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Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems

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IKS refers to **ancient wisdom developed through generations of community interaction with natural environments** — covering medicine, agriculture, water management, architecture, and ecology.

Key Initiatives

INITIATIVE	DETAILS
NEP 2020	Advocates integrating IKS with modern curricula; multidisciplinary approach
TKDL (Traditional Knowledge Digital Library)	Documents over 4,50,000 formulations from Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Yoga; prevents biopiracy by prior-art evidence
Gyan Bharatam Mission (2025)	Creates unified digital repository of India’s cultural heritage — manuscripts, palm leaves, inscriptions

Significance for UPSC

- **GS1:** Indian heritage, art, and culture; traditional knowledge systems
- **GS2:** Education policy, NEP 2020 integration
- **GS3:** Traditional agricultural knowledge, sustainable practices
- **Interview:** “How can India protect its traditional knowledge from biopiracy while also commercialising it for global markets?”

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