides designing a neological as well as neocratic approach to research and entrepreneurship in the field of education among the younger generation all over the world in general and India in particular with a view to bringing peace on earth in the third millennium by having country wise appropriate solutions for the burning problems like peacelessness, poverty, greed, unemployment, faulty educational and training methodologies, religious intolerance, etc. The International Benevolent Research Foundation (*IBRF*) has decided to design a master plan paradigm (2015-2047) towards a vision of *VIKSHIT BHARAT 2047* for a new world order.

The activities of *IBRF* will include the strategies for creating more researchers besides transfer of appropriate technologies among the globe for ensuring a balanced and a sustainable growth in all countries of the world by using clean as well as cleaning-up technologies through new and emerging techniques for climate change management,

environmental and disaster education, geriatric care, waste management, green business and technologies besides strengthening of diplomatic relations among nations for protecting our Mother Earth.

The idea is also to promote entrepreneurial educational leadership among the school and the college going boys and girls by “Catching Them Young” and for designing appropriate messages for the educators to see that they produce a greater number of job givers rather than job seekers. This will be possible as IBRF has the qualified inventory of experts for establishing universities, colleges, institutions, schools and other training enterprises in different countries with the latest equipment and infrastructure for conducting formal, informal, non-formal, open, distance, online, internet and web-based employment-centric programmes in all countries of the world.

### **Women's College, Calcutta, West Bengal**

The Women's College, Calcutta was established in a building in Vivekananda Road, which was then transferred to Parshi Bagan Lane. During the Second World War, the building was taken over by the British Government and the college shifted to 204, Cornwallis Street, Calcutta.

On December 1982, the college moved to a permanent residence in P-29, Kshirode Vidyavinode Avenue, Baghbazar, Kolkata, 700003 with Smt. Hena Maitra as the Principal. The Department of Bengali and the Department of English were the first two Departments to offer an Honours degree. Subsequently, other departments like Economics, Education, Food and Nutrition, Geography, History, Hindi, Journalism and Mass Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, were added to the college.

The Women's College family in its initial years worked towards empowerment of women despite inadequate resources. The college encouraged women education in a conservative society through various methods such as providing lunch to students, providing clothes and shoes twice a year and a vigorous engagement with students to ensure a holistic development. This tradition of contribution to the community at large continues as with Srijan, a Centre for Community and Welfare (Estd. 2003) that caters to children and women that reside in the slums nearby.

The college history is also intertwined with the Baghbazar area. The area has a rich cultural heritage and personalities who have been the vanguard of literary and journalistic activities, dramatics, art, religion and spirituality. The college is proud of its environment and the various personalities that are associated with its immediate neighbourhood. Some of these personalities who have influenced the philosophy and working of the college are Ramakrishna Parmahansa, Swami Vivekanada, Sister Nivedita, Girish Chandra Ghosh, Nandalal Basu, Jamini Roy, and lastly Kshirode Prasad Vidyavinode the person after whom the Avenue has been named. Maa Sharda's house in Baghbazar located just behind the college adds to the religious and cultural impression.

In this context, the college has strengthened and matured with powerful influences of progress and educational empowerment. The NAAC Accreditation in the first cycle was B++ in 2007 and the second cycle accredited B++ in 2016.

### **Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women**

Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, an institution committed to the empowerment of women through higher education, was established in 1959 by the Biswarup Sevashram Trust. The College was founded with the objective of providing university education in a supportive and inclusive academic environment for deserving students, irrespective of religion, caste, or creed. Academic activities commenced on 10 August 1959 with a small cohort of students enrolled in undergraduate general courses in Bengali, English, Economics, History, Sanskrit, Pol. Science, and Philosophy. Over the years, the College has witnessed significant growth in both academic offerings and student strength. At present, the institution caters to 1,326 students enrolled in odd semesters across 27 undergraduate courses. Of these, 18 programmes are offered as Major (Honours) courses under the three streams of Arts, Science, and Commerce, encompassing a total of 21 programmes. In alignment with contemporary academic and professional demands, the College currently offers 36 Special Certificate, Add-on, and Value-Added Courses aimed at enhancing students' employability and preparing them for the global job market. The College is supported by a dedicated team of 111 teaching staff members, of whom 30 possess doctoral degrees. In addition, 26 non-teaching staff members and 4 security personnel contribute to the smooth administration, safety, and overall functioning of the institution.

Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women received full statutory recognition from the Government of West Bengal in 1999, following which it emerged from the administrative control of the Trust. The College was initially affiliated with the University of Calcutta; however, since 2008, its affiliation has been transferred to West Bengal State University, Barasat, North 24 Parganas. While adhering to the academic framework of its affiliating university, the College continuously strives to design its own academic strategies, adopt innovative teaching-learning practices, and implement progressive methods of evaluation to ensure academic excellence. The College has been granted recognition under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act and remains steadfast in its pursuit of quality and excellence in higher education. In 2023, the institution achieved a notable milestone by securing a CGPA of 3.33 (A+) in the Third Cycle of NAAC Re-accreditation, marking a significant advancement from its earlier B++ grade. This achievement has further strengthened the College's resolve to nurture students into competent, committed, creative, and compassionate women capable of contributing meaningfully to society and the nation.

