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## EIGHTY FIRST SESSION

Madras Christian College, Chennai  
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**FIRST CIRCULAR**

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Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform you that the 81<sup>st</sup> session of the Indian History Congress is scheduled to be held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, at the Madras Christian College, Chennai (Tamil Nadu). 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 has also been put up on our website: <http://www.indianhistorycongress.com>

Dr. R. Venkataramanujam, the Local Secretary of the 81<sup>st</sup> Session, will be sending the circular regarding the arrangements at Chennai and the Delegate fee by end September. He may be contacted by email on: [ihcmcc81@gmail.com](mailto:ihcmcc81@gmail.com)

The following will be the General President, Sectional Presidents, Office-bearers and Members of the Executive Committee at the 81<sup>st</sup> Session

**General President** : Professor Kesavan Veluthat (Kerala), who will take over from Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, General President of 80<sup>th</sup> session

### Sectional Presidents

I. Ancient India	:	Dr. Malini Adiga (Karnataka)
II. Medieval India	:	Professor Ishrat Alam (Aligarh)
III. Modern India	:	Professor Salil Misra (Delhi)
IV. Countries Other than India	:	Professor Margit Koves (Delhi)
V. Archaeology	:	Professor Bishnupriya Basak (Kolkata)
VI. Contemporary India	:	Professor Sudha Pai (Delhi)

### Office-Bearers

Vice-Presidents	:	Professor Irfan Habib (Aligarh) Professor K.M. Shrimali (Delhi)
Secretary	:	Professor Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan (Delhi)
Treasurer	:	Dr. Burton Cleetus (Delhi)
Joint Secretaries	:	Professor Dayanand Roy (Bhagalpur) Professor Bodh Prakash (Delhi) [In-charge, Permanent Office]

### Members of the Executive Committee

1. Professor Aditya Mukherjee (Delhi)	2. Professor Shireen Moosvi (Aligarh)
3. Professor C.P.N. Sinha (Muzaffarpur)	4. Professor O.P. Srivastava (Allahabad)
5. Professor Arun Bandopadhyaya (Kolkata)	6. Professor Dharmendra Kumar (Darbhanga)
7. Professor Shyam Narayan Lal (Jammu)	8. Professor Chandi Prasad Nanda (Cuttack)
9. Professor Ajay Kumar Ghosh (Bhopal)	10. Professor S.Z.H. Jafri (Delhi)
11. Dr. K.K. Mandal (Bhagalpur)	12. Professor Hitendra Patel (Kolkata)
13. Professor Tejjimala Gurung Nag (Shillong)	14. Professor Ravindran Gopinath (Kannur)
15. Professor Susnata Das (Kolkata)	16. Professor Sanjay Subodh (Hyderabad)
17. Professor Sudhir Kumar Singh (Itanagar)	18. Professor Farhat Hasan (Delhi)
19. Professor G.J. Sudhakar (Chennai)	20. Professor S.A.N. Rezavi (Aligarh)

Please find below the requisite information for members and applicants for membership who wish to attend the 81<sup>st</sup> Session.

## RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Only those who are members of the Indian History Congress 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 receipt given to you; in case of any difficulties, you may contact us ([queries.ihc2018@gmail.com](mailto:queries.ihc2018@gmail.com)). **It is essential that while sending us your renewal remittance you should mention this membership number along with your name.** For membership renewal, please remit Rs. 250/- by the Online Payment Link (<https://indianhistorycongress.com/instructions/>) provided on the IHC official website or by a Demand Draft, drawn in favour of 'Indian History Congress' (Draft payable at Delhi). The draft should be sent to **Dr Burton Cleetus, Treasurer, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - 110067.** *We regret that money orders and cheques cannot be accepted.* The last date for receipt of renewal fee for entitlement to voting rights at the 81<sup>st</sup> session is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

In case of delay in submission of membership fee, the member can avail of spot registration, and be a delegate and participate in the academic proceedings of the 81<sup>st</sup> session.

If you know of any member who has not received this circular because his or her email address has changed, or for any other reason, please ask the member concerned to provide the correct present address by registering online (link above) or by sending an email to [queries.ihc2018@gmail.com](mailto:queries.ihc2018@gmail.com) so that we can update our list.

**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, to fill in their particulars and apply for initial membership.** The requirements for initial membership are given below.

