

Report

Workshop on Indian Knowledge System based Bharat BaudhIKS Examination, 2026

Date: January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)

Time: 02:30PM to 05:00PM

Venue: Satya Auditorium, Satyawati College (Eve), University of Delhi

A Workshop on Indian Knowledge Systems based Bharat BaudhIKS Examination was organised by Satyawati College (Evening), University of Delhi, on **January 21, 2026**, from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM in the college auditorium. The workshop was conducted with the objective of orienting and preparing undergraduate students for the upcoming Bharat BaudhIKS National Level Examination (scheduled to be held on February 01, 2026, Sunday, within the college premises), organised by Vidya Bharati Uchcha Shiksha Sansthan in collaboration with the University of Delhi. The programme aimed to introduce students to the conceptual foundations of Bharatiya Knowledge Systems and to highlight their relevance in contemporary education, competitive examinations, and the broader intellectual discourse in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020.

The programme commenced at 2:30 PM with the formal welcome and anchoring of the inaugural session by Dr. Medha, who also invited the distinguished resource persons to the dais. This was followed by the Lamp Lighting Ceremony and Saraswati Vandana, symbolising the invocation of knowledge and wisdom, coordinated by Dr. Manorama Mishra with the active support of student volunteers. The University of Delhi Kulgeet was subsequently rendered, also coordinated by Dr. Manorama Mishra, adding ceremonial dignity and institutional identity to the occasion. The felicitation of the distinguished resource persons was carried out thereafter. Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma from Jawaharlal Nehru University was felicitated by Prof. Rajiv Kumar Verma, Nodal Officer (IKS) and Acting Principal, Satyawati College (Evening). The next segment was anchored by Ms. Tarika, during which Prof. Devender Singh from the University of Delhi was felicitated by Prof. Sangya Ranjan, and Shri Hari Krishan Sharma from the University of Delhi was felicitated by Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh.

The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Rajiv Kumar Verma, who spoke about the growing importance of Indian Knowledge Systems in higher education and the significance of

government initiatives such as Bharat BaudhIKS in reviving and institutionalising India's traditional knowledge heritage. He emphasised that this initiative is one of its kind and highlighted the relevance of the examination questions, the interdisciplinary nature of the syllabus, and the urgent need to engage with Indian Knowledge Systems in the contemporary globalised world.

The first address was delivered by Shri Hari Krishan Sharma, who provided a comprehensive framework for understanding knowledge through three levels: foundational understanding, Indian Knowledge Systems as a global tool, and the critical distinction between colonial constructions and indigenous knowledge traditions. He spoke about the rich prehistoric knowledge traditions of India, their multidirectional growth, and wide applicability across disciplines. Emphasising that science is primarily a tool of validation, he observed that modern science has not yet reached a stage where it can fully prove or validate the depth of knowledge preserved in India's ancient scriptures and texts. He cited examples from town planning, agriculture, metallurgy, and temple architecture, describing temple architecture as a synthesis of knowledge, spirituality, and technology. His references to the Arthashastra, Yoga traditions, economic thought, and astrophysics highlighted the interdisciplinary and integrated nature of Indian knowledge systems. He remarked that every form of knowledge is built upon something that has been created previously, reinforcing the continuity of intellectual traditions. He also discussed the relevance of the IKS syllabus and Bharat BaudhIKS examination for other competitive examinations and explained the nature and pattern of the examination in detail.

The next address was delivered by Prof. Devender Singh, who began with the statement, "English is my fashion and Bharat is my passion," setting the tone for a lecture that bridged Western philosophy and Indian thought. Drawing from Shakespeare's Seven Ages of Man and King Lear, he discussed materialistic attachment in Western philosophy and connected it with Indian philosophical ideas through the four ashramas of Bharatiya Darshan—Brahmacharya, Grihastha, Vanaprastha, and Sanyasa. He elaborated on the concepts of मन and बुद्धि and explained ancient Indian practices of alchemy through examples from chemistry and metallurgy. He narrated how colonial authorities once arrested a sadhu, reflecting a lack of understanding of indigenous knowledge practices. His discussion on electronic analysis of gold and silver demonstrated the scientific precision of ancient Indian techniques. Prof. Singh also spoke at length about the relationship between science and spirituality, explaining the concepts of जड़ and चेतन as philosophical categories distinct from life and death. He linked these ideas with

quantum theory, explaining that energy does not perish but transforms from one form to another. He cited Bhagavad Gita Chapter 2, Shloka 22, and teachings from the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad—Datta, Damyata, Dayadhvam—and concluded with the universal ideals of “Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah” and “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.”

