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ICIKS 2026: A Confluence of Knowledge, Innovation and Dialogue

ICIKS 2026 came together on 17th and 18th March 2026 at at Sir Shankar Lal Concert Hall, University of Delhi, and turned out to be something genuinely special. The idea was straightforward but ambitious: bring India's classical intellectual traditions into conversation with the questions we're grappling with right now. Scholars, students, policymakers, and industry professionals all showed up, and over two days, they actually talked to each other.

The opening ceremony struck the right note early. Dr. Vikas Gupta, Registrar of the University of Delhi, and CA Charanjot Singh Nanda, Past President of ICAI, both spoke about why India's knowledge traditions still matter, not as museum pieces, but as active frameworks for thinking about development, innovation, and where we're headed as a society. The keynote that followed stayed with people long after the session ended.

The programme covered serious ground. Panel discussions brought together practitioners from law, governance, finance, consulting, and entrepreneurship, people who work with these ideas daily, not just study them. The research paper presentations were the intellectual heart of the event: 114 papers across two days, spanning disciplines and asking hard questions. The conversations that followed were the best kind, honest, occasionally contentious, and genuinely collaborative.

Students also performed cultural pieces between sessions, and it worked better than you might expect. It broke the rhythm, reminded everyone why any of these matters, and kept the two days from feeling like a slog. The closing session brought things to a thoughtful end, with academic leaders speaking to where the conversations might go from here.

ICIKS 2026 ended up being more than a conference. People left with new contacts, new questions, and more than a few of them, a renewed sense of what Indian scholarship can actually do in the world.

Preface

Knowledge has long been the cornerstone of human progress, driving innovation, shaping societies, and fostering sustainable development. In today's rapidly evolving world, there is a growing need to revisit traditional knowledge systems and explore their relevance in addressing contemporary challenges. With this vision, the International Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems (ICIKS 2026) was organized on 17-18 March 2026 at Sir Shankar Lal Concert Hall, University of Delhi.

ICIKS 2026 was conceived as a platform for meaningful dialogue among academicians, researchers, policymakers, industry professionals, and students. The conference sought to examine the significance of Indian Knowledge Systems in modern academic, social, economic, and professional contexts while encouraging interdisciplinary discussions that connected traditional wisdom with contemporary perspectives.

Over two days, participants engaged in keynote addresses, panel discussions, and research paper presentations that highlighted the importance of research, innovation, critical inquiry, and evidence-based decision-making. The conference also provided valuable opportunities for students and young researchers to interact with eminent scholars and practitioners, fostering academic excellence and a spirit of lifelong learning.

The proceedings of ICIKS 2026 capture the essence of these intellectual exchanges and scholarly deliberations. The contributions presented herein reflect a shared commitment to advancing knowledge, promoting innovation, and generating meaningful solutions to contemporary issues. They also underscore the continuing relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems in enriching academic discourse and informing future research.

We express our sincere gratitude to all speakers, researchers, delegates, faculty members, students, and organizing teams whose dedication and participation made this conference a success. It is our hope that this volume will serve as a valuable resource for scholars, educators, students, and practitioners, inspiring further research, collaboration, and contributions toward knowledge creation and nation-building.

International Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems (ICIKS 2026)

Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi

Chairperson's Message



Prof. Mahima Thakur

Chairperson

Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi

ICIKS 2026: Advancing Knowledge, Society, and Nation-Building

ICIKS 2026 started with a clear intention: to take India's intellectual heritage seriously as a tool for the present, not just a subject for the past. The conference made the case, through two packed days of research, debate, and dialogue, that the traditions of inquiry and ethical reasoning that have shaped our civilisation aren't historical curiosities. They're genuinely useful frameworks for thinking about the world we're living in now.

For India, the timing of this conversation matters. As we work towards meaningful leadership in education, research, and sustainable development, it helps to draw on the intellectual frameworks that have shaped our thinking for centuries. The discussions at ICIKS 2026 were grounded in that conviction, exploring how Indian Knowledge Systems can inform better governance, more ethical leadership, and growth that actually reaches people.

What struck me most was how the conference brought together people who don't usually share the same room, students, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and gave them something real to think about together. That kind of exchange builds more than academic knowledge. It builds the shared responsibility we all carry toward making our institutions, and our society, a little more just.

For our College, ICIKS 2026 was a meaningful step forward. Our students and faculty spent two days in sustained conversation with some of the country's leading researchers and practitioners, and that kind of exposure leaves a mark. The academic culture we're trying to build here, curious, rigorous, engaged with the world, was on full display.