### INITIAL MEMBERSHIP

Anyone wishing to enroll as an ordinary member for the first time has to fill the Enrolment Application Form. Kindly provide all the information and documentary requirements, including provision of photograph and documentary evidence of degree, etc. **The initial membership fee is Rs. 300/-**, which should be remitted exactly in the manner indicated in the application form.

The Demand Draft for the fee (**Rs. 300/-**) should be drawn in favour of "Indian History Congress", (Draft payable at Delhi) and sent to Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan, Secretary, **Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi – 110067.** The last date for receipt of Enrolment Application Form and membership fee remittance for initial members for the 81<sup>st</sup> session is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

**An ordinary member who has renewed membership for three consecutive years may apply for Life Membership using the same Enrolment Application Form.**

The Life Membership fee is **Rs. 5,000/-** payable in one sum for the entire lifetime, made in favour of the "Indian History Congress" (Draft payable at Delhi). The Application Form with the **Demand Draft** may be sent to **Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan, Secretary, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi - 110067.** *The present ordinary membership number should be clearly mentioned, and copies of membership fee receipts attached.*

### 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 that are not yet members and desire membership are invited to write to the Treasurer for details by using the enclosed form, and dispatching the membership fee by **Demand Draft** drawn in favour of "Indian History Congress" (Draft payable at Delhi) to **Dr Burton Cleetus, Treasurer, Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, SSS-III, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi - 110067.**

### PAPERS FOR THE SESSION

There are six sections in the annual session of the Indian History Congress, where papers will be presented 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 covers the period since 1947

**Every copy of the paper submitted for presentation at the 81<sup>st</sup> session, should bear the full names of the author/ 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 only submit their papers ONLINE to the Secretary <[secretary.ihc.2018@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ihc.2018@gmail.com)> as well as to Professor Shireen Moosvi, In-charge (Publications, IHC), at <[incpub.ihc@gmail.com](mailto:incpub.ihc@gmail.com)>. Papers received later cannot be**

included in the List of Papers of the session. **Papers received till 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 will get precedence and be accommodated on the first two days of the session. Papers received after the last date fixed will be listed separately in the Supplementary List and will only be accommodated, time permitting, on the last day.** 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. Papers must be **written in English**, must be word-processed and double-spaced. The paper should be sent only in **WORD** file. **Please do not send the soft copy of the paper in PDF format.**
2. Word limit: **3500 words (including endnotes)**. Any paper exceeding this limit **will not be eligible for inclusion in the Proceedings**.
3. References should be double-spaced and put at the end of the paper, and numbered continuously through the whole paper (not per page).
4. In references to printed books, the conventional system should be used: Name of the author, Title of the book, Publisher, and the Place and Year of publication, in that order. Well-known abbreviations for journals, e.g., 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.
5. Transliteration should be uniform and according to any one of the standard systems. Diacritical marks are essential for papers submitted to 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.
7. A **HARD COPY** of the paper must be submitted by the member at the time of the presentation to the President of the section.

**Note:** A **List of Papers** will be available online on the IHC website by 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 for the delegates of the 81<sup>st</sup> session to check the inclusion of their names. The Supplementary List of Papers will be available on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, at the venue. Every attempt will be made to include in the printed volume of the Proceedings all papers recommended for publication by the Sectional Presidents and referees. Due to problems of space the selection may be limited, and individual papers may be edited and reduced in length. Members are requested to kindly bear with this.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Our members would be happy to know that the **Proceedings of the Indian History Congress** is included in the **University Grants Commission-Care List**.

Members are reminded that past PIHC volumes are available in the JSTOR archive, and can be consulted online at <https://www.jstor.org/journal/procindhistcong>.

#### PRIZES FOR BEST 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**. To be considered, papers should be submitted before the last date notified (30<sup>th</sup> November 2022). Proof of age (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.

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 the Indian National Movement.
11. **Dr. Gyaneshwari Devi Memorial Prize**, Rs. 7,500/- for the best paper based on Archival / Epigraphic data.

For consideration for any of the prizes above, a member must indicate on the submitted paper, next to the title, the award/s for which it is to be considered and attach with it an age proof document (**not required for No. 8**).

The announcement and conferment of prizes on papers submitted at the 80<sup>th</sup> session will be made at the 81<sup>st</sup> session. **Professor M. Athar Ali Memorial Prize**, Rs. 20,000/- will be awarded at the forthcoming session for the best paper submitted at the 80<sup>th</sup> session. There is no age-bar, and no application should be made.

