



## RULES AND GUIDELINES

### **UnderGraduate Research Aptitude (UGRA) An Intercollege Interdisciplinary Research Competition**

jointly organized by

**Harithkram, the Environment Society**

and

**Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems**

under the aegis of

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell  
Shaheed Bhagat Singh College  
University of Delhi**

Focal Theme:

**Ecological Consciousness in Ancient India: Life Then and Now**

Harithkram, the Environment Society and Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems, under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, are organizing an intercollege interdisciplinary research competition for students, the **UnderGraduate Research Aptitude (UGRA)** on the focal theme “Ecological Consciousness in Ancient India: Life Then and Now.”

Through the **UnderGraduate Research Aptitude**, we want to encourage interdisciplinary research collaborations between students and initiate them into a research ecosystem that is local and indigenous, nestled in the larger tradition of the *Bharatiya Gyan Parampara* (Indian Knowledge Systems). **Learners from all disciplines and levels of undergraduate study** are welcome to participate in **teams of 3-4 students, guided by a faculty mentor of their institution.**

The **UnderGraduate Research Aptitude** will be held in 5 phases **in a hybrid mode**. After the first round of inviting abstracts on topics related to the focal theme, the shortlisted teams will undergo 3 rounds of power point/poster presentations of their research progress over the next 6 months, at an interval of 1-2 months before the scientific committee of experts from various institutions and organizations. The scientific committee will give inputs and directions for further improvement of the proposed research work. The final research presentations of the shortlisted participants have been scheduled for **Earth Day, i.e. April 22, 2024.**

#### **Timeline:**

- Opening of abstract submission: **October 17, 2023**
- Last Date of abstract submission: **November 10, 2023**
- Intimation of selected abstracts: **November 12, 2023**
- Research Progress Presentation-I: **November 25, 2023**
- Research Progress Presentation-II: Third week of **January 2024** (tentatively)

- Research Progress Presentation-III: Third week of **March 2024** (tentatively)
- Final Research Presentation: **April 22, 2024**

### Eligibility:

1. It is a **team event** based on an original and innovative approach, seeped in IKS.
2. **Each team** will be constituted by **3-4 students and a faculty mentor**.
3. The students must be enrolled in an **undergraduate programme** from any College/ University in India.
4. It is mandatory for the students of a **team** to be from **different disciplines**: the students in a team should represent a **minimum of 2 disciplines**. However, we encourage students coming from different years of undergraduate study in the same institution to form a team.
5. The team must be formed by **students and faculty from the same institution**.
6. A student participant cannot be a part of two teams.
7. The mentor cannot guide more than 1 team.
8. One institution cannot send more than 3 teams.

### Important Guidelines:

1. The participating team has to choose a **unique topic** based on the focal theme. However, their presentations cannot choose the focal theme as the topic of their presentations.
2. The language chosen for the presentations can be either **Hindi or English**. However, the language of the presentation should be consistent throughout the presentation.
3. The research work is expected to contain **definite objectives, research methodology used, data sources used, analysis and conclusion**.
4. There should be a **proper mention of the sources** for any Secondary Data used in the presentation. The last slide has to **list all the references** used in the research work.
5. **Registration and Submission of Abstracts (max. word limit 500 words)** between **October 17, 2023 (Monday) - November 05, 2023 (Sunday)**.
6. **Intimation of Selected Abstracts** for participation: **November 7, 2023 (Tuesday)**. The acceptance of the abstract shall be intimated through email to the registered participants by the organisers.
7. **Review meetings** regarding progress of the study:
  - i. Research Progress Presentation-I: **November 25, 2023**
  - ii. Research Progress Presentation-II: Third week of **January 2024** (tentatively)
  - iii. Research Progress Presentation-III: Third week of **March 2024** (tentatively)

**Note:** The mentor is expected to be present in the review meetings along with the students.
8. Students will present their **final findings using PPT/Poster** on the day of event.
9. **The College has a strict policy against plagiarism**. The final presentations will undergo a plagiarism-check before they are presented on April 22, 2023.
10. A maximum of **12 teams** will be selected for Final Presentation from those who have completed all the three review meetings and their progress is found satisfactory.
11. Each team will get **15 minutes** to make their presentation followed by interjections of **05 minutes** from students of the competing teams.

**Note:** No registrations and abstracts will be accepted after the due date. For any queries, email us at [ciks@sbs.du.ac.in](mailto:ciks@sbs.du.ac.in)