

INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM CELL

प्रज्ञानिकेतनम् (PRAJĀNIKETANAM)



Indian Knowledge System Cell of our college is founded on the ‘wellbeing of all’-

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वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्एकम्सत् विप्राबहुधावदन्ति
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It is based on a deep understanding of human being as well as of nature and entire existence A knowledge system which ensures right understanding and clarity of living in harmony at all levels of human existence can be called a holistic and humane knowledge system. Many cultures and civilizations over millennia have tried to evolve such knowledge systems.

The NEP 2020 emphasizes the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) to promote cultural awareness, holistic learning, and problem-solving skills. Fostering knowledge and appreciation for India’s rich heritage among our students.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college recommended the establishment of an Indian Knowledge Systems Cell (IKSC) to prepare the institution for the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Governing Body of Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya acknowledged the importance of incorporating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into the college's vision and approved the establishment of an Indian Knowledge Systems Cell.

By embracing IKS and value education, Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya remains committed to empowering future generations of a well-rounded education with the following objectives-

1. To organize seminars, workshops, and popular lecture series on various aspects of ***Bharatiya Gyan Parampara*** (Indian Knowledge Traditions) to disseminate knowledge about India's rich heritage among our students.
2. To integrate the study of IKS into relevant academic programs within the framework of the NEP 2020.
3. To collaborate with academic institutions and research centers focused on IKS to develop innovative learning resources.
4. To promote interdisciplinary dialogue and encourage teachers' research projects related to IKS.
5. Curate and maintain a library of resources on IKS for the benefit of students and faculty.
6. The college will actively promote the incorporation of IKS and value education in its prospectus and outreach programs.
7. Faculty development programs will be organized to equip existing teachers with the knowledge and skills to effectively teach IKS subjects.

PRAJĀNIKETANAM Members

1. Dr. Sujay Mandal - Convenor
2. Dr. Somnath Pradhan – Co- Convenor

INTEGRATION OF IKS IN THE CURRICULLUM

The college is striving to execute the recommendation of National Education Policy (2020) which advises to promote Indian art and culture by integrating

them in the main curriculum. This has been mirrored in the curricular and pedagogical approach of the college. It prioritizes local knowledge rooted in Indian tradition.

1. Mother tongue is preferred as a medium of instruction. Preferences are also given to 'Devnagari' for Sanskrit language.
2. The Philosophy and Sanskrit departments of the college strongly inculcate Indian values by making students aware of various Indian knowledge systems. Indian Logic and Epistemology, Indian Ethics, classical Sanskrit Mahakavyas, Vedas, Puranas, Samhitas, Sanskrit Drsyakavya, Arthashastra are an intrinsic part of the curriculum.
3. Sanskrit literature has the very first known reference to environmental ethics. Any scientific endeavor that is premised on sustainable development ethics, had originated in India. Indian knowledge systems rooted in Indian philosophy have been the breeding grounds for scientific terminologies. Indian philosophy encompasses various aspects of Indian and global epistemology, metaphysics, ethics and psychology.
4. Department of Physical Education has courses on Yoga and Ashtanga Yoga. Indian games like Kho Kho are a part of the syllabus.
5. The Bengali department teaches courses on the Charyapada, the Mangal Kavyas, Shri Krishna Kirtans, the Vaishnava Padavali and the science of Bengali grammar.
6. Girl Students are champions in District Kho Kho Championship. Intra college competition in Kho Kho has been organized.
7. Online Seminars are organized by the Sanskrit Department entitled Lanes and By lanes of Sanskrit Drama. Online
8. Add on Courses in Spoken Sanskrit has been organized in collaboration with *Sanskrit Sambhasan Shivir*.
9. Another Add on Online Course titled **Tradition of Indian Knowledge System** has been organized by the Department of Sanskrit. Syllabus included modules on *Veda, Vyakarana, Satyakaryaveda, Gita, Epigraphic and Inscriptions*.
10. Value-added course - **Bratachari** Foundation Course has been conducted by *Bratachari Kendriya Nayak Mandali*.

11. International Mother Language Day is observed every year by the Bengali Department through a poignant and evocative program including international webinars.
12. Various cultural programs are held in college throughout the year to celebrate the cultural diversity and uniqueness of India including *Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav*, *Mahisasurmardini*. Various departments of the college have wall magazines written in Bengali. Saraswati Puja is observed in the college campus by the Cultural Committee. A community feast is also organised on the occasion.
13. *Bhabachakra* – the research compendium with ISBN brought out by the IQAC of the college is **trilingual- Bengali, Sanskrit and English**.
14. Indian medicinal plants like Arjuna, Tulsi, Ashwagandha, Neem are planted in the campus by the Botany department to strengthen the understanding of the utility of these medicinal plants and Indian Ayurveda.

