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SECOND CIRCULAR

Dear Colleagues,

You would, by now, have had the opportunity to peruse my first circular dated September 26, 2026 on the official website. The circular issued by the Local Secretary has likewise been uploaded. I am pleased to reiterate that preparations for the forthcoming session of the Indian History Congress, scheduled to be held from February 26–28, 2027 at Tagore Government Arts and Science College, Puducherry are well underway.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION

- Professor Mridula Mukherjee (New Delhi) will take over from Professor Rajan Gurukkal as the **General President** at the Inaugural Session.
- The Sectional Presidents are: Professor Jaya Tyagi (Ancient India), Professor S. Jabir Raza (Medieval India), Professor Anirudh Deshpande (Modern India), Professor Sarvani Gooptu (Countries other than India), Professor Anil Kumar (Archaeology), Professor A.R. Venkatachalapathy (Contemporary India).
- Professor Nandini Chatterjee, University of Oxford, will deliver the Professor S.C. Misra Memorial Lecture on 26th February, scheduled at 6:00 p.m.
- The IHC Symposium on "Women, Gender, and Historical Change in India" will be held on 27th February at 6:00 p.m.
- Professor Kumkum Roy, Professor Farhat Hasan and Professor Uma Chakravarti will be the distinguished speakers at the IHC Symposium.
- There will be five panels during the course of the Indian History Congress Session. They are generally held on the second and third day (before lunch) of the Congress.

▪ The IHC Panel	:	"Puducherry and the Coromandel Coast: Maritime Worlds, Colonial Encounters, and the Making of Modern India" Convener: Prof. S.A. Nadeem Rezavi (Secretary, IHC)
▪ The AHS Panel	:	"History, Heritage, and Public Culture in India" Conveners: Prof. Irfan Habib & Prof. S.A. Nadeem Rezavi
▪ The ASHA Panel	:	"Education, Knowledge Systems, and the Making of Indian Pasts" Conveners: Prof. S.A. Nadeem Rezavi and Prof. S. Jabir Raza
▪ The Urban History Panel	:	"Cities of Survival, Cities of Resistance: Urban Histories of the Indian Subcontinent" Conveners: Prof. Suchetana Chattopadhyay, Prof. Raj Sekhar Basu & Dr. Sandip Munshi
▪ Dalit History Panel	:	"Dalit Women and Cultural Traditions: Memory, Rituals, Resistance and Indentity" Convener: Prof. Yagati Chinna Rao

- PWHC Panel : "From Maritime Emporium to Universal City: The Historical Metamorphosis of Pondicherry"
  Convener: Prof. G.J. Sudhakar

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

I. **Last date for receipt of Delegate Fee:** The last date for the receipt of the delegate fee through online mode, the screenshot of which is to be attached along with the form submission link provided by the Local Secretary in his circular, is February 15, 2027. Delegates opting to pay by Demand Draft (DD) must ensure that their DDs reach the Local Secretary by January 15, 2027. Please refer to the **Local Secretary's Circular** on the official website of the Indian History Congress. Should any delegate, despite this request, arrive at the venue without having paid the delegate fee within the stipulated time, they will be required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

Accommodation cannot be assured for delegates who have not paid the delegate fee and submitted the duly completed proforma on or before the deadline. Delegates travelling with their families are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. Please note that non-members of the Indian History Congress will not be eligible for accommodation provided by us.

II. **Delegate Fee Remittance:** Fee for hotel accommodation (on share basis) is ₹6,000/-; hostel accommodation (on share basis) ₹4,000/-; local delegates without accommodation ₹3,000/-; Research Scholars/Students without accommodation ₹2,500/-.

Delegates are requested to ensure that their name and membership number are clearly mentioned in all correspondence with us.

III. **Reception:** The Reception Desk at the venue will be operational from the evening of February 25, 2027 until the afternoon of February 28, 2027. At the registration counter, priority will be accorded to delegates who have already paid the delegate fee and submitted the online delegate registration form.

