



ICSSR- ERC Sponsored Five-Days International Workshop



On

Indian Traditional Knowledge: Intellectual Property & People's Rights

22nd to 26th April, 2025

Blended Mode



Organized by

Department of Sanskrit, Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous)
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Duration

22nd April, 2025 to 26th April, 2025

Venue

Rabindra Sabhagriha
Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous)

Registration Link with QR Code

<https://forms.gle/u3EkPb2CziWe8ysr8>



WhatsApp Group link with QR Code

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DI3rMNXpGVsAI8rqNsYcLT>



About the College

Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya is established in 2006 with a motto 'education, enlightenment, and character'. Its chief objective is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being. Named after the famous Bengali revolutionary Kshudiram Bose (1889 – 1908) the College has committed itself to the goal of providing quality education to the students who are generally coming from a relatively backward region.

Our motto is to impart holistic education to our students, to make a complete person of a student who enters this institution. The task is especially challenging to us since a majority of our students are not only economically backward but are also first-generation learners. Apart from formal education, emphasis is given on extracurricular activities. We believe that our students are a store-house of talents and to polish and nurture this potential a lot of activities are arranged throughout the year. Our dedicated faculty members attempt wholeheartedly to inspire the present and future generations of students because we believe that one lamp can light several others.

It's one of the constituent colleges of Vidyasagar University offering seventeen undergraduate Honours Programs in Science and Arts and two Professional Courses (BCA & BMLT) and one Vocational Course in Automobiles(B.Voc) along with eighteen diploma or Certificate Courses and five Post Graduate Programs, enrolling 4,830 students in the 2024–25 academic session.. Accredited with an 'A' grade by NAAC in 2022, this college is among the first few in West Bengal to receive this distinction. The college has been granted autonomous status by the UGC from the 2024-25 academic session. The comprehensive vision of the college incessantly inspires its administration, staff, students, and community towards the upkeep of the contemporary philosophy of education.

About the Department

Sanskrit is a treasure trove of ancient Indian cultural and literary heritage. It is one of the oldest languages in the world. The Department of Sanskrit at our college was established in 2006. Initially, it offered only a pass course. In 2008, the Honours course was introduced.

Currently, the department has 156 students in the Honours course and 441 students in the Pass course. We organize an educational tour every year, and our department's wall magazine, "Kathāñjaliḥ," serves as a platform for creative and academic expression. We regularly organise seminars, workshops and special lectures.

About the Workshop

The workshop aims to foster an interdisciplinary dialogue on the significance of India's traditional knowledge (TK) systems and the challenges they face in the modern world. Rooted in millennia-old wisdom, Indian TK spans diverse domains such as health and wellness (Āyurveda, Yoga, Siddha), agriculture (Kṛṣiśāstra, Vṛkṣāyurveda), environmental management (Pañcabhūta-tattva), astronomy and mathematics (Jyotiḥśāstra, Gaṇitavidyā), architecture (Vāstuśāstra, Śilpaśāstra), and metallurgy (Lohavidyā, Dhanurveda). While these knowledge systems continue to offer sustainable solutions to contemporary global challenges, they are increasingly vulnerable to misappropriation, biopiracy, and marginalization of their custodians. Through expert discussions, case studies, and interactive sessions, the workshop will explore strategies for the protection, recognition, and equitable sharing of TK, emphasizing its role in fostering cultural identity, sustainability, and scientific advancement.

Addressing critical concerns such as the inadequacies of modern intellectual property rights (IPR) frameworks, the exclusion of indigenous communities, and ethical dilemmas in TK documentation, this workshop will bring together scholars, policymakers, legal experts, and community representatives. Special focus will be placed on India's initiatives, including the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) and the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, while examining global best practices for TK preservation and benefit-sharing. By bridging traditional wisdom with contemporary legal and policy frameworks, the workshop seeks to create a roadmap for safeguarding TK while ensuring that its custodians—local and indigenous communities—receive rightful recognition and benefits. This platform will serve as a crucial step towards fostering sustainable innovation, ethical governance, and the integration of TK into modern knowledge systems.

