

About the IKS Cell

The **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Cell of Kultali Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College** has been established in **August 2026** with the vision of exploring, preserving, and promoting India's rich intellectual, cultural, philosophical, and traditional knowledge heritage within the contemporary academic framework.

The Cell seeks to create an academic platform for engaging with the diverse knowledge traditions of India and examining their relevance to contemporary society. Through lectures, academic discussions, interdisciplinary activities, and collaborative initiatives, the Cell aims to encourage students and teachers to critically engage with India's knowledge traditions and appreciate their continuing significance.

The establishment of the IKS Cell is aligned with the objectives of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, which emphasises the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems into higher education. The Cell seeks to foster interdisciplinary learning and contribute towards creating greater awareness of India's contributions to fields such as **philosophy, literature, science, mathematics, medicine, astronomy, social thought, culture, and traditional knowledge**.

The Cell functions under the guidance and support of the college administration and IQAC, with the objective of developing a sustained academic culture around Indian Knowledge Systems.

Composition of the Cell

Patron: Shri Samir Mondal, President, Governing Body

Chairperson: Dr. Prashanta Das, Teacher-in-Charge

IQAC Coordinator: Dr. Sipra Biswas

Convenor: Smt. Srijita Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Committee Members

1. Dr. Sumita Dutta

2. Dr. Rupam Kr. Dutta

3. Shri Tapoban Bhattacharyya

4. Smt Kaushambi Patra

5. Smt. Bisari Dey

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Activities

Since its establishment in August 2026, the IKS Cell has initiated academic activities aimed at introducing students and faculty members to the breadth and depth of Indian Knowledge Systems.

As part of its inaugural initiative, the Cell organised an **Orientation Lecture Series on Indian Knowledge Systems**, featuring three expert lectures delivered by members of the Cell from different academic disciplines. The interdisciplinary nature of the series provided an opportunity to explore Indian knowledge traditions from diverse scholarly perspectives.

The three lectures were delivered by:

1. **Dr. Rupam Kr. Dutta**
Assistant Professor, Department of Geography
2. **Dr. Asit Kr. Mondal**
Faculty, Department of Sanskrit
3. **Shri Aktabuddin Sheikh**
SACT, Department of History

The Orientation Lecture Series marked an important first step towards establishing a sustained academic engagement with **Indian Knowledge Systems at Kultali Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College**, while also encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue among the departments of the institution.