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**THE SEVENTY EIGHTH SESSION**  
**JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA, 28-30 DECEMBER 2017**  
**SECOND CIRCULAR**

Dear Colleague,

I trust you are in receipt of my first circular dated 25 July and the Local Secretary's Circular put on our website in October. I am happy to inform you that the preparations for the 78th session at the Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 28-30 December 2017 are in full swing.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION**

**The inaugural address will be delivered by the hon'ble Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal.**

- Professor Krishna Mohan Shrimali will take over as the *General President* of the session and deliver his address at the inaugural session.
- The *Sectional Presidents* are Prof. Shankar Goyal (Ancient India); Prof. Sunil Kumar (Medieval India); Prof. Bhojanandan Prasad Singh (Modern India); Prof. Rashmi Doraiswamy (Countries other than India); Prof. Laxman S. Thakur (Archaeology); and Mr. Rajmohan Gandhi (Contemporary India).
- Prof. Indu Banga will deliver the **S.C. Misra Memorial Lecture** on 28 December 2017
- The IHC Symposium will be on '**Literature and Life—Historical Perspective**', 29 December 2017. Speakers: Prof. Romila Thapar, Prof Irfan Habib and Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya.

**There will be special panels held alongside the session of the Indian History Congress which all members of History Congress can attend.**

- Seminar on '**India and Iran, the Historical Relationship**', Aligarh Historians Society 29-30 December.
- '**The Partition of India': Revisiting after 70 years**', Nataji Institute for Asian Studies, Social Science Research Institute, Government of West Bengal and Jadavpur University, 29 December.
- '**Secularism and Political Culture in Modern Bengal**', Institute of Development Studies. Date to be notified.
- '**Dalit History and Politics**', organizers: Dr Y.C. Rao and Professor Raj Sekhar Basu. Date to be notified.
- '**Environment and Empire**', Department of History, Jadavpur University, 28 December.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**

1. **Last date for receipt of Delegate Fee:** The last date for the receipt of delegate fee is **30 November 2017**. If Delegate Fee is not received by that date, *no assurance regarding accommodation can be given*. Those who send the delegate fee earlier are likely to get

better accommodation.

2. *Delegate Fee Remittance*: The delegate fee is Rs1200/= to be paid either by Demand Draft or Multi-City Cheque drawn in favour of **Indian History Congress, Jadavpur University, Kolkata**, payable at Jadavpur, Kolkata. The **Multicity Cheque or Demand Draft (in favour of 'Indian History Congress, Kolkata')**, along with **Delegate Form** may be sent to the Local Secretary, Indian History Congress, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 700032, Emails: <subhasis30@yahoo.com> & indianhistorycongress2017.ju@gmail.com> Mobile: 9674184485. In case of remittance by draft, it should be made **payable at Kolkata. Please don't forget to mention your name and membership no. on the backside of Cheque /DD.**

For any inquiry regarding delegate fee kindly contact the Local Secretary on his cell number or e-mail ID given above.

3. *Reception*: The Reception Countre at the Jadavpur University will be active from the morning of 27 December 2017 till forenoon on 28 December, 2017

Delegates are requested to look for volunteers with IHC badges at Howrah and Sealdah railway stations/Airport from 27th morning to forenoon of 28th December, at or near the main exits. Those who miss the help desk at the railway station or Airport for any reason may please ring up **Mobile No. 9349328437**, if they face any problem.

**Important Points and Last Dates to note:**

Renewal of Annual Membership	27 November 2017
Submission of paper	30 November 2017
Submission of Delegate fee (Rs.1500)	30 November 2017 { <b>Along with the Delegate Form</b> }

**Note:** Accommodation cannot be assured for delegates who have not paid Delegate fee by 30 November, 2017 though the Local Secretary will try his best to provide accommodation.

1. **Only members** of the Indian History Congress can become delegates to the 78th session of the IHC, and **only those who are already annual members** can become life members.
2. Accommodation in Kolkata will be provided *from* the afternoon of 27th to the morning of 31 December 2017. Delegates should ensure that they check out latest by 11 am on 31st December 2017.
3. Accommodation will be provided only to the members of the IHC and not to any accompanying non-member.
4. Meals will be served at the IHC venue, starting with dinner on 27th December 2017, and ending with breakfast on 31st December 2017.
5. Transport from the delegates' accommodation to the venue of the IHC and back will be provided in the morning, and in the evening after dinner.

The details of membership fees are given in the **First Circular**, which may be seen on our Website: <http://www.indianhistorycongress.com>

Those who remit their initial /renewal fees after the stated last date can still attend and present papers at the 78th session, but will not be eligible to vote or attend the Business Meeting.

