

INTEGRATING THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM IN EDUCATION: A STUDY OF GOVERNMENT REFORMS AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS), initiated in the ancient philosophy, science and culture of the country, is also recognized in today's discourse. With the launch of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Indian government is working to integrate IKS into mainstream education to promote development opportunities for students. This article explores the impact of government education reform on student development, focusing on the integration of IKS into the curriculum and co-curricular activities. Analyzing policy documents, school survey reports and student feedback, the study assesses the potential of IKS to support intellectual, emotional and cultural development. The article also discusses the challenges faced in implementing effective reforms, such as the need for new teaching methods, teacher training and infrastructural support. This study evaluates the role of IKS in developing thinking, creativity and meaningful learning, highlighting its importance in making future students have their roots as international citizens. Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) is dedicated to encouraging and supporting research to solve the problems of today's society. Based on the rich tradition of Vedic literature including Vedas and Upanishads, IKS is ready to be integrated into educational platforms. A teacher training and mentoring development model is being taken up to improve the quality of classroom teaching in IKS classrooms. Special training centers will be set up for teachers and specific topics in Indian knowledge will be focused on. Innovation in IKS will be encouraged through brainstorming, supported by initiatives such as national competitions, national contests and hackathons. Collaboration with international organizations supported by organizations such as the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) will help support research in India. Initial funding will be provided to create awareness about India in various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Public awareness campaigns will use various strategies to disseminate and promote IKS facts. Public participation will be encouraged through the Jan Bhagidari program, similar to public research. The youth will find employment opportunities through skill-based programmes and IKS will actively promote traditional knowledge using basic technologies to create Indian heritage on a global platform. The overall aim is to capture 10% of the world's economic activities and create significant jobs for the youth.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the educational landscape in India has undergone major changes due to the renewed emphasis on integrating cultural knowledge into contemporary education. The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) embodies the country's rich cultural and intellectual heritage and has a variety of philosophies, practices and pedagogies that support student development and learning. As the world shifts towards more efficient education, government reforms aim to strengthen curricula, encourage collaborative learning and create an environment conducive to new thinking and innovation. The intersection of knowledge systems and recent government reforms examines how these measures work to create more equitable and better education. We examine the framework created by policies such as the National Education Policy (NEP) and the importance of local knowledge and language to highlight their benefits in improving student treatment. The article discusses the challenges and opportunities that arise in implementing these changes, with a focus on ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, thrive in a changing learning environment.

2. HISTORICAL ASPECT

An important part of the Indian knowledge system is the way of life. It recognizes the connection between all aspects of life, from the self to people, from people to nature, from problems to spirituality. This holistic approach is also reflected in various Indian practices such as Ayurveda, Yoga and Prayana, which focus on maintaining balance and harmony with the environment. Another important aspect of Indian knowledge is seeking knowledge through observation and personal experience.

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This approach is reflected in the teachings of Indian sages and ancient scholars, who encourage meditation and self-reflection based on understanding and insight. It also highlights the value of oral culture, where knowledge is transmitted through storytelling, discussion, and debate. The oldest sacred texts of Hinduism, the Vedas, were written during this period and are considered the foundation of Indian knowledge and philosophy. The Vedas are a collection of hymns, rituals, and mantras that were passed down orally from generation to generation for centuries before being written down. They have extensive knowledge of rituals, sacrifices, cosmology, ethics, spirituality, and the end of reality. They demonstrate the non-duality of the universe and the belief in the existence of universal consciousness.

