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About the Conference

Indian Knowledge Systems constitute a rich and diverse body of intellectual, scientific, philosophical, artistic, and social traditions that have shaped the civilizational history of India over centuries. These traditions include systems of inquiry in philosophy, logic, mathematics, astronomy, medicine, ecology, language, governance, architecture, agriculture, and aesthetics, many of which remain relevant to present-day debates on sustainability, ethics, well-being, education, and innovation.

This conference seeks to create an interdisciplinary platform for dialogue between the humanities, social sciences, and sciences by examining Indian Knowledge Systems in relation to contemporary society. The proposed deliberations will focus on the ways in which traditional knowledge can be critically interpreted, historically situated, scientifically examined, and socially applied in order to address current challenges of development, justice, ecology, health, and cultural continuity.

ABOUT VMS Research Foundation, Nagpur

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VMS Research Foundation has come up with two scientific research journals for scientific society which are published in month of January, May and September every year. The two journals are

1. International Journal of Researches in Biosciences, Agriculture & Technology (IJRBAT) ISSN No. 2347-517X
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About NEHU Shillong

North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) in Shillong is a prominent central university established by an Act of Parliament on July 19, 1973. The main campus is located at Mawkyntoh-Umshing in Shillong, Meghalaya, spanning a picturesque, wooded area of 1,225 acres. A second campus is situated in Tura, Meghalaya. It is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and was conferred the "University with Potential for Excellence" status in 2006. The university offers various undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across multiple disciplines, including humanities, sciences, social sciences, and technology.

Sub-Themes

1. **Philosophy, Epistemology, and Logic in Indian Thought:** pramana theory, systems of reasoning, debate traditions, and modes of inquiry.
2. **Indian Scientific Traditions:** mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, architecture, engineering, maritime and scientific imagination in classical India.
3. **Health, Medicine, and Well-Being:** Ayurveda, yoga, integrative medicine, public health perspectives, and mental wellness.
4. **Ecology, Agriculture, and Sustainability:** traditional environmental ethics, water systems, agriculture, biodiversity, and climate resilience.
5. **Language, Literature, and Knowledge Transmission:** Sanskrit, Prakrit, Tamil, regional languages, oral traditions, commentarial practices, and translation.
6. **Education and Pedagogy in Indian Traditions:** Education beyond Macaulay, Pre-British Education System
7. **Sustainable Practices in Science and Technology**
8. **Technology, Craft, and Indigenous Innovation:** artisanal knowledge, design traditions, rural technologies, and innovation from practice.
9. **Indian Psychology and Consciousness Studies:** concepts of self, mind, cognition, meditation, and well-being.
10. **Art, Aesthetics, and Cultural Knowledge Systems:** music, dance, poetics, sculpture, architecture, and visual culture.
11. **Biodiversity, Climate Change and Environmental Practices through Indian Lenses**
12. **Women, Tribal Communities, and Marginalised Knowledge Traditions:** gendered knowledge, indigenous practices, subaltern voices, and community-based wisdom.
13. **Digital Humanities and Indian Knowledge Systems:** manuscript preservation, archives, digitisation, AI, and computational approaches to traditional knowledge.
14. **Comparative Civilizational Perspectives:** Comparative Studies of ancient traditions like Yazidi, Kiwa, Mayan, Māori, Aboriginal, native American, Yoruba and Indian
15. **Innovation from Tradition:** contemporary relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems in science, policy, education, sustainability, and social transformation.
16. **Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Heritage:** Role of Libraries in Preservation and Access
17. **Information Literacy:** Misinformation and the Changing Information Society and Libraries as Catalysts for Social Change and Community Development.

Call for Abstract

Original research papers are invited from scholars and researchers whose work engages with Indian Knowledge Systems in relation to science, society, culture, ethics, governance, sustainability, health, language, education, and innovation. Abstracts and full papers should demonstrate conceptual clarity, academic rigour, and clear relevance to the conference theme and sub-themes.

Please Submit your Registration through this Google form: <https://forms.gle/nFMzskKvHa3w8ceE7>

For Registration : Visit www.vmsindia.org

Registration Deadline : 1 November 2026

Abstract Deadline : 12 October 2026

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Mail your Abstract & full length paper to : icsts26shilong@gmail.com

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