The Finance and Investment Cell did something genuinely impressive in putting this together. The ambition of the event matched the quality of the execution, and that speaks to FIC's growing capacity for research-oriented, professionally serious work. As we look back on what ICIKS 2026 achieved, we also look forward, to the scholars, the institutions, and the ideas that will carry this work forward.

Principal's Message



Prof. Gyantosh Kumar Jha
Principal

Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi

Watching ICIKS 2026 come together was, honestly, one of the highlights of this academic year for me. This is exactly the kind of event our college should be hosting, one that brings distinguished scholars, practitioners, and policymakers into the same space as our students and asks everyone to think harder. That's what education is supposed to do.

For our students, the conference offered something that a classroom rarely can: real contact with people doing serious work in the world. Hearing keynote speakers reflect on their own intellectual journeys, sitting in on panel discussions where practitioners disagreed with each other in real time, that kind of exposure shapes how young people think. It reminds them that knowledge isn't settled; it's alive, contested, and worth pursuing.

NEP 2020 asks us to build students who can think across disciplines and connect theory to the real world. ICIKS 2026 did exactly that. For undergraduate students in particular, it was a first real taste of research culture, of what it looks like when smart people take a question seriously and pursue it with honesty and rigour. Those early encounters matter more than we sometimes acknowledge.

For postgraduate students and research scholars, the conference offered a different kind of value: the chance to test their work in front of an expert audience. Presenting research and receiving real feedback, not just encouragement, but substantive engagement, is how researchers grow. ICIKS 2026 gave them that, and I think many of them left the better for it.

The student cultural performances added a dimension that pure academic conferences often miss. They were a reminder that learning isn't only cognitive, it involves creativity, heritage, and human expression too. I'm grateful to every student, faculty member, and organiser who put so much of themselves into making these two days what they were.

Vice Principal & IQAC Coordinator's Message



Prof. Vinita Tuli

Vice Principal & IQAC Coordinator
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Higher education in India is at an interesting crossroads. We talk about becoming a knowledge economy, about having a global civilisational voice, and those ambitions are real. But they depend on what actually happens inside our academic institutions: whether we're cultivating original thinkers, generating research that pushes boundaries, and connecting that research to the world outside. ICIKS 2026 was a genuine contribution to that larger project.

The theme, Indian Knowledge Systems, is not a nostalgic one. India's intellectual traditions contain sophisticated frameworks for thinking about ethics, governance, ecology, and what it means to live well. Engaging with them rigorously doesn't mean rejecting modern science or technology; it means asking whether those frameworks have something to teach us. ICIKS 2026 approached that question with the seriousness it deserves.

The 114 research papers presented across both days were encouraging in a way that's hard to quantify. The range was impressive, disciplines and methodologies that don't usually talk to each other, in conversation. More than that, the quality was high. It reflects the kind of academic culture we've been working to build, and it suggests it's actually taking root.

From a quality assurance standpoint, this is exactly the kind of initiative IQAC works to encourage. It brought together teaching, research, and real-world engagement in a way that's hard to achieve but enormously valuable when it happens. The effects of a conference like this don't end when the participants go home, they show up in the questions students ask, the research topics faculty pursue, and the conversations that continue long afterward.

India's path to genuine self-reliance runs through research and innovation. ICIKS 2026, in its modest but meaningful way, contributed to that journey. My sincere congratulations to everyone who made it happen.

Convenor's Message



Dr. Sivachander G

Convenor – ICIKS'26 & Finance and Investment Cell
Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi

Sitting with what ICIKS 2026 became, I'm mostly just grateful. When we started planning this, the vision was simple: create a space where India's intellectual traditions could be taken seriously alongside the most pressing challenges of the present. What actually happened over those two days exceeded everything we hoped for.

We wanted the conference to feel like a conversation, between tradition and the present, between theory and practice, between inherited wisdom and emerging questions. The keynotes, the panel discussions, the 114 research papers: each in their own way made that conversation real. What I'll remember most is the seriousness people brought to it. When knowledge is engaged with genuine curiosity and honesty, it has a way of surprising you.

358 delegates came. They represented 27 colleges and 7 universities from five states across India. That kind of reach doesn't happen unless the idea resonates. Watching undergraduates, research scholars, faculty, and industry professionals share the same stage, each bringing their own angle to the same questions, was exactly what we'd hoped for. The panel discussions, in particular, brought in voices from law, governance, finance, and entrepreneurship that grounded the scholarship in the real world.

