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IKS Research Center Proposals Program 2025-26

Application and Instructions

Dates to Remember

Proposals Due by	31st July 2025
Announcement of Awards	31st August 2025
Funding Available	15th September 2025
Progress Report Due	1st February 2026
Mid Term Review of the project	30th June 2026
Annual Progress Report	31st January 2027
Final Report Due	31st August 2027

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Proposal Submission link: https://forms.gle/bF55p23wncSZjgwh7

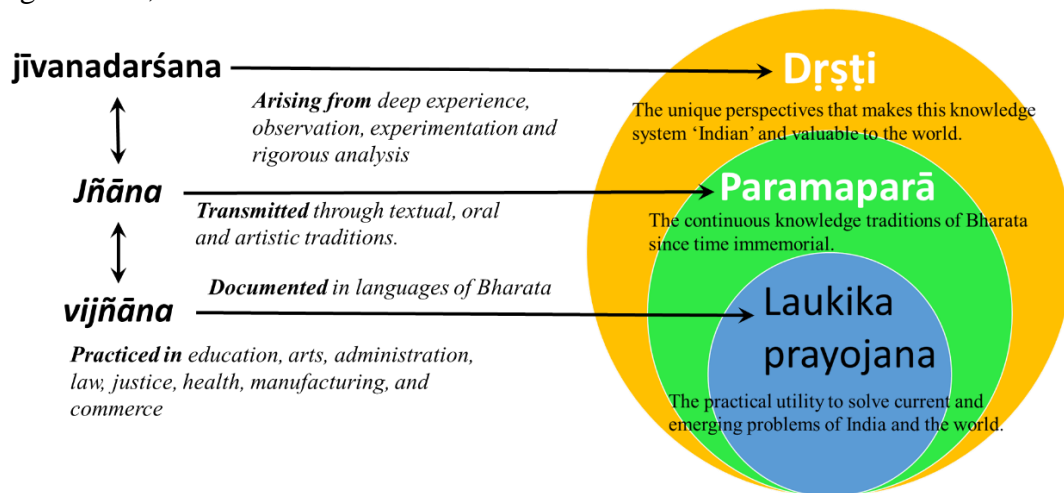**About Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division**

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 with an 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:

Paramparā: 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 in implementation of NEP 2020 in the area of IKS.

Copyright: The IKS Division will retain the right for using/disseminating all the materials created and curated in various internship projects without paying any further royalties. The contributing authors will maintain their authorship of all the documents, but copyright will be with the IKS division of Ministry of Education. The IKS Division of Ministry of Education retains the full copyright for all materials produced by projects. The intention is to put all the materials from this program in the public domain for free access by all.

Overview of the IKS Center (Research) Proposals Program

The IKS Centers (Research; Henceforth referred to simply as IKS Centers in the rest of this document) program is designed to encourage and fund the establishment of IKS centers across the country with a view to catalyze original research, education, and dissemination of IKS knowledge. The goal of the IKS centers is to act as a catalyst for initiating research, education, and outreach activities in various parts of the country. The IKS activities are currently dispersed around many places in the country. There is a strong need to establish centers in the country in traditional schools and STEM educational institutes to focus these efforts. This initiative will address this critical need.

Each IKS center consists of three pillars, namely: 1. Research pillar, 2) Education and mentoring pillar and 3) outreach and dissemination pillar (Figure 1). It is mandatory for the IKS centers to have deliverables and objectives centered around all the three pillars. Each center must focus on 2-4 thematic areas described below.
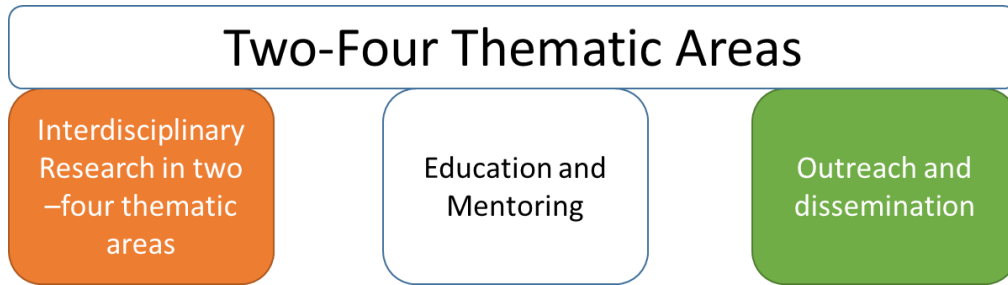

