

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What is "Bharat & Its Scientific Glory" about?

A celebration of Bharat's unparalleled contributions to science, technology, and multidisciplinary knowledge systems, aiming to revive and share this rich heritage.

2. Who is organizing this competition?

The event is organized by the Youth Unity Foundation in collaboration with the ŚIKṢĀ Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems at IIT Kanpur and Bharat as Knowledge Partners.

3. What is the main objective of the event?

To inspire youth to engage with Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and explore Bharat's scientific achievements while fostering innovation and creativity.

4. What are the benefits of participating in this competition?

Participants gain exposure to Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), enhance research and presentation skills, network with like-minded peers, and receive feedback from experts.

ELIGIBILITY

5. Who can participate in this competition?

The competition is open to students between the ages of 16 and 25.

6. Is there an age limit for participation?

Yes, participants must be between 16 and 25 years old at the time of registration.

7. Can participants register as individuals, or is a team mandatory?

Participants must register as teams, consisting of 2–3 members each. A minimum of 2 members is required per team.

8. Are international participants allowed to join?

Yes, participants from around the world are welcome to join the competition.

9. Is there any restriction on the academic background of participants?

No, participants from any academic background can join, as long as they are between the ages of 16–25.

THEMES

10. What themes are available for the presentations?

Participants can choose from the following themes, including but not restricted to:

- Pramāṇa vijñāna (Philosophical and Cognitive Sciences)
- Khagola vijñāna (Astronomy)
- Gaṇita (Mathematics)
- Rasa Śāstra and Dhātu Vijñāna (Chemistry and Metallurgy)
- Vāstukalā (Architecture) and Śilpaśāstra (Sculpture)
- Kṛṣi Vijñāna (Agriculture)
- Yantra Vidyā (Mechanical Sciences)
- Āyurveda (Medicine)
- Paryāvaran Śāstra (Environment and Ecology)
- Yuddha Vidyā (Military Sciences)

11. Can participants select multiple themes for their presentation?

No, each team must focus on one specific theme.

12. Are there specific guidelines for choosing a theme?

No specific restrictions; however, it is encouraged that participants choose a theme that aligns with their interests and expertise.

13. Can a team present a sub-theme within the broader categories?

Yes, teams can narrow down their focus to a sub-theme within the broader category, provided it's relevant to the overall theme.

14. Are participants allowed to suggest their own theme outside the provided list?

Yes, participants can suggest their own themes, as long as they are aligned with the main subject.

REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION

15. Is there a registration fee?

No, there is no fee for registering or participating in the competition.

16. When does the registration start?

Registration for the competition begins on 10th December 2025.

17. What is the last date for registration?

The last date for registration is 15th February 2026.

18. What is the deadline for presentation submission?

Participants must submit their entries online by 1st March 2026.

19. What is the format for submission?

Submissions should be in the form of a presentation (PDF or PPT) that includes sources, concepts, thinkers, and proposed applications of Indian Knowledge System (IKS).

20. What should the presentation slides include?

It is suggested that each presentation should include:

- Sources and Texts: Foundational manuscripts and primary sources.
- Cogent Statement: Clear presentation of the knowledge derived from IKS.
- Schools & Thinkers: Insights into scholars and their contributions.
- Applications: Practical integration of IKS into modern contexts.

21. How many slides are required in the presentation?

Presentations should have a minimum of 10 slides.

22. Is there a file size limit for submissions?

There is no strict size limit, but please ensure the file is compatible with standard formats (e.g., PDF, PPT) and is easy to upload.

23. Can participants use multimedia (e.g., videos, animations) in their presentations?

Yes, multimedia elements such as videos, animations, and graphics can be included to enhance the presentation.

24. What are the criteria for judging the submissions?

Submissions will be judged based on originality, depth of research, clarity, and the practical application of the knowledge presented.

25. How and where should the presentations be submitted?

Presentations must be submitted via the competition's online portal.

26. Are late submissions accepted?

No, late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

27. Can a team revise its submission after submitting it?

No, revisions are only allowed before the submission deadline.

28. Is plagiarism checked for the submissions?

Yes, plagiarism checks will be conducted for all submissions. Any plagiarized content will lead to disqualification.

29. Can teams use references or citations in their work?

Yes, participants are encouraged to cite references properly. This includes using reliable sources and providing clear citations.

EVENT DETAILS

30. When will the competition take place?

The final event will take place in April 2026.

31. Where is the event being held?

The event will be hosted at Delhi NCR.

