

About the College

Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya is established in 2006 with a motto 'education, enlightenment, and character'. Its chief objective is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being. Named after the famous Bengali revolutionary Kshudiram Bose (1889 – 1908) the College has committed itself to the goal of providing quality education to the students who are generally coming from a relatively backward region.

Our motto is to impart holistic education to our students, to make a complete person of a student who enters this institution. The task is especially challenging to us since a majority of our students are not only economically backward but are also first-generation learners. Apart from formal education, emphasis is given on extracurricular activities. We believe that our students are a storehouse of talents and to polish and nurture this potential a lot of activities are arranged throughout the year. Our dedicated faculty members attempt wholeheartedly to inspire the present and future generations of students because we believe that one lamp can light several others.

It's one of the constituent colleges of Vidyasagar University offering seventeen undergraduate Honours Programs in Science and Arts and two Professional Courses (BCA & BMLT) and one Vocational Course in Automobiles (B.Voc) along with eighteen diploma or Certificate Courses, seven Post Graduate Programs and Ph.D. Programme under the Research Centre in Social Ecology and Natural Science, enrolling 4,930 students in the 2025–27 academic session. Accredited with an 'A' grade by NAAC in 2022, this college is among the first few in West Bengal to receive this distinction. The college has been granted autonomous status by the UGC from the 2024–25 academic session. The comprehensive vision of the college incessantly inspires its administration, staff, students, and community towards the upkeep of the contemporary philosophy of education.

About the Department

Sanskrit, one of the world's oldest classical languages, embodies the rich cultural, philosophical, and literary heritage of India. The Department of Sanskrit at our college was established in 2006 with the introduction of the Undergraduate Pass Course. The Undergraduate Honours Programme commenced in 2008, marking an important milestone in the department's academic development. Further strengthening its academic profile, the department introduced the Postgraduate (M.A.) Programme from the 2025–26 academic session and the Ph.D. Programme under the Research Centre in Social Ecology and Natural Science from the same academic session.

At present, the department has 4 Ph.D. scholars, 36 M.A. students, 196 students enrolled in the Single Major Programme, and 401 students pursuing the Multidisciplinary Course. Committed to holistic education, the department organizes annual educational tours to provide students with experiential learning opportunities beyond the classroom. It also publishes the departmental wall magazine, *Kathāhjali*, which offers a vibrant platform for students' creative and academic expression. To promote intellectual exchange and academic excellence, the department regularly organizes national and international seminars, workshops, special lectures, and other scholarly activities, fostering a dynamic environment for teaching, learning, and research.



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On

Handling and Working with Indian Traditional Knowledge: Ethical and Practical Aspects



4th to 6th August, 2026



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About the Workshop

Indian Traditional Knowledge is an invaluable treasure of the cultural, scientific, and practical experiences of ancient India. This knowledge has been flowing from generation to generation across various fields, such as environmental conservation, medical science, agricultural practices, medicinal plants, handicrafts, indigenous technologies, language and folk traditions, and social norms. In the contemporary era—amidst the backdrop of climate change, biodiversity loss, public health crises, and cultural and moral decay—the relevance of Indian Traditional Knowledge has deepened even further.

However, a merely theoretical recognition of traditional knowledge is not sufficient. The real question is: how can this knowledge be practically applied to address our contemporary problems, and what ethical responsibilities must be upheld in that process? For instance—how the traditional knowledge of Ayurveda herbal medicine can contribute to modern drug discovery; how Traditional Ecological Knowledge can serve as the foundation for climate-resilient agricultural practices; or how indigenous water conservation methods can be integrated into modern water management systems—the primary objective of this workshop is to build a bridge between theory and practice in addressing each of these questions.

Objectives of the Workshop

In accordance with the reviewer's recommendations, the objectives have been limited in number and restructured to be more specific and effective. A clear link between ethical and practical aspects has been maintained in each objective.

Primary Objective: To formulate a precise framework for the ethically responsible and practically effective utilization of Indian Traditional Knowledge, thereby establishing a conscious bridge between theory and practice.

Subsidiary Objectives:

- ✓ **Fostering Ethical Awareness:** Establishing clear ethical standards regarding Prior Informed Consent, Benefit Sharing, recognition, and the protection of community rights in the utilization of Indian Traditional Knowledge.
- ✓ **Providing Practical Insights into the Legal Framework:** Equipping participants with proficiency in the effective implementation of the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, the Nagoya Protocol, the Biological Diversity Act, and the Patents Act—going beyond mere theoretical introduction to teach practical application methodologies.
- ✓ **Bridging Theory and Practice:** Presenting specific strategies and examples demonstrating how Indian Traditional Knowledge can be responsibly integrated with modern research in specific domains of science, health, agriculture, and the environment.
- ✓ **Prevention of Biopiracy and Misuse:** Fostering an effective ethical perspective among researchers to prevent the distortion, interpretation, unethical commercialization, and misappropriation of Indian Traditional Knowledge.
- ✓ **Protection of Knowledge of Marginalized Communities:** Defining the ethical responsibilities of researchers regarding the proper recognition and protection of the knowledge repositories of women, indigenous peoples, and marginalized communities.
- ✓ **Demonstrating the Relevance of Indian Traditional Knowledge in Contemporary Challenges:** Highlighting practical examples and potential avenues through which Indian Traditional Knowledge can make effective contributions to specific issues, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and public health crises.
- ✓ **Research Skill Development:** To foster an attitude and skills for ethical, critical, and multidisciplinary research on Indian Traditional Knowledge among young researchers, teachers, and students.

