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Dear Colleague,

I am most happy to invite you, on behalf of the Indian History Congress, to our 80th session at Kannur University, Kannur, Kerala, from 28-30 December this year.

I must at the outset place on record that Kannur University is most grateful to the government of Kerala for agreeing to support the holding of the 80th annual session of the Indian History Congress despite the financial stringency faced by the state in the wake of last year's devastating floods. Today, when the institutional state support for the writing of scientific and critical professional history has been greatly curtailed, Kerala's enthusiastic support has come as a life saver for the continuation of the Indian History Congress that was founded as far back as 1935.

We are most happy that Kannur University has once again extended its invitation to hold our session under its auspices, after having done so in 2008. Kannur University which came into being by act of the State Legislature in 1996 to cater to the higher education needs of northern Kerala has campuses and affiliated colleges in the districts of Kannur and Kasaragod and the Mananthawadi *taluk* of Wayanad district. This year's session will be held at Kannur town with the objective to facilitate greater interaction between the visiting scholars and the public.

Kannur - A Peep into its History

Located in northern Kerala, Kannur (called Cannanore by the British) is a quiet coastal town with a very rich historical heritage. As early as the first century C.E. we find a reference to Kannur, identified as *Naura*, in the Graeco-Roman *Periplus of Erythraean Sea*. Subsequently, the area around present day Kannur came to be controlled by the *Kolattiri* Rajas with maritime trade links to Arabia and Persia. Soon after Vasco da Gama landed in Calicut, the Portuguese built a fort in Kannur -- Fort St. Angelo in Kannur. With the changing fortunes of the different European companies, the fort was controlled later by the Dutch, the local *Arakkal* rulers, and then by the English. After the English victory over Tipu Sultan in the Third Anglo-Mysore War, Kannur along with Malabar came

under English East India Company control, first as part of Bombay and then as a district of the Madras Presidency.

Kannur is known for the protracted opposition to the English in the early nineteenth century under Pazhassi Raja. Later, since the beginning of the twentieth century, the national movement first under the Congress and then under Left took strong roots. Kannur also saw the growth of powerful militant agrarian movements and working class consolidation towards the end of the British rule in India. The late E.M.S. Namboodiripad, veteran Communist leader and public intellectual has remarked, "It will not be a big exaggeration to say that seeds of left, Congress and Congress Socialist movements were sown at Kannur jail and that too by Thivari." The reference here is to Kamal Nath Thiwari, a revolutionary from Champaran, who was imprisoned here. Movements for social equality, started by Sree Narayana Guru, Ayyankali and Vagbhatananda struck firm roots in this northern region of Kerala.

Ranging from pre-historic sites, to early European forts and Factories, to efficiently functioning cooperative institutions and memorials to those who died fighting for the downtrodden, there is much to see and learn from in Kannur.

Geography and Climate

Kannur is a coastal town on the Arabian Sea with long sandy beaches. During the month of December the weather in Kannur is likely to be in the range of 32^o c to 22^o c

Venue

Venue of the conference is Kannur University campus, Thavakkara, Kannur. Kannur is well connected by air, road and rail from all parts of the country. Kannur International Airport, located around 25 km from the town, has direct flights from Delhi, Mumbai, Goa, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Cochin and Thiruvananthapuram. The railway station and bus terminal are located very close to the IHC venue. Please do book your flight/ rail tickets at the earliest, as December is peak tourist season.

Reception and Registration

The reception counter at the University campus will function from the morning of 27th December 2019 till 28th December 2019. Our volunteers shall receive the delegates at the Railway station/ airport. Registration will be done at the University campus Kannur from 27th morning. At the registration counters preference will be given to those delegates who have already sent delegate fee and submitted the online delegate form.

Registration Fees and Payment Modes:

Keeping in mind the cost of conducting the conference the Organising Committee has decided on the following differential Registration Fee structure:

Delegate Fee (with board and lodging)	Rs 3,500/-
Delegate Fee (without lodging)	Rs 1,500/-
Concessional Student Delegate Fee (With lodging-dormitory type)	Rs 1,500/-
Concessional Student Delegate Fee (Without lodging)	Rs 500/-

Accommodation

We are trying our best to accommodate the delegates in various guest houses hotels and dormitories. Accommodation will be provided from 27th morning to 31st morning. Accommodation cannot be assured to delegates who have not paid their delegate fee and the accompanying duly filled proforma by the last date. Delegates are requested not to bring children or families as far as possible with them. We will find it difficult to arrange accommodation for those accompanying members (Non Member delegates) who do not give us the mandatory information and fee by the said date.

Transportation

Transportation will be arranged to the delegates from different destination to the university campus from 27th morning to 28th afternoon. Transport to and from the accommodation centres to the campus will be provided in the morning and evening after dinner.

The Delegate fee may be paid either through the online Payment Gateway or DD. The last date for receiving online payment is 20/12/2019, and by DD is 01/12/2019. Payment by Demand Draft may be made to “Local Treasurer” (Payable at SBI fort road Branch, Kannur 1) till 1 December 2019. Please quote your Membership No. when paying the Delegate Fee. All participants will have to register online. Without online registration, board and lodging cannot be provided. There is no provision to accommodate accompanying family members.

Online Registration Form:

The delegate Registration form can be accessed from the below link. The details regarding the online and DD payment methods are given at the end of the Registration form.

<https://forms.gle/gZTQf6eveRrf8oDU6>

Please do follow the path while paying through SBI Collect:

From SBI Collect Home page proceed to

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- Organising Committee IHC (Educational institution's name)

We eagerly look forward to your participation in the 80th session of the IHC in Kannur this year.

Best wishes,

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