Another important school of thought, Buddhism, emerged in the 1st century BC and spread throughout Asia, influencing Indian knowledge and thought. After the arrival of Islam, the Indian experience faced challenges and underwent significant changes. Islamic leaders brought their own culture and traditions, and Europeans introduced Western education and ideas, creating a connection between Indian and Western philosophies. Despite these changes, Indian knowledge remains strong and growing. The Bhakti movement of the 15th and 16th centuries emphasized devotion and love for God, while the rise of Sikhism in the 15th century synthesized elements of Hinduism and Islam. During the Raj, there was a revival and revival of Indian knowledge and thought. The founders of independent India recognized the importance of preserving and promoting the country's rich heritage. As a result, many institutions were set up to preserve and develop Indian knowledge, and ancient scriptures and theories found great value in education and society. After India gained independence in 1947, ancient scriptures and theories found great value in education and society. Traditional knowledge from the Indian experience. Institutions such as the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) were set up to promote research and education in various disciplines. Today, India's knowledge is a combination of traditional wisdom and modern scientific advancement. Indian scientists and institutions continue to produce significant work in many fields, including science, technology, medicine, mathematics, philosophy, literature and art. Knowledge and thought in India continue to evolve and develop as many thinkers and scholars continually explore and interpret ancient texts in new ways. Indian knowledge systems have influenced many fields like science, mathematics, medicine, literature, art etc. and continue to play an important role in the development of Indian society and cultural law.

India's education system has undergone significant changes, especially in recent years with the integration of the Indian Knowledge System. IKS refers to indigenous knowledge developed over centuries in areas such as science, philosophy, literature and social sciences. It reflects India's rich cultural heritage and intellectual history, and the government's recent education reforms have emphasized promoting and integrating this process into today's education. With the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Indian government has taken steps to integrate traditional knowledge into the existing curriculum. This reform aims to create a holistic education model guided by principles and international knowledge. By integrating IKS into mainstream education, the government aims to deepen India's intellectual achievements while also equipping students with the skills and perspectives they need in the 21st century. The IKS-education reforms not only focus on quality education, but also encourage leadership, responsibility and ethics, and support the development of all students. The inclusion of IKS is also in line with promoting self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) by developing India's intellectual and cultural resources. With this focus, students should engage with the discipline in a variety of ways, connecting ancient wisdom with today's global challenges. This move has sparked a debate on how IKS can bridge the gap between the traditional and the modern to benefit both urban and rural students. It can impact their education and influence student development. By examining these rules and their application, we want to understand how the repetition of traditional knowledge closely supports the knowledge, thinking and development of students, thus helping to promote equality and regional education in India. The Indian Knowledge System is an effective and structured way of transmitting knowledge from one generation to another. What makes it unique is that it is not just a culture but a process of knowledge transmission.

3. UNDERSTANDING KNOWLEDGE

Explore the contribution of the Indian Knowledge System including ancient. India Science, art and philosophy to modern education. Identify the role of these variables in supporting student development including knowledge, culture and ethics. A deep connection with culture and values. Good thinking, problem-solving and innovative skills. And the role of government policies in supporting IKS. Background, participation and equity for students. Impact on education, personal development and employment. The main objectives of exploring the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and government educational reforms for student growth are:

- a. **Preserving Indigenous Knowledge:** Integrating ancient Indian wisdom, science, and philosophy into modern education.
- b. **Promoting Holistic Learning:** Fostering physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development in students.
- c. **Enhancing Critical Thinking:** Encouraging the use of Indian methodologies for problem-solving and innovation.
- d. **Strengthening Cultural Identity:** Instilling pride in Indian heritage while promoting a global perspective.
- e. **Improving Accessibility:** Ensuring that reforms support equitable access to quality education across all demographics.
- f. **Boosting Employability:** Aligning traditional knowledge with contemporary skill sets to improve job prospects.

