

**The Indian Philosophical Congress – 93 rd Session**

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**Invitation**

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**93<sup>rd</sup> Session: March 9-11, 2019**

**Joint Session of APC and IPC**

**From March 7-11, 2019**

**Organizing Institution:**

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On behalf of the Indian Philosophical Congress, we extend you the most cordial invitation to attend its 93rd Session, to be hosted by Prof. Baidyanath Labh, Vice-Chancellor, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda 803111 Bihar, from March 9-11, 2019. The Asian Philosophy Conference will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019, (Topic for the APC: “*Asian Paradigms of Peace and Prosperity*”) and IPC is from 9<sup>th</sup> March - 11 March 2019. (Topic for IPC: “*Paradigms of Peace and Prosperity*”). Members are requested to participate in the joint session of the APC and IPC from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11 March 2019. Arrangements for lodging and boarding will be made from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March to enable the members to participate in both events. Swami Srihariprasad, managing Trustee, Sri Vishnu Mohan Foundation, Chennai, is the General President of the 93<sup>rd</sup> IPC session.

The Vice Chancellors/Directors/Deans are requested to nominate delegates from their Universities/Institutes to attend the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Congress. The Heads of the Departments of Philosophy and the members of the Indian Philosophical Congress are requested to disseminate this information in their institutions and academic circles.

**IPC Membership Fees**

Three categories of membership fees of the IPC are as follows:

Life Membership: Rs.3000/- Ordinary Membership: Rs.500/-

(annual) Associate Membership: Rs. 150/- (annual for students)

*All persons (excluding Life members) attending the Congress are required to pay the membership fee of the IPC. The fee may be paid along with the registration fee of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session.*

**Submission of Papers**

**10th February 2019** is the last date for submission of abstracts of 500 words along with papers of not more than 1500 words (4 pages, double spaced). Paper writers are requested to furnish proof of their membership of IPC while submitting papers in either soft or hardcopy to: **Dr. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh, Local Secretary, IPC, 93<sup>rd</sup> Session, Dept. of Pali, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University), Bihar 803111.**

**Essay Competitions**

**B.N. Seal Memorial Essay Competition:**

**Topic: *Manas and Citta Centred tradition***

**Bhavananda Datta Memorial Essay Competition:**

**Topic: *Secularism in Indian Context***

**Essay Competition on Holistic Science of Life & Living:**

**Topic: *Holistic Science of Life & Living as Revealed by Dada Bhagwan***

**S.S. Suryanarayana Shastri Essay Competition:**

**Topic: *Antha-karana Vritti in Vedanta***

Students interested to participate in the essay competitions are required to send their typed essays (two copies) duly forwarded by the Head of their Institutes along with summaries in 200 words and proof of membership of IPC on any of the following topics to: **Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta, Dept. of Philosophy, Calcutta University,**

Kolkata 700 027, [dkmphil@gmail.com](mailto:dkmphil@gmail.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**SWAMIPRANAVANANDAPHILOSOPHY TRUST OF INDIA AWARD:**

This trust comprises the following awards:

1. Swami Pranavananda Philosophy National Award

2. Swami Pranavananda Philosophy Book Award

3. Swami Pranavananda Philosophy Essay Award

Essay Topic: *The Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo*. The Departments of Philosophy of Universities, Institutes and Colleges may send their nominations, along with the bio-data of the nominees for the National Award. Authors may send 3 copies of their books for the Book Award. Books published during the year 2018 are considered for the award. Students who are interested in participating in the above essay competition should send their essays in two copies along with summaries in 200 words & proof of membership of IPC. Nominations, books, and essays for the above, must reach **Prof. D A Gangadhar** (Former Professor, Dept of Philosophy & Religion, BHