

ANNOUNCEMENT

PROF. V.I. SUBRAMONIAM CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS”

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Organized by

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTICS,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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**CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES,
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Venue: **V.I. Subramoniam Memorial ISDL Complex,
Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram-695586
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Prof. V. I. Subramoniam



A renowned scholar in Linguistics, Prof. V.I. Subramoniam had been honoured by different universities in India and abroad by conferring honorary D.Litt. degree. Among them are the Madras University (Chennai), Rabindra Bharati University (Kolkata), Jaffna University (Sri Lanka), Deccan College (Pune), Madurai Kamaraj University (Madurai), Dravidian University (Kuppam) and Tamil University (Thanjavur). He is not only a well acclaimed scholar in Linguistics but also an institution builder. Prof. Subramoniam was the first Head of the Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala, first Pro-Chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam, first Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur. He was the founder of the Dravidian Linguistic Association of India, International School of Dravidian Linguistics and International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics. He served in many prestigious positions in UGC, the Government of India and in various Academic Committees. His 100th birth day falls on February 18, 2026.

The Theme “Contemporary relevance of Indian Knowledge systems”

Concept Note

India is heir to an extremely rich and varied indigenous knowledge heritage. This profound knowledge corpus is passing through a severe phase of stress due to colonization combined with a complex play of knowledge engineering practiced in post-colonial India. The domination of Eurocentric and later American centric orientation eventually arrested the perpetuation of India's knowledge heritage. Understanding the limitations of the current west based academic practices and resultant challenges, as a possible remedy, it is proposed that the integration of Indian wisdom into modern education would bring positive results, thus Indian knowledge systems are being promoted as part of NEP 2020.

It is strongly believed that the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) can offer constructive solutions to the current problems in order to foster holistic development of the society in terms of intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual schema to attain the wellbeing with cultural pride. This is possible only by decolonizing education by promoting inter and multidisciplinary framework in academics by integrating modern knowledge and ancient Indian wisdom that transcend the limitations observed in either approach.

This seminar aims to provide a multi-disciplinary forum of representation to discuss various aspects of Indian knowledge systems. Such a multi-disciplinary approach, having emphasis of Indian Knowledge Systems, is the demand of the hour as the west centric knowledge systems are continuously displaying grey zones. Understanding the present challenges in knowledge production and

practice we have to move with time to elevate ourselves to compete with the international demands of knowledge based holistic development. Hence, abreast of time, this seminar is made to mark a new beginning of reclaiming Indian knowledge heritage and its beneficial application for the global humanity.

Considering the contemporary relevance of integrating IKS into modern knowledge practices, International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL) has decided to organize a national seminar corroborated to this vibrant topic of blending traditional wisdom to modern knowledge systems. This seminar aims to provide inter and multi-disciplinary outlook towards Indian knowledge systems enriched with diverse streams as philosophy, architecture, grammar, mathematics, astronomy, metrics, sociology, Manuscriptology, culture studies, Indian history, economy and polity ethics, geography, classical languages like Sanskrit and Tamil, logic, military science, weaponry, agriculture, trade and commerce, metallurgy, mining, shipbuilding, medicine, poetics, biology and veterinary science along with 64 arts and various crafts practices. Accepting the rich lineage of Indian knowledge systems, and its limitation of time to cover all aspects in one seminar, ISDL conceives a series of seminars related to IKS focused on reclamation, perpetuation and dissemination on par with digital era demands. The first seminar in the series is scheduled from 18th - 20th February 2026 at V.I.S Memorial ISDL complex, St. Xavier's college P.O. Thiruvananthapuram and will fix its objective to awareness building on IKS and its role in achieving holistic development of Indian society and the Indian Nation. This seminar continues its objectives in tune with the current sensibility of NEP 2020 and significance of Indian knowledge heritage to be the key element in our nation building so as to have a vibrant global India founded on the inherent ethical and moral values adored by the Indian Society for hundreds and thousands of years.

TOPICS:

IKS and NEP 2020, IKS and Oral practices, IKS and folklore, IKS and Textual culture, Manuscripts/textual tradition, Linguistic base of Indian knowledge systems, Indian philosophical strands of IKS, IKS for redefining and revising the history of India, IKS and traditional medical practices, Knowledge practices in IKS, IKS with regard to Science and Technology, Academic framework of IKS, IKS as a holistic development pathway, IKS as an alternative knowledge tradition, IKS and classical languages in India.

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Last date of full paper submission: 8/02/2026

Inauguration of the Seminar: 18/02/2026

ISDL Governing Council Meeting: 2 p.m. 18/02/2026

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