

Registration

- Registration fee: **Rs. 500 for Research Scholar**
Rs. 300 for Post Graduate Students



Guidelines for Abstract and Paper Submission

1. General Information

- The conference is open to Research Scholars (M.Phil., Ph.D.) and Postgraduate Students from any recognized university.
- Participants must adhere to the following deadlines and guidelines to be considered for presentation.

2. Abstract Submission Guidelines

- **Length:** The abstract should be between 250-300 words.
- **Content:** It must clearly state the **research problem, objectives, methodology, theoretical framework, and expected findings/key arguments.**
- **Format:**
 - Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt.
 - Spacing: 1.5 lines.
 - Include a list of 4-5 keywords.
 - The title should be concise and reflective of the content.
- **Author Details:**

On a separate page, include the following:

 - Full Name, Institutional Affiliation, Course/Degree Programme, Email Address, Contact Number.
 - The sub-theme for which the paper is being submitted.

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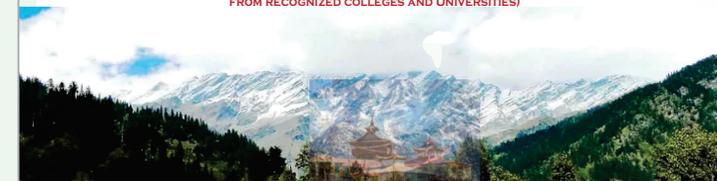
देवभूमि *in Dialogue*

Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) As a Framework
for Reimagining Sustainability, Cultural Preservation, and
Inclusive Development in Himachal Pradesh



10 MARCH, 2026

(ONLY FOR POST GRADUATE STUDENTS AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS
FROM RECOGNIZED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES)



About the Conference

Have you ever wondered what truly makes Himachal Pradesh tick beyond its scenic beauty and spiritual vibes?

“ देवभूमि in Dialogue” is your chance to dive deep into the soul of Himachal and explore Himachaliyat—a unique cultural identity born from the fusion of over thirty princely states, each with its own language, traditions, and beliefs. This is not just history—it is living culture. From the way homes are built to the food we eat, the festivals we celebrate, and the stories we tell, Himachaliyat is a beautiful blend that has shaped a strong, inclusive society. It is what helped Himachal thrive—through land reforms, a cooperative apple economy, and a focus on education that brought communities together.

But today, this cultural fabric is under pressure. Economic challenges are stirring division, and mass-market influences are slowly replacing local music, food, and fashion. Even the NEP 2020, which promotes teaching in local languages, struggles here—because “Pahari” is not one language but a family of dialects like Kangri, Mahasavi, Kulluvi, and Kinnauri. Without proper support, we risk losing not just words, but the wisdom they carry.

This dialogue is a space to rethink and reimagine. Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) offer us a powerful lens to do so. Rooted in centuries of ecological wisdom, community ethics, and linguistic diversity, IKS can help us see Himachaliyat not merely as a cultural identity but as a repository of sustainable practices. From traditional water management in mountain villages to herbal medicine, oral storytelling, and cooperative farming, IKS reminds us that resilience is embedded in everyday life. It teaches us that language is not just communication—it is a carrier of ecological knowledge, social harmony, and spiritual balance.

How can Himachaliyat, enriched by IKS, help us tackle climate change, preserve our traditions, and build a future that is both modern and rooted? If you are passionate about culture, sustainability, language, or social harmony, this is your moment. Come join the conversation, share your ideas, and help shape the next chapter of Himachal's story. Let's explore not just Devbhumi as a spiritual label—but as a living, breathing example of resilience, unity, and indigenous wisdom.

Conference Objectives

- ★ To inculcate the research abilities amongst students.
 - ★ To examine the critical relationship between cultural cohesion, equitable development, and environmental resilience in the state.
 - ★ To identify contemporary threats to this syncretic fabric, from political divisiveness and economic stress to cultural homogenization.
 - ★ To explore sustainable ecological and economic models suited for the Himalayan region's fragile landscape.
- To formulate strategies that leverage cultural synergy for future policy on preservation, sustainability, and inclusive growth.
- ★ To integrate Indian Knowledge System (IKS) as a framework for reimagining sustainability, cultural preservation, and inclusive development in Himachal Pradesh.

Conference Sub-themes

Historical Foundations & Cultural Synthesis

- Pre-independence structures and statehood journey
- Festivals, fairs & Kath-Kuni architecture as cultural glue
- Evolving identities in a modernizing world
- IKS as historical continuity: indigenous practices shaping cultural synthesis

Belief, Language & Narrative

- Hindu-Buddhist convergence in rituals and pilgrimages
- Oral traditions in folklores
- IKS in spiritual ecology and narrative traditions

Economic Pathways & Development Models

- Apple economy: prosperity and transformation
- Tourism: potential, pitfalls & future vision
- Hydropower debates & land reform legacies
- Sustainable commerce in mountain regions
- IKS-based livelihoods: traditional crafts, agriculture, and cooperative models

Environment, Vulnerability & Resilience

- Climate change impacts on agriculture, water & biodiversity
- Disaster preparedness for fragile terrains
- Forests, wildlife & community-led conservation
- Bridging traditional wisdom with modern science
- Eco-conscious tourism strategies
- IKS in ecological stewardship and climate resilience

Governance, Identity & Future Strategies

- ★ Language, culture & regionalism in identity politics
- ★ Heritage preservation: models and challenges
- ★ Education as a vessel for cultural transmission
- ★ Mountain-specific policy evaluation
- ★ Balancing growth, ecology & tradition
- ★ IKS as a framework for inclusive governance and policy innovation

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) & Sustainable Futures

- ★ IKS as a lens for cultural preservation and innovation
- ★ Indigenous ecological wisdom in Himalayan contexts
- ★ Integrating IKS into NEP 2020 and local language education
- ★ Policy pathways for embedding IKS in development and governance

Structure of the Paper

The paper should include:

- Title, Author Details (separate page, blinded for review if required)
- Abstract with Keywords
- Introduction
- Theoretical Framework/Review of Literature
- Methodology
- Discussion
- Analysis
- Conclusion
- References/Bibliography

Important Dates

- **Last Date for Abstract Submission:**
05 February, 2026
- **Last Date for Registration :**
10 February, 2026
- **Date of the Conference:**
10 March, 2026