Two-Four Thematic Areas

Interdisciplinary Research in two –four thematic areas

Education and Mentoring

Outreach and dissemination

Figure 1. Conceptual structure of a IKS Center

Thematic Areas: The proposals for IKS centers are expected to select two-four of the following areas of interest to the IKS Division. These areas of interest are nurtured in all languages of India such as Tamil, Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic, Persian, Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, Odia, Bengali etc. The knowledge systems have been preserved in many textual, oral traditions and kula paramparas that are practiced and include tribal traditions. The selected themes cover all broad areas and are relevant for all people, at all times and in all places. This call for proposals has the following priority areas. Please note that applications in other areas will not be considered. *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**

Available Funding: The funds available to support the IKS Centers 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. The IKS Division will establish IKS centers across the country with a funding level of up to **Rs. 5 Lakhs/year** over two years.

Institutional commitment and matching grants: The IKS centers are designed for strengthening the institutional capacity in IKS. The institutional commitment for the IKS Centers is critical for their success. Therefore, the program requires institutional commitment clearly demonstrated in terms of matching grants. **A minimum of 100% matching grants in actual funding by the institute is REQUIRED (i.e A minimum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs/year in financial commitment is required from the institute).** Additional matching grants can be through the in-kind support such as support for the office staff, infrastructural facilities for the establishment of IKS center, computers and other IT support, experimental facilities, and any other in-kind support are clear demonstrators of institutional support and will strengthen the proposal.

Goal for Funding IKS Centers: Our goal is to make catalytic grants that encourage original, serious, and deep scholarly research in the Indian Knowledge Systems to rejuvenate IKS research in India. *Each IKS center is expected to focus on a minimum of two and maximum of four thematic areas. Proposals to establish generalized centers without identifying focus areas is highly discouraged and will be rejected at first step of the review process.* Funding research that may eventually lead to practical products or practices or leads to solutions to current societal problems is the top priority. *Involving students, younger faculty with an aim to train and nurture next generation of scholars is highly encouraged.*

Nature of Support: Each IKS Center will be supported with funding for the manpower (Research fellows, project associates and interns), supplies, outreach activities and miscellaneous expenses. This funding is expected to jump- start the IKS activities in the newly established cells and prepare them to apply for competitive research funding, training, and mentoring interns, and conduct Faculty Development Programs.

IKS Center Evaluation: The success of the IKS centers will be monitored through quarterly follow up to the Principal Investigators (PIs), and yearly reports on the activities of the centers. The project outputs are likely to be updated on the IKS Division website to help disseminate the results among the IKS community. The metrics

to evaluate the performance of the IKS centers will include the number of project proposals submitted, research papers published, publications in peer- reviewed literature, popular articles, student training and mentoring, Faculty Development workshops, monographs, and textbooks published in addition to other appropriate metrics which will be communicated to the PIs in advance. *IKS Division reserves the right to discontinue funding if there is no satisfactory progress (as indicated by an independent expert review) in any IKS Center after the first year.*

Proposal Eligibility Criteria/Preparation and Submission Instructions

The IKS Division is inviting proposals from institutions 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 pathashalas, 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 pathashalas, 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 IKS Division through the Research proposal program in earlier rounds are eligible to apply as Principal Investigators or Co-Principal Investigators or collaborators.
- **Existing IKS centers supported by the IKS Division are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply in for this grant.**

Funding best proposals is our priority. When proposals are similarly scored, we give preference to assistant professors, associate professors, and professors (in this order). **An institute can submit only one IKS Center (Research) proposal. If multiple IKS center proposals are received from an institute, only ONE High quality proposal will be selected**. **The proposal can be submitted in any Indian Language included in Eighth Schedule or English.**

