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## EIGHTIETH SESSION Kannur University, Kerala 28-30 DECEMBER 2019 FIRST CIRCULAR

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Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform you that the 80th session of the Indian History Congress is scheduled to be held from 28th to 30th December, 2019, at the Kannur University, Kannur (Kerala). I trust all our members (and those who are now applying for membership) will be able to make their travel arrangements well in time upon receipt of this circular, which has also been put up on our website: <http://www.indianhistorycongress.com>.

Professor R. Gopinath, the Vice-Chancellor Kannur University and Local Secretary of the 80th Session will be writing to you soon regarding the arrangements at Kannur and the Delegate fee.

The following will be the General President, Sectional Presidents, Office-bearers and Members of the Executive Committee at the 80th session

**General President** : Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi (Kolkata) will take over from Professor Irfan Habib, officiating General President

### Sectional Presidents

I. Ancient India	:	Professor Suchandra Ghosh (Kolkata)
II. Medieval India	:	Professor Farhat Hasan (Delhi)
III. Modern India	:	Professor M.D. David (Mumbai)
IV. Countries Other than India	:	Professor B.R. Deepak (Delhi)
V. Archaeology	:	Dr. V. Selvakumar (Thanjavur)
VI. Contemporary India	:	Professor Zoya Hasan (Delhi)

### Office-Bearers

Vice-Presidents	:	Professor Irfan Habib (Aligarh) Professor K. M. Shrimali (Delhi)
Secretary	:	Professor Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan (Delhi)
Treasurer	:	Dr. Burton Cleetus (Delhi)
Joint Secretaries	:	Professor Jogendra Prasad Rai (Dumka) Dr. Bodh Prakash (Delhi) [In-charge, Permanent Office]

### Members of the Executive Committee

1. Professor Ishrat Alam (Aligarh)	2. Professor Ajay Kumar Ghosh (Bhopal)
3. Professor Ravindran Gopinath (Kannur)	4. Professor S.Z.H. Jafri (Delhi)
5. Professor Anuradha Jaiswal (Muzaffarpur)	6. Professor G.T. Kulkarni (Pune)
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9. Professor Ruby Maloni (Mumbai)	10. Professor Shireen Moosvi (Aligarh)
11. Professor Mridula Mukherjee (Delhi)	12. Professor Hitendra Patel (Kolkata)
13. Professor S.N.R. Rizvi (Gorakhpur)	14. Professor Dayanand Roy (Muzaffarpur)
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17. Professor Sudhir Kumar Singh (Itanagar)	18. Professor C.P.N. Sinha (Muzaffarpur)
19. Professor G.J. Sudhakar (Chennai)	20. Professor K. L. Tuteja (Kurukshetra)

Please find below the requisite information for members and applicants for membership who wish to attend the 80th Session.

## RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Only those who are members of the Indian History Congress can become delegates at the session. If you have already enrolled yourself as a member for any previous session of the Indian History Congress, your Membership Number should be in the address slip pasted on the copy of this Circular; a list indicating membership numbers will be attached along with the First Circular on e-mail. **It is essential that while sending us your renewal remittance you should mention this membership number along with your name.** For membership renewal, please ignore the Enrolment Application Form enclosed with this circular, and just remit Rs. 250/- by Demand Draft, drawn in favour of ‘**Indian History Congress**’ (Draft made payable at New Delhi). The draft should be sent to **Dr Burton Cleetus, Treasurer, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi - 110067.** We regret that *money orders and cheques cannot be accepted.*

If you know of any member who has not received this circular because his or her address has changed, or for any other reason, please ask the member concerned to remit the renewal fee, while giving the correct present address. Members may also convey their personal e-mail IDs to <secretary.ihc.2018@gmail.com> or on the updation link provided on the website <http://www.indianhistorycongress.com/> for instant transmission of information concerning Indian History Congress. The last date for receipt of renewal fee for entitlement to voting rights at the 80th session is **30th November 2019.**

In case of delay in submission of membership fee, the member can, however, still be a delegate and participate in the academic proceedings of the session.

