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THE SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION

Cuttack (Odisha), 28-30 DECEMBER 2013

FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear Colleague,

I am most happy to invite you, on behalf of the Indian History Congress, to our seventy-fourth session at the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha (Orissa) on 28-30 December this year.

The Ravenshaw University formally came into existence only in 2006, but it was in existence as Ravenshaw College, one of the premier educational institutions of India, since 1868. We are most happy that this distinguished University has extended its invitation to hold our session under its auspices.

I hope that you and all other colleagues who are, or are becoming, members of the Indian History Congress would be able to attend the session and contribute to its success.

The following have been elected at our last session to be office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee at the forthcoming session:

GENERAL PRESIDENT : **Professor Indu Banga** (Chandigarh)
(will take over from **Professor Y. Subbarayalu**)

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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 your address pasted on the copy of this Circular, and you may please refer to this number while sending us your renewal remittance). For your membership *renewal*, please ignore the Enrolment Application Form enclosed with this circular, and just remit Rs.200/- by **demand draft** (to be drawn in favour of "**Indian History Congress**", on the branch of any bank at Delhi or New Delhi), or by *money order*, to the **following address** (always remembering to quote your Membership No):

Dr (Mrs) Tripta Verma
(Treasurer, Indian History Congress)
Department of History
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Cash can be received at the Indian History Congress office at the Department of History, Social Science Building, Delhi University, Delhi, during office hours. Members are requested *not to send cheques*.

Please do send us the correct address, in case your address has changed in the meantime or you find any error in the address to which this circular has been despatched.

The last date of the renewal of membership for entitlement to voting rights at the 74th session is *28 November 2013*. Under our rules, Clause 5(b), member whose membership renewal remittance is received later will not be able to vote at the session, even if he or she is otherwise eligible. Such a member can, however, still be a delegate and participate in the academic proceedings of the session.

You are requested 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 be photocopied or downloaded from our Website (<http://www.indianhistorycongress.org.in/http://www.members.tripod.com/historycongress3>) to fill in the particulars and apply for 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 please complied with.

The *initial membership fee* is Rs.250, 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 Demand Draft for the fee (Rs.250) drawn in favour of “**Indian History Congress**”, payable at Delhi/ New Delhi. In case the sum is sent by money order, it should be sent to our Treasurer **Dr (Mrs) Tripta Verma** at the address given above under “Renewal of Membership”. But please remember to attach a photocopy of the M.O. receipt with your application form. *No cheques please!*

The last date of receipt of Enrolment Application Form and membership fee remittance for initial members for the 74th session is 28 October 2013.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

An ordinary member who wishes to become a Life Member may please use the enclosed Enrolment Application Form, which can also be used for Life Membership.

The Life Membership fee of Rs.4,000, along with the form, should be sent along with the remittance (drafts in favour of the “Indian History Congress”, payable in Delhi/ New Delhi) to the Treasurer, **Dr (Mrs) Tripta Verma**, at the address given under “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.1000 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 Demand Draft or money order in favour of “Indian History Congress”, payable at Delhi/ New Delhi, to **Dr (Mrs) Tripta Verma**, Treasurer, IHC.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Vice Chancellor of Ravenshaw University has nominated Professor Chandi Prasad Nanda as the Local Secretary for holding the 74th session of IHC, who will be sending you a circular about the hospitality arrangements and other details. The delegate fee of Rs.800 has to be sent by the delegates to Professor Chandi Prasad Nanda, Local Secretary, IHC, Department of History, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, by money order or Bank Draft, *Payable at Cuttack*, drawn in favour of ‘**Indian History Congress**’.

PAPERS FOR THE SESSION

Papers in all the following six Sections will be read simultaneously:

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| 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.

All copies of papers should bear the full names of the author, membership number and address at the top of the first page.

Members are requested to submit their papers to the undersigned by 15 November 2013. Papers received later may not be included in the List of Papers of the session.

Papers received by the date fixed in the circular 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. Normally more than one paper by a member would not be admissible in the same Section.

The following points should be borne in mind, while submitting papers:

1. Each paper should be sent to the Secretary, Indian History Congress, Department of History, Social Science Building, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007, in two copies, which should be word-processed, double-spaced, footnotes to be similarly spaced and put at the end, and a CD, with the hard copy, should be provided. The total length should not exceed 10 pages (in all 3,000 words) including footnotes.

