



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS (IKS)
DHARMASĀSTRA: CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE & INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES**

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Concept Note

“DHARMASĀSTRA: Contemporary Relevance & Interdisciplinary Perspectives” seeks to critically re-examine ancient Indian legal and ethical treatises not as static historical artifacts, but as dynamic frameworks capable of addressing modern global challenges. By bridging the gap between classical text and contemporary scholarship, this study explores how core concepts like *Vyavahāra* (judicial procedure), *Sādhāraṇa Dharma* (universal duties), and *Rta* (cosmic/ecological order) can inform current debates in jurisprudence, restorative justice, environmental ethics, and governance. Moving beyond traditional philology, the project utilizes an interdisciplinary approach—intersecting legal studies, sociology, and philosophy—to filter out contextual historical prejudices and extract sustainable, duty-centric models that complement modern rights-based paradigms, ultimately fostering a nuanced dialogue between ancient Indian wisdom and 21st-century societal needs.

Authors are invited to submit original, unpublished manuscripts for presentation.

Call for Papers

Sub-Themes are

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- Structural Analysis of Dharmasāstra Texts, Purusharthas, and Ethical Frameworks.
 - Evolution of Legal, Social, and Ethical Codes from Vedic to Medieval India.
 - Concepts of Rajadharma (Statecraft), Governance, and Justice Delivery.
 - Caste, Gender Roles, Family Dynamics, and Social Stratification in Traditional Texts.
 - Concepts of Wealth (Artha), Fair Taxation, and Ethical Economic Practices.
 - The Guru-Shishya Parampara and Moral-Value Systems in Light of Dharmasāstra.
 - Environmental Ethics, Sacred Landscapes, and Resource Management Systems.
 - Reflection of Dharmasāstra Principles in Medieval and Modern Bengali Works.
 - Post-Colonial Perspectives, Cross-Cultural Translations, and Comparative Ethics.
 - Ethics of Communication, Truth (Satya), and Public Discourse in the Classical Era.

Alternative Core Topics

- Character Building and Student Life Rules (*Brahmacharya*) in Ancient Classrooms.
- Basic Human Values (*Sanyama, Daya, Dana*) and Moral Duties in Everyday Life.
- Human Relationship with Nature, Rivers, and Sacred Animals in Traditional Thought.
- Daily Life Rules, Social Customs, and Festivals in Ancient India.
- Moral Teachings and Folk Tales in Regional Stories and Devotional Songs (*Mangalkavya*).
- Duties of a Good Citizen and the Idea of Rights in Indian Tradition.
- Simple Stories, Fables, and Indian Moral Concepts Translated into English.
- The Role of Marriage, Family Values, and Respect for Elders in Traditional Society.
- The Importance of Speech (*Vak*), Sweet Words, and Avoiding Falsehood in Public Communication.
- Simple Living, Fair Trade Practices, and Honest Earning in Classical Texts.
- Quantifying the cosmos through the mathematical precision of ritual geometry, time-keeping (*Jyotiṣa*), and inheritance algorithms.
- Bridging *Dharmasāstra* and *Ayurveda* to address modern bioethics, public health protocols, and medical jurisprudence.
- Rooting modern corporate governance, fair trade, and ethical wealth accumulation in the principles of *Artha* and *Vārttā*.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline: **June 19, 2026**

Notification of Acceptance: **June 22, 2026**

Last Date of Registration: **June 25, 2026**

Full paper submission: **27th June 2026**

Please send your abstract to:

ddmrmiksconference26@gmail.com

Medium of Submission or Presentation:

English/Bengali

Font: Times New Roman or Avro, Font

Size:12(Title:14, 1.5 line spacing)

Keywords: 4 to 5

All full paper submission must adhere to APA 7th
Edition referencing

Registration Details

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Research Scholars and Students: **₹ 500**

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