**We urge upon you to invite your colleagues to become members of the Indian History Congress and for this purpose to pass on to them the enclosed Enrolment Application Form, which can also be photocopied or downloaded from our website, to fill in the particulars and apply for initial membership.** The requirements for initial membership are given below.

## INITIAL MEMBERSHIP

Anyone wishing to enroll as an ordinary member for the first time has to fill the Enrolment Application Form. Kindly provide all the information and documentary requirements, including provision of photograph and documentary evidence of degree, etc. **The initial membership fee is Rs. 300,** which should be remitted exactly in the manner indicated in the application form.

The Demand Draft for the fee (**Rs. 300**) should be drawn in favour of ‘**Indian History Congress**’, (Draft made payable at New Delhi) and sent to Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan, Secretary, **Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi - 110067.** The last date for receipt of Enrolment Application Form and membership fee remittance for initial members for the 80th session is **30 October, 2019.**

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

**An ordinary member who wishes to become a Life Member may also use the same Enrolment Application Form.**

The Life Membership fee is **Rs. 5,000,** payable in one sum for the entire lifetime. The Application Form with a **Demand Draft for Rs. 5,000** in favour of the ‘**Indian History Congress**’ (the **Draft** made payable at New Delhi) may please be sent to **Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan, Secretary, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi - 110067.** *The present ordinary membership number should be clearly mentioned.*

## INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Academic institutions can become members, or renew their membership on payment of **Rs. 1200/-** for the annual session. They may depute a representative to participate in the session and receive the Proceedings volume. Such institutions as are not yet members are invited to write to the Treasurer for details. Any official or person duly authorized by the institution can apply on its behalf by using the enclosed form, and dispatching the amount of membership fee by **Demand Draft** drawn in favour of ‘**Indian History Congress**’ (the **Draft** made payable at New Delhi) to **Dr Burton Cleetus, Treasurer, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi - 110067.**

## LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are happy to announce that the Vice Chancellor of the Kannur University Prof. Ravindran Gopinath, a distinguished historian himself, will be the Local Secretary for hosting the 80th session of IHC (**Email: [ihckannur2019@gmail.com](mailto:ihckannur2019@gmail.com)**). The delegate fee (for local hospitality, covering accommodation and meals) for this session will be conveyed by him. The Local Secretary will issue a circular providing details with regard to local hospitality and accommodation, and let members know how the delegate fee is to be paid.

## PAPERS FOR THE SESSION

There are six sections in the annual session of the Indian History Congress, where papers will be presented simultaneously: I. Ancient India, II. Medieval India, III. Modern India, IV. History of Countries other than India, V. Archaeology, VI. Contemporary India.

Note: ‘Contemporary India’ is expected to cover the period since 1947

**Every copy of the paper submitted for presentation at the 80th session, should bear the full names of the author/ authors, membership number and e- mail ID, and place of work/ residence at the top of the first page, along with the Section at which the member wishes to present the paper. Members are requested to submit their papers to the Secretary by 30 November,**

**2019.** Papers received later cannot be included in the List of Papers of the session. **Papers received till 30 November will get precedence and will be accommodated on the first two days of the session. Papers received after the last date fixed will be listed separately and will only be accommodated on the last day, if possible.** More than one paper by a member would not be admissible in the same Section.

The following additional points should be borne in mind, while submitting papers:

1. **Paper (one hard copy)** written in English only should be sent to Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan, Secretary, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110067. Additionally, a copy in **WORD** file must be sent to <secretary.ihc.2018@gmail.com> as well as to Professor Shireen Moosvi, In-charge (Publications, IHC), at <incpub.ihc@gmail.com>. The text of the paper must be word-processed, double-spaced, with references to be similarly spaced and put at the end of the paper. **Please do not send the paper in PDF format.**

2. **Word limit: 3500 words (including endnotes). Any paper exceeding this limit will not be eligible for inclusion in the Proceedings.**

3. References should be numbered continuously through the whole paper (not per page)

4. In references to printed books, the conventional system should be used: Name of the author, Title of the book, Publisher, and the Place and Year of publication, in that order. Well-known abbreviations for journals, e.g., JIH, JASB, JRAS, EI, IHR, IESHR, JESHO, should be used without further explanation of the abbreviation. Use of forms like 'ibid.', 'op. cit.', is recommended for saving space in the Notes.

