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 Brhat 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

8. **Who can participate in this competition?**
The competition is open to students between the ages of 16 and 25.

9. **Is there an age limit for participation?**
Yes, participants must be between 16 and 25 years old at the time of registration.

10. **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.

11. **Are international participants allowed to join?**
Yes, participants from around the world are welcome to join the competition.

12. **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

13. **What themes are available for the presentations?**
Participants can choose from the following themes, including but not restricted to:-

o   Pramāṇa vijñāna (Philosophical and Cognitive Sciences)

o   Khagola vijñāna (Astronomy)

o   Gaṇita (Mathematics)

o   Rasa Śāstra and Dhātu Vijñāna (Chemistry and Metallurgy)

o   Vāstukalā (Architecture) and Śilpaśāstra (Sculpture)

o   Kṛṣi Vijñāna (Agriculture)

o   Yantra Vidyā (Mechanical Sciences)

o   Āyurveda (Medicine)

o   Paryāvaran Śāstra (Environment and Ecology)

o   Yuddha Vidyā (Military Sciences)

14. **Can participants select multiple themes for their presentation?**
No, each team must focus on one specific theme.

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **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 (Registration and submission of presentation is a single step)

18.   **Is there a registration fee?**
No, there is no fee for registering or participating in the competition.

19. **What is the last date for registration?**
The last date for registration is **3rd April 2025**.

20. **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).

21. **What should the presentation slides include?**
It is suggested that each presentation should include:

o   Sources and Texts: Foundational manuscripts and primary sources.

o   Cogent Statement: Clear presentation of the knowledge derived from IKS.

o   Schools & Thinkers: Insights into scholars and their contributions.

o   Applications: Practical integration of IKS into modern contexts.

22. **How many slides are required in the presentation?**
Presentations should have a minimum of 10 slides.

23. **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.

24. **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.

25. **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.

26. **How and where should the presentations be submitted?**
Presentations must be submitted via the competition's online portal.

27. **Are late submissions accepted?**
No, late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

28. **Can a team revise its submission after submitting it?**
No, revisions are only allowed before the submission deadline.

29. **Is plagiarism checked for the submissions?**
Yes, plagiarism checks will be conducted for all submissions. Any plagiarized content will lead to disqualification.

30. **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

31. **When will the competition take place?**
The final event will take place on **12th April 2025**.

32. **Where is the event being held?**
The event will be hosted at Janki Bhawan, Ramlila ground, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201001

33. **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.

34. **How will shortlisted teams be notified?**
Teams will be notified via E- mail and Voice call after the review process.

35. **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.

36. **Will participants be provided with accommodation and travel support?**
Accommodation will be provided for finalists, however, travel costs must be covered by participants.

37. **Are spectators allowed to attend the event?**
Yes, spectators are allowed to attend the event subject to registration in advance.

38. **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

39. **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).

40. **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.

41. **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.

42. **What will happen during the final round?**
Shortlisted teams will present their research to a panel of judges, followed by a Q&A session.

43. **What is the time limit for on-stage presentations?**
Each team will have **5 Minutes** for their on-stage presentation and additional **2 Minutes** for Q&A.

44. **Will there be a Q&A session during the final round?**
Yes, each team will face a brief Q&A session after their presentation.

45. **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.

46. **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

47. **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: ₹5000 each team

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.

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

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

63. **Will there be media coverage for the event?**

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

64. **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.