Objectives of the Workshop

The workshop aims to create a multidisciplinary platform to explore the intersections of Indian traditional knowledge, intellectual property rights, and people's rights. The specific objectives are:

- To Explore the Scope of Indian Traditional Knowledge
- To Analyze Challenges in Protecting TK
- To Promote Ethical Commercialization of TK
- To Foster Community Participation in TK Governance
- To Enhance Awareness of IPR in the Context of TK
- To Facilitate Interdisciplinary Dialogue
- To Propose Innovative Strategies for TK Documentation and Digitization
- To Align TK Protection with Global Standards
- To Preserve the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India
- To Develop a Roadmap for Future Policy and Action

Resource Persons



Prof. (Dr.) Radhavallabh Tripathi
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Prof. (Dr.) Raghunath Ghosh
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Former Professor & Director, School of Vedic Studies, Rabindra Bharati University



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Prof. (Dr.) Ayan Bhattacharya
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Prof. (Dr.) Mau Das Gupta
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Dr. Soumyajit Sen
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Invitation for Papers / Book Chapters for Workshop Proceedings

We invite academicians, scholars, and students to submit papers for this Workshop Proceedings. Papers/Book Chapters may be submitted in Sanskrit, English, Bengali and Hindi. Kindly send soft copies of the papers (MS Word and PDF in both formats) to icssrdtskism@gmail.com

Sub-themes

- ❖ Integrative Traditional Healthcare Systems and Ethical Considerations
- ❖ Sustainability and Food Security through Indigenous Agricultural Knowledge
- ❖ Environmental Conservation, Climate Resilience, and Sacred Ecology
- ❖ Indigenous Contributions to Astronomy, Mathematics, and Computational Sciences
- ❖ Sustainable Urban Planning and Eco-Friendly Architecture in Vāstuvidyā
- ❖ Revitalization and Protection of Traditional Crafts, Textiles, and Metallurgy
- ❖ Digital Documentation, Ethical Preservation, and Accessibility of Traditional Knowledge
- ❖ Intellectual Property Rights, Legal Frameworks, and Biopiracy Prevention
- ❖ Safeguarding Cultural Heritage, Folklore, and Indigenous Artistic Expressions
- ❖ Equitable Benefit-Sharing and Socioeconomic Rights of Traditional Knowledge Holders
- ❖ Community-Led Environmental and Resource Management in Traditional Knowledge
- ❖ Role of Women and Indigenous Communities in Preserving and Innovating Traditional Knowledge
- ❖ Integration of Traditional and Modern Scientific Approaches for Holistic Development
- ❖ Ethical and Policy Challenges in the Commercialization of Traditional Knowledge
- ❖ Global Recognition, Collaboration, and Policy Development for Indigenous Knowledge Protection

The above-listed sub-themes are indicative. Authors are encouraged to explore any related topics aligned with the main theme.

Arranged as

- **Title of the paper:** Bold
- Author's name and designation along with institution's name
- **Key words:** 4 to 6
- **Text:** **Sanskrit/Hindi** (Arial Unicode MS/Kokila/Mangal, font size 12)
Bengali (Unicode /Avro Keyboard / Amar Bangla, font size 14)
English (Times New Roman, font size 12)
- **Line space:** 1.15 spaces.
- **Margins:** 1 inch(2.5cm) all sides, Left justified.
- **Word limit:** Maximum 300 words for abstract and maximum 4000 words for full paper.
- **Reference:** MLA Style 8th edition

Important Notes

- Last date for Registration: **15th April, 2025**
- Last date for submission of full papers: **15th April, 2025**
- Selected papers will be considered for publication in ISBN-Numbered Workshop proceedings.
- Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

Details of Registration Fees

- **For Academicians- 600/- (for online/offline participant)**
- **For Research Scholars and Students- 500/- (for online/offline participant)**
- **Account details and QR code for fee payment-**
 - ❖ **Name:** Principal, DebraThana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya
 - ❖ **Account No.:** 11360261267
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N.B.: No T.A. or Hospitality will be provided

Registered participants will be provided with a free workshop kit, tiffin, lunch, and tea/coffee at the venue. Accommodation for outstation participants can be arranged at their own cost. Those interested in paid accommodation may send their request via email (icssrdtsksm@gmail.com) before April 15, 2025.

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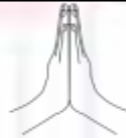
Our Location

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How to reach The Venue

- ❖ Nearest Rly. Station is Balichak, about 7 min (3 KM) journey to Debra College by Bus/Toto/Auto.
- ❖ Netaji Subhash Chandra International Airport, Kolkata (CCU), about 2 h and 15 min (110 KM) journey to Debra College by car.
- ❖ Debra College is also well connected with Kolkata by rail, bus, almost every half-hour there is a train from Howrah Rly. Station and Howrah bus depot.



Welcome to all