

ICHR Sponsored International Conference on

# Science, Technology, and Medicine in Modern South Asia

Knowledge Systems, Institutions, and  
Society in Historical Perspective



## CALL FOR PAPERS

2<sup>nd</sup> Circular

### CONCEPT NOTE

The proposed International Conference seeks to provide a critical and interdisciplinary platform to examine the historical trajectories of science, medicine, and technology in modern South Asia, with particular emphasis on their entanglements with knowledge systems, institutional formations, and broader social processes. By situating scientific and technological developments within their historical contexts, the Conference aims to move beyond linear and Eurocentric narratives, foregrounding instead the dynamic interactions between indigenous knowledge traditions, colonial interventions, and postcolonial state initiatives.

A central objective of the Conference is to address a set of key research questions: How did colonial knowledge regimes reshape indigenous epistemologies and institutional structures in South Asia? In what ways did local actors negotiate, appropriate, or resist colonial scientific and medical practices? How did medicine and public health policies intersect with social hierarchies such as caste, class, gender, and region? What were the mechanisms and networks through which scientific knowledge and technologies circulated across regions and communities? How have environmental concerns and developmental imperatives historically influenced scientific practices and technological choices? Finally, how did postcolonial science policy articulate the relationship between science, state, and society, and what continuities and departures can be identified from the colonial period?

### SUB-THEMES

- ◆ Colonial Knowledge Regimes and Scientific Institutions
- ◆ Medicine, Public Health, and Imperialism Circulation of Knowledge: Ideas, Materials, and Practices
- ◆ Science, Environment, and Development in South Asia
- ◆ Science Policy and Technological Development in Postcolonial South Asia
- ◆ Women and Science in colonial and Postcolonial South Asia
- ◆ Literature and Representation of Science, Medicine, and Technology
- ◆ Science, Nation making and the Power Question
- ◆ The unfinished question of Decoloniality in discussions of Science, Medicine and Technology
- ◆ Indian Intellectual Thought and the Science Question: Gandhi, Azad, and Tagore



Abstracts of 200 words are invited on any of these themes mentioned above.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- Conference Date : 17 & 18 July, 2026
- The last date of abstract submission : 10 July, 2026
- The last date of registration : 12 July, 2026
- Full paper submission : 16 July, 2026

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### PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Selected papers will be published in the Journal:  
**Exploring History (ISSN-2230-8490)**  
Website: [www.exploringhistory.in](http://www.exploringhistory.in)



### HYBRID MODE

### VENUE



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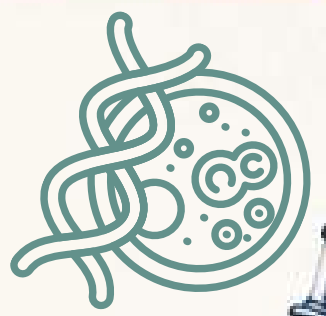
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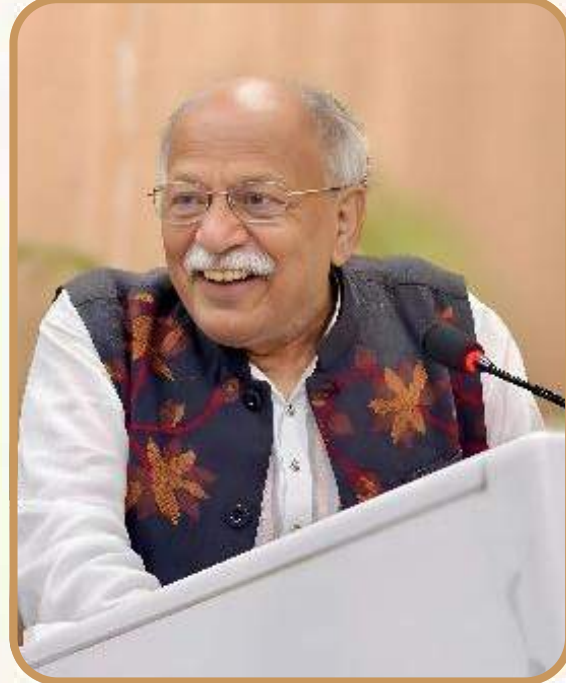


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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

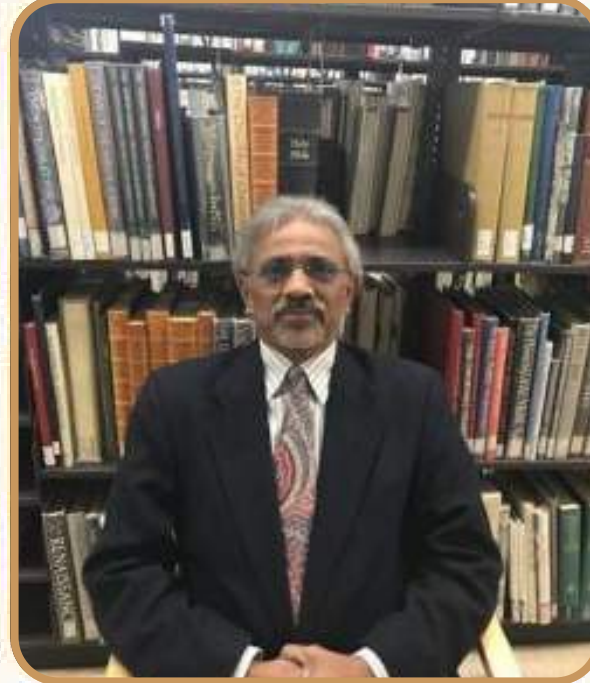


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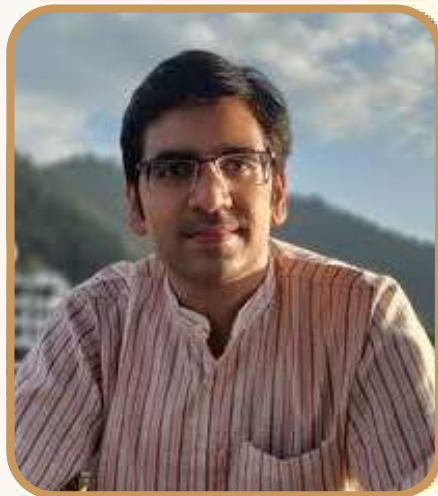
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