1. The IKS center Proposal(s) should focus on 2-4 thematic areas that are important to IKS's research mission.
2. **It is mandatory requirement that the team must have at least one person (PI or Co-PI or Collaborator) who can read the primary text without the aid or any translations.**
3. Joint, interdisciplinary projects are preferred, and encouraged.
4. All proposals must have **A minimum of 100% matching grants in actual funding by the institute is REQUIRED (i.e A minimum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs/year in financial commitment is required from the institute).** Additional matching grants can be through the in-kind support such as support for the office staff, infrastructural facilities for the establishment of IKS center, computers and other IT support, experimental facilities, and any other in-kind support are clear demonstrators of institutional support and will strengthen the proposal.
5. The project must be **completed before the project deadline indicated on the first page** unless an extension is granted.
6. **Proposal submission deadline is on the date indicated on the first page and must be submitted through online portal (iksindia.org) only**. Any other form of submission will not be considered.

Please do not send proposals by email/hardcopy. ***Late proposals will not be accepted for any reason***.

7. IKS Division reserves the right to nominate proposals to the review panel. The nominated proposals will be considered on an equal basis and will undergo the same peer review process as other proposals.

8. IKS Division reserves the right to nominate proposals to the review panel. The IKS Division also reserves the right to approach any institution and invite proposals from them directly. All these proposals will be considered on an equal basis as other proposals and will undergo the same peer review process as other proposals.

9. Progress reports are due on the dates indicated on the first page. The research carried out in the project will be reviewed at the end of one year by an external expert committee. Future grants will be made only upon favorable recommendations.

10. If the Principal Investigator (PI) moves to a different institution, the Co-PI may assume the role of PI, subject to prior approval from the IKS Division of the Ministry of Education (MoE). A formal request, signed by the Head of the new institution, must be submitted to the IKS Division. Please note that the IKS center cannot be changed to another institution. Decision of the IKS Division with respect to change in PI or termination of the IKS center is final.

11. Besides a detailed report, IKS Division requests that 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.

12. Failure to following 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.
    · 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 should not be more than ten (10) pages long. Please write your proposal in clear simple language. Primary references (typically in Indian Languages) section cannot be left blank. Do not list references unless you cite them.
    · Use 1-inch margins on all sides, single line spacing, at least 11-point font.
    · If you use page numbers, place them at bottom center.
    · A complete proposal includes the following documents in the same order (**as a single pdf only**):
        ▪ Document 1: cover page
        ▪ Document 2: Proposal narrative
        ▪ Document 3: Budget page
        ▪ Document 4: PI and Co-PI resumes
        ▪ Document 5: PI signature and institutional approval pages
    · The size of the single document files must be <15MB.
    · Once your proposal is finalized, save it as a PDF file using this naming format BGSKendram_Research_YOURLASTNAME.

13. Submission Process
    · Please visit the IKS Division website and fill the details on the link given on the first page.
    · Upload your PDF proposal files (<15 MB) and then press the submit button.
    · If your submission has been successful, you will receive the message **"This is a formal acceptance of your file. Your response has been recorded successfully to IKS Division. No other emails will be sent to you regarding confirmation of your proposal".**

14. Budget Distribution:

- Funding will be provided to support the following:
  - **Salary** for project personnel/ project associates/ research fellowships/ internships is supported. PI or Co-PI salaries/honorariums are NOT supported.

  - **Supplies and Equipment:** Funding for conducting experiments, field surveys etc. can be included here. Any service charges for the analysis of samples can be included in this budget head. Acquisition of resources such as books are acceptable under this budget head. Infrastructure, office staff, IT facilities, study resources, and computing equipment are not supported.

  - **Education/Mentoring/Outreach:** Any funding for effectively implementing the education, mentoring and outreach plan is permitted. The outreach activities must be exclusively IKS centric and must focus on the core areas of the respective IKS centers.

  - **Travel and conferences:** Any travel and related expenses to attend domestic conferences or project related travel/ accommodation 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.
- **Matching grants:** All proposals must have A minimum of 100% matching grants in actual funding by the institute is REQUIRED (i.e A minimum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs/year in financial commitment is required from the institute). Additional matching grants can be through the in-kind support such as support for the office staff, infrastructural facilities for the establishment of IKS center, computers and other IT support, experimental facilities, and any other in-kind support are clear demonstrators of institutional support and will strengthen the proposal.

