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SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

Ancient Wisdom, Emerging Futures

Indian Knowledge Systems in
Management, Computing,
Higher Education and Strategy



06–07 November 2026



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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE



Poornaprajna Institute of Management (PIM), Udupi, established in 2006 under the aegis of the Udupi Sri Adamar Mutt Education Council (USAMEC), is committed to providing quality professional education rooted in academic excellence, values, research, innovation, and holistic development. The Institute offers postgraduate programmes in Management (MBA) and Computer Applications (MCA) and promotes a vibrant academic culture through teaching, research, industry interaction, publications, conferences, and interdisciplinary learning.



Located in the culturally and intellectually rich city of Udupi, PIM actively promotes research and scholarly engagement in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and their contemporary applications. Through research initiatives, academic collaborations, and interdisciplinary forums, the Institute strives to create a meaningful interface between India's traditional knowledge heritage and emerging domains of management, technology, higher education, and societal development.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

India possesses a vast and diverse knowledge heritage encompassing philosophy, governance, management, mathematics, logic, education, linguistics, ecology, health, consciousness, and social organization. The relevance of this knowledge today lies not merely in preserving the past, but in **critically examining, reinterpreting, and applying its enduring principles** to contemporary challenges.

The International Conference on “**Ancient Wisdom, Emerging Futures: Indian Knowledge Systems in Management, Computing, Higher Education and Strategy**” seeks to create an interdisciplinary platform for scholars, researchers, academicians, industry professionals, practitioners, and students to explore meaningful connections between **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and emerging needs of the 21st century**. Contemporary IKS scholarship is increasingly moving towards such application-oriented interdisciplinary inquiry, connecting traditional knowledge with management, computational thinking, AI, education, governance, sustainability and strategic studies.

The conference aims to move the discourse from **preservation to application** and from **ancient wisdom to emerging possibilities**. It invites scholarly contributions that examine how ideas from the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Arthashastra, Nyaya, Yoga, Vedanta, classical literature, indigenous practices, and other Indian intellectual traditions can interact with contemporary knowledge in management, computing, higher education, strategy, sustainability, and human development.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE



- **Explore** and reinterpret the contemporary relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Management, Computing, Higher Education, Strategy, Governance, Sustainability, Human Values, and related domains.
- **Create** an interdisciplinary platform for academicians, researchers, practitioners, industry professionals, and students to exchange ideas and explore innovative applications of IKS to contemporary challenges.
- **Promote** the integration of ancient Indian wisdom with emerging technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, digital technologies, and human-centred computing, with emphasis on responsible and ethical innovation.
- **Encourage** research, curriculum development, and innovative practices in IKS, particularly in professional and higher education, while connecting traditional knowledge with contemporary academic and societal needs.
- **Foster** scholarly collaboration for translating Indian knowledge traditions into meaningful frameworks, practices, and solutions that contribute to ethical leadership, responsible development, social well-being, and a sustainable future.





CONFERENCE TRACKS & SUB-TRACKS



TRACK 1: IKS IN MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1. Management and Leadership Insights from Indian Scriptures and Classical Texts
2. Kautilya's Arthashastra and Contemporary Management Practices
3. Dharma, Karma and Ethical Decision-Making in Organizations
4. IKS Perspectives on Human Resource Management and Organizational Behaviour
5. Indian Perspectives on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Self-Reliance
6. IKS in Corporate Governance, CSR and Stakeholder Responsibility
7. Indian Approaches to Conflict Resolution, Negotiation and Crisis Management
8. Workplace Spirituality, Employee Well-being and Sustainable Management



TRACK 2: IKS IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

1. Nyaya Logic, Indian Epistemology and Computational Reasoning
2. Paninian Grammar, Sanskrit and Natural Language Processing
3. Indian Knowledge Systems for Responsible, Ethical and Human-Centred AI
4. Ancient Indian Mathematics and Computational Thinking
5. IKS, Knowledge Representation and Intelligent Systems
6. AI and Emerging Technologies for Preservation of Indian Knowledge and Cultural Heritage
7. Digital Humanities and Computational Analysis of Indian Texts
8. Indian Perspectives on Consciousness, Cognition and Artificial Intelligence



TRACK 3: IKS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, PEDAGOGY AND CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION

1. Integration of IKS in Higher Education in the Context of NEP 2020
2. Guru-Shishya Tradition, Mentoring and Contemporary Pedagogy
3. Value-Based, Holistic and Transformative Education through IKS
4. Indian Epistemology and Indigenous Approaches to Teaching and Learning
5. Indian Epics and Classical Texts as Pedagogical Resources
6. IKS-Based Curriculum Design for Professional and Multidisciplinary Education
7. Technology-Enabled Teaching, Learning and Dissemination of IKS
8. IKS Perspectives on Research, Assessment and Outcome-Based Education





