



NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

# Indian Knowledge System

Relevance for Present Day Governance

27th & 28th February 2026

Department of Public Administration  
Utkal University, Vani Vihar  
Bhubaneswar, Odisha (India)

## About the University & Department



### Utkal University

Established in 1943, Utkal University is the oldest university in Odisha and the 17th-oldest in India. Accredited with Grade 'A+' by NAAC, the university is committed to providing value-based quality education with two campuses, 32 departments, and a NIRF ranking of 42nd Position amongst State Public Universities of the Country.



### Department of Public Administration

Founded in 1996, the Department offers 32 seats for the Masters Programme in Public Administration. PhD seats are declared as per vacancies with faculties to mentor doctoral thesis guidance. With multi-disciplinary focus, it also manages a Self-financing course in Journalism and Mass Communication with 32 M.A. seats, serving diverse academic streams. The Journalism PhD programme is also offered by the Department.

## Aims & Objectives

This National Conference intends to achieve the following key objectives:

- ✓ Explore the relevance of Indian knowledge system in addressing contemporary governance challenges
- ✓ Examine the principles and values of Indian knowledge system and their application in modern governance
- ✓ Analyze the relevance of Indian knowledge system for sustainable development, environmental protection, and social justice
- ✓ Identify and discuss the application of Indian knowledge system in policy-making and governance
- ✓ Facilitate dialogue and collaboration between scholars, policymakers, and practitioners on Indian knowledge system
- ✓ Develop a framework for integrating Indian knowledge system into governance and policy-making
- ✓ Promote awareness and appreciation of Indian knowledge system among scholars, policymakers, and the people at large
- ✓ Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of Indian knowledge system in addressing bottlenecks of governance in India
- ✓ Explore the potential of Indian knowledge system in promoting the norms of inclusive and sustainable development
- ✓ Recommend policy interventions and strategies for integrating Indian knowledge system into sphere of developmental goals

## Sub Themes

- Relevance of Ancient Indian Texts in Modern Governance
- Indian Philosophy and Governance
- Dharma and Governance
- Swami Vivekananda's Ideas on Governance
- Gandhian Principles of Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Sustainable Development
- Ayurveda and Public Health
- Yoga and Governance
- Indian Ethics and Corporate Governance
- Indian Philosophy and Human Rights
- Indian Knowledge System and Disaster Management
- Indian Ethics and Environmental Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Rural Development
- Indian Philosophy and Leadership Development
- Indian Knowledge System and Urban Governance
- Indian Ethics and Media Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Health Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Indian Ethics and Digital Governance
- Vedanta and Indian System of Governance
- Indian Philosophy and Economic Development
- Indian Knowledge System and Social Justice
- Indian Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Environmentalism and Energy Security through IKS
- Ancient Indian Models of Discipline and IKS
- IKS through Contemporary Inter-Disciplinary Lens

## Expected Conference Outcomes

Upon completion of the National Conference, participants are expected to:

- Develop indigenous governance models rooted in Indian Knowledge System, addressing contemporary governance challenges
- Build the capacity of stakeholders, including policymakers, scholars, and practitioners, to apply Indian Knowledge System in governance and development
- Provide policy recommendations and interventions for integrating Indian Knowledge System into governance and development, promoting inclusive and sustainable development
- Establish a research agenda for further exploration of Indian Knowledge System and their application in addressing governance challenges, promoting interdisciplinary research and collaboration
- Reorient the governance paradigm in India by integrating Indian Knowledge System into policy-making and development

## Conference Leadership

### CHIEF PATRON

**Prof. Jagneshwar Dandapat**

Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University

### PATRON

**Prof. Mitali Chinara**

Chairperson, P.G. Council, Utkal University

### PATRON

**Dr. Swati Mishra, OAS (SAG)**

Registrar, Utkal University

### CONFERENCE CONVENOR

**Dr. Pratima Sarangi**

H.O.D., Department of Public Administration

### ORGANISING SECRETARY

**Dr. Hemanta Kumar Dash**

Assistant Professor  
Department of Public Administration

### ORGANISING COMMITTEE

**Rajiv Milan** - Assistant Professor (Guest)  
**Biswajit Biswal** - Assistant Professor (Guest)  
**Manoranjan Panda** - Research Scholar  
**Pradyut Rout** - Research Scholar  
**Leena Sahoo** - Research Scholar  
**Jayprakash Das** - Research Scholar  
**Balaram Mallick** - Research Scholar

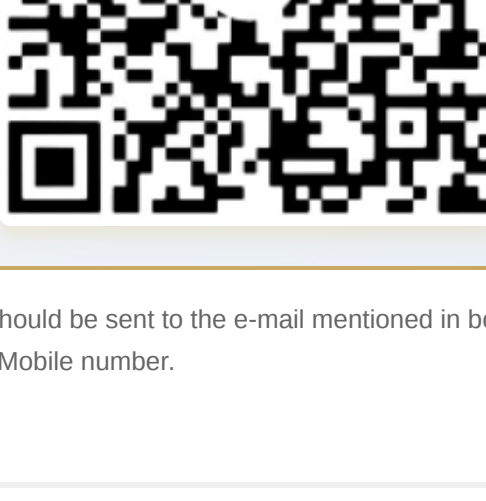
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**Prof. Brahmananda Satapathy**  
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## Registration & Fees

Participant Category	Fees (Online)
Industry Members	₹2,000
Academicians	₹1,000
Research Scholars/Students	₹500

Scan the QR Code to Make Payment



**Note:** Screenshot of the payment receipt should be sent to the e-mail mentioned in bold below along with the Name, Category under which registration is sought and the Mobile number.

## Guidelines for Authors

### Submission Requirements

- Submit abstract not exceeding 250 words with keywords and well defined research statement
- Rationale, Methodology & Scope of the paper must be included in brief
- Include author(s) designations, institutional affiliation, email and mobile number
- Submit through Google Form link provided
- Full-length paper soft copy via email: **conference.pubad@gmail.com**
- Paper presentations in physical mode only (no online presentation are permissible)

### Manuscript Formatting

- Files: PDF or Microsoft Word format
- Font: Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 line spacing, alignment- justified
- Citation: APA Style only and for full papers, APA style referencing is mandatory
- Full papers will be accepted only with Plagiarism Test Report and AI-Test Report value **10% or below**

**NOTE:** The selected articles will be published in an ISBN book. This book will feature the shortlisted articles, providing a comprehensive resource on the topic.

## Important Dates



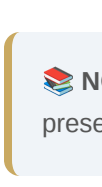
### Abstract Submission Deadline

15th January 2026



### Acceptance/Rejection Status Update

20th January 2026



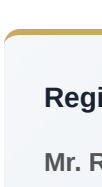
### Early Bird Registration

Till 28th January 2026



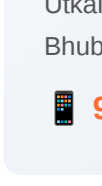
### Full Paper Submission Deadline

30th January 2026



### Late Registration (+ ₹500 Additional Fee) Deadline

Till 20th February 2026



### Conference Dates

27th – 28th February 2026

**NOTE:** During the Conference, Spot registration of 27 & 28 February 2026 is for participation only. No paper could be presented by the Spot registered individuals.

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