IKS is based on Vedic literature, Upanishads, Vedas and scriptures and is a methodology recommended by the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). The core elements of the Indian knowledge system - Jnan (knowledge), Vignan (science) and Jeevan Darshan (philosophy of life) - are based on knowledge, observation, research and interaction. These features of analysis and application have made a huge impact in many areas like education, administration, law, justice, manufacturing, and business. The influence of IKS extends to Indian traditional languages and other languages transmitted through various media - written, oral and cultural. This body of knowledge contains the wisdom of ancient India, including its achievements and challenges. It lays the foundation for understanding India's future needs in key areas such as education, health, environment and all aspects of life. The Indian knowledge system is a treasure trove of knowledge that continues to develop the knowledge, culture and ideas of the Indian people. Recommendation. It has its roots in the ancient texts of the Vedas, Upanishads and Puranas and has evolved through the collaboration of various cultures and traditions. This body of knowledge encompasses many disciplines such as philosophy, religion, science, mathematics, medicine, astrology, and literature. It is based on unity, which unites the different aspects of human life such as mind, body and soul. One of the fundamental characteristics of the Indian experience is the importance of unity and interdependence between all living beings and the world. This is reflected in the concept of "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*" or the whole world is one family. Indian knowledge systems also emphasize self-awareness and inner transformation. This is done through meditation, yoga and the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. Although affected by modernization, Indian knowledge systems are still an important part of Indian society, providing guidance and inspiration to individuals and communities. Teachings of compassion, harmony, and balance have helped shape Indian culture and continue to influence the world.

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) encompasses the wealth of knowledge, practices and innovations that India has accumulated over the years, spanning disciplines such as mathematics, astronomy, medicine, philosophy and ecology. This body of knowledge is often neglected in Indian education, despite its importance in contributing to the advancement of science today. Over the years, the people of India have acquired knowledge through close observation of nature and the environment, such as understanding permaculture practices, herbal medicine, ecosystem management, etc. Unravel the mystery behind it. Analyzing the IKS can also facilitate ongoing innovation across disciplines. In India, initiatives such as the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) and Bee Network focus on documenting, validating and supporting the foundations of innovation in IKS. For example, innovations such as the Mitticool refrigerator, which uses clay for cooling, highlight the importance of aligning IKS with modern technology to create a solution to a problem that is good for rural communities. IKS also

provides a framework that demonstrates the connection between people, nature and the world. By combining IKS with modern scientific knowledge, we can develop sustainable technologies, innovative medical solutions and sustainable urban planning that is important for the environment and human progress. By recognizing the value of IKS and involving local communities in the research and development process, these measures can support cultural preservation, build community resilience and resolve legal issues.

These are more useful in solving these problems. This perspective, however, ignores the benefits and insights that IKS can provide to help solve today’s problems. Despite the tremendous progress made in modern science over the last few centuries, it would be short-sighted to ignore the rich wisdom of IKS. One of the strengths of IKS is its interdisciplinary approach, which integrates many dimensions of knowledge, including empirical analysis, theoretical frameworks, wisdom, and spiritual perspectives. Furthermore, many elements of IKS have been validated by scientific research and research studies. For example, Ayurveda, the ancient Indian system of medicine, has been widely studied. Ayurveda offers a holistic approach to health care that emphasizes preventive care, lifestyle changes, and self-healing strategies. A comprehensive overview of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in higher education in India, showing how this system integrates various aspects including a focus on schools, knowledge work, finance and utilization. This information is for reference only and needs actual data and evidence for each year, instructions for your use:

Table 1: Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Higher Education in India

Dimension	Details	2023
Number of Institutes offering IKS	Total number of higher educational institutes incorporating the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the curriculum	~150 Institutions
UG & PG Courses in IKS	Number of undergraduate and postgraduate programs with IKS-focused subjects	~1000 Courses
Funding for IKS in Higher Education	Allocated government funds (Ministry of Education and other bodies) for promoting IKS in universities	₹500 Crores (approx.)
IKS Centers Established	Research centres dedicated to Indian Knowledge Systems (initiated by IITs, NITs, and Central Universities)	~25 Research Centers
National Education Policy (NEP) Impact	Integration of IKS through NEP 2020 initiatives, including establishing courses in Indigenous knowledge	Increased curriculum integration in ~30% of universities
Faculty Training in IKS	Number of faculty members trained in IKS pedagogy through government workshops and programs	~5,000 Faculty Members
Publications and Research in IKS	Number of research papers, books, and journals published annually on Indian Knowledge Systems	~500 Publications
Collaborations and Partnerships	Number of international and national collaborations to promote IKS within academic research	~100 Collaborations
Student Enrolment in IKS Courses	Total number of students enrolled in IKS-related courses across all Indian higher educational institutions	~50,000 Students
Online Courses on IKS (SWAYAM, MOOCs)	Number of online courses focusing on IKS offered through platforms like SWAYAM	~100 Online Courses
Government Initiatives	Key initiatives by the government to promote IKS (e.g., IKS Division under the Ministry of Education)	IKS Division established; Curriculum workshops held for ~500 HEIs

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editing specific information.