Note : Those who can e-mail their papers may please do so (the e-mail address of the Indian History Congress being indianhistorycongress.jafri@gmail.com with a copy e-mailed to ahs@ndf.vsnl.net.in)

2. The title and author's name with Membership Number, and the Section in which the author wishes to present the paper, should be given on page 1.
3. Footnotes should be numbered continuously for the whole paper (*not* per page).
4. In references to printed books, the classical 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.
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.
7. **In no case should the text of the paper exceed 3000 words (including footnotes).**
8. Two copies of the summary of no more than 300 words should be invariably provided.

Only papers in English are considered for inclusion in the printed Proceedings.

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.

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 by members who are not above the age of **45 years** on the last date for the receipt of papers submitted for the prize (15 November 2012) *along with proof of age*. Please note, however that **there is no age-bar for Prize No.8 below**.

1. **Professor Vijay Kumar Thakur Memorial Prize** of Rs. 5,000 for the best paper submitted for Section I (Ancient India).
2. **Professor J.S. Grewal Prize** of Rs.5,000 for the best paper submitted for Section II (Medieval India).
- 3&4. **Professor Partha Sarathi Gupta Memorial Prize** of Rs. 5,000 and **Professor J. C. Jha Memorial Prize** of Rs. 5,000 for the best two papers submitted for Sections III (Modern India), IV (Countries other than India).
5. **Professor Sudhir Ranjan Das Memorial Prize** of Rs.5,000 for the best paper submitted for Section V (Archaeology).
6. **Professor Papiya Ghosh Memorial Prize** of Rs 10,000 for the best paper submitted for Section VI (Contemporary India)
7. **Professor B. B. Chaudhuri Prize** of Rs. 5,000 for the best paper submitted on Economic and Social History of India (Ancient, Medieval and Modern).
8. **Dr I.G. Khan Memorial Prize** of Rs.5000 for the best paper submitted on History of Science and Technology (*No age-bar*)
9. **Dr Nasreen Ahmad Memorial Prize** of Rs.5000 for the best paper on Gender History.
10. **Professor O.P. Jaiswal Prize** of Rs.5000 for the best paper submitted on Indian National Movement.
11. **Dr. Gyaneshwari Jaiswal Memorial Prize** of Rs.5000 for the best paper based on Archival and/or 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 the award(s) for which it is to be considered and (in case of every prize except No.8) attach a photocopy of some document bearing the date of birth (e.g. photocopy of relevant page of passport, high school certificate, or letter of Principal of College or Chairman of Department).

The announcement and conferment of prizes on papers submitted at the 74th session will be made at the 75th session.

The Professor M. Athar Ali Memorial Prize of Rs.5000 will be awarded for the best paper submitted at the 74th session. There is no age-bar, and no application need be made. The announcement of the paper selected for the prize will be made at the 76th session.

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

Nominations are invited from members for the following awards:

1. **PROFESSOR H.K. BARPUJARI NATIONAL AWARD**, to be presented to an Indian author of a notable historical work published in the last three calendar years would be eligible. The Award consists of Rs. 25000 and a citation.
2. **PROFESSOR HIRA LAL GUPTA RESEARCH AWARD** of Rs.10,000 and a citation for an outstanding research work published by an Indian woman historian during the last five years.
3. **PROFESSOR MOHAMMAD HABIB MEMORIAL PRIZE** of Rs. 10,000 and a citation for the best book on medieval Indian History published in the last three calendar years.

Note: Nominations should be sent to the Secretary, Indian History Congress so as to reach him before 15 November 2013.

PROCEEDINGS VOLUME

It is expected that the printed volume of the *Proceedings* of the 73rd session (University of Mumbai) will be ready for free distribution among members (on rolls at the 73rd session) at the forthcoming session at Cuttack.

Any query about *Proceedings* Volumes of any of the past sessions, which a member has not been able to obtain, may be addressed to the undersigned at the address at the head of the circular.

The Indian History Congress is the major professional organisation of Indian historians which has for the last seventy-eight years consistently stood for the furtherance of rational, scientific enquiry and the professional interests of historians as teachers and researchers. I am fully confident that your support for this organization and its cause will continue.

With warm regards and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



(Professor S.Z.H. Jafri)
Secretary

Delhi
7th July 2013

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