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FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform you that the ensuing 78th session of the Indian History Congress is to be held on 28-30 December 2017 under the aegis of the Jadavpur University, Kolkata (West Bengal). Old members may remember that the Jadavpur University, had hosted the 35th session in 1974, forty-three years ago. 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 is also being put on our website: <http://www.indianhistorycongress.com>.

The following will be the General President, Sectional Presidents, Office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee at the 78th session.

General President : Professor K.M. Shrimali (Delhi), to take over from Professor Shireen Moosvi, the current General President

Sectional Presidents

I. Ancient India : Professor Shankar Goyal
II. Medieval India : Professor Sunil Kumar
III. Modern India : Professor Bhojanandan Prasad Singh
IV. Countries Other than India : Professor Arup Ranjan Banerjee
V. Archaeology : Professor Laxman S Thakur
VI. Contemporary India : Mr Raj Mohan Gandhi

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Professor Satish Chandra (New Delhi)
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You will find below the necessary information for members and applicants for membership who wish to attend the 78th session

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Only members 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 pasted on the outside the copy of this Circular. **It is essential that while sending us your renewal remittance you should please mention membership number.** For membership *renewal*, please ignore the Enrolment Application Form enclosed with this circular, and just remit **Rs. 250/-** by either **Multicity Cheque (not ordinary Cheque) or Demand Draft**, drawn in favour of '**Indian History Congress**' (the **Draft** to be payable at Aligarh). The cheque should be sent to **Professor Ramesh Rawat, Treasurer, Indian History Congress, Room No 33, Department of History, A.M.U., Aligarh-202002.** Cash can also be received at the Indian History Congress office at the Department of History (Room No 33), during office hours. If you know, of any member who has not received this circular, because his or her address has changed in the meantime or for any other reason, please ask such a member to remit the renewal fee, while giving the correct present address. Members may also send their personal E-mail IDs to <ihc.secretary15@gmail.com> for instant transmission of information concerning Indian History Congress. The last date of receipt of renewal fee for entitlement to voting rights at the 78th session is **28 November 2017.** 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** (<http://www.indianhistorycongress.com>) **to fill in the particulars and apply for initial membership.** The requirements for initial membership are given below:

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP

Anyone wishing to enrol as an ordinary member for the first time has to fill the enclosed Enrolment Application Form (or a photocopied or downloaded copy of it). I do request that all its requirements (including provision of photograph and documentary evidence of degree, etc.) are complied with. The **initial membership fee** is **Rs. 300**, which should be remitted exactly in the manner indicated in the application form. Please remember to send the form along with the requisite enclosures. Please have the **Multicity Cheque (not ordinary cheque) or Demand Draft** for the fee (**Rs. 300**) drawn in favour of '**Indian History Congress**', (made payable at Aligarh in the case of **Draft**) to our Treasurer, Professor Ramesh Rawat at the address given above under the section headed **RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP.** **The last date of receipt of Enrolment Application Form and membership fee remittance for initial members for the 78th session is 28 October 2017.**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

An ordinary member who wishes to become a Life Member should also use the enclosed Enrolment Application Form. The Life Membership fee is **Rs. 5,000**, payable in one sum for the entire lifetime. The Application Form with a **Multicity Cheque or Demand Draft for Rs. 5,000** in favour of the '**Indian History Congress**' (the **Draft** made payable at Aligarh) may please be sent to the Treasurer, Professor Ramesh Rawat at the address given under the heading **RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP.** *The present ordinary membership number should be invariably quoted.*

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 **Multicity Cheque or Demand Draft** drawn in favour of '**Indian History Congress**' (the **Draft** made payable at Aligarh) to Professor Ramesh Rawat, Treasurer, IHC at the address given above under **RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP.**

