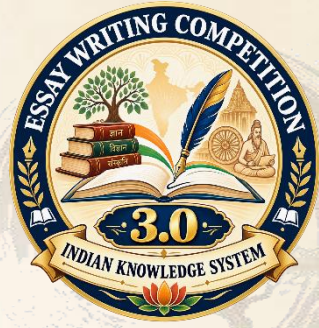




Bharatiya jnana parampara:

Mapping knowledge flows
designed for societal welfare



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About CMDR

Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR) is an autonomous social science research institute recognised and financially supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Government of India as well as Government of Karnataka. The aims and objectives of the Centre include, conducting research on issues of socio-economic development, and decentralised planning at the sub-regional, regional and national levels in a multi-disciplinary framework, covering economic, social, political and cultural dimensions of human behavior. There is also an attempt to combine judiciously the conceptual and empirical perceptions in its research studies. The Centre has aims to examine the relevance of the received theories in social sciences which have alien origins and form new theories and conceptual frames of greater relevance to Indian conditions.

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Unit

The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Unit at CMDR is dedicated to preserving and promoting India's rich heritage of knowledge systems. This unit conducts research on various aspects of IKS, including traditional medicine, mathematics, astronomy, yoga, and more. They develop and integrate IKS modules into academic curricula to expose students to India's intellectual legacy. Additionally, the unit organizes workshops, seminars, and conferences to disseminate knowledge about IKS to a wider audience. Through collaboration with other institutions and organizations, the IKS Unit at CMDR fosters interdisciplinary research and knowledge sharing, contributing to the understanding and appreciation of India's unique knowledge systems.

Essay Writing Competition

CMDR's IKS Unit is hosting an Essay Writing Competition to explore the relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in addressing contemporary challenges. This competition is open to all Indian students, both domestic and international. By researching into the rich heritage of IKS, participants can uncover the timeless wisdom that can be applied to modern problems. CMDR has already hosted 2 two competition.

Objectives of the competition

- ❖ To create awareness about the richness and relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems.
- ❖ To build database for scientific validation of IKS.
- ❖ To compile a repository of essays showcasing living IKS across India.
- ❖ To strengthen cultural identity and promote inclusive knowledge frameworks.

The process

Participants identify practices of IKS its follow in daily life. Consult elderly family/community members to understand origins and cultural significance. Make an attempt to provide scientific rationale behind the practice with references



Submission Guidelines / Essay Requirements

- ❖ Essays must be original and unpublished.
- ❖ One entry per participant and Word limit: 2500-3000 words.
- ❖ Submission format: Please submit your essay either typed or clearly handwritten. Typed assignments should be double-spaced using 12 pt. Times New Roman font.
- ❖ Those participants who wish to write essay in Kannada or English, no need of translation.
- ❖ Participants can write essay in any Indian languages. However, the written essay should be translated in English with the help of AI and same should be attached while submitting Essay for the competition.
- ❖ Submit both, Essay written in Indian language and its translation to English (preferably with the help of AI tools)
- ❖ Margins: 1 inch on all sides and Pages must be numbered
- ❖ Submit entries via email: **cmdriks@cmdr.ac.in**

Title page should include

- ❖ Essay title
- ❖ Participant's name
- ❖ Age and class with ID Number / Roll number
- ❖ The postal address of the Institution with the PIN code
- ❖ Name, Designation, and Contact details of the Head of the Institution (Landline, Mobile, and e-Mail)
- ❖ Certificate from the Head of the Institution in institutional letterhead for authenticating the Bonafide student

Deadline

- ❖ Submission deadline: **Midnight of 30th October 2026.**
- ❖ Late entries will not be accepted

Evaluation Criteria

- ❖ Evidence-based content and originality (30%)
- ❖ Critical thinking and analysis (25%)
- ❖ Writing style and flow (20%)
- ❖ Grammar and vocabulary (10%)
- ❖ Structure and organization (5%)
- ❖ References / Sources of information gathered (10%)

Judging Process

- ❖ Initial screening by the organizing committee (only if the number of entries is more than 200)
- ❖ Qualified entries evaluated by the expert panel
- ❖ Top entries shortlisted for the final round and Winners selected by distinguished judges



Prizes

- ❖ **FIRST PLACE** Rs. 10,000/- With Certificate
- ❖ **SECOND PLACE** Rs. 7,000/- With Certificate
- ❖ **THIRD PLACE** Rs. 5,000/- With Certificate
- ❖ **SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZE:** Rs. 3, 000/- Certificate
(Only if recommended by the panel of Judges)

Entries will be disqualified for

- ❖ Plagiarism
- ❖ Late submissions
- ❖ Not following formatting guidelines
- ❖ Multiple submissions
- ❖ False information

Rights

All entries become the property of CMDR and Participants retain intellectual property rights. Winners may be featured in publications with due recognition.

Announcement of Winners

Winners will be notified via email and results will be declared on CMDR's official website.

Miscellaneous

The organizers reserve the right to use relevant parts of submitted essays to bring out CMDR publications with due credit to authors.

In exceptional cases Judges may not recommend any essay for award of prizes. Decisions made by the judges are final

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