Advancing Open Science In India Through Student-Led Initiative

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Open science aims to make scholarly research and its resources more accessible but participation in the open science discourse and practices remain uneven across regions. In India, barriers such as limited awareness of repositories, concerns about others misusing shared resources and a perceived lack of importance of data and publication sharing can hinder engagement (Scaria and Ray, 2018).

While top-down policies are important, lasting change also requires awareness, conviction, and cultural shifts within research communities. This is where our student-led initiative KHOJ aims to bring together students and early career researchers across India to discover resources, develop practical open science skills, exchange ideas, and discuss local challenges.

We created KHOJ because, while open science resources exist, many students and early-career researchers still struggle to discover, navigate and use them.

KHOJ is a student-led community dedicated to open science knowledge exchange.

We bring together students and researchers to explore resources, discuss research, collaborate, learn from one another, connect and thrive.



JOURNAL CLUBS

Read, discuss, and critically engage with research.
Live streamed, so everone can engage via chat in real time.



SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

Discover new tools, and explore open science practices.
Talks and hands-on sessions to learn, explore, and develop practical skills.



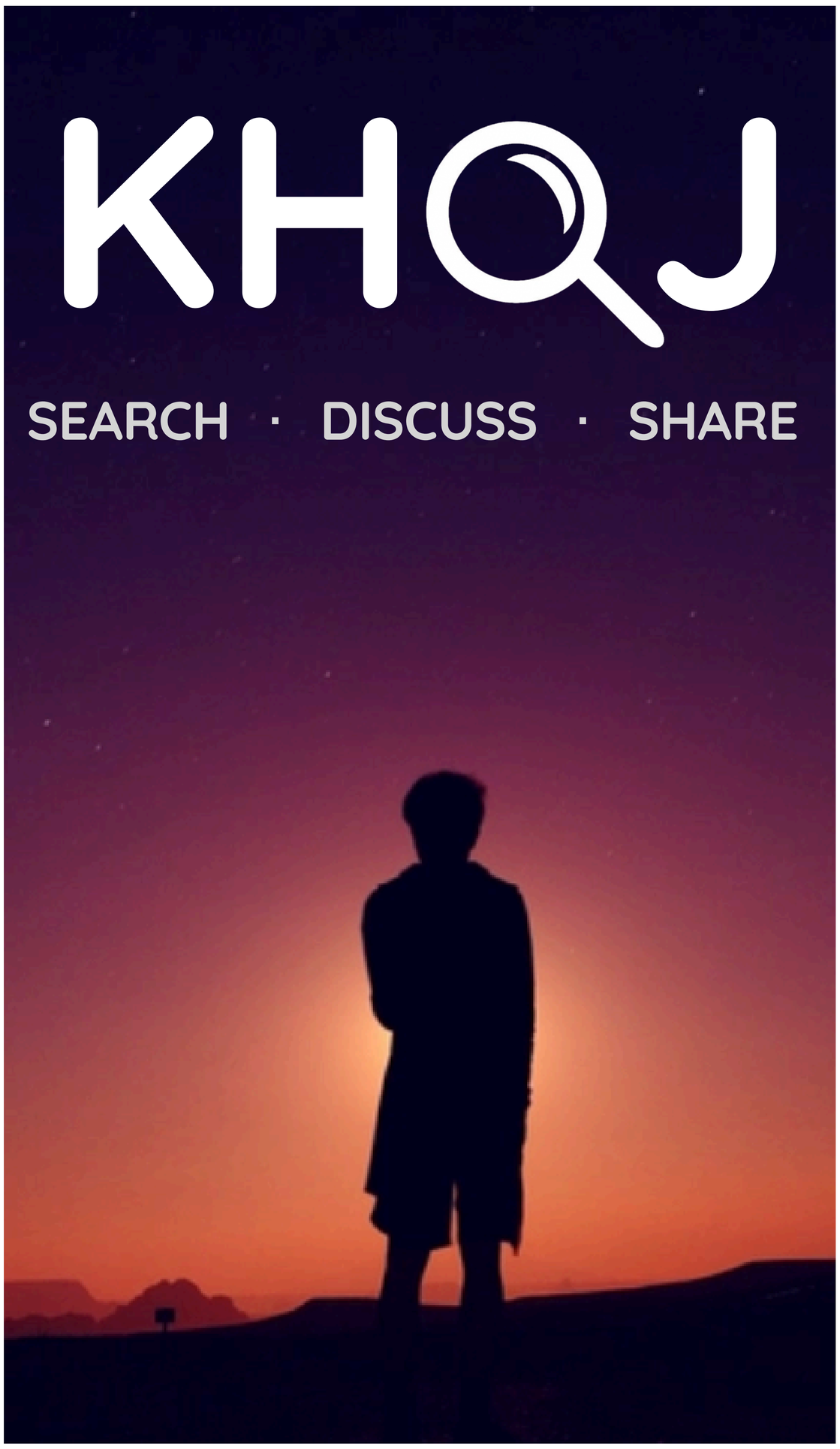
CHAI MEETS

Informal conversations to share ideas, experiences, and questions.
Conducted on Google Meet to share ideas, experiences, and questions.

roadmap and theme for 2026-27

“WHO GETS TO SHAPE RESEARCH IN INDIA?”

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	APRIL	MAY
Journal Discussion + Bi-monthly chai meet	Journal Discussion + Bi-monthly chai meet	Journal Discussion + Bi-monthly chai meet	Journal Discussion + Bi-monthly chai meet	Journal Discussion + Bi-monthly chai meet	Journal Discussion + Bi-monthly chai meet	Workshop/ Seminar + Bi-monthly chai meet	Evaluation of the year



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