Important Points and Last Dates to note:

1. Pay the delegate fee, as detailed above, by the due date using the payment information provided by the Local Secretary.
2. The registration form is available in the Local Secretary's circular on the official website.
3. Cheque payments of any kind, including multi-city cheques, will **not** be accepted. DD can be sent to the Local Secretary with membership detail and name, but it must reach before the deadline.
4. Accommodation will be provided from evening on February 25, 2027, until morning on March 1, 2027.
5. Meals will be served at the venue beginning with dinner on February 25, 2027 and concluding with breakfast on March 1, 2027.
6. Transport between the place of accommodation and the venue will be provided **only** in the morning and after dinner.

SUBMISSION OF PAPER

The submission of papers for the 85th Session will be accepted from December 20, 2026 through the **Paper Submission Portal** on the official website. If your paper (**only** soft copy) is not received by midnight on February 7, 2027, it will not be included in the *List of Papers*. No supplementary list will be issued for papers received after the deadline, and you will **not** be permitted to present your paper if it is submitted late. All presenters are required to **submit a hard copy** of their papers to the respective Sectional Presidents without fail. All submissions must include the **Abstract of 150-200 words** and adhere to the ***Authors Instructions for Manuscript Preparation***.

Should you wish your paper to be considered for any of the prizes, please see the list below.

There are seventeen prizes for the best papers submitted at the Indian History Congress session in specific sections or fields of history by members who are not above the age of 45 years. Please note, however, that there is no age restriction for Prize No. 10 listed below.

1. **Professor Vijay Kumar Thakur Memorial Prize** (₹10,000) for the best paper submitted in Section I (Ancient India).
2. **Professor J.S. Grewal Prize** (₹10,000) for a best paper submitted in Section II (Medieval India).
3. **Professor Partha Sarathi Gupta Memorial Prize** (₹5,000) for the best paper submitted in Section III (Modern India)
4. **Professor J.C. Jha Memorial Prize** (₹5,000) for the best paper submitted in Section III (Modern India)
5. **Professor Papiya Ghosh Memorial Prize** (₹10,000) for the best paper submitted in Section VI (Contemporary India)
6. **Professor Partha Sarathi Gupta Memorial Prize** (₹5,000) for the best paper submitted in Section IV (Countries other than India).
7. **Professor J.C. Jha Memorial Prize** (₹5,000) for the best paper submitted in Section IV (Countries other than India).
8. **Professor Sudhir Ranjan Das Memorial Prize** (₹10,000) for the best paper submitted in Section V (Archaeology).
9. **Professor B.B. Chaudhuri Prize** (₹10,000) for the best paper submitted on Economic and Social History of India (Ancient, Medieval and Modern).
10. **Dr I.G. Khan Memorial Prize** (₹15,000) for the best paper submitted on History of Science and Technology (No age bar).
11. **Professor M. Athar Ali Memorial Prize** (₹20,000) for the best paper submitted at the session [The prize is awarded at the discretion of the editors. Applications from the authors themselves are not expected].
12. **Dr Nasreen Ahmad Memorial Prize** (₹7,500) for the best paper on Gender History.
13. **Professor O.P. Jaiswal Prize** (₹7,500) for the best paper submitted on the Indian National Movement.
14. **Dr Gyaneshwari Jaiswal Memorial Prize** (₹7,500) for the best paper based on Archival/ Epigraphic data.
15. **Dr Prasanna Kumar Biswal Memorial Award** (₹5,000) for the best paper on Contemporary India.
16. **Professor Syed Hasan Askari Prize** (₹5,000) for a best paper on Medieval India (based on primary sources)/Archival Research submitted in Section II (Medieval India).
17. **Shri Purnendra Ch. Sen Memorial Prize** (₹5,000) for the best paper on Contemporary History of India.

A member who wishes their paper to be considered for any of the above-mentioned prizes is requested to indicate, on the first page of the paper, the prize(s) for which it is to be considered, and to attach a proof of age document (except in the case of Prize No. 10). While members may nominate their papers for consideration under multiple prizes, only one prize will be conferred if the paper is selected.



Yours Sincerely,

(Prof. Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi)

Secretary, Indian History Congress