- **Total budget = Budget request from the IKS Division+ Matching Grant.** The funding request from the IKS Division must not exceed Rs. 5 Lakhs/year for the two years.

Institutional Support: The Matching Grant from the institution should be clearly mentioned
- The institution must provide a minimum financial commitment of **Rs. 5 lakhs per annum**.
- Additional support should be allocated for **infrastructure, office staff, IT facilities, study resources, and computing equipment** (not included in matching grants).

Review Process

1. We will follow a blind three phase peer review process (Fig. 1).

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 in the interest of process integrity and transparency.

6. The IKS Division will be bound by the decisions of the review panel regarding the selection of the proposals.
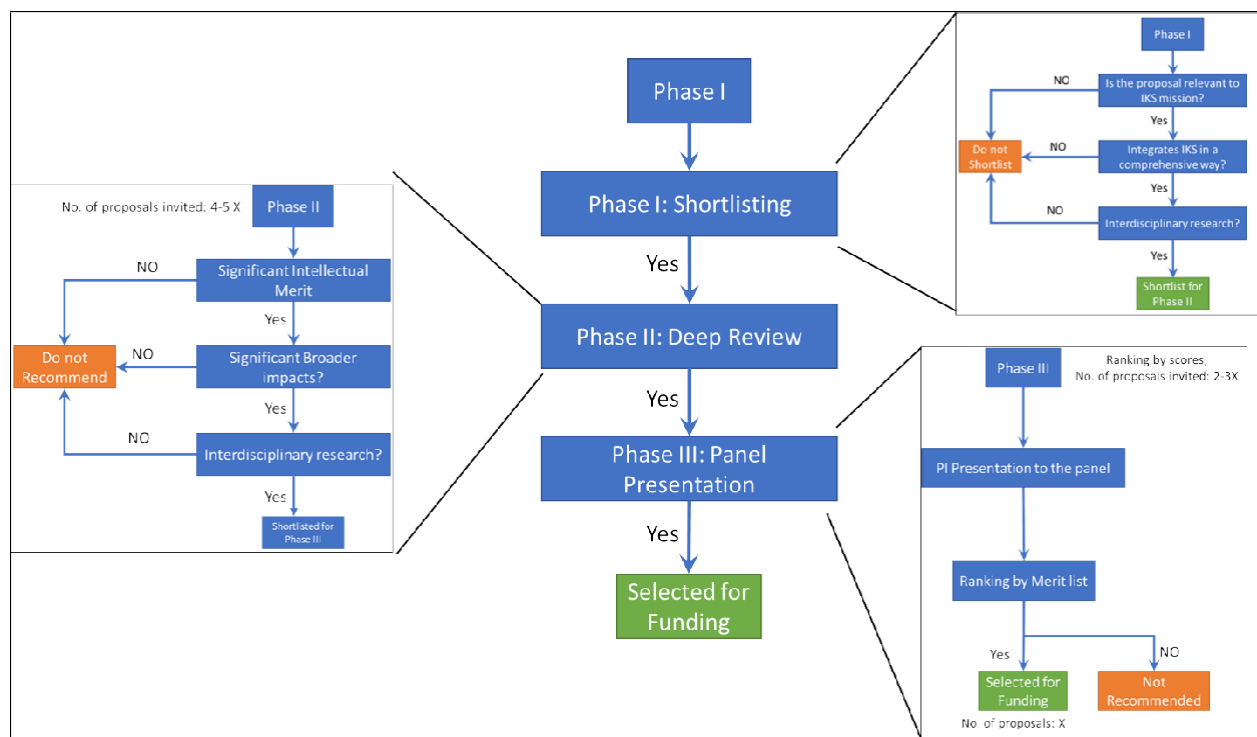

Figure 1. Overview of the three-phase review process

Discretion: The IKS Division is a mission mode scheme. Therefore, IKS Division shall reserve the discretion on determination of sanction of funding and processes as per its standard norms and such determination shall be final. The selection process is not open to review.

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.

