

Seminar Brochure
**National Seminar on “Contemporary Relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems and
Women’s Empowerment”**

Organized by:

Centre for Women’s Studies, University of Allahabad

Dates: 25–26 November 2025

Venue: Iswar Topa Auditorium, University of Allahabad

About the Seminar

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) represents the vast and diverse intellectual, cultural, and philosophical heritage of India that emphasizes holistic growth, self-reliance, sustainability, and ethical living. Within this framework, women have historically played a pivotal role as custodians of indigenous wisdom, traditional skills, and community-based entrepreneurship—bridging heritage with innovation.

The proposed seminar aims to highlight the intersection of Indian Knowledge Traditions and women’s empowerment in the move towards *Viksit Bharat@2047*. It seeks to bring together academicians, researchers, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to discuss innovative strategies for empowering women through contemporary applications of the Indian Knowledge System.

By combining ethical enterprise with local wisdom and digital innovation, the seminar envisions women as key agents of inclusive growth and social transformation. It further seeks to foster dialogue among scholars, policy-makers, entrepreneurs, and practitioners, encouraging interdisciplinary perspectives and collaborative initiatives to strengthen women’s entrepreneurial ecosystems in alignment with India’s vision of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.

Objectives

- To highlight the role of women in preserving and promoting India’s knowledge traditions.
- To examine entrepreneurial models rooted in local resources and sustainable practices aimed towards women’s empowerment.
- To create a platform for collaboration between academia, industry, and government agencies.

Sub-Themes

1. **Indian Knowledge Systems and Social Justice**
2. **Women, Sanskar, and Empowerment**
3. **Women in Handloom, Handicrafts, and Organic Industries**

4. **Women, Sustainable Development through Indigenous Knowledge Tradition**
5. **Policy Frameworks Supporting Women's Empowerment towards Viksit Bharat@2047 and the role of Indian Knowledge Systems**
6. **Traditional Skills, Artisanship, and Entrepreneurship as engine for Viksit Bharat@2047**

Target Participants

- Academicians and Researchers
- Women Entrepreneurs and Start-up Founders
- NGOs and Development Practitioners
- Students and Scholars of Gender Studies, Management, and Economics
- Policy Makers and Industry Representatives

Call for Papers

Scholars and practitioners are invited to present research papers and case studies related to the seminar themes.

Abstract Submission: 10 November 2025

Full Paper Submission: 20 November 2025

Email for Submission: cwsiks2025@gmail.com

All selected papers will be published in a peer-reviewed edited volume or seminar proceedings.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/mLDX3saRpgpzYAAz7>

Key Speakers (Proposed)

The following distinguished scholars have given their consent to deliver talks in the seminar:

1. **Prof. Shwetanshu Bhushan**, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
2. **Prof. Nidhi Tiwari**, Department of Education in Languages, NCERT, New Delhi
3. **Dr. Ankita Raj**, Professor and Assistant Vice President, RBEF (The Foundation of Amity Institutions)

Convener:

Prof. Jaya Kapoor

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