



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
- Analyze the relevance of Indian knowledge system for sustainable development, environmental protection, and social justice
- Facilitate dialogue and collaboration between scholars, policymakers, and practitioners on Indian knowledge system
- Promote awareness and appreciation of Indian knowledge system among scholars, policymakers, and the people at large
- Explore the potential of Indian knowledge system in promoting the norms of inclusive and sustainable development
- Examine the principles and values of Indian knowledge system and their application in modern governance
- Identify and discuss the application of Indian knowledge system in policy-making and governance
- Develop a framework for integrating Indian knowledge system into governance and policy-making
- Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of Indian knowledge system in addressing bottlenecks of governance in India
- 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
- Dharma and Governance
- Gandhian Principles of Governance
- Ayurveda and Public Health
- Indian Ethics and Corporate Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Disaster Management
- Indian Knowledge System and Rural Development
- Indian Knowledge System and Urban Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Health Governance
- Indian Ethics and Digital Governance
- Indian Philosophy and Governance
- Swami Vivekananda's Ideas on Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Sustainable Development
- Yoga and Governance
- Indian Philosophy and Human Rights
- Indian Ethics and Environmental Governance
- Indian Philosophy and Leadership Development
- Indian Ethics and Media Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Vedanta and Indian System of Governance
- Indian Knowledge System and Social Justice
- Environmentalism and Energy Security through 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. Jagannath Dandapat

Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University

PATRON

Prof. Mitali Chitrakar

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PATRON

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Registrar, Utkal University

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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.

Registration & Fees

Participant Category

Industry Members

Academics

Research Scholars/Students

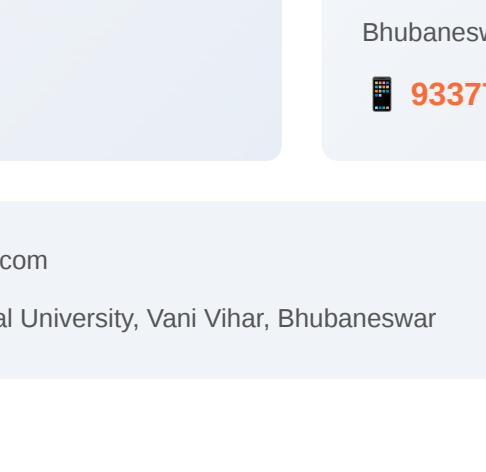
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