



SHRI VILE PARLE KELAVANI MANDAL'S

NARSEE MONJEE COLLEGE OF COMMERCE & ECONOMICS

(EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS)

*NAAC Re-accredited Grade A (CGPA : 3.42)

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Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre in association with Conference Committee

Organises

A SEMINAR ON

**Indian Knowledge Systems:
Exploring Ancient Wisdom and Modern Applications**

Date: 19th September, 2025

Time: 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Venue: 5th Floor Seminar Hall, New SBMP Bldg

Registration



ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics (Empowered Autonomous), established in 1964 under the visionary Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal (SVKM), stands as one of India's premier commerce institutions. Affiliated to the University of Mumbai, the college has a rich legacy of academic innovation, professional excellence, and social commitment. As a pioneering institution, NM College is recognized for its **adoption of the Assurance of Learning (AoL) Framework** across undergraduate programmes, ensuring that every student receives education aligned with global benchmarks and industry requirements. The curriculum is designed to offer a balance of theoretical grounding, practical exposure, and value-based education, preparing graduates for successful careers and leadership roles in today's dynamic business environment.

The college offers eight undergraduate programmes, three postgraduate courses, and is home to two Ph.D. research centres, addressing a broad spectrum of academic and professional aspirations. Reaccredited with an 'A' grade and a CGPA 3.42 by NAAC, NM College was granted autonomous status in 2019-20 by UGC and the University of Mumbai. More recently, it achieved **Empowered Autonomy for a ten-year period commencing in 2024-25, symbolizing continued trust in its quality and governance.**

NM College is consistently ranked **among the top commerce colleges in India**—6th by India Today 2025, 3rd by Education World 2025-26, and 8th by The Week 2025—and has been the top-ranked college in Mumbai and Maharashtra for multiple years. The college is renowned for large-scale and impactful initiatives like the World's Largest Financial Literacy Drive and Project Udaan, setting global records and empowering thousands of students.



ABOUT THE SEMINAR

This seminar, organized by the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in association with Conference Committee, focuses on the ethical dimensions of ***Darshanas* (Indian philosophical traditions) and polity, exploring their enduring relevance in shaping human values, governance structures, and societal well-being.**

In today's context of global challenges—ranging from ethical dilemmas in business practices to socio-economic sustainability—these insights have renewed relevance. The seminar emphasizes the need to incorporate IKS into contemporary curricula, enabling learners to connect philosophical depth with practical applications in diverse fields. Special focus will be placed on its relevance for commerce and economics, where **the interplay of ethics, governance, and market principles can offer robust alternatives to address issues such as corporate responsibility, equitable growth, and sustainable economic models.**

The discussions will particularly underscore the interlinkages of IKS with present-day commerce and economics, demonstrating how principles embedded in ancient texts—such as justice, duty, collective welfare, and sustainable resource management—can offer meaningful insights into modern business practices, corporate ethics, and economic models. By bringing together scholars, educators, practitioners, and students, this seminar aspires **to create a platform for dialogue that not only uncovers the historical depth of IKS but also connects it with research, contemporary academic and professional challenges**, thereby reaffirming its significance in building a more ethical, balanced, and sustainable society.



OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

By the conclusion of the seminar, at least 80% of participants will accurately identify and describe three foundational principles of Indian Knowledge Systems, linking them to current challenges in education and polity



Facilitate a minimum of two focused, interactive sessions during the seminar, each designed to connect IKS concepts to real-world applications



During the academic year, achieve the creation and documentation of at least two new research or academic collaborations



RESOURCE PERSONS



Dr. Kala Acharya

Session Topic: Ethics and Darshana Polity

Dr. Kala Acharya is a renowned scholar in Indian philosophy and Sanskrit literature. She has served as the Director of the K. J. Somaiya Bharatiya Sanskriti Peetham and has authored several research works on Indic traditions and cultural values.



Dr. Mandar Bhanushe

Session Topic: Need of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Curriculum

Dr. Mandar Bhanushe is Professor of Mathematics at University of Mumbai. A leader in open educational resources and blended learning, he actively integrates Indian Knowledge Systems into curriculum development.

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