Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are in receipt of my first circular dated 31st July 2019, and the Local Secretary’s circular put up on our website earlier this month. I am happy to inform you that the preparations for the 80th session at the Kannur University, Kannur, Kerala, 28-30 December, 2019 are in full swing.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION

- Professor A. K. Bagchi (Kolkata) will take over from Professor Irfan Habib, officiating General President as the General President of the session and deliver his address at the inaugural session.
- The Sectional Presidents are: Professor Suchandra Ghosh, Kolkata (Ancient India); Professor Farhat Hasan, Delhi (Medieval India); Professor M.D. David, Mumbai (Modern India); Professor B.R. Deepak, Delhi, (Countries Other than India); Dr. V. Selvakumar, Thanjavur (Archaeology); and Professor Zoya Hasan, Delhi (Contemporary India).
- Shri N. Ram will deliver the Professor S.C. Misra Memorial Lecture on 28 December, 2019, scheduled at 6 pm.
- The IHC Symposium on 'Heterodoxy in the Indian Tradition', will be held on 29 December, 2019, at 6 pm. Prof. K.M. Shrimali, Prof. Irfan Habib and Prof. Sugata Bose will be the distinguished speakers.
- Special panels are being organized on the following themes:
  - ‘Women in India: Reconstructing Women’s History’ [Aligarh Historians Society]
  - ‘Dalit Intellectual History’
  - ‘History of Kerala’
  - ‘Change and Continuity in Religious Traditions of South Asia’

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. **Last date for receipt of Delegate Fee**: The last date for the receipt of delegate fee (Rs 3,500) is 1st December, 2019 by DD, and 20/12/2019 by online payment. Delegates are requested not to delay payments of delegate fee beyond the last date because accommodation will be arranged on the basis of the delegate fees already received. If any delegate, despite this plea, arrives at the venue without payment of delegate fee in time, he or she will have to find accommodation on his or her own, while paying us Rs. 1500/- for the kit and meals. Alternatively, the member can pay Rs.5000/- as delayed delegate fee, provided we can find accommodation, without guaranteeing it.

2. **Delegate Fee Remittance**: Delegate fee of Rs. 3500/- can be paid via the online registration cum payment link [https://forms.gle/gZTQif6veRrf8oDU6](https://forms.gle/gZTQif6veRrf8oDU6) (credit card, debit card, RTGS, NEFT, Paytm) or by Demand Draft. If any delegate would prefer to make his or her own arrangements for accommodation, and only requires the kit and the food facilities, the payment will be Rs. 1500/-, as stated above. All payments must be in the name of “Local Treasurer” payable at SBI, Fort Road Branch, Kannur-1, if you are paying by Demand Draft: you can fill the online form and insert your Demand Draft details, and send the DD to the address given below with your membership no., full name, and other details. Or, you may fill in the form sent with the Local Secretary’s circular and
Please do not forget to mention your name, mobile number, and membership number at the back of the DD. The Local Secretary will NOT accept cheque payments of any kind, including multi-city cheques. We also strongly recommend the online payment option.

The confirmation of the payment of the delegate fee must reach the Local Secretary not later than 28 November 2019.

3. Reception: The Reception Desk in the Kannur University campus, Thavakkara, Kannur, Kerala, will be active from the morning of 27th December, 2019, to 28th December afternoon. The Help Desk at Kannur Railway Station and Kannur Airport will be active from December 27th morning to 28th afternoon. While transport will not be provided to the University, the volunteers will be at the Station and Airport to help arrange for transport.

Important Points and Last Dates to note

Please pay the membership fees, the details of which are given in the First Circular, and which may be seen on the website: http://www.indianhistorycongress.com/ Those who remit their renewal fees after the stated last date (30 November 2019) can still attend and present papers at the 80th session, but will not be eligible to vote or attend the Business Meeting.

1. Please pay the delegate fee of Rs.3,500/- before 1 December, 2019 by DD, and 20/12/2019 by online payment. It may not be possible to provide accommodation if the delegate fee is not paid in time.
2. Online option of payment of delegate fee is recommended.
3. The registration form can be found at https://forms.gle/gZTQf6eveRrf8oDU6
4. Cheque payments of any kind (incl. multi-city cheques) will NOT be accepted.
5. Accommodation in Kannur will be provided from noon on 27 December 2019 to 11.00 a.m. on 31 December 2019.
6. Meals will be served at the venue starting with dinner of 27 December 2019 till breakfast on 31 December 2019.
7. Transport will be provided from the place of accommodation to the venue ONLY in the morning and after dinner. For further information or assistance, please feel free to contact the IHC Kannur team at the email address ihc2019kannur@gmail.com

Submission of Paper:

If your paper (one soft and one hard copy) is not received by 30 November, 2019, 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. If 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 <secretary.ihc.2018@gmail.com> and <incpub.ihc@gmail.com>. The hard copy should be posted to Secretary, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi – 110067, by 30 November 2019.

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 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 prize (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 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 80th session will be made at the 81st session.

In addition:

The M. Athar Ali Memorial Prize of Rs. 20,000 will be awarded for the best paper submitted at the 80th 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 82nd session.

I look forward to meeting you at Kannur.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan)
Secretary

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