GOA UNIVERSITY

IKS Centre, School of Sanskrit Philosophy and Indic Studies

in association with

Goa State Biodiversity Board, Directorate of Higher Education, Ranchi University-Jharkhand, Goa State Research Foundation, Gomantak Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya and Research Centre, and Goa College of Naturopathy and Yogic Science

Organises Two Day

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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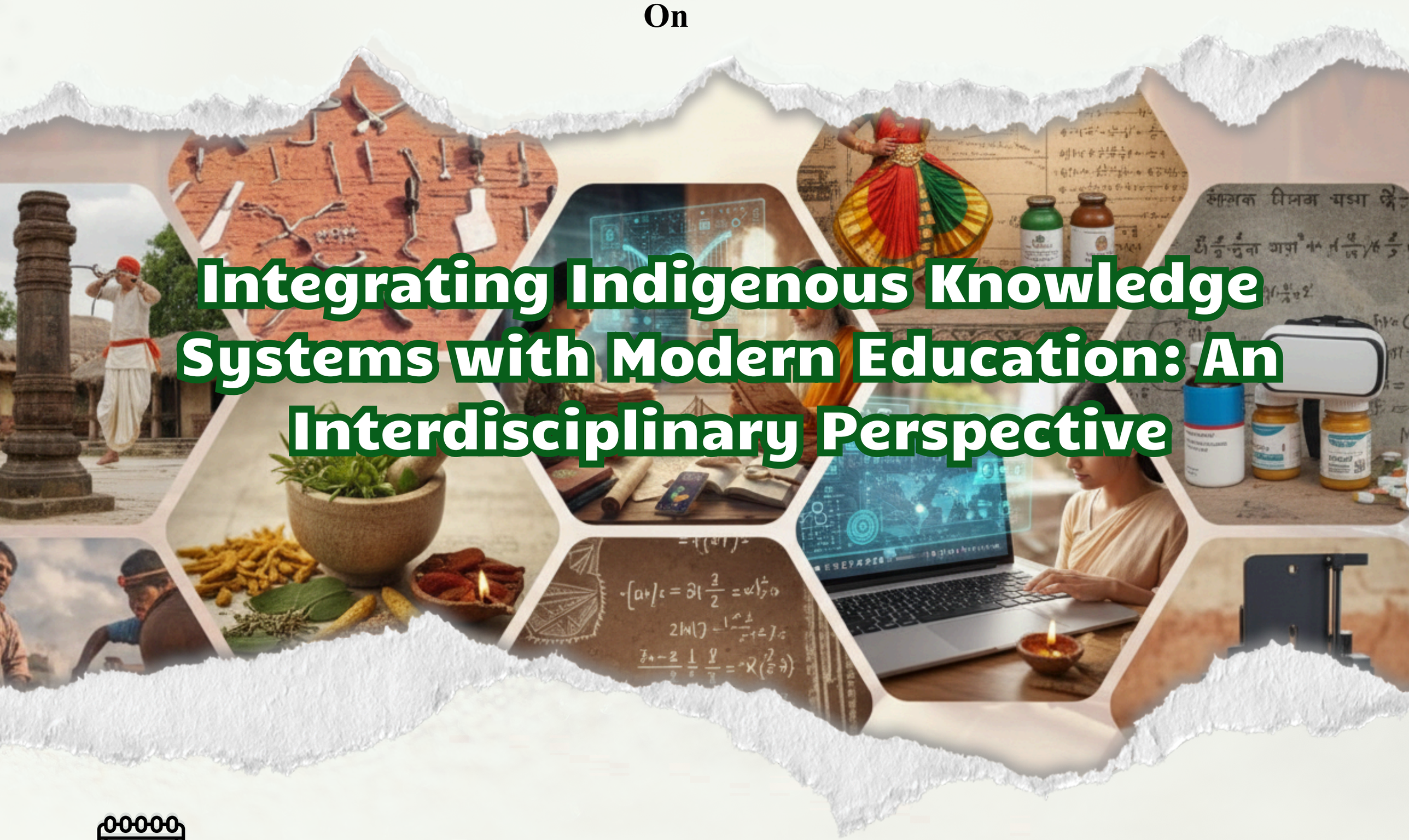

Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems with Modern Education: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

13 & 14 March 2026

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Chemistry Auditorium, Faculty Block E, Goa University

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The Last Date for Registration is 05 March 2026, 5:00pm

About Goa University

Established in 1985, Goa University stands as the premier institution of higher education in the state of Goa, committed to academic excellence, research innovation, and intellectual development. Nestled on the picturesque Taleigao Plateau, the expansive green campus provides a serene and inspiring environment that nurtures inquiry, creativity, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Goa University is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an A+ grade.

