



Gujarat Technological University

DHAROHAR- GTU CENTRE FOR INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM (GCIKS)

As per point no. 11.1 (**Towards a More Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education**) under part II (Higher Education) of **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, Ancient Indian literary works such as Banabhatta's Kadambari described a good education as knowledge of the **64 Kalaas or arts**; and among these 64 'arts' were not only subjects, such as singing and painting, but also '**scientific**' fields, such as chemistry and mathematics, '**vocational**' fields such as carpentry and clothes-making, '**professional**' fields, such as medicine and engineering, as well as '**soft skills**' such as communication, discussion, and debate. The very idea that all branches of creative human endeavour, including mathematics, science, vocational subjects, professional subjects, and soft skills should be considered 'arts', has distinctly **Indian origins**. *This notion of a 'knowledge of many arts' or what in modern times is often called the 'liberal arts' (i.e., a liberal notion of the arts) must be brought back to Indian education, as it is exactly the kind of education that will be required for the 21st century.*

To initiate the courses/programs related to Indian culture, Indian philosophy, Indian thoughts, Indian ideology, Ancient Indian Knowledge, Modern Indian Cultural Philosophy etc., university has established '**DHAROHAR - GTU CENTRE FOR INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM (GCIKS)**'.

Proposed Objectives:

1. To spread awareness about Indian Knowledge among young generation.
2. To inculcate values and skills among students for Indian knowledge reservoir.
3. To initiate the courses/programs in line with the more holistic approach as per NEP 2020.
4. To help in preserving traditional art, culture, knowledge and skills of Indian origin.
5. To generate interest towards Indian Ethos for enhancing the acceptance of Indian Knowledge System at global level.
6. To provide solutions/alternative to the world on the basis of Indian knowledge System.