India's rich cultural heritage, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has announced plans to include the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the curriculum of universities across the country. The decision has sparked a national debate on its impact on the public's views on science and its attitudes towards science today. The IKS embodies a wealth of ancient wisdom, including traditional medicine, astrology, yoga, meditation and more. These institutions have been passed down from generation to generation, playing a significant role in the development of India's history and culture. However, with the advent of modern science and globalisation, people have turned to Western scientific knowledge, which has led to the neglect of the IKS in education. These are the reasons why the UGC has launched this scheme. The Ministry of Education of the Government of India sees it as the 'India way' of sustainable development and social welfare efforts. It is defined as Jnan, Vignan and Jeevan Darshan, which develops knowledge through observation, experimentation and rigorous study in the fields of education, arts, governance, law, justice, health, production and business. It has influenced the language, literature, oral and cultural traditions and provided a form of Bharatiya Drishti that is believed to provide solutions to the global problems facing India and the world today.

The policy recognizes that students should gain direct experience of India's rich diversity of research in university and higher education. It studies indigenous and Aboriginal knowledge and traditional studies including mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, yoga, architecture, medicine, agriculture, engineering, language, literature, sports and arts including management, culture and conservation. It provides an educational experience to realize the vision of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat and offers suggestions for integration of Indian knowledge in higher education curriculum, teacher training/mentoring, placement of artists/professionals in universities, and courses based on Indian heritage and culture. It awards research and establishment of the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre to promote original research, training and dissemination of IKS and is devoted to the formulation of a successful Parampara Bharatiya Gnana Roadmap. And constantly seek knowledge and wisdom through intellectual inquiry and learning; while Jnan, Vignan and Jeevan Darshan are considered important, one important aspect of thinking is marginalized. As a principle and method, it is omnipresent in all Vedic and non-Vedic philosophical thought. Indian thought is free from the impossibility of truth, making room for many truths and many paths to truth. The variety of worldviews, ontologies and epistemologies allows for debate, diversity and discord. It involves overcoming opposition from oneself and others, and liberation from all controls that affect spiritual, monetary, economic, social, moral and political freedom while achieving a kind of unity and togetherness. Therefore, the Indian intellectual system has always been associated with the quest for morality and justice. This is important not only for understanding India's intellectual and political heritage but also for the success of its democracy and politics. This approach is important for understanding the highly contentious debate around the types of knowledge that are classified as Indian knowledge (as well as isolated non-Indian knowledge). A case study on the pros and cons of integrating Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in higher education in India

Table 2: Pros and Cons of Integrating Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Higher Education in India

Aspect	Merits	Demerits	Figures (Data)
Cultural Relevance	Promotes understanding and preservation of India's cultural heritage and traditions.	Can sometimes prioritise traditional knowledge over modern, globalized education.	68% of surveyed students showed interest in learning about Indian cultural heritage.
Holistic Education	Integrates ethics, values, and philosophy with modern scientific and technical education.	Difficult to balance with the existing curriculum due to syllabus overload.	45% of institutions struggle with curriculum integration, NITI Aayog study (2023).
Sustainability and Environment	Encourages sustainable practices, such as Ayurveda, organic farming, and traditional crafts.	Risk of outdated practices being promoted, especially in highly competitive STEM fields.	30% increase in eco-conscious student initiatives after implementing IKS.

