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To

- 1- All the Deans of Faculties,
M.D. University,
Rohtak
- 2- The Directors/Heads,
University Teaching Department/Institutes/Centres
M.D. University, Rohtak
- 3- Director (MDU-CPAS),
Sector-40,
Gurugram

Sub.: Minutes of the meeting of the Committee regarding establishing the Centre for Indian Knowledge System to coordinate the Development and Monitoring of courses relating to IKS across discipline held on 26.06.2025.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of minutes of the meeting of the Committee along-with its framework duly approved by the Vice-Chancellor in anticipation of approval of the Academic Council/Executive Council regarding establishing the Centre for Indian Knowledge System to coordinate the Development and Monitoring of courses relating to IKS across discipline held on 26.06.2025 for your kind information

Yours faithfully,

Tejpal 16/7/25
Assistant Registrar (Academic)
for REGISTRAR

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Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- 1- Advisor to Vice-Chancellor, M.D. University, Rohtak
- 2- Director (IQAC), M.D. University, Rohtak
- 3- Controller of Examinations, M.D. University, Rohtak
- 4- Finance Officer, M.D. University, Rohtak
- 5- Director (UCC) M.D. University, Rohtak
- 6- All Branch Officers, M.D. University, Rohtak
- 7- OSD/PA to Vice-Chancellor/Dean Academic Affairs/Registrar (for kind information of the Vice-Chancellor/Registrar), M.D. University, Rohtak

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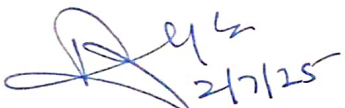
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO ESTABLISH THE CENTRE FOR INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM TO COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING OF COURSES RELATING TO IKS ACROSS DISCIPLINE HELD ON 26.06.2025 AND 02.07.2025 IN THE OFFICE OF ADVISOR TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR.


The following members were present:

1	Prof. Ajay K. Rajan, Director, CCDD	Convener
2	Prof. S.C. Malik, Dean, Planning & Development	Member
3	Prof. Randeep Rana, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Arts	Member
4	Prof. Harish Dureja, Dean, R&D	Member
5	Prof. Narasimhan B., Director, IQAC	Member

The committee deliberated over the various issues and dimensions pertaining to the mandate given to the committee for establishment of Centre for Indian Knowledge System. After detailed deliberations the committee proposed a draft framework (**Annexure 'A'**) for establishment of Centre for Indian Knowledge System comprising its structure and scope as per the mandate.


Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Ajay K. Rajan)


(S.C. Malik)


(Randeep Rana)


(Harish Dureja)


(Narasimhan B)

Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS)

The National Education Policy NEP – 2020 emphasizes the inclusion of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into curriculums at all levels of education. The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) aims to revive, preserve, and promote India's rich heritage of knowledge, integrating it with contemporary learning and addressing modern challenges. It seeks to bridge ancient wisdom with modern thought, fostering a holistic and sustainable approach to education and societal well-being. Integrating IKS into higher education has the potential to bridge the gap between traditional and modern knowledge systems, fostering innovation and creativity. It can also enhance students' employability by equipping them with a unique blend of skills and knowledge that is both culturally relevant and globally competitive. Moreover, this integration can contribute to the preservation and propagation of India's cultural heritage, instilling a sense of pride and continuity among future generations.

Academic Planning Board of Maharshi Dayanand University also emphasized the importance of creation of Department of Indian and Western Philosophy, Religion and Culture to address the Indian Knowledge System in 2022. Accordingly, Centre for Indian Knowledge System is hereby established as a teaching cum research centre under Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Core Objectives:

1. **Revival and Preservation:**

IKS aims to safeguard and revitalize the vast and diverse knowledge systems of India, including those found in traditional practices, arts, sciences, and philosophies.

2. **Integration:**

It emphasizes the integration of these traditional knowledge systems with modern academic disciplines, fostering interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to learning.

3. **Societal Impact:**

IKS seeks to apply ancient wisdom to solve contemporary problems, promoting sustainable development, ethical living, and social harmony.

4. **Holistic Education:**

It promotes a holistic view of education, encompassing not just academic knowledge but also moral, ethical, and spiritual development.

5. **Decolonization:**

IKS also seeks to decolonize Indian education by reducing undue Western influences and promoting a more culturally relevant and inclusive approach.

6. **Well-being:**

The ultimate goal is to contribute to the welfare of all, drawing from a knowledge system that emphasizes harmony, balance, and the interconnectedness of all things.

Key Areas of Focus:

1. **Arts, Linguistics and Literature:** Preserving and promoting India's rich literary and artistic traditions.
2. **Indian Philosophy and Spirituality:** Examining the philosophical and spiritual traditions of India.
3. **Ayurveda & Yoga:** Exploring the principles and practices of Ayurveda and Yoga for Physical and Mental well being of the people.
4. **Traditional Arts and Crafts:** Studying and documenting traditional art forms and crafts.
5. **Basic Science:** Exploring the scientific and technical knowledge embedded in ancient Indian practices.
6. **Sustainable Practices and Environment:** Integrating traditional ecological knowledge for sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation.
7. **Governance and Political Thought:** Analyzing ancient Indian governance systems, such as the Arthashastra.

Functions of Centre for Indian Knowledge System

1. Academics and Research:

- **Integration with Modern Disciplines:**
CIKS aims to integrate Indian Knowledge Systems into contemporary education and research in coordination with different teaching Departments/Centres/Institutes of the University imparting knowledge in various disciplines.
- **Experiential Learning:**
Centers may offer experiential learning opportunities, connecting students with traditional practices and practitioners.
- **Interdisciplinary Research:**
CIKS centers conduct research across various fields like Arts, Linguistics and Literature.
- **Documentation and Preservation:**
The Deputy Librarian of the University shall be assigned the task of focusing on preserving ancient texts, manuscripts, and other forms of traditional knowledge.

2. Outreach and Engagement:

- **Community Engagement:**
CIKS centers engage with communities to promote understanding and appreciation of Indian knowledge systems.
- **Dissemination of Knowledge:**
They disseminate research findings through publications, conferences, and other outreach activities.
- **Collaboration:**
CIKS centers collaborate with other institutions and organizations to promote the study and application of Indian Knowledge Systems.

Structure of a Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (CIKS)

1. Governance and Leadership:

A. Advisory Committee:

Constitution:

1.	Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2.	Dean Academic Affairs	Vice-Chairman
3.	Four Deans of Faculties (2 each from Science and Non-Science) nominated by the Vice Chancellor*	Member
4.	Three outside Experts nominated by the Vice Chancellor*	Member
5.	Two Professors nominated by the Vice Chancellor*	Member
6.	Director, IQAC	Member
7.	Controller of Examination	Member
8.	Director, Centre for Indian Knowledge System	Member Secretary

*The term of nominated members will be of two years from the date of issue of notification.

Functions:

1. To recommend the suitable measures for promotion of Indian Knowledge System.
2. To approve the proposal of new programs for introduction in the UTDs/Centres/Institutes.
3. To review progress of the Centre for Knowledge System annually.

B. Centre for Indian Knowledge System

1.	Director	Professor nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
2.	Deputy Director	One Associate Professor/Assistant Professor nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
3.	Adjunct Faculty/Professor of Practice*	To be appointed as per requirement
4.	Project Associates/Research Scholars	As per need
3.	Clerk/JDEO	-
4.	Peon	-

*May also apply for research funding to various funding agencies related to Indian knowledge system

C. Research Corpus Fund

Research Corpus fund of Rs. 5.00 Crores be allocated to the centre to facilitate to research activities in the area of Indian Knowledge System.