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TRACK 4: IKS IN STRATEGY, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

1. Kautilya's Arthashastra and Ancient Indian Strategic Thought
2. Rajadharma, Ethical Governance and Public Administration
3. Strategic Leadership and Decision-Making in Indian Epics
4. Mandala Theory, Diplomacy and Contemporary Geopolitics
5. Indian Approaches to Conflict Management, Negotiation and Peace-Building
6. Ancient Indian Economic Thought and Contemporary Public Policy
7. IKS Perspectives on Governance, Accountability and Institutional Leadership
8. Indian Strategic Thought for National and Global Development



TRACK 5: IKS, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

1. Indian Philosophical and Ecological Perspectives on Sustainable Development
2. Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation
3. IKS and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ESG
4. Traditional Knowledge in Agriculture, Water and Natural Resource Management
5. Indian Perspectives on Sustainable Consumption and Circular Economy
6. Traditional Architecture, Indigenous Technologies and Sustainable Living
7. IKS-Based Approaches to Climate Resilience and Community Sustainability
8. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Responsible Global Development



TRACK 6: IKS, HUMAN VALUES, WELL-BEING AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

1. Dharma, Karma and Indian Perspectives on Human Values and Ethics
2. Yoga, Meditation and Indian Approaches to Holistic Well-being
3. Indian Psychology, Mind, Self and Consciousness
4. Bhagavad Gita and Indian Wisdom for Self-Management and Emotional Intelligence
5. IKS Approaches to Stress Management, Resilience and Workplace Well-being
6. Spirituality, Leadership and Organizational Well-being
7. Lokasangraha, Social Responsibility and Community Development
8. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Social Harmony and Global Citizenship



Note: The above sub-themes are indicative and not exhaustive. Original interdisciplinary contributions addressing other relevant dimensions of Indian Knowledge Systems within the broad conference theme are also welcome.



CALL FOR PAPERS



The conference invites original and unpublished research papers, conceptual papers, case studies, review papers, and interdisciplinary studies aligned with the conference theme and its identified tracks. Submissions are invited from academicians, researchers, industry professionals, practitioners, research scholars, and students from India and abroad.

Authors are particularly encouraged to move beyond descriptive accounts of ancient knowledge and present scholarly contributions that demonstrate the contemporary relevance, application, reinterpretation, or integration of Indian Knowledge Systems, including the development of innovative frameworks, models, practices, and solutions for present and emerging challenges.

Papers addressing the listed conference tracks and sub-themes, as well as other relevant interdisciplinary dimensions of IKS, are welcome. Accepted papers will be presented in thematic technical sessions during the conference.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstract:** 250–300 words
- Keywords:** 4–6
- Full Paper:** 3,000–5,000 words
- Referencing:** APA 7th Edition
- Format:** MS Word
- Submission:** email to conference@pim.ac.in
- Note:** Detailed author guidelines are available on the conference webpage.



PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

All accepted and presented full papers, subject to the prescribed review and editorial requirements, will be published in the Conference Proceedings with ISBN.

- Papers will undergo appropriate review and editorial scrutiny for originality, relevance, academic quality, and adherence to the conference theme.
- Selected high-quality papers may be considered for publication in Poornaprajna Journals, based on their relevance to the scope of the respective journal and subject to the prescribed review and editorial process.
- Poornaprajna Journals are indexed in Google Scholar, providing enhanced academic visibility and discoverability.
- Published scholarly works may also be archived through Zenodo with a DOI, wherever applicable.
- Authors are expected to maintain academic integrity, originality, and appropriate citation and referencing.
- Publication is subject to timely submission of the final manuscript and completion of the prescribed registration formalities.



IMPORTANT DATES

ACTIVITY		IMPORTANT DATE
	Last Date for Abstract Submission	15 September 2026
	Notification of Abstract Acceptance	30 September 2026
	Last Date for Early-Bird Registration	05 October 2026
	Full Paper Submission	20 October 2026
	Final Registration	02 November 2026
	Conference Dates	06 November 2026 and 07 November 2026





REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK

Category	Early-Bird Registration	Regular Registration
 Students / Research Scholars	₹ 500	₹ 750
 Faculty / Academicians	₹ 750	₹ 1000
 Industry Professionals / Practitioners	₹ 750	₹ 1000
 International Participants	USD 15	USD 25
 Participation without Paper	₹ 1500	₹ 2000



REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Participation in all conference sessions
- Paper presentation opportunity for registered authors
- Conference kit/materials
- E – Certificate of Presentation / Participation
- Conference refreshments and lunch
- Access to the ISBN Conference Proceedings / E-Proceedings



Note: Accommodation and travel expenses may be borne by the participants. Assistance regarding nearby accommodation may be provided on request, subject to availability.