“When we respect our traditions, we protect our future. Let's handle knowledge with care,
work with wisdom, and build a better tomorrow together.”

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SUB-THEMES

- Indian Traditional Knowledge: Concepts, Scope, and an Outline of Ethical Responsibilities.
- Research Ethics in the Use of Traditional Knowledge: Prior Informed Consent, Benefit Sharing, and Community Rights.
- Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge: Practical Strategies for Preventing and Protecting Against Biopiracy.
- Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, Nagoya Protocol, and Biological Diversity Act: Opportunities and Limitations for Effective Implementation.
- The boundaries of ethical interpretation and application of scriptural texts and oral traditions.
- Commercialization of Traditional Knowledge: Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Prevention of Exploitation.
- Herbal Medicine and Modern Pharmacology: Scientific Evaluation and Ethical Integration of Traditional Knowledge.
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Climate-Resilient Agriculture: Examples of Specific Applications and Potential.
- Traditional Knowledge in Climate Change and Biodiversity Conservation: What Works and What Doesn't.
- Indigenous and Tribal Knowledge and Modern Technology: Dialogues, Co-creation, AI, and Specific Application Domains.
- Knowledge Systems of Women, Indigenous Peoples, and Marginalized Communities: Recognition, Protection, and Equitable Participation.
- Traditional Knowledge and Public Health: Opportunities, Limitations, and Ethical Obligations.
- Code of Ethical Conduct for Researchers in Fieldwork and Oral Tradition Collection.
- Traditional Knowledge in Multidisciplinary Research: Methodological Challenges and an Outline for Solutions.
- Inclusion of Traditional Knowledge in Education and Higher Education: Realistic Models and Curricula.
- Traditional Knowledge and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Practical Pathway for Connection.
- Traditional Knowledge in National and International Policies: Roles and Responsibilities of Researchers and Policymakers.

The above-listed sub-themes are indicative. Authors are encouraged to explore any related topics aligned with the main theme.

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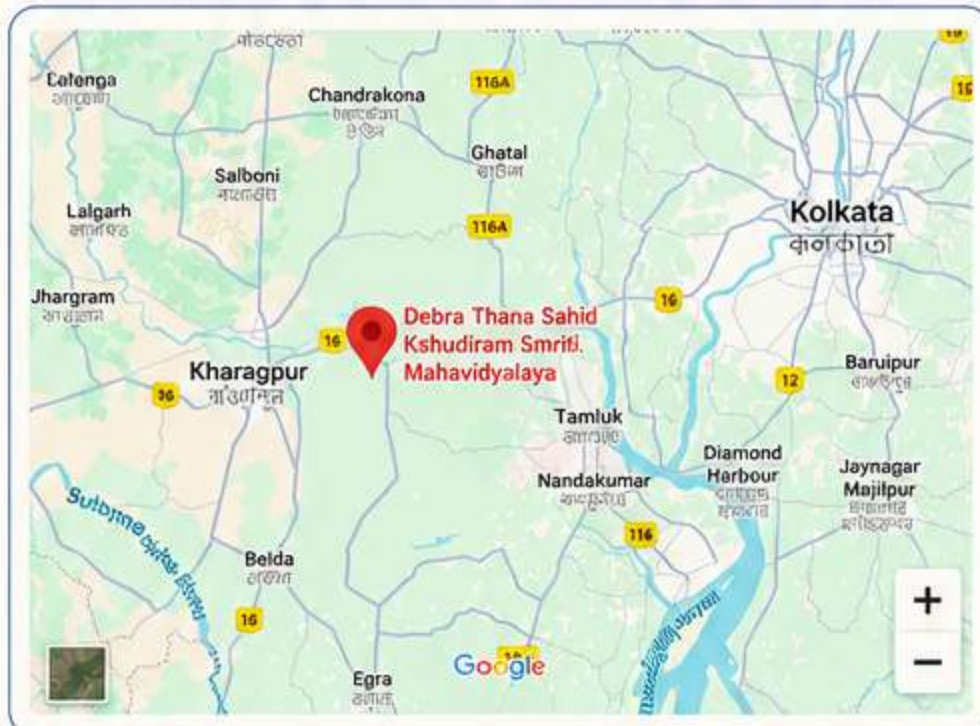
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- Netaji Subhash Chandra International Airport, Kolkata (CCU), about 2 h and 15 min (110 KM) journey to Debra College by car.
- Debra College is also well connected with Kolkata by rail, bus, almost every half-hour there is a train from Howrah Rly. Station and Howrah bus depot.

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