### PROCEEDINGS VOLUME

It is expected that the printed volume of the Proceedings of the 80<sup>th</sup> session (Kannur University) will be ready (in the form of a limited printed copy for free distribution among members such as were on rolls at the 80<sup>th</sup> session) at the forthcoming (81<sup>st</sup>) session at the Madras Christian College, Chennai. Any member who did not attend the 80<sup>th</sup> session but had renewed the membership for the year, and who are unable to attend the 81<sup>st</sup> session can obtain a copy of the Proceedings by sending Rs. 250/- for postal and handling charges. Any query about volumes of the Proceedings of any of the past sessions, which a member has not been able to obtain, may be sent to Dr. Bodh Prakash, Joint Secretary Indian History Congress, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, Centre for Historical Studies, SSS-III, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi – 110067. You may alternately send an email to: [queries.ihc2018@gmail.com](mailto:queries.ihc2018@gmail.com)

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

Looking forward to meet you at Chennai.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(Prof. Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan)  
Secretary

# Indian History Congress



One self-attested copy of the applicant's photograph to be pasted here.

Application for  
Initial/ Institutional /  
Life Membership\*

(for office use only)

Membership No. ....

(See the Eligibility Conditions and Procedure overleaf before filling up this Form)

All applicants may please sign the declaration overleaf.

Initial Membership Fee	:	Rs. 300/-
Renewal Membership Fee	:	Rs. 250/-
Institutional Membership Fee	:	Rs. 1200/-
Life Membership Fee	:	Rs. 5000/-

Payment for membership will be accepted only through DD

1. Name in full (Capital letters).....
  2. Academic qualifications (\*\*).....
  3. List of publications, if any (Attach separate sheet, if necessary).....  
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  4. Occupation/ Academic Designation, and Institutional Name and Address, if employed.....  
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  5. Date of birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
- Note: Members applying for Life membership need not fill column nos. 2, 3, 4 & 5 but should give their Ordinary membership No..... Initial Date of Membership \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_**
6. Address for correspondence (Capital letters only) .....  
..... PIN..... State.....
  7. Email ID: .....
  8. Contact No: ..... Mobile:.....
  9. MO/ DD Amount Rs.: ..... MO/ DD No. ....

DD Drawn on (Bank Name & Address).....

*Note: Demand Draft is to be enclosed with the form, and to be drawn in favour of "Indian History Congress", payable at Delhi.*

## 10. For Initial Membership

**Proposed** by (Name with Address).....  
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.....Signature.....

Years of Membership..... Membership No.....

**Seconded** by (Name with Address).....

.....Signature.....

Years of membership ..... Membership No .....

Applicant's Signature .....Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

- \* Strike out whichever is not applicable. Ordinary membership has to be renewed annually. Non members cannot apply for Life Membership. Only those who have taken Annual Membership for 3 consecutive years are eligible for Life Membership.
- \*\* See Eligibility Conditions overleaf.

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**Note:**

- ✓ Institutions applying for membership should fill columns Nos. 1 & 6 only.
- ✓ Last Date for Initial Membership Enrolment is 31st October, 2022.
- ✓ Last Date for Renewal & Life Membership Enrolment is 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**Eligibility Conditions For Initial Membership**

An application for initial membership will be accepted if the applicant (a) holds at least a post-graduate degree in History or is undertaking research leading to M.Phil./Ph.D. degree in an allied field; or (b) has published a book or an academic paper on a historical theme (full reference to be provided).

*The Secretary is authorized to reject an application if none of the above criteria is met, or for any other reason, provided that an appeal for review of the decision may be made by the applicant to the Executive Committee, which may consider it either at its next meeting or by correspondence.*

**Declaration**

I, ....., hereby declare that the particulars given in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(Signature of the Applicant)

**Documents For Initial Enrolment**

Self-attested copies of documents in support of the eligibility conditions specified above; two self-attested photographs (passport-size). Membership is to be proposed and seconded by existing Annual or Life Members on this form. Only such members of the Congress as are eligible for holding office and participating in its Business Meetings under Clause 5 (b) of the Constitution can propose or second an application for initial membership.

**Incomplete applications are liable to be rejected.**

For any queries, send an email to: [queries.ihc2018@gmail.com](mailto:queries.ihc2018@gmail.com)

Please post this form with requisite enclosures to:

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Any dispute regarding membership will be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts at Delhi.

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