· Is this IKS Center's mission focusing on the themes **relevant** to IKS Division's mission and focus areas? (20 points)

· Are the IKS Center plans and goals clearly stated and **understandable**? (10 points)

· Does the proposed center have a **clear research plan** for conducting research that addresses **significant** problem or potential? (10 points)

· Will the results of this study be **useful**? Might they **make a difference**? (15 points)

· Does the proposed center have **a clear education plan**? (10 points)

· Does the proposed center have **a clear mentoring plan** for students and younger faculty? (10 points)

· Will the results be **communicated** to appropriate audiences? (5 points)

· Does the proposed **budget seem appropriate** for the work to be executed in the project? (5 points)

· Does the PI and the team have necessary **competence, prior experience and expertise** to undertake the proposed research in the proposed topic? (15 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

Considerations in preparing your proposal:

1. The charge of the IKS is to support **research in Indian Knowledge Systems** that will make meaningful contributions to the furtherance of IKS. Please refer to table 1 to see what qualifies as an IKS project. Please refer to the IKS Website for a list of projects that have been supported.

2. A good proposal will emphasize how the proposed research is intended to contribute towards the IKS's mission either in the near future (applied) or by leading to developments further in the future (basic). Simply satisfying curiosity or compiling data for a refereed paper will not be in the interest of the IKS Division and will not impress the reviewers.

3. *The Centers must strictly be related to IKS themes.* Proposals which are not within the scope of this solicitation will be rejected in Phase-I review (internal review process) without any further communication in this regard. Proposals must have a reasonable set of activities that can be completed in two years. The proposals must have clear quantifiable deliverables. A sustainability plan after the end of the IKS Division support must also be included. Writing a comprehensive report is required for all funded 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 applicability of Chanakya's arthashastra is relevant for solving current societal problems.	Studying the economic theories of Adam Smith or MMT.
Study of port construction in Dholavira and Lothal and estimating the capacity of those ports.	Studying ships in a port.
A study of the influence of Sanskrit education on the cognitive abilities of the 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 societa context.	Enumerating the occurrences of words (ex. Dharma, nyaya, papa, punya) in a purana

4. All IKS center proposals must choose a minimum of two and maximum four thematic areas.
5. Clear communication is the key: Proposals that clearly specify the contribution of the research will be scored higher.
6. Because conveying the results of research to potential users is important, requesting funds for defraying costs of such activities is permitted.
7. 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.
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 the centers is limited. We will make a call on the number of proposals to be funded based on the availability of funds and quality of proposals.
10. Please ensure that you cite all your references in your text.
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.

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IKS Center (Research) PROPOSAL COVER PAGE (not included in page limit)

Proposal Title:

Thematic Areas CODE (Please see Annexture-1)**:**

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 certify that 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:

IKS CENTER PROPOSAL BODY

(Ten--page limit; Proposals that exceed the word limits for individual sections will be returned without review)

Overview of the proposal (250 words): What is the preproposal about? Describe the key idea behind the IKS Center here. What are the focus areas for this IKS Center?

Contribution to the IKS Mission (250 words): How does this project contribute to the IKS Division's 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 IKS Center. Two-Four objectives are reasonable for this solicitation. Clear and specific objectives will be given higher weightage.

Project Intellectual merit (500 words): What are the questions that will be addressed under 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 and environmental impacts? How will this center contribute to popularization of IKS?

Outputs and outcomes of the proposal (250 words): What are the outputs and outcomes of the project? 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 this project. A brief summary of the procedures is all that is required with adequate references to literature.

Education plan (250 words): How do you plan to educate students about IKS area? What are the specific plans for educating students in the proposed areas of focus for this IKS center? Please be specific about the proposed activities.

Mentoring plan (500 words): Mentoring next generation of scholars is a high priority for IKS Division. What are your mentoring plans for the project associates, students and interns who will be involved with this center? Please be specific about the proposed activities.

Communication Dissemination plan (250 words): How do you plan to disseminate the results from your center to school/ high school/ undergraduate students? How do you plan to reach general public? How will you promote the IKS among the general public? Please be specific about the proposed activities.

