Constitution of the IKS Club



Preamble

The IKS Club was established following the 2025 National Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems at IISER Pune to provide a permanent platform for academic discourse on IKS themes.

1 Article I: Name and Core Principles

a) **Name:** The organization shall be permanently known as the **Pratyabhijñā (प्रत्यभिज्ञा) Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Club of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune**.

b) **Apolitical Mandate:** The club shall remain strictly academic, non-partisan, and politically neutral, without promoting or endorsing any political ideology or party.

c) **Thematic Focus:** The club shall explore and debate themes within the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) framework, including Science and Technology, Astronomy, Architecture, Chemistry, Medicine, Arts, Aesthetics, Philosophy, Sports, and Culture.

d) **Official Communications:** Every official email sent by the IKS Club shall feature a unique, newly selected quote.

2 Article II: Leadership Structure and Autonomy

a) **Leadership Structure:** There shall be no more than one Coordinator of the Club at any given time. The Club shall have one **Student Coordinator**, one **Faculty Coordinator**, and one **Coordinator for each established Department or functional area**.

b) **Departments and Delegation:** The Student Coordinator may establish new Departments or functional areas as required for the activities of the Club and appoint a Department Coordinator for each such Department subject to 2(a) with corresponding amendments to Article 4.
Each Department Coordinator may constitute their respective team and appoint:

- **Assistant Coordinators** to provide support in carrying out departmental activities; and
- **Associate Coordinators** to whom specific sub-responsibilities may be fully delegated.

Such appointments and delegated responsibilities shall remain subordinate to the authority and overall responsibility of the respective Department Coordinator.

c) **Appointments:**

(1) **Faculty Coordinator:** Ramakrishna G. Bhat, Professor, shall serve as the Faculty Coordinator and shall continue in office until he chooses to relinquish the position. In the event of his relinquishment, the Coordinator shall appoint the next Faculty Coordinator.

(2) **Student Coordinator:** The outgoing Student Coordinator shall select the successor based on demonstrated knowledge of Indian Knowledge Systems, commitment to the Club, and experience in executing its activities. The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Faculty Coordinator.

(3) **Department Coordinators:** An outgoing Department Coordinator shall nominate their successor. The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Coordinator.

d) **Term of Office:** Student Coordinators shall not be subject to a fixed term and may continue in office for as long as they are willing and able to serve, subject to the provisions governing removal and succession in this Constitution.

e) **Removal from Office:** The Faculty Coordinator may remove the Student Coordinator for documented cause, and the Student Coordinator may remove a Department Coordinator for documented cause. The Student Coordinator may also dissolve a Department where necessary for the effective functioning of the Club. Any removal or dissolution shall be communicated to the concerned office-holder or Department. Any vacancy arising from such removal shall be filled in accordance with the applicable appointment provisions of this Article.

f) **Handover and Continuity:** Upon leaving office, every Coordinator shall transfer all relevant documents, digital repositories, accounts, ongoing projects, records, and other responsibilities to their successor. The outgoing Coordinator shall ensure that the transfer is sufficiently complete to maintain the continuity of the Club's activities.

3 Article III: Functional Departments

The Club shall have the following Functional Departments, each headed by a designated Coordinator:

a) **Execution & Management Coordinator:** Responsible for the execution and administration of the Club's activities, including event logistics, financial management, documentation, institutional coordination, and representation of the Club before the IISER Pune administration.

b) **Ideation & Direction Coordinator:** Responsible for guiding the academic and intellectual direction of the Club, maintaining communication with its regular and active members, gathering and considering their interests, suggestions, and feedback, and facilitating discussions, activities, and initiatives that contribute to the understanding and representation of diverse IKS themes.

c) **Outreach & Networking Coordinator:** Responsible for external outreach, public engagement, collaborations, sponsorships, and communication with other IKS clubs, institutions, organisations, and relevant individuals, including representing the Club in authorised engagements outside IISER Pune.

4 Article V: Amendments and Legacy Log

a) **Amendments:** All constitutional amendments shall only be made by the Student Coordinator, subject to the approval of the Faculty Coordinator.

b) **Legacy Record:** All past Student Coordinators shall be maintained in the official record of the Club as former Presidents of the Club.