CO-AUTHORSHIP AND CERTIFICATION

For a jointly authored paper, at least one author must register and present the paper. The names of all authors will be included in the paper published in the Conference Proceedings. A Certificate of Paper Presentation will be issued individually to the registered author(s) who present the paper. Co-authors wishing to attend the conference and receive an individual Certificate of Participation are required to register separately.

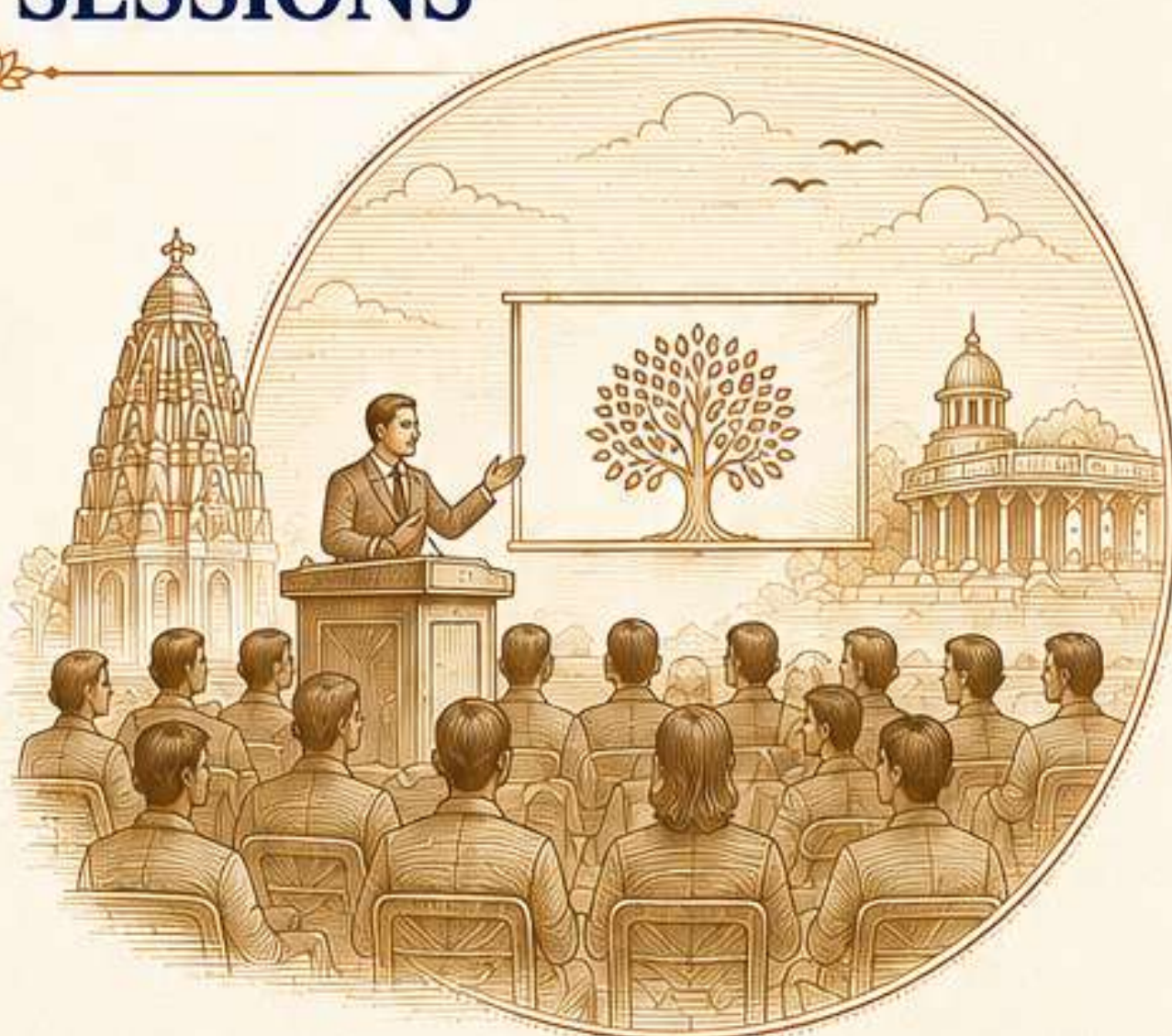




KEYNOTE, PLENARY & INVITED SESSIONS

The conference will feature **Keynote Addresses**, **Plenary Sessions**, and **Invited Expert Talks** by distinguished academicians, IKS scholars, researchers, industry professionals, practitioners, and thought leaders from India and abroad.