The university offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across diverse disciplines, including sciences, humanities, social sciences, commerce, management, etc. It serves as a vibrant academic hub where traditional wisdom and modern scholarship converge, encouraging critical thinking, cultural understanding, and research-driven learning.

Goa University actively promotes interdisciplinary research, innovation, and community engagement. Its research centres and academic departments contribute significantly to regional and national/international knowledge systems, while collaborations with institutions, industries, and cultural organisations strengthen its global academic footprint.

With its commitment to quality education, scholarly exchange, and preservation of indigenous knowledge traditions, Goa University serves as an ideal venue for national conferences, intellectual dialogue, and collaborative academic initiatives.

Objectives

To promote interdisciplinary research in Indian Knowledge Systems.

To support NEP 2020 goals through indigenous resources.

To bridge traditional wisdom with modern disciplines.

To document regional and community knowledge systems.

To encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability through IKS.

About the Conference

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in Indian higher education by positioning Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) as a living and integral part of mainstream academia. Moving beyond symbolic inclusion, this conference seeks to establish IKS as a core epistemic framework that enriches contemporary education through holistic, experiential and value-based learning.

This national conference brings together scholars, educators, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and students to critically engage with India's indigenous intellectual traditions across disciplines. Drawing inspiration from the expertise of distinguished guest speakers, the conference explores the contemporary relevance of traditional knowledge systems — including Ayurveda, yoga, mental health sciences, metallurgy, and allied domains — in addressing 21st-century societal and scientific challenges.

By fostering dialogue between ancient wisdom and modern knowledge, the conference aims to reclaim and re-contextualize IKS as future-oriented systems of thought, contributing to a new educational paradigm aligned with NEP 2020 and Viksit Bharat 2047 - one that nurtures ethically grounded, socially responsible and ecologically conscious citizens.

Key Highlights

Expert talks by distinguished guest speakers of IKS interdisciplinary perspectives

Young Scholars Research Forum

Regional knowledge documentation workshop

Participation certificates for all delegates and presenters

Best Poster Award

Conference Special Feature
Indigenous Food Competition
"Healing Tastes of Goa"
14 March 2026
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Guest Speakers

Prof. C. D. Sebastian

Dr. C. D. Sebastian is a Professor of Indian Philosophy at IIT Bombay, recognised for his extensive scholarship in classical Indian and comparative philosophy. His work spans Buddhist thought, Vedanta, and philosophy of religion, with a strong focus on interpreting traditional philosophical systems in dialogue with global intellectual traditions. A prolific author with numerous books and research publications, he contributes significantly to advancing philosophical inquiry, interdisciplinary discourse, and the contemporary relevance of India's rich philosophical heritage.

Prof. Suhash Ranjan Dey

Dr. Suhash Ranjan Dey is a Professor in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering at IIT Hyderabad, internationally recognised for his work in electrochemical materials processing and sustainable energy technologies. His research advances green hydrogen production, resource recovery, and next-generation nanostructured materials for clean and efficient manufacturing. With global research experience across Europe and India, he has led numerous high-impact, nationally and internationally funded projects bridging fundamental science with real-world applications.

Prof. Smriti Singh

Dr. Smriti Singh is the Convenor of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative, which promotes national integration through academic and cultural exchange. She is the Head of the Department of Chemistry at Ranchi University, with over 14 years of teaching and research experience. Through her teaching, research, and service, she promotes interdisciplinary learning and scientific advancement within the university community.

Prof. Neelesh Korde

Dr. Neelesh Korde is a Principal, Professor, and Head of Rachana Sharir (Anatomy) at Gomantak Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya & Research Centre, Goa, with over three decades of academic and clinical excellence. An award-winning researcher, he is widely recognised for his contributions to Ayurvedic anatomy, education, and integrative healing. An international speaker and consultant, his work bridges classical Ayurveda with modern therapeutic practices. He continues to inspire students and practitioners through teaching, research, and global outreach.

Dr. Sneha Bhagwat

Dr. Sneha Bhagwat serves as the CEO and Executive Director of the Goa College of Naturopathy, and Yogic Science, where she is committed to advancing integrative healthcare through the principles of Indian systems of holistic healthcare. As the President of the Goa Council of Ayurvedic and Allied Indian Systems of Medicine, she plays a key role in promoting the meaningful integration of traditional healing systems into contemporary healthcare, contributing to the growth, credibility, and wider acceptance of holistic medical practices.

Dr. Venketeswara Pai R.