5. Transliteration should be uniform and according to any one of the standard systems. Diacritical marks should be provided in papers for Sections I and II.

6. If maps, diagrams, and photographs are furnished, these should be limited in number, and be in such form as to be ready for printing.

**Note:** A printed **List of Papers** will be made available to delegates at the session. While every attempt will be made to include in the printed volume of Proceedings all papers recommended for publication by the Sectional Presidents and referees, problems of space may limit the selection, as well as editing and reduction in length of individual papers. Members are requested to kindly bear with this.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Our members would be happy to know that the **Proceedings of the Indian History Congress** is included in the list of approved journals of History notified by the **University Grants Commission**. Papers published in the PIHC will carry 25 points in API score.

Members are reminded that past PIHC volumes are available in the JSTOR archive, and can be consulted online at <https://www.jstor.org/journal/procindihistcong>.

#### PRIZES FOR BEST PAPERS

There are a number of prizes for the best papers submitted at the Indian History Congress session in particular sections or fields of history by members who are not above the age of **45 years**, on the last date for the receipt of papers submitted for the prizes (30 November 2019). So, proof of age (e.g. copy of Aadhaar Card or PAN Card or Passport page or High School Certificate) is required to be attached to the papers submitted. 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. **Professor Partha Sarathi Gupta Memorial Prize**, Rs. 10,000, for the best paper submitted for Section III (Modern India) and Section IV (Countries other than India).
4. **Professor J. C. Jha Memorial Prize**, Rs. 10,000, for the best paper submitted for Section III (Modern India) and Section 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 the 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 the submitted paper, next to the title, the award/s for which it is to be considered and attach with it the age proof document (the latter is not required for Award No. 8).

The announcement and conferment of prizes on papers submitted at the 79th session will be made at the 80th session.

**Professor M. Athar Ali Memorial Prize**, Rs. 20,000, will be awarded at the forthcoming session for the best paper submitted at the 78th session. There is no age-bar, and no application should be made.

### PRIZES FOR BOOKS

The following prizes are to be awarded at this (80th session) for books published during the periods indicated against them. Authors should in all cases be resident citizens of India.

Members or Publishers who wish any books to be considered are requested to send a copy of the book to Dr. Bodh Prakash, In-charge, Permanent Office, IHC, Room – 306, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi- 110067 by 15 November 2019.

1. **H.K. Barpujari National Award**, Rs. 50,000 for the best book on any period of Indian history, 2017 and 2018.
2. **Hira Lal Gupta Research Award**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book by a woman historian on any period of Indian history, 2014 to 2018.
3. **Mohammad Habib Memorial Prize**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on medieval Indian history, 2015 to 2018.
4. **Savitri Chandra Shobha Memorial Prize**, Rs. 20,000 for the best book on history of Indian literature and culture, 2013 to 2018.
5. **Braj Dev Prasad Memorial Prize**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on ancient Indian history, 2015 to 2018.
6. **Sneh Mahajan Award**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on modern Indian history, 2015 to 2018.

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. 306, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - 110067 before 15 November 2019.

### PROCEEDINGS VOLUME

It is expected that the printed volume of the Proceedings of the 79th session (Barkatullah University, Bhopal) will be ready (both in the form of a printed copy and CD) for free distribution among members such as were on rolls at the 79th session) at the forthcoming (80th) session at the Kannur University, Kerala. Any member who did not attend the 79th session but had renewed her membership for the year, can obtain a copy of the Proceedings by sending Rs. 250/- for postal and handling charges, or collect it at Kannur during the session. Any query about Proceedings volumes of any of the past sessions, which a member has not been able to obtain, may be sent to Dr. Bodh Prakash, Joint Secretary Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS- III, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi – 110067. You may alternatively send an email to: queries.ihc2018@gmail.com

The Indian History Congress is the major professional organization of Indian historians which has for the last eighty-four years consistently stood for the furtherance of rational and scientific enquiry, and promoted the professional interests of historians as teachers and researchers. Its success in pursuit of these objectives depends entirely on your support for this organization and its cause.

Looking forward to meet you at Kannur.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan) Secretary

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