The student cultural performances were one of those things that could have felt like a distraction but instead became a genuine highlight. They added something the academic sessions couldn't, warmth, artistry, a reminder that intellectual work exists within a larger human life. Honestly, the enthusiasm and ownership our students brought to every part of this conference was the thing that moved me most.

Thank you, to our speakers, guests, session chairs, faculty, and every student who volunteered their time and energy. ICIKS 2026 was a team effort in the truest sense, and it wouldn't have been what it was without each of you. The conversations we started here won't end here. That's what makes it worth doing.

Outcomes of the Conference

The International Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems (ICIKS 2026) successfully served as a platform for academic exchange, interdisciplinary dialogue, and collaborative learning. The conference brought together scholars, researchers, academicians, policymakers, industry professionals, and students to discuss the relevance and application of Indian Knowledge Systems in contemporary contexts.

The conference witnessed an impressive participation of 358 delegates, including undergraduate and postgraduate students, research scholars, faculty members, and professionals. It attracted participants from 27 colleges, 7 universities, and five states across India, promoting diverse perspectives and strengthening academic networking and collaboration.

A key highlight of the conference was the presentation of 114 research papers, reflecting innovative ideas, contemporary research, and interdisciplinary approaches to knowledge creation. These presentations provided scholars with an opportunity to share their findings, receive valuable feedback, and engage in meaningful academic discussions. Selected papers were considered for publication in the internationally peer-reviewed journal Arima Nokku, extending the scholarly impact of the conference beyond the event itself.

The conference featured two insightful panel discussions involving experts from academia, government, industry, law, finance, consulting, and entrepreneurship. These sessions enabled participants to connect theoretical concepts with practical applications and gain insights into emerging challenges and opportunities.

The academic richness of the conference was further enhanced by the presence of six distinguished speakers, five esteemed guests, and thirteen session chairs, who guided the deliberations and maintained high academic standards throughout the two-day event.

Overall, ICIKS 2026 successfully achieved its objective of promoting research, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration, and fostering intellectual engagement. The conference strengthened academic partnerships, inspired future research initiatives, and contributed meaningfully to the vision of building a knowledge-driven, innovative, and globally engaged India.

Editor-in-Chief's Message



Dr. R. Pannirukaivadivelan
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Arimaa Nokku – International Peer-Reviewed Research Journal

It is with immense pride and great pleasure that I present this **Special Issue of Arimaa Nokku – International Peer-Reviewed Research Journal**, featuring the selected research papers presented at the International Conference on **Indian Knowledge Systems: Finance, Business Management and Governance (ICIKS 2026)**.

This special issue brings together high-quality scholarly contributions that explore the relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in the context of contemporary finance, business management, governance, artificial intelligence, sustainability, digital economy, entrepreneurship, cultural heritage, renewable energy, women's empowerment, tourism, smart technologies, and inclusive development. The diversity of these contributions reflects the growing importance of interdisciplinary research in addressing the complex academic, social, economic, and technological challenges of the twenty-first century.

Indian Knowledge Systems are not merely repositories of our civilizational heritage but dynamic intellectual traditions that continue to inspire ethical governance, responsible business practices, sustainable economic development, and human-centered innovation. The research papers included in this volume successfully demonstrate how traditional wisdom can be integrated with modern scientific inquiry, emerging technologies, and evidence-based research to generate meaningful solutions for contemporary society.

The publication of this special issue reaffirms **Arimaa Nokku's** commitment to promoting rigorous academic research, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, and disseminating scholarly knowledge of international standards. It is our sincere hope that this volume will serve as a valuable reference for researchers, academicians, students, policymakers, industry professionals, and all those interested in advancing knowledge through meaningful research and collaboration.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the authors for their valuable research contributions, the reviewers for their meticulous evaluation, the Editorial Board for maintaining the highest standards of academic excellence, and the organizing committee for their **unwavering commitment to making this conference and its proceedings a remarkable success**. Their collective efforts have made this publication possible.

I am confident that this special issue will inspire further scholarly inquiry, strengthen interdisciplinary collaborations, and contribute significantly to the advancement of knowledge, innovation, and sustainable development. I wish this publication every success and hope that it will continue to enrich academic discourse and inspire future generations of researchers.

With my sincere best wishes to all the contributors and readers.



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