Dr. Venketeswara Pai R. is an Associate Professor at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, whose work bridges modern scientific inquiry with India's classical knowledge traditions. Trained in physics and Indian Knowledge Systems, he specialises in Sanskrit scientific manuscripts, Indian astronomy, and the history of science. His research focuses on the preservation, critical editing, and interpretation of traditional scientific texts, supported by nationally funded projects.

Prof. Vithal Tilvi

Dr. Vithal Tilvi is a distinguished astronomer and currently serves as Professor at the Centre for Research, Development & Innovation, Goa State Higher Education Council, Directorate of Higher Education. He brings extensive expertise in space science and astronomical research. He spent over 15 years in the USA working on NASA/Keck-funded missions, leading landmark discoveries including one of the farthest galaxy groups and one of the earliest black hole candidates. His contributions to NASA's mission teams have significantly advanced our understanding of the early universe.

Themes for Paper Presentations and Poster Competition

- **Indian Aesthetics.**
- **Tribal Knowledge Systems.**
- **Foundations of Indian Scientific Thought.**
- **De-colonizing the Mind Across Disciplines.**
- **Traditional Health and Medicinal Practices.**
- **Environmental Science and Sustainability in IKS.**
- **Integrating Indigenous Methods and Methodologies.**
- **IKS - Inspired Innovations and Future Research Directions.**
- **Bridging ancient wisdom with contemporary STEM education.**
- **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Modern Science Integration.**

Guidelines for Paper Presentation

- The interested participants must submit an abstract of 500 words, with Times New Roman font, 12 point font, and 4-5 keywords.
- The abstract should be submitted on or before **23rd February 2026, 5:00pm.** Selected abstracts will receive a confirmation email by **24th February 2026.**
- The participants should provide their proper details with Full name, address, contact number, and email id (ikscentre@unigoa.ac.in)
- The abstracts should be submitted through email id provided.
- The word limit for the paper is 5000 words, Times New Roman font, 12 point font, 1.5 spacing.
- Selected paper submission date: **11th March 2026**, **5:00 pm** via email id.

Guidelines for Poster Competition

- The interested participants are required to submit a poster in A0 size, portrait format (90cm and 120cm).
- The E-copy of the posters should be submitted by **5th March 2026**, **5:00 pm**, via the email id provided.
- The participants are required to submit hardcopy of the poster on the first day of the conference at the registration counter by **9:00 am.**
- One of the themes indicated above should be included on the poster.
- The participants are required to write their names and contact number, on the backside of the poster.

Email id for submissions: ikscentre@unigoa.ac.in

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Registration

Registration Fee

Students: Rs. 300/-
Research Scholars: 500/-
Faculty and Others: 700/-

Inclusive of Refreshments and Lunch for 2 days

Click on the link to register

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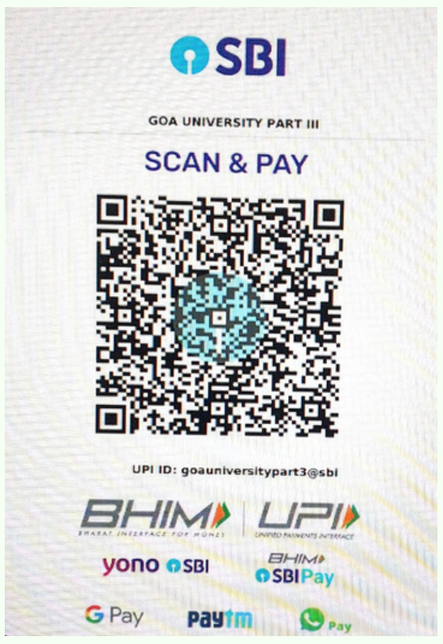

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Goa University is accessible by air, rail, and road.

Airports
Manohar International Airport (Mopa)—40 km from the university
Dabolim International Airport—36 km from the university

Railway Stations:
Thivim Railway Station- 29 km from the university
Karmali Railway Station – 17 km from the university
Madgaon Railway Station – 35 km from the university
Vasco-da-Gama Railway Station – 26 km from the university

Bus Station:
Panjim Bus Station: 6 km from the university

ACCOMMODATION

Limited on-campus accommodation is available at Goa University for registered participants/delegates, subject to prior confirmation and availability.

Main Guest House
Manager: +91-8669609042
Reception: +91-8669609080

International Guest House
Manager: +91-8669609081
Reception: +91-8669609082

Other nearby Accommodation

1. The International Centre Goa (ICG), Dona Paula
2. Bay 15, Dona Paula
3. Sandalwood Hotel & Retreat, Dona Paula
4. Athome Comforts, Panaji

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