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Vice Chancellor of the Jadavpur University has nominated Professor Subhasis Biswas as the Local Secretary for hosting the 78th session of IHC (**Email <subhasis30@yahoo.com> Mobile No. 09647184485 and Dr Debajit Dutta as Local Treasurer <dettadebajit.cob@gmail.com> Mobile No. 09832557047**). He will be sending you a circular about the hospitality arrangements and other details. The delegate fee of **Rs. 1500/=** should be sent by the delegates to Local Secretary, Indian History Congress, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, (West Bengal) by **Multicity Cheque or Bank Draft**, (the **Draft** made payable at Kolkata), drawn in favour of '**Indian History Congress**', **Jadavpur University, Kolkata.**

PAPERS FOR THE SESSION

Papers in all the following six Sections will be read 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 paper submitted for presentation at the 78th session, should bear the full names of the 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 undersigned by 30 November 2017. 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**) should be sent to the Secretary, Indian History Congress, Zahra Cottage, 4/80-J Kabir Colony, Anupshahar Road, Aligarh 202002, along with a copy in WORD file to <ihc.secretary15@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 footnotes to be similarly spaced and put at the end. Where for some reason, e-mail is not possible a CD, along with two hard copies, should be sent to the undersigned. **Please do not send the paper in PDF format.**

2. **In no case should the text of a paper exceed 3500 words (including footnotes).**

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

4. In references to printed books, the conventional system should be used, under which the name of the author, the title of the book, and the place and year of publication come in that order. Well-known abbreviations for journals, eg., *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.

Only papers in English which strictly follow the word limit are considered for inclusion in the printed Proceedings.

7. 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 force further selection, as well as editing and reduction in length of individual papers. Members are requested kindly to bear with this.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Special Announcements

Our members would be happy to know that the Proceedings of the Indian History Congress are now included by the University Grants Commission's list of journals of History, papers published in which will carry 25 points in API score.

Further, the past volumes of the Proceedings have been released in the JSTOR archive and so can now be consulted on line 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 a particular section or field 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 2016) *along with proof of age* (e.g. copy of Aadhaar Card or PAN Card or Passport page or High School Certificate) 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&4. **Professor Partha Sarathi Gupta Memorial Prize**, Rs. 10,000 and **Professor J. C. Jha Memorial Prize**, Rs. 10,000, for the best two papers submitted for Section III (Modern India) and 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 besides 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 78th session will be made at the 79th session.

The M. Athar Ali Memorial Prize, Rs. 20,000 will be awarded for the best paper submitted at the 77th 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 78th session.

PRIZES FOR BOOKS

The following prizes are to be awarded at this (76th 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 Prof. Amar Farooqui, In-charge, Permanent Office, IHC, Department of History, University of Delhi -110 007, by **15 November 2017**.

1. **H.K. Barpujari National Award**, Rs. 50,000 for the best book on any period of Indian history, 2015 and 2016
2. **Hira Lal Gupta Research Award**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book by a woman historian on any period of Indian history, 2012 to 2016
3. **Mohammad Habib Memorial Prize**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on medieval Indian history, 2013 to 2016
4. **Savitri Chandra Shobha Memorial Prize**, Rs. 20,000 for the best book on history of Indian literature and culture, 2011 to 2016
5. **Braj Dev Prasad Memorial Prize**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on ancient Indian history, 2013 to 2016
6. **Sneh Mahajan Award**, Rs. 25,000 for the best book on modern Indian history, 2013 to 2016

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.33 1st Floor Department of History, AMU, Aligarh, 202002, before **30 November**.

PROCEEDINGS VOLUME

It is expected that the printed volume of the *Proceedings* of the 77th session (University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram) will be ready (printed copy or in CD form as desired) for free distribution among members (such as were on rolls at the 77th session) at the forthcoming (78th) session at the Jadavpur University, Kolkata). Any query about *Proceedings* volumes of any of the past sessions, which a member has not been able to obtain, may be sent to Professor Amar Farooqui, Joint Secretary, Indian History Congress, Department of History, Delhi University, Delhi-7.

The Indian History Congress is the major professional organization of Indian historians which has for the last eighty-two 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 .

With warm regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(Professor Ishrat Alam)
Secretary

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