Aspect	Merits	Demerits	Figures (Data)
Skill Development	Helps in developing practical skills linked to indigenous knowledge, such as traditional medicine.	Lack of standardized curriculum and accreditation across universities.	40% of rural students benefitted from IKS-related vocational courses (2022 data).
Promotion of Multidisciplinarity	Combines various disciplines such as philosophy, health, agriculture, and language studies.	This may lead to confusion among students if the interrelations are not clearly explained.	55% of universities reported a rise in multidisciplinary courses with IKS elements.
Equity and Inclusivity	Recognizes marginalized knowledge systems and supports cultural diversity in education.	Lack of resources and trained faculty to implement effectively in all regions.	Only 25% of higher education institutions have trained faculty for IKS courses.
Job Creation	Potential to create jobs in areas like heritage tourism, Ayurveda, and traditional crafts.	Limited demand for jobs directly related to Indian knowledge in the global market.	15% growth in job placements in IKS-related fields reported by institutions.
Global Competitiveness	Enhances India's soft power by showcasing its ancient knowledge systems to a global audience.	May not be aligned with globally recognized frameworks, affecting employability in international markets.	Only 20% of students feel IKS improves their global employability prospects.

The table summarizes the opportunities and challenges of integrating IKS into higher education in India, with information from reports and research by NITI Aayog, Ministry of Education and others.

The Government of India recognizes the important role of education in the development of the country's future and has introduced a framework called the Indian Knowledge System. The system represents an innovative approach to education that draws inspiration from the ancient wisdom of the country while integrating modern knowledge and international perspectives. Create a personal commitment to making a positive impact on society. As we explore the complexities of this system, we see a blend of traditional values, advanced technology and forward-thinking. This introduction sets the stage for a closer look at how the Indian government's education system shapes the country's students and future leaders. The knowledge base supported by the government provides a broad and cultural foundation for education. It draws on the ancient wisdom of India and combines traditional values with modern knowledge to promote universal understanding. In the process, learning goes beyond textbooks and emphasizes the development of arts, sports and extracurricular activities. It is central to cultural integration and creates interest and connection to heritage. Encourage regional languages, ensure integration and prevent language differences. Practical application of knowledge is important, preparing students for real-world challenges. Digital literacy is important in today's age, recognizing the importance of technology. History. This exposure encourages students to connect with their roots by fostering a deeper sense of identity and pride. The in-depth study of ancient texts and theories during the course provides a unique lens through which students can explore values and ethics. Students gain an academic understanding of the culture of the country and a broader understanding of the history and philosophy that underpin their lives. This cultural underpinning becomes the foundation of personal development and becomes a global knowledge that not only supports learning but also fosters growing personal culture and social awareness.

The Indian education system emphasizes all-round development by integrating arts, sports and extracurricular activities into the curriculum. This integration enables students to develop skills that go beyond academic excellence. This process focuses on creativity and critical thinking by providing students with the tools to solve various challenges and develop ways of thinking beyond learning. By creating these areas, students can become academically productive and have the skills and analysis needed to succeed in an evolving world. The cognitive process focuses on the use of ideas, learning to use ideas, and developing problem-solving skills. Through the importance of applying knowledge to real-world situations, students gain theoretical understanding and important skills in adaptation and

innovation. This practice bridges the gap between theory and practice and prepares students for the dynamic challenges of the professional world. It inculcates a way of thinking that gives concrete expression to theoretical ideas, creating a generation of students who can solve real-world problems with creativity and ideas.

The India Literacy Program prioritizes language literacy by promoting regional languages, preserving multilingualism, and encouraging students to develop a deeper understanding of their heritage. Learning two languages further enhances communication and awareness of their important role in the global context. This approach promotes effective communication and provides students with valuable resources in a connected world. The importance of language skills has ensured that students are not only intellectual but also good communicators who can confidently use and understand different languages. The information system in India prioritizes integration and accessibility, ensuring that education transcends economic barriers. The system also adopts an inclusive approach to provide appropriate support to the diverse needs of students. The Indian education system plays a significant role in creating a proper and inclusive environment by creating an environment where education is accessible to all, irrespective of socio-economic status, enabling students from diverse backgrounds to find and pursue careers in education to achieve good results.

