

**Department for Validation of Indic Knowledge through Advanced Research
(DVIKAR)**

**Institute of Indic Studies (Indian Knowledge System – IKS)
Gujarat University, Ahmedabad**

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1. Objective / Purpose of the Public Authority

To scientifically validate traditional Indic health knowledge systems and AYUSH-based formulations through advanced research methodologies, ensuring their efficacy, safety, and global acceptance.

2. Mission / Vision Statement

Vision:

DVIKAR envisions becoming a global leader in the scientific validation of traditional Indic health practices by integrating traditional wisdom with modern scientific rigor, thereby contributing to global health and wellness.

Mission:

The mission of DVIKAR is to:

- Scientifically validate the efficacy and safety of AYUSH-based formulations.
- Foster interdisciplinary collaboration among scholars, practitioners, and medical experts.
- Train researchers in scientific methodologies relevant to traditional medicine.
- Disseminate validated research outcomes to academic, medical, and public platforms.
- Preserve and advance India's traditional knowledge systems through evidence-based approaches.

3. Brief History and Context of Formation

DVIKAR was established under the Institute of Indic Studies, Gujarat University, to bridge the gap between traditional Indic medical knowledge and contemporary scientific validation, aligning with national priorities on AYUSH and Indian Knowledge Systems.

4. Duties of the Public Authority

To conduct research, validation studies, academic programs, and outreach activities related to Indic health systems in accordance with Gujarat University and UGC norms.

5. Main Activities / Functions

- Scientific validation of AYUSH formulations
- Research facilitation and publications
- Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), seminars, workshops

- Academic and healthcare collaborations

6. List of Services Provided

- Research guidance and coordination
- Academic programs and workshops
- Documentation and validation support

7. Organization of the Department

- Professor of Practice (PoP)
- Project Fellow

8. Expectations from the Public

Scholars and stakeholders are expected to follow official university communications and departmental guidelines before making inquiries.

9. Public Participation / Contribution

Not Applicable

10. Mechanism for Grievance Redressal

As per Student Grievance Cell procedure, Gujarat University.

11. Address

Department for Validation of Indic Knowledge through Advanced Research (DVIKAR)
Institute of Indic Studies (IKS)
Kadamb Building, Near EMRC, Ambedkar Gate Road
Gujarat University Campus, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380009

12. Working Hours

Monday to Saturday: As per Gujarat University office timings

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Powers and Duties of Officers and Employees

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Duties
1	Dr. Sonal Malhotra	Professor of Practice	Provide strategic academic leadership, mentor research scholars, and support interdisciplinary collaborations related to Indic health systems
2	Dr. Bhavin Parekh	Project Fellow	Execution of applied research and validation projects, Assist in research projects, data collection and analysis, documentation of validation studies, preparation of reports and publications

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Procedure for Decision Making

Academic and administrative decisions are taken by the Coordinator with inputs from advisory bodies. Major proposals follow Gujarat University approval mechanisms through the Registrar and Vice-Chancellor office.

Communication of Decisions

- Department notice boards
- Gujarat University website
- Official emails

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Norms for Discharge of Functions

- UGC and Gujarat University academic and research regulations
- Standard operating procedures for research, validation, collaborations

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Rules, Regulations, Manuals and Records

- Gujarat University Act, Statutes, Ordinances
- UGC and AYUSH research guidelines
- Internal departmental protocols

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Categories of Documents Maintained

- Research proposals and reports
- Administrative approvals and correspondence
- Publications and validation studies

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Public Consultation Arrangements

Not Applicable

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Boards / Committees

Not Applicable

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Directory of Officers

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Monthly Remuneration

As per Gujarat University regulations.

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Budget Allocation

Available with the Registrar, Gujarat University.

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Information in Electronic Form

<https://www.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/>

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Facilities for Information Access

RTI Cell, Gujarat University:

<https://www.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/rticell>

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Public Information Officers

FAA: Registrar, Gujarat University

PIO: Dr. Sonal Malhotra, Coordinator, DVIKAR, Gujarat University

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Other Information

Gujarat University publishes its Annual Report in which information related to DVIKAR is also available.