

REPORT ON THE ONE-DAY TALK ON “RELEVANCE OF INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM IN CONTEMPORARY CONTEXT”

Organised by: Social Science Forum, Mariani College

In Association with: IQAC, Mariani College

Date: 11 September 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Venue: Conference Hall, Arts Complex, Mariani College

Resource Person: Dr. Saurabh Pran Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati

The Social Science Forum, Mariani College, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Mariani College, organized a One-Day Talk on “Relevance of Indian Knowledge System in Contemporary Context” on 11th September 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Arts Complex. The programme was organized with the objective of familiarizing faculty members of the College with the rich intellectual traditions of India and highlighting their relevance in contemporary society in the light of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by the Coordinator of the Programme, Mr. Bikash Dutta, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Political Science & Member of Social Science Forum, who highlighted the significance of understanding India's indigenous knowledge traditions and their contribution to various fields of learning. Dr. Horen Goowalla gave the inaugural speech and Mr. Rupeswar Sonowal, President, Social Science Forum, briefly mentioned the importance of the programme. The gathering was attended by faculty members, students, and members of the IQAC.

The keynote speaker and resource person, Dr. Saurabh Pran Sharma, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, delivered an insightful and thought-provoking lecture on the concept and scope of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). He elaborated on the evolution of Indian knowledge traditions and discussed the contributions of ancient Indian scholars in diverse fields such as philosophy, mathematics, astronomy, economics, medicine, governance, and environmental conservation.

Dr. Sharma emphasized that the Indian Knowledge System represents a holistic approach to education that integrates intellectual, ethical, cultural, and spiritual dimensions of human life. He explained how ancient Indian texts and traditions continue to offer valuable insights into sustainable development, social harmony, environmental ethics, and human well-being. Referring to the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020, he highlighted the need to incorporate indigenous knowledge into contemporary educational practices to promote a deeper understanding of India's cultural and intellectual heritage.

The resource person also discussed the relevance of Indian economic thought and traditional wisdom in addressing modern socio-economic challenges. Through numerous examples, he demonstrated how indigenous knowledge systems can complement scientific and technological advancements and contribute to inclusive and sustainable development.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which students and faculty members actively participated by raising questions and sharing their observations. Dr. Sharma responded to the queries with clarity and enthusiasm, making the session highly engaging and informative.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Kundan Hazarika, member, Social Science Forum. The speaker was felicitated with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his valuable contribution. The participants expressed their appreciation for the enriching session, which provided a deeper understanding of India's knowledge traditions and their continuing relevance in the modern world.

The One-Day Talk proved to be an intellectually stimulating event and successfully achieved its objective of promoting awareness about the Indian Knowledge System among students and teachers. The programme encouraged participants to explore India's rich heritage of knowledge and appreciate its role in shaping contemporary education and society.

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