

BRIEF REPORT

National Conference on

“INTEGRATING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM (IKS) IN TEACHER EDUCATION FOR PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY”

From 13th to 16th March 2026

Under the joint auspices of **Asha Paras for Peace and Harmony Foundation, India** and **Hemchand Yadav University, Durg (Chhattisgarh)**, a four-day national conference was organized online. The symposium was held on the theme “**Integrating Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Teacher Education for Promoting Gender Equality**”. From **13 March 2026 to 16 March 2026**, a total of **seven sessions** were conducted, with participation from academicians, researchers, social representatives, and media professionals from across the country.

DAY 1 – 13 MARCH 2026

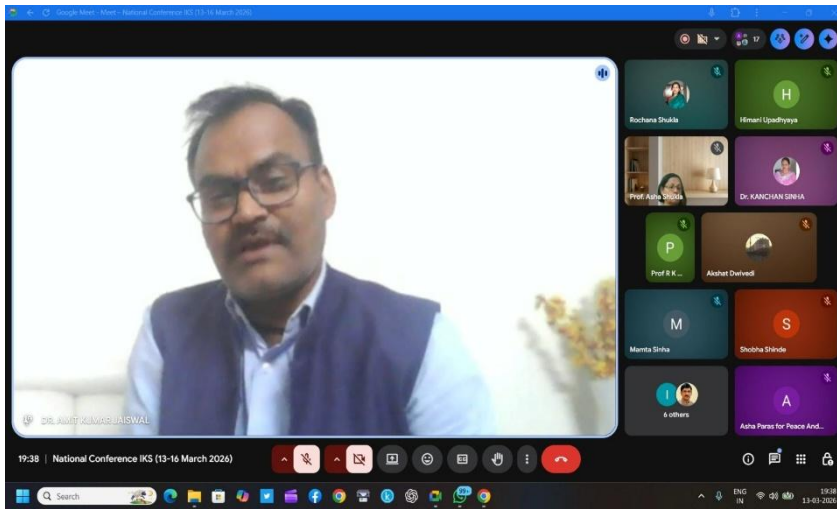
Session 1 – Inaugural Session: The Inaugural session (hybrid mode) was conducted in The Auditorium of **Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya, Junwani, Durg (CG)**. The program began with a welcome address by renowned educationist **Prof. R.K. Shukla (Former Professor & Head, PSSCIVE, NCERT, Bhopal)**. After guest introductions,



Prof. Asha Shukla (Managing Director, APPHF India & Former Vice-Chancellor, BRAUSS) presented the outline of the conference. The keynote address was delivered online by **Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena**

(Senior Professor, Education & Proctor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala). **Prof. Saket Kushwaha (Vice-Chancellor, Ladakh University, Leh)** shared his thoughts as Chief Guest. The presidential address was given by **Prof. Sanjay Tiwari (Vice-Chancellor, Hemchand Yadav University, Durg)**. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Bhupendra Kuldeep (Registrar, Hemchand Yadav University, Durg)**. The session was moderated by **Dr. Sushma Dubey (Shri Shankaracharya College, Durg)**.

Session 2 – Theme 1: Reimagining Teacher Education through IKS Lens: Chaired by Prof. Amit Kumar Jaiswal (Professor & Head, B.Ed Department, Dean Faculty of



Education, Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University, Gopeshwar Chamoli). Expert speakers included Prof. Asha Shukla, Dr. Himani Upadhyay (Former Head, Education Department, Hawabagh College, Jabalpur), and Dr.

Rochana Shukla (Assistant Professor, School of Education, Devi Ahilya University, Indore).

The session was coordinated and concluded with a vote of thanks by Love Chawdikar. This session provided deep deliberation on the possibilities of integrating Indian Knowledge Systems into teacher education, emphasizing the need to make education more robust, culturally relevant, and future-oriented.

DAY 2 – 14 MARCH 2026

Two academic sessions were organized focusing on diverse dimensions of IKS.

Session 3 – Theme 2: Culturally Responsive Teaching and IKS : The session began with



a welcome and introductory address by Prof. Asha Shukla. Chaired by Prof. Satyaketu Sankrit (Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Delhi). Expert speakers included Prof. Anand Murti Mishra (Guru Ghasidas

University, Bilaspur), Prof. Amit Kumar Jaiswal, and Prof. Gyanendra Nath Tiwari (Nagaland University, Kohima).

The session was coordinated and concluded with a vote of thanks by **Love Chawdikar**. Discussions highlighted the importance of making education culturally responsive through IKS.

Session 4 – Theme 3: Addressing Gender Stereotypes and Biases through IKS: Chaired



by **Prof. Shobha Shinde (Former Head, Women’s Studies Department, North KBC Maharashtra University, Jalgaon)**. Expert speakers included **Dr. Himani Upadhyay** and **Dr. Kamalaveni (Associate Professor, Pondicherry**

University). The session was moderated and concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Gurminder Kumar (Assistant Professor, Women’s Studies Centre, Allahabad University)**.