32. Will the event be conducted online, offline, or in a hybrid format?

Registration and the preliminary round will be conducted online, and the final round will be held offline.

33. How will shortlisted teams be notified?

Teams will be notified via e-mail and voice call after the review process.

34. What is the dress code for the final round?

Appropriate formal or business attire, both western and Indian, is recommended for all participants during the final presentation.

35. Will participants be provided with accommodation and travel support?

Accommodation will be provided for finalists; however, travel costs must be covered by participants.

36. Are spectators allowed to attend the event?

Yes, spectators are allowed to attend the event subject to registration in advance.

37. What safety measures will be in place at the venue?

Standard safety protocols, including health checks, will be implemented to ensure the safety of all attendees.

EVENT FLOW

38. How many rounds are there in the competition?

There are two rounds: the Preliminary Round (presentation submission for review) and the Final Round (on-stage presentations).

39. What happens in the primary round?

Teams will submit their presentations, which will be evaluated by experts from reputable institutions. The top 30 teams will progress to the final round.

40. How will the top 30 teams be selected?

The top 30 teams will be selected based on the originality, depth of research, and the quality of their presentations.

41. What will happen during the final round?

Shortlisted teams will present their research to a panel of judges, followed by a Q&A session.

42. What is the time limit for on-stage presentations?

Each team will have 5 minutes for their on-stage presentation and an additional 2 minutes for Q&A.

43. Will there be a Q&A session during the final round?

Yes, each team will face a brief Q&A session after their presentation.

44. How many judges will be present during the final round?

A panel of distinguished experts from IIT Kanpur and other academic fields will be judging the presentations.

45. Can teams use props or visuals during their on-stage presentation?

Yes, teams can use props or visuals to support their presentation, as long as they follow the event guidelines.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

46. What are the prizes for the winners?

- i. 1st Prize: ₹1,00,000
- ii. 2nd Prize: ₹51,000
- iii. 3rd Prize: ₹31,000
- iv. 4th–10th Prizes: ₹10,000 each team
- v. 11th–20th Prizes: ₹5,000 each team

47. Is there a Bonus Prize for the best proposal?

Yes, a Bonus Prize of ₹50,000 will be awarded to the proposal that best solves Wicked Problems.

48. Are all participants eligible for certificates?

Yes, all participants will receive certificates of participation.

49. What type of recognition will winners receive apart from cash prizes?

Winners will also receive a trophy and recognition on the official event website.

50. When and how will the prizes be distributed?

Prizes will be distributed at the end of the final event ceremony.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

51. Who will deliver the keynote addresses?

Eminent scholars, scientists, and visionaries in the field of Indian Knowledge Systems will deliver the keynote speeches.

52. What topics will be covered in the keynote speeches?

Topics will include the historical contributions of Bharat to global scientific knowledge, innovations in IKS, and their relevance today.

53. Will participants have the opportunity to interact with keynote speakers?

Yes, there will be a Q&A session after each keynote address, allowing participants to interact with the speakers.

54. What are the panel discussions about?

Panel discussions will focus on the future of Indian Knowledge Systems and their integration into modern education and research.

55. Who are the panelists for the discussions?

Panelists will include prominent educators, scientists, and industry leaders.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

56. What types of cultural performances are planned for the event?

Traditional Indian music, dance, and performances reflecting India's rich cultural heritage.

57. Can participants or attendees volunteer for the cultural performances?

Yes, anyone interested can volunteer for cultural performances by registering with the event organizers.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

58. Are there any specific rules for team collaboration?

Teams must collaborate respectfully, ensuring that all members contribute equally.

59. What are the dos and don'ts during the event?

Do: Follow the schedule, respect all participants and organizers, and engage constructively in discussions.

Don't: Disrupt the event, plagiarize content, or misuse any event resources.

60. Are there any restrictions on the use of technology during presentations?

No, technology can be used as needed for visuals, but participants should ensure no technical issues arise during their presentations.

MISCELLANEOUS

61. Who can be contacted for further details about the event?

For further details, please contact the event's official helpdesk via e-mail, WhatsApp, or phone, as provided on the registration page.

62. Is there an official website or social media page for updates?

Yes, updates will be posted on the official event website and social media pages.

63. Can participants request a recording or summary of the event afterward?

Yes, recordings and event summaries will be available to participants.

64. Will there be media coverage for the event?

Yes, the event will be covered by media partners and will be streamed online.

65. How can attendees give feedback about the competition?

Feedback forms will be available at the end of the event, and attendees are encouraged to share their thoughts for future improvements.