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Subject: Incorporation of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Higher Education Curricula.

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This communication pertains to the *Guidelines for Incorporating Indian Knowledge in Higher Education Curricula*, issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in March 2023. As per these guidelines, undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students are encouraged to undertake credit courses in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), constituting at least 5% of their total required credits. Additionally, a minimum of 50% of these IKS credits must be aligned with the student's major discipline and count toward their core academic requirements. The complete guidelines can be accessed at:

https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/6436045_Guidelines-IKS-in-HE-Curricula.pdf.

UGC remains committed to safeguarding and advancing India's vast intellectual heritage by systematically embedding IKS within higher education curricula. Academic institutions recognized by UGC serve as the backbone of the nation's higher education framework, catering to a significant student population at both UG and PG levels. These institutions play a crucial role in mainstreaming IKS, thereby reinforcing the vision of the *National Education Policy (NEP) 2020* and ensuring its successful execution.

To advance the systematic integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in higher education, the IKS Division of the Ministry of Education is working closely with the UGC to implement NEP 2020 at a national level. As part of this initiative, specialized IKS Research Centers and IKS Teacher Training Centers have been established to drive research, curriculum development, and faculty training. These centers, selected through a rigorous evaluation by experts, are responsible for developing IKS-based curricula, academic resources, and courses, particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) disciplines.

Collaboration with these centers can ensure a structured and effective integration of IKS into UG and PG programs. Incorporating IKS enriches academic disciplines, fosters interdisciplinary learning, and connects modern education with India's vast intellectual traditions. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are urged to actively engage with these centers to strengthen research, curriculum innovation, and pedagogy in IKS. A list of designated centers is available at: <https://iksindia.org/institutions.php>.

HEIs' cooperation is crucial in preserving and promoting India's rich knowledge heritage while aligning with NEP 2020's vision for a holistic and multidisciplinary education system.

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