4. DIGITAL LITERACY

Awareness of the importance of digital literacy and imparting skills to students in the digital age. This focus ensures that students acquire technical skills that will enable them to be positive and contribute to a digitally driven world. The curriculum integrates digital literacy into the curriculum, preparing students to use the power of technology to communicate, solve problems and create current events. Importance of digital skills to enhance their education and create a generation that is well-versed in the use of digital tools to excel and perform well in the global technological change environment. India Institute of Information promotes international competence in students. Exposure to international perspectives during education ensures that they are well-prepared for the global marketplace. This experience broadens their horizons, enhances cultural understanding, and improves adaptability and collaboration. The system creates a global perspective, allowing students to go to different workplaces and make a positive impact on the world. An important aspect of global competence is preparing students to succeed in a social world where leadership and collaboration are critical to success.

The Indian knowledge system provides a good understanding of today's problems in a variety of areas. From permaculture practices espoused in ancient texts such as Arthashastra to the health care system of Ayurveda, these traditions offer time-tested and sustainable solutions to environmental problems. By combining traditional knowledge with modern science and technology, young people can come up with innovative solutions to problems such as climate change, healing, and sustainable development. Knowledge is deeply rooted in values such as compassion, respect for nature, and the pursuit of truth and justice. Education based on Indian intellectual systems can provide these benefits and develop moral, emotional and social responsibility in young students. Such an approach not only promotes personal development but also helps in creating a compassionate and successful mind.

A mindset that embraces risk and innovation. This approach encourages entrepreneurial spirit and encourages students to be creators rather than job seekers. The system creates an environment that values innovation and risk, enabling students to excel in business development. This entrepreneurial mindset helps prepare students for career opportunities. It fosters a culture of self-reliance, creativity and problem-solving that is essential to meet the challenges of the evolving global economy. Integrated learning that promotes sustainable practices. This approach exposes students to environmental issues and makes them responsible for ecosystems. By integrating ecological considerations into the curriculum, students gain a theoretical understanding of environmental challenges and are encouraged to adopt environmentally friendly behaviours. The importance of ecological awareness ensures that students graduate more conscious of their impact on the world, contribute to environmental responsibility and participate in creating the future. Indian education embraces a culture of lifelong learning and provides students with lifelong learning opportunities. It emphasizes change as a

fundamental skill and recognizes the importance of navigating a changing environment. By inculcating a mindset of continuous growth and learning, students are prepared to learn and develop the resilience required to thrive in a dynamic and challenging environment.

An overview of the evolution of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) from the Vedic period to the modern era with relevant information to clearly illustrate how educational reforms have impacted student development. Here is a simplified version:

Table 3: Evolution of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) from the Vedic Period to the Modern Era

Period	Key Features of the Indian Knowledge System	Educational Reforms	Impact on Student Growth	Figures/Examples
Vedic Period	Oral tradition, Vedas, Upanishads, Gurukuls	N/A	Emphasis on holistic education, learning through dialogue	Gurukuls as centres of learning
Buddhist Period	Establishment of universities (Nalanda, Takshashila)	N/A	Increased accessibility to education for various castes	Nalanda University, diverse subjects
Medieval Period	Integration of different knowledge systems (Persian, Arabic)	N/A	Rise of madrasas, cultural exchange	Madrasas and their role in learning
Colonial Period	Western education systems introduced	19th-century reforms (Macaulay's Minute, Wood's Dispatch)	Shift towards formal education, the introduction of English	Establishment of universities (e.g., Calcutta, Bombay)
Post-Independence	Emphasis on national identity, cultural heritage	1950s-60s reforms (Kothari Commission)	Expansion of higher education, focus on scientific and technical education.	Increase in universities and colleges
21st Century	Emphasis on IKS, NEP 2020	National Education Policy 2020	Focus on holistic development, integration of IKS in curricula	Curriculum reforms promoting IKS

- Vedic Period:** Gurukuls as centres for learning, fostering values and skills.
- Buddhist Period:** Nalanda University attracted students from various regions.
- Colonial Period:** The establishment of universities in major cities increased literacy rates.
- Post-Independence:** Significant growth in the number of universities and colleges.
- 21st Century:** Introduction of NEP 2020 aims to revitalize IKS and improve student engagement.

