



Two-days Workshop

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INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

With the objective of finding Indian solutions to Indian problems, Barkatullah University is set to organize a two-day workshop on **“Indian Knowledge System and Research” on 25th and 26th July 2024**. The workshop primarily seeks to preserve and promote research on/ with Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in different subject areas to promote and foster innovation, and cultivate a deep understanding of Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems, and to find solutions to present-day problems with the application of IKS for the betterment of society. We are all aware of the par-excellence architectural marvels that we see strewn across the length and breadth of India! The fineness of sculptural remains in Ajanta Elora are unparalleled in the world, not only in terms of aesthetics but also technology. There is a lesser appreciation of mundane things like the products of the potter or the broomsticks, textiles, etc., we continue to use every day. What is the methodology of Indian Knowledge System that made all this possible? How were the knowledge fields systematization as knowledge fields or *Sastra*? It is well known that each *Sastra* has a clearly defined purpose in *Vyavahara* and many examples of the continuity of these knowledge areas may be seen in the traditional practices of our vivid artisans and craftsmen, whose work continues to be based on the ancient knowledge system and its practice. When we look at the problems created by modern technology, one wonders where it will end. Look at the dooming environmental crises the world may be annihilated by this alone, what of other things! Yet in IKS the means of valid knowledge through *Pramanas*, Perception (*Pratyaksha*), Inference (*Anumana*) and Textual Tradition (*Agama*), as discussed in the canonical texts of all the

disciplines point towards a methodological premise that ultimately upholds the well-being of not only human society but the entire cosmos. Understanding IKS and working with it may help in building a better world for one and all. Thus, the need to better understand its premises, methods, and practices.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Barkatullah University formerly known as Bhopal University was established in 1970 in the capital city of Madhya Pradesh. In 1988 it was rechristened as Barkatullah University, in the living memory of the great freedom fighter Prof. Barkatullah who belonged to Bhopal. The territorial jurisdiction of the University extends to eight districts viz Bhopal, Sehore, Vidisha, Raisen, Hoshangabad, Harda, Betul and Rairagarh. It also has an extension centre at Betul and Biowara. The University covers almost the full spectrum of higher education offering a wide range of courses in the affiliated colleges and more than 25 University Teaching departments in the faculties of Arts, Science, Social science, medicine, commerce, management, law, engineering, education, Physical education, physical education and technical education. The University imparts quality, vocational, and scientific education through basic and applied research and improves the quality of human value. The University ensures innovative, interdisciplinary, and global standards towards generation of knowledge among youth. Barkatullah University being a knowledge centre contributes to the transformation of society through continual innovation in education, research, creativity and entrepreneurship by providing an opportunity to students for national development.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

1. To promote understanding of the IKS research philosophy, methodology and practice; (for UG, PG, Doctorate Degrees) as per NEP 2020;
2. To identify IKS areas in respective subjects where in research may be carried out;
3. To create new platforms, pathways and synergies for knowledge generation;
4. To decolonize Indian minds;
5. Book Writing on IKS and Research **“Indian Research Traditions: Approach and Methodology”**.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

Faculty, Researchers, Central BOS members, Book writers of Hindi Granth Academy, E- Content Developers, National and International Experts and scholars working in the area of Indian Knowledge System (IKS), etc. under the broad faculties (subject groups) of -

1. Arts;
2. Education & Sports;
3. Commerce and Management;
4. Law;
5. Life Sciences;
6. Physical Sciences & Technology;
7. Social Sciences;
8. Professional courses;

We invite abstracts (of about 250 words) and Research papers in Hindi (of about 2500 to 4000 words) from the above-mentioned targeted participants for paper presentations that deliberate on the theme and objectives of the workshop. The same may be sent to rgdastidarbu@gmail.com on or before 15th July 2024. The format of the paper should be as per the papers published in International Journals.

Selected papers are likely to be published in the book entitled **“Indian Research Traditions: Approach and Methodology”**. Papers should include a list of reference material for students in the concerned subject field. Authors are requested to give final shape to their papers latest by 4th August and follow the required format as given by Higher Education. The decision of the screening Committee will be final and binding. The book will be published by Hindi Granth Academy, Madhya Pradesh.

EXPECTED OUTPUT

1. To develop mechanisms to familiarise students with a basic understanding of IKS (concepts and theoretical formulations) at the UG, PG as well as Ph.D. levels;
2. To develop mechanisms for incorporating IKS in academics;
3. To develop mechanisms to promote research on IKS for knowledge generation;
4. To identify ways by which the outputs of research be made relevant to Indian society by situating it in IKS;
5. Identify areas of research in IKS to deepen its understanding in academics;
6. Book on "Indian Research Traditions: Approach and Methodology".

IMPORTANT DATES

**15TH JULY, 2024:
SUBMISSION
OF ABSTRACTS
AND FULL
PAPER**

**20TH JULY, 2024:
ACCEPTANCE
INTIMATION**

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