### **Submission of Paper:**

**If your paper (one soft and one hard copy) is not received by 30 November, 2017 it will not be possible to include it in the *List of Papers*, and you may only be able to make a very brief presentation on the last day provided the presentation of listed papers is over and there is still time left for papers outside the list. It you have only sent soft copies, please *post one hard copy without fail*, otherwise you may not be able to present the paper.**

Please submit your papers by e-mail to both <[ihc.secretary15@gmail.com](mailto:ihc.secretary15@gmail.com)> and <[incpub.ihc@gmail.com](mailto:incpub.ihc@gmail.com)> The hard copy should be posted to Secretary, **Indian History Congress, Zahra Cottage, 4/80-J, Kabir Colony, Anoopshahr Road, Aligarh-202002.** Should you wish your paper to be considered for any of the prizes, please see the following details.

### **Prizes for Papers:**

There are a number of prizes for **the best papers** submitted at the Indian History Congress session in a particular section or field by members who are not above the age of **45 years** on the last date for the receipt of papers submitted for the prize (30 November 2017) **along with proof of age** (e.g. copy of Aadhaar Card or PAN Card or Passport page or High School Certificate). Please note, however, that **there is no age-bar for Prize No.8 below:**

1. **Professor Vijay Kumar Thakur Memorial Prize, Rs. 10,000** for the best paper submitted for Section I (Ancient India).
2. **Professor J.S. Grewal Prize, Rs. 10,000** for the best paper submitted for Section II (Medieval India).
- 3&4. **Professor Partha Sarathi Gupta Memorial Prize, Rs. 10,000** and **Professor J. C. Jha Memorial Prize, Rs. 10,000** for the best two papers submitted for Section III (Modern India) and IV. (Countries other than India).
5. **Professor Sudhir Ranjan Das Memorial Prize, Rs. 10,000** for the best paper submitted for Section V(Archaeology).
6. **Professor Papiya Ghosh Memorial Prize, Rs. 15,000** for the best paper submitted for Section VI (Contemporary India)
7. **Professor B. B. Chaudhuri Prize, Rs. 10,000** for the best paper submitted on Economic and Social History of India (Ancient, Medieval and Modern).
8. **Dr. I.G. Khan Memorial Prize, Rs. 15,000** for the best paper submitted on History of Science and Technology (No age bar).
9. **Dr Nasreen Ahmad Memorial Prize, Rs. 7,500** for the best paper on Gender History.
10. **Professor O.P. Jaiswal Prize, Rs. 7,500** for the best paper submitted on Indian National Movement.
11. **Dr. Gyaneshwari Devi Memorial Prize, Rs. 7,500** for the best paper based on Archival / Epigraphic data.

**A member who wishes his or her paper to be considered for any of the prizes above is requested simply to indicate on it the award/s for which it is to be considered along with the age proof document.**

**The announcement and award of prizes on papers submitted at the 78th session will be made at the 79th session.**

**In addition:-**

**The M. Athar Ali Memorial Prize, Rs. 20,000** will be awarded for the best paper submitted at the 79th session. There is no age-bar, and no application should be made. The announcement of the paper selected for the prize will be made at the 79th session.

### **PRIZES FOR BOOKS**

The following prizes are to be awarded at this (78th session) for books published during the periods indicated against them. Authors should in all cases be resident citizens of India.

1. **H.K. Barpujari National Award**, Rs. 50,000 for the best book on any period of Indian history, 2015 and 2016
2. **Hira Lal Gupta Research Award**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book by a woman historian on any period of Indian history, 2012 to 2016
3. **Mohammad Habib Memorial Prize**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on medieval Indian history, 2013 to 2016
4. **Savitri Chandra Shobha Memorial Prize**, Rs. 20,000 for the best book on history of Indian literature and culture, 2011 to 2016
5. **Braj Dev Prasad Memorial Prize**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on ancient Indian history, 2013 to 2016
6. **Sneh Mahajan Award**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on modern Indian history, 2013 to 2016

**Note:** Members and Publishers are invited to propose books for consideration for the above prizes by sending a copy of the book to the Secretary, Indian History Congress, Room No.33 1st Floor, Department of History, AMU, Aligarh, 202002 by 30 November 2017.

I look forward to meeting you at our session at the Jadavpur University Kolkata

Warm regards,

**Date 19 November 2017**

Yours sincerely,



**(Professor Ishrat Alam)  
Secretary**

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