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)/ Collaborator(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 mention the 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 through BAR diagram.

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 in Sanskrit or other Bharatiya Bhashas. ***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.

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. IKS Division reserves sole rights on the assets created out of grants. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of government grants (except those declared as obsolete and unserviceable or condemned in accordance with the procedure laid down in GFR), shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of IKS Division.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. In case of Exemption of the Guidelines & Terms and Conditions, IKS Division of Ministry of Education would be empowered to take suitable decision. 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.

IKS Center BUDGET *(not included in the page limit – please round all figures to nearest hundred rupees)*

NOTE: Please do not exceed the maximum budget limit. Proposals proposing more than the budget limit will be returned without review and automatically excluded from the review process.

Salary: Salaries for project personnel/ project associates/ research fellowships/ internships. PI or Co-PI salaries/honorariums are NOT supported.

Supplies and Equipment: Funding for conducting experiments, field surveys etc. can be included here. Any service charges for the analysis of samples can be included in this budget head. Acquisition of resources such as books are acceptable under this budget head. Purchase of computers/laptops/printers is expected to be accomplished through the matching grants and institutional support. The computers/laptops/printers/other equipment purchased in this project will become the property of the PI's organization at the end of the IKS project. Please note that construction of new facilities (Brick and mortar) is not allowed in this project. Please provide details of the estimated expenses for various items under the supplies and equipment head.

Education/Mentoring/Outreach: Any funding for effectively implementing the education, mentoring and outreach plan is permitted. The outreach activities must be exclusively IKS centric and must focus on the core areas of the respective IKS centers.

Travel and conferences: Any travel and related expenses to attend domestic conferences or project related travel/ accommodation 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.

Matching grants: All proposals must have A minimum of 100% matching grants in actual funding by the institute is REQUIRED (i.e A minimum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs/year in financial commitment is required from the institute). Additional matching grants can be through the in-kind support such as support for the office staff, infrastructural facilities for the establishment of IKS center, computers and other IT support, experimental facilities, and any other in-kind support are clear demonstrators of institutional support and will strengthen the proposal.

Total budget = Budget request from the IKS Division+Matching Grant. The funding request from the IKS Division must not exceed Rs. 5 Lakhs/year for the two years.

Institutional Support: The Matching Grant from the institution should be clearly mentioned
- The institution must provide a minimum financial commitment of **Rs. 5 lakhs per annum**.
- Additional support should be allocated for **infrastructure, office staff, IT facilities, study resources, and computing equipment** (not included in matching grants).

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 (if any):

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:

Endorsement from the Head of the Institution (on institution letter head)
(not included in the page limit)

This is to certify that:

1. Certified that the Institute welcomes participation of _____ as the Principal Investigator and _____ as the Co-Investigator for the project titled _____ , and that in the unforeseen event of discontinuance by the Principal Investigator, the Principal Co-Investigator will assume the responsibility of the fruitful completion of the project with due information to IKS Division of MoE.

2. The date of project starts from the date on which the Institute receives the grant from Indian Knowledge Systems Division of MoE, New Delhi.

3. The investigator will be governed by the rules and regulations of Institute and will be under administrative control of the Institute for the duration of the project.

4. The grant-in-aid by the IKS Division of MoE, New Delhi will be used to meet the expenditure on the project and for the period for which the project has been sanctioned as mentioned in the sanction order**.**

5. No administrative or other liability will be attached to the IKS Division of MoE, New Delhi at the end of the project**.**

6. The Institute will provide basic infrastructure and other required facilities to the investigator for undertaking the research project.

7. The Institute will take into its books all assets created in the above project and its disposal would be at the discretion of the IKS Division of MoE, New Delhi.

8. The institute will provide a matching grant in the following heads:
   - Financial resources: _____ Lakhs/year
   - In Kind contribution: Check all that apply:
     - support for the office staff: _____
     - infrastructural facilities for the establishment of IKS center: _____
     - computers and other IT support: _____
     - experimental facilities : _____
     - any other in-kind support : _____

9. The Institute assumes to undertake the financial and other management responsibilities of the project.

Signature of the Head of the Institution with seal

Date:

Thematic Area CODE:

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**