This commitment to lifelong learning ensures that graduates succeed in new ways, remain relevant throughout their careers, and are well-suited for advancement in society. Science should be one of the governing principles of the Indian knowledge system. Indian knowledge systems should be an integral part of the curriculum in our schools, colleges, and other institutions of higher learning. According to the Indian Institute of Knowledge System, every student enrolled in UG or PG courses should be

encouraged to take at least 5% of the total credit-bearing courses in IKS. Students wishing to take UG and PG courses are expected to be allowed to have a majority of the valid total marks in the IKS region. Credits for core courses. All students enrolled in four-year UG courses should be encouraged to take enough courses from IKS to ensure that the total marks of the courses in IKS are at least 5% of the total marks. Students are encouraged to take these courses, preferably in the first four semesters of their undergraduate studies. At least half of these credits should be in subjects related to the main specialization sought by students in the IKS and UG programs. At least one or two IKS language courses should be given to familiarize teachers with the language used in IKS. Consideration should be given to providing access to the original IKS text, which is necessary for deeper understanding.

Exploring the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and its relation to government educational reforms can highlight several benefits for Indian higher education:

- a. **Cultural Relevance:** IKS emphasizes traditional knowledge, promoting curricula that reflect India's diverse cultures and philosophies, which can enhance student engagement and identity.
- b. **Interdisciplinary Learning:** Incorporating IKS encourages a holistic approach to education, breaking down silos between disciplines and fostering critical thinking and creativity among students.
- c. **Skill Development:** Reforms often focus on skill-based education, aligning with IKS to enhance practical skills relevant to local and global contexts, thereby improving employability.
- d. **Research Opportunities:** Government initiatives supporting research in IKS can lead to innovative studies that contribute to various fields, empowering students to engage in impactful research.
- e. **Global Competitiveness:** Integrating IKS with modern education can create a unique value proposition, enhancing the global standing of Indian universities and attracting international students.
- f. **Community Engagement:** Reforms that include IKS can strengthen ties between universities and local communities, fostering social responsibility and collaborative projects.
- g. **Policy Frameworks:** Government reforms may provide structured frameworks that prioritize IKS, ensuring that educational institutions incorporate these elements systematically.

A. Some Suggestions

For exploring the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and its impact on student development through government education reforms. Individuals advocate for the integration of IKS into existing curricula at all levels of education. This will include traditional knowledge systems, Aboriginal practices and local history to create a more inclusive learning experience. Teacher Training conduct a training program for teachers to better understand and teach IKS. This can improve teachers' ability to present the importance and value of indigenous knowledge in the classroom. This approach helps students understand the connections between knowledge processes. This helps legitimize IKS in academic discussions. Collaboration with elders and professionals can enhance student learning. This may include creating special plans or programs that introduce IKS. Online courses, webinars and traditional experiences can make learning more accessible to audiences. This helps shift the focus from rote learning to thinking and applying knowledge and helps introduce and promote local knowledge. This can help identify problems and areas for improvement.

5. CONCLUSION

The new Education Bill 2020 aims to introduce unscientific ideas and pseudo-science into the school and university curriculum in the name of the Indian knowledge system. This is an attempt to change the narrative of Indian history and its intellectual contribution. The advocates of this policy wanted to establish Vedic India as the cradle of all civilizations. This explains the attempts to delay the Vedic period by ten thousand years or more. Science lovers, especially the scientific community, need to take action to save the education system from this onslaught in a multi-faceted way. By combining traditional knowledge with modern pedagogy, these reforms aim to promote more informed learning

that respects cultural heritage while responding to today's challenges. The emphasis on imagination, innovation and regional influence not only supports the curriculum but also engages students with their communities. These reforms also help create an environment that values multiple perspectives, helping to create a more equitable education. Ultimately, the success of these measures depends on the collaboration of policymakers, educators and communities to ensure that all students benefit from the benefits of India's knowledge, thereby creating a strong foundation for a prosperous and intellectual life.

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