To foster a vibrant academic and research culture, the College has established several institutional bodies, including the Research Development Cell, Incubation Centre,

Institutional Innovation Council, and Equal Opportunity Cell. Through these initiatives, the College continues its efforts to evolve into a dynamic knowledge hub that promotes innovation, inclusivity, and holistic development.

### ***Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri College***

Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri College was founded in July 1965 (though inception of the college was in 1964) by Ranadev Chaudhuri, an eminent Barrister, in memory of his father Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri, son-in-law of Rashtraguru Surendranath Banerjee, to foster higher education among the poorer strata of society. Subsequently, it got affiliated to University of Calcutta. Popular belief holds that the building was originally built as a residence for the exile of the two descendants of Tipu Sultan: Prince Anwar Shah and Golam Mohammad Shah. The architecture bears testimony to this fact. Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri College is a grant-in-aid college of the Government of West Bengal. The Principal and Teachers are appointed by the recommendation of West Bengal College Service Commission (WBCSC).

We have been enlightened by the guidance of luminaries such as Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose, National Professor, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee, National Professor, Dr. J.N. Mukherjee, former Vice President, ISI, Sri Sankardas Banerjee, Barrister-at-Law, Dr. Triguna Sen, Former Education Minister, Govt. of India and Former Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Prof. Jnan Chandra Ghosh, former Vice Chancellor, the University of Calcutta who were a part of our Governing Body.

The NAAC Accreditation is B++ in 2007 and the second cycle accredited B++ in 2016.

### **Themes & Sub Themes**

The two days conference will comprise of technical sessions, paper presentations and discussions. Abstracts are invited in English and Bengali language from the faculties, professors, research scholars, educationists on the following subthemes given below:

#### ***Philosophical Foundations of Indian Knowledge System***

- Epistemological and Ontological Bases of Indian Thought
- Vedic, Upanishadic and Darshanic Traditions
- Concept of Knowledge as Self Realisation and Liberation
- Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Learning

#### ***Science and Indigenous Knowledge***

- Traditional Ecological Practices
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Ethno-medicine
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Indigenous Sustainable Practices

### ***Literary and Cultural Narratives***

- Oral Traditions and Folklore
- Documentation, Promotion and Digital Transformation of Indigenous Literature/ Language
- Preservation and Digitization of Indigenous Art Forms & Cultural Artifacts– Digital Media Archive

### ***Technology and Indigenous Practices***

- Indigenous Innovations in Resource Management
- Traditional Technologies and Contemporary Needs

### ***Conceptualisation of Holistic Education in Indian Context***

- Integration of Cognitive, Affective and Psychomotor Domains
- Education for Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Well-being
- Value Oriented and Life Centric Education

### ***Policy Framework and Indian Knowledge System***

- National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and IKS Integration
- Curriculum Reforms and Multidisciplinary Approaches
- Institutional Mechanism and Governance Structures
- Indian Philosophy, Ethics and Cultural Studies

### **Call for Abstracts**

Any author can send more than one abstract individually / jointly. Abstracts must all be submitted in English or Bengali. The number of abstracts per presenting author is limited to one in each theme. Both abstracts of oral and poster presentations will appear in the book of abstracts at the time of Conference. The abstract(s) should not have more than 400 words and should be sent as email attachment to: [ibrf.conference.info@gmail.com](mailto:ibrf.conference.info@gmail.com)

**(a)** Abstracts must be submitted electronically as an attachment in MS WORD format via email: [ibrf.conference.info@gmail.com](mailto:ibrf.conference.info@gmail.com)

**(b)** Abstracts should be data oriented reflecting the major findings of the paper.

**(c)** All abstracts will be reviewed by panel of experts and will be selected either for oral or poster presentation.

**(d)** At least one author should register by paying the required registration fee. Only registered participants will be allowed to attend the Conference.

**(e)** The title of the paper centred aligned (*Font Size- 14, Style- Times New Roman Bold*).

**(f)** Name of the author(s) centred in bold letters (*Font Size- 12, Style- Times New Roman Italic*).

(vii) The author(s) should clearly mention their name, affiliation, contact number and e-mail. The name of the corresponding and presenting authors should be specifically mentioned (*Font Size- 12, Style- Times New Roman Normal*).

(viii) Keywords (3-5), avoiding duplication with the title.

### Registration Fees:

- **Faculty/ Academician:** ₹1200
- **Research Scholars/ SACT:** ₹1000
- **Student:** ₹ 800

Registration fees include the Registration Kit (*Folder, Writing Pad, Pen*), Participation/ Presentation Certificate, Lunch - Tea of all the conference days.

All the registered delegates will get an Annual membership Certificate of IBRF.

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### Important Dates:

- Submission of Abstracts: **15.07.2026**
- Abstract Acceptance Notification: **18.07.2026**
- Submission of Registration Fees: **20.07.2026**

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