These sessions will provide interdisciplinary perspectives on the **contemporary relevance and application of Indian Knowledge Systems**, with particular emphasis on **Management, Computing and Emerging Technologies, Higher Education, Strategy and Governance, Sustainability, Human Values**, and related domains.



BEST PAPER AWARDS / EMERGING SCHOLAR AWARD

- ◆ **Best Paper Awards** will recognize outstanding contributions based on originality, research quality, relevance to IKS, contemporary application and presentation.
- ◆ **Emerging Scholar Award** will recognize an outstanding contribution by a student/ research scholar.



Note: Best Paper Awards will be presented to outstanding research contributions based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee.



WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The conference welcomes participation from:



Academicians



Researchers



Research Scholars



Students



IKS Scholars



Industry Professionals



Entrepreneurs



Technology Experts



Higher Education Leaders



Policy & Strategy Professionals



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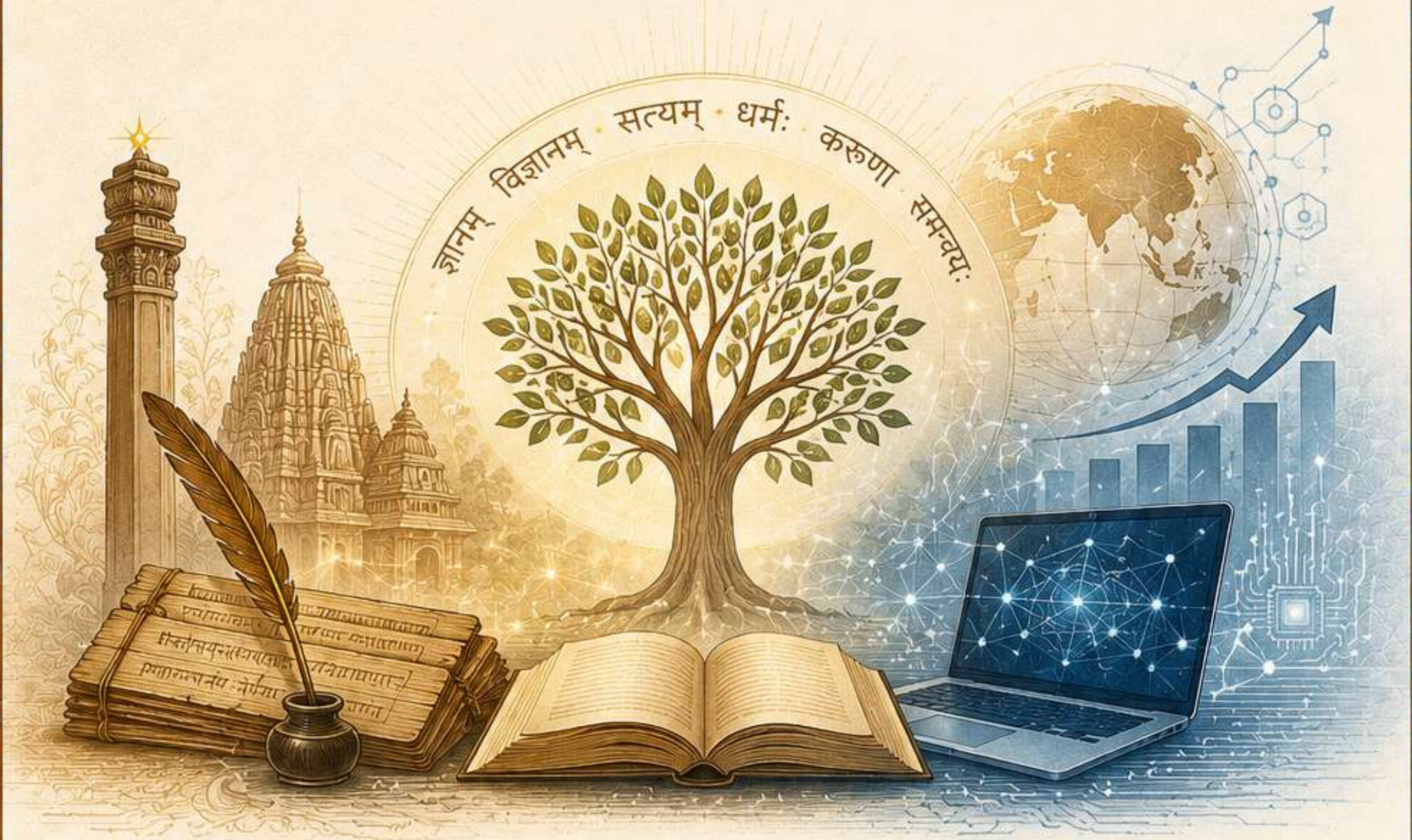
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