

INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS - EIGHTY FIRST SESSION
MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU
27th – 29th DECEMBER 2022

LOCAL SECRETARY'S CIRCULAR

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Tambaram, Chennai

Dear Delegates,

I am elated to welcome you, on behalf of the Indian History Congress, to the 81st session at the Madras Christian College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, to be held between 27th – 29th December 2022. We consider it a privilege to host the Indian History Congress in Tamil Nadu after 25 years. I must also place on record the gratitude of the Department of History, Madras Christian College to the Government of Tamil Nadu for agreeing to support the 81st Annual session of the Indian History Congress.

Madras Christian College

Madras Christian College was established in 1837 as General Assembly School by Rev. John Anderson of the Free Church of Scotland. Rev. William Miller's indefatigable efforts led to the upgrading of the school into a college in 1865. A succession of Scottish missionaries developed the college around the core values of academic excellence, spiritual vitality and social relevance. Dr. Chandran D.S. Devanesen, the Head of the Department of History, became the first Indian Principal of the College in 1962. He was also the Founding Vice Chancellor of the Northeastern Hill University. The College was one of the earliest institutions to be conferred with autonomous status in 1978. Presently the college has 34 academic departments offering courses ranging from the under graduation to research degrees. In addition, there are a number of units involved in extension activities.

The Department of History is one of oldest in the college. Rev. George Patterson, the first Professor of History joined the college in 1876. The Department of History was founded in 1887. A galaxy of eminent Professors such as Rev. E.M. Macphail, Rev. Frederick William Kellet, Prof. Ferrend Edward Corley, Prof. Ernest John Bingle, Dr. Chandran D.S. Devanesen, Dr. M. Sargurudoss, Dr. M. Abel, Dr. Chiranjeevi J. Nirmal, Dr. S. Krishnaswamy and others have been among its many institution builders.

The Department has produced distinguished historians such as Sardar K.M. Panikkar, K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, C. Minakshi, K.V. Raman, M.G.S. Narayanan, S. Manickam and K. Nambi Arooran among others. Its alumni have also excelled in various professions such as academics, civil service, archaeology, politics, business, etc.

About Chennai and Tambaram

Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu, formerly Madras, is the oldest among the Presidency towns and one of the earliest sites of territorial acquisition by the English East India Company in India. Francis Day acquired the grant of a small strip of land where Fort St. George stands today from the ruler of the coastal country Damarla Venkatappa Nayak in 1639. From the early settlements in the precincts of Fort St. George it grew into a bustling metropolis.

The region surrounding Chennai traces its history from prehistoric time onwards. According to K.V. Raman, renowned archaeologist, “The region is important *par excellence* from the point of view of pre-history.” The inscriptions belonging to the Pallavas, the Cholas, the Rashtrakutas, the Pandyas, the Cheras and the Vijayanagar kings, as well as many smaller dynasties have been found in and around the city. Chennai was among the earliest cities in India to witness the introduction of several modern institutions. Chennai played a prominent role in the national movement, the struggle for social justice and cultural resurgence.

Chennai is a blend of tradition and modernity with its high-rise IT buildings on one side and enchanting music, dance, art and architecture on the other. It is a popular destination for tourists with the beautiful Marina Beach, Zoo, ancient temples, Santhome Basilica, Museum, Fort St. George and several historic buildings. Innumerable shopping markets and malls are additional attractions. It is in close proximity to the UNESCO World Heritage Group of Monuments in Mahabalipuram and the temple city of Kanchipuram, the ancient seat of the Pallavas.

Tambaram is the southern terminus of the city of Chennai. A historic town, it is referred to as *Taamapuram* in an ancient inscription of 13th century. In the modern period, Tambaram comes to the limelight after Madras Christian College moved here in 1937. During the Second World War, a temporary Naval Air Station was established, which is presently the Indian Air Force Station, Tambaram. Tambaram is an educational hub. The TB Sanatorium and National Institute of Siddha are some of the noteworthy mentions among many healthcare facilities in Tambaram. It was elevated to a Municipal Corporation in 2021.

Venue

The venue of the Indian History Congress is in the 320 acres sprawling campus of Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai. Tambaram is well connected by air, road, and rail from all parts of the country. **Chennai International Airport (MAA)** which is located within the radius of 9.5 kms from Tambaram has direct flights from all the major cities of India. The **Chennai Central (MAS), Chennai Egmore (MS) and Tirusulam (Chennai Airport Railway Station)**, all the three Railway stations lie in the **Chennai Beach - Tambaram Sub Urban Rail Route** with frequent service from 04.00 a.m. to 11.55 p.m. The **Tambaram Railway Station (TBM)** (about 150 metres) and **Tambaram bus terminal (about 250 metres)** are located very close to the IHC venue. Please do book your flight/rail tickets at the earliest, as December falls during the peak tourist season.

Reception and Registration

The reception and the enquiry desk will be placed at the Tambaram Railway Station (TBM). The reception help desk at the Main Gate of the Venue will operate from the afternoon of 26th December. The Registration desk will begin its operation from 7 a.m. on 27th December and will function till the noon of 28th December.

Registration Fees and Payment Modes

Keeping in mind the cost of conducting the conference the Organizing Committee has decided on the following fee structure:

Registration Fee structure

Delegate Fee (with accommodation) Rs 4000/- + 18% GST of Rs 720/-	= Rs 4720/-
Delegate Fee (without accommodation) Rs 2870/- + 18% GST of Rs 630/-	= Rs 3500/-
Student Delegate Fee (With accommodation) Rs 2870/- + 18% GST of Rs 630/-	= Rs 3500/-
Student Delegate Fee (Without accommodation) Rs 2050/- + 18% GST of Rs 450/	= Rs 2500/-
Students without Paper Presentations Rs 820/- + 18% GST of Rs 180/-	= Rs 1000/-

Accommodation

We are trying our best to accommodate the delegates on our campus so that they have a splendid experience. **Accommodation in MCC Halls (Hostels) is non-A/C single (for men) and shared (for women) and with common washrooms and toilets.** Accommodation will be provided from 26th evening to 30th morning. Considering the number of the delegates who require accommodation, rooms will also be arranged in dormitories, lodges and hotels outside the College premises. **For research students, dormitory type of accommodation will be provided.** All are advised to bring torch light and mosquito repellent.

Accommodation cannot be assured to delegates who have not paid their delegate fee and submitted the duly filled in proforma on or before the last date.

Delegates travelling with their families are requested to arrange for their own accommodation. Non-IHC members cannot avail of accommodation provided by us.

Transportation

Transportation will be arranged for the delegates who are accommodated outside the campus. Since the venue is in a walkable distance from both the Tambaram Railway Station and the Tambaram Bus Terminus, transport will not be available at these two spots.

The Delegate fee may be paid either through the online Payment Gateway or by Demand Draft. The last date for receiving online payment is 30/11/2022, and by Demand Draft is 25/11/2022.

Payment by Demand Draft: To be drawn in favour of **Madras Christian College** (Payable at Chennai) and posted to *Head of the Department, Department of History, Madras Christian College, East Tambaram, Chennai – 600 059, Tamil Nadu* on or before 30/11/2022.

Online Payment: Please quote your Membership No. when paying the Delegate Fee online.

All participants will have to register online with the details of their transaction ID and copy of the receipt. Annual Members must provide proof of payment of their membership fees for the current year. Life Members must provide the correct membership number. Without online registration, accommodation cannot be provided.

Online Registration Form:

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

<https://forms.gle/dcKr73S45bHhsUMT8>

We eagerly look forward to your participation in the 81st session of the IHC in Madras Christian College this year.

Best wishes,

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