The final address was delivered by Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, who began by posing a fundamental question: why should we study Indian Knowledge Systems? He emphasised that as Bharatiyas, gaining knowledge from our own parampara is both essential and meaningful. He explained that parampara is eternal, continuous, and living, and while forms may evolve, its core values remain unchanged. He clearly distinguished between knowledge and wisdom, stressing that while knowledge informs, wisdom transforms. Adopting a geographical and interdisciplinary approach, he explained how Indian Knowledge Systems can be used to understand geography, earth sciences, environmental knowledge, and ancient Indian wisdom. His lecture demonstrated how IKS connects multiple disciplines and offers holistic ways of understanding the natural and human world. The session was noted for its clarity, depth, and integrative perspective.

An important highlight of the workshop was the exhibition of all 21 volumes of books on Indian Knowledge System (Bharat BaudhIKS) published by Kitabwale. These books were purchased by Prof. Rajiv Kumar Verma from the World Book Fair held at Bharat Mandapam (from 10th January to 18th January) and were displayed in the lobby of the Satya Auditorium. The exhibition was organised with the support of Prof. Manjul Singh, Library In-Charge, along with Ms. Momina and other library staff members. The exhibition attracted the attention of the distinguished guests, faculty members, non-teaching staff, and students, all of whom visited and interacted with the displayed volumes. A specially designed standee showcasing the workshop acted as a major attraction and served as a popular selfie point for participants.

The workshop witnessed the active presence of all members of the Indian Knowledge System Committee of Satyawati College (Evening), including Dr. Manorama Mishra, Dr. Medha, Dr. Ashutosh Tiwari, Dr. Shiv Shankar Tiwary, Ms. Tarika, Dr. Anand Mishra, Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Dr. Neha Bansal, Dr. Nisha, Ms. Sweta, Ms. Mansi Sachdeva, and Dr. Kunal. Many faculty members also graced the occasion, including Dr. Niharika Sharma, Dr. Babita Singh, Dr. Om, Dr. Tuisem Ngakang, Dr. Rahul Kumar Meena, Dr. Sagar, and several others. Students from NSS, NCC, and the Sports Committee actively contributed to the smooth conduct and overall success of the programme.

Significant organisational support was also provided by the Bharat BaudhIKS Examination Coordination Team, including Mr. Narender Thakur, Mr. Narender Bisht, Mr. Chandan Kumar, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Mr. Rahul Dube, Mr. Raghvendra Singh, and Mr. Dheeraj Kumar, whose efforts ensured effective coordination and student guidance regarding the examination.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Anand Mishra, who expressed sincere gratitude to all the distinguished resource persons for their scholarly contributions. He also acknowledged the guidance and support of Prof. Hari Mohan Sharma, Principal, Satyawati College (Evening), in absentia, and thanked Prof. Rajiv Kumar Verma, Nodal Officer for IKS and Acting Principal, for his leadership and efforts in organising the workshop. Appreciation was extended to the organising committee, members of the Indian Knowledge Systems Committee, the teaching and non-teaching staff, student volunteers, and all participating students for their cooperation and enthusiastic involvement.

The workshop concluded at 5:00 PM with the National Anthem, coordinated by Dr. Manorama Mishra. The event successfully achieved its objectives by enhancing students' understanding of Indian Knowledge Systems, orienting them towards the Bharat BaudhIKS examination, and fostering a deeper appreciation of India's rich intellectual and cultural heritage.