The session explored ways to overcome gender stereotypes and biases in education and society through Indian Knowledge Systems.

Both sessions emphasized the need to integrate IKS into modern education to make it inclusive, culturally responsive, and gender equality-oriented.

DAY 3 – 15 MARCH 2026

The third day focused on gender equality in teacher education through IKS. The day began with a contextual address by **Prof. Asha Shukla**, reflecting on the previous two days.

Session 5 – Theme 4: IKS and Technology for Gender Equality in Education: The

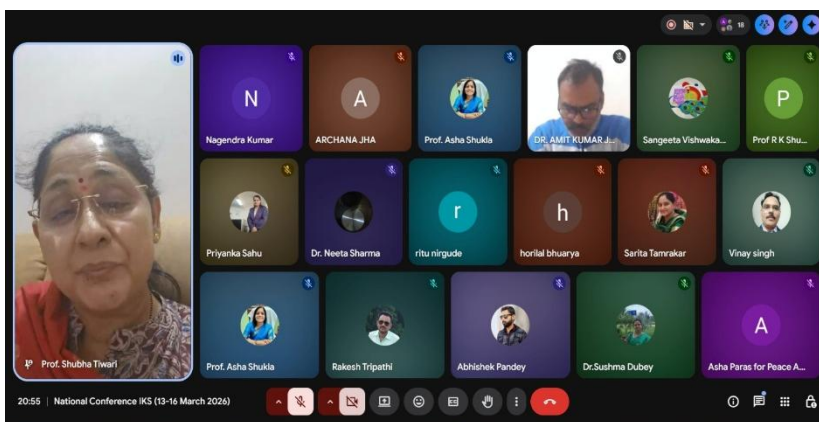
session Chaired by **Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla (Vice-Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong)**. Keynote address by **Prof. Anjali Oudhia (Principal, Govt. Kamla Devi College, Rajnandgaon)**. Expert



speakers included **Dr. Saroj Yadav (Assistant Professor, Allahabad University)** and

Dr. Ramshankar (Assistant Professor, IIMT College of Management, Greater Noida). The session was coordinated by **Dr. Gurpinder Kumar** (Assistant Professor, WSC, University of Allahabad)

Session 6 – Theme 5: Community Engagement and Partnerships for Promoting IKS and Gender Equality: The Session Chaired by **Prof. Shubha Tiwari (Former Vice-Chancellor, Maharaja Chhatrasal Bundelkhand University, Chhatarpur)**. Keynote address by **Prof. Nagendra Kumar (Faculty of Education, Banaras Hindu University)**. Expert speakers included **Dr. Bharti Shukla (Head, Hawabagh College, Jabalpur)** and **Dr. Archana Jha (Principal, Shri Shankaracharya College, Junwani)**. The session was coordinated by **Love Chawdikar**.



Speakers emphasized the integration of IKS into modern teacher education, highlighting the role of technology and community participation in promoting gender equality. Organizers noted that such conferences provide new

perspectives in education and make traditional Indian knowledge relevant in contemporary contexts.

DAY 4 – 16 MARCH 2026

Session 7 – Research Paper Presentation Session : The session was chaired by **Prof.**



Debashish Debnath, Former Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Mhow, and co-chaired by **Dr. Manisha Saxena**, Associate Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Mhow.

In this session, **10 research scholars** presented their papers, focusing on integrating the **Indian Knowledge System into teacher education** and exploring various dimensions of **promoting gender equality**.

Both distinguished scholars provided insightful comments and guidance on the presented papers, inspiring the researchers to strengthen their work further. The session was conducted and coordinated by **Love Chawdikar**, Executive Manager, APPHF India.

Valedictory Session : The valedictory session was chaired by **Prof. Asha Shukla**, Managing Director, APPHF India and Former Vice-Chancellor, BRAUSS.



The **Chief Guest** was **Prof. Parimal H. Vyas**, Former Vice-Chancellor, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat, who delivered his address. The **Guest of Honour** was **Prof. Vinita Bhatnagar**, Dean, Faculty of Humanities,

Rajiv Gandhi Technological University, Bhopal, who also shared her views.

The **welcome and detailed report presentation** was given by **Dr. Shazia Malik**, Assistant Professor, CWSR, University of Kashmir, Jammu & Kashmir, followed by the **vote of thanks**.

In these sessions, speakers emphasized the importance of integrating the **Indian Knowledge System into teacher education** and the **need to promote gender equality**. The conference provided participants with an opportunity to share ideas, advance educational research, and contribute toward building a more equitable society.

Summarizing the discussions and conclusions, the conference highlighted future possibilities for incorporating the Indian Knowledge System into teacher education and fostering gender equality.
