

Advertisement for various Research Positions

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Applications are invited for the following positions in various IKS Research Initiatives at Bharat Shodh Sansthan, Gujarat University.

1. Position: Project Fellow

Number of Vacancies: 2

Post 1: Comparative study of Un-Indic and Indic faith and religion

- Essential Qualifications: Ph.D. in the relevant field discussed in the scope of research, with a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent.
- "NET/GATE" qualified candidates will be given preference.
- Desirable Qualifications: Ph.D. in relevant field with
 - "Deep study and understanding Un-Indic and Indic faith, religion, and their history, practices and traditions."
 - "Study and research activities of Indic knowledge tradition and system"
 - "Familiarity with advanced research methodologies."
- Fellowship: Rs. 60,000/- per month (Maximum, depending upon qualification & experience)

Post 2: Study and research in Bharatiya (Indic) Knowledge Tradition and Systems

- Essential Qualifications: Ph.D. in the relevant field discussed in the scope of research, with a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent.
- "NET/GATE" qualified candidates will be given preference.
- Desirable Qualifications: Ph.D. in relevant field with
 - "Deep study and understanding Bharatiya (Indic) Knowledge tradition, practices and systems."
 - "Familiarity with advanced research methodologies."
- Fellowship: Rs. 60,000/- per month (Maximum, depending upon qualification & experience)

2. Position: Research Fellow

- Number of Vacancies:2
- Essential Qualifications: PhD degree in a relevant field or Master's degree in a relevant field discussed in the scope of research, with a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent.
- "NET/GATE" qualified candidates will be given preference.
- Desirable Qualifications (any two):
 - "Deep study and understanding Un-Indic and Indic faith, religion, and their history, practices and traditions."
 - "Experience in traditional knowledge systems research."

- "Familiarity with advanced research methodologies."
- Fellowship: Rs. 40,000/- per month (Maximum, depending upon qualification & experience)

3. Position: Research Assistant

- Number of Vacancies: 2
- Essential Qualifications:
- Master's degree in relevant field discussed above in scope of research, with a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent.
- Desirable Qualifications:
 - "Familiarity with traditional knowledge systems & advanced research methodologies."
- Fellowship: Rs. 25,000/- per month (Maximum, depending upon qualification & experience)

General Instructions:

Applicants must send their updated CV, cover letter, and relevant documents to [email: iks-bss@gujaratuniversity.ac.in; mahek90@gmail.com] by [25-10-2023].

Shortlisted candidates will be informed via email and must appear for an interview at Gujarat University. No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview.

The above positions are temporary and co-terminus with the project's duration.

Gujarat University reserves the right to fill or not fill all advertised positions.

Candidates are encouraged to regularly visit the official Gujarat University website for updates and further announcements.

Contact Information:

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Last Date for Application: 25th October 2023

SCOPE of Research Activities at IKS:

Bharatiya (Indic) Knowledge Systems (IKS) encompass a vast array of traditional knowledge, practices, and philosophies that have been developed in India over millennia. IKS is a multidisciplinary field, and its major areas of research span a wide range of topics. Some of the major areas of research in IKS include:

Ancient Sciences and Mathematics:

Study of ancient Indian texts on mathematics.

Ancient Indian astronomy and its influence on rituals and architecture.

Jyotish shastra (Astrology) including Siddhanta (or Ganita) - the astronomical calculations; Samhita - predictions related to earth events like rainfall, earthquakes, and political events and Hora (or Jataka) - predictive astrology based on individual horoscopes.

Philosophy and Spirituality:

Study of various philosophical schools like Vedanta, Nyaya, Sankhya, and Yoga.

Interpretation of ancient texts and scriptures such as the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and more.

Study of the spiritual practices, rituals, and traditions across different Indian religions.

Language and Literature:

Exploration of ancient languages like Sanskrit, Pali, and Prakrit and scripts like Brahmi, Sharda, Granth, Devnagari etc

Study of classical Indic literature, including epics like Mahabharata and Ramayana.

Research on ancient scripts, inscriptions, and oral traditions.

Art, Architecture, and Music:

Study of classical Indian dance forms, their origin, and cultural significance.

Research on traditional Indian architecture, including temple architecture (Vastu Shastra).

Exploration of classical music forms, instruments, and their evolution.

Traditional Technologies:

Ancient metallurgical practices, as evidenced by the Iron Pillar of Delhi.

Traditional water harvesting and management systems, like the stepwells of Gujarat.

Ancient textile technologies, shipbuilding, and craftsmanship.

Sociology and Anthropology:

Study of Indic traditional governance systems, community organization, and village assemblies (like Panchayat).

Research on indigenous and tribal communities, their customs, beliefs, and practices.

Exploration of traditional educational systems and Gurukul methodologies.

Environment and Conservation:

Traditional forest conservation methods include the concept of "sacred groves."

Traditional environmental science and ancient agricultural practices, crop varieties, and seed conservation.

Study of ethno-botany, where plants are used for medicinal, nutritional, and ritualistic purposes.

Health and Well-being:

Traditional health practices beyond Ayurveda, like Naturopathy and Yoga.

Research on holistic well-being, encompassing physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Exploration of traditional diets, food practices, and their health implications.

Traditional Knowledge Rights and Protection:

Documentation and digitization of traditional knowledge.

Legal and ethical aspects of intellectual property rights related to traditional knowledge.

Policies and conventions related to the sharing and utilization of IKS.

Given the depth and breadth of the Indian Knowledge Systems, research in this area offers rich insights into India's cultural, scientific, and spiritual heritage. It provides a holistic understanding of human-nature relationships, sustainable practices, and philosophical wisdom.

Manuscriptology:

Manuscriptology, the study of manuscripts, is crucial in IKS because many ancient Indic language, scripts, texts, scriptures, and knowledge have been handed down in the form of manuscripts written on palm leaves, birch bark, or paper. The study involves understanding the scripts, languages, material used, preservation techniques, and also deciphering, editing, and publishing the content. Manuscriptology allows scholars to access, interpret, and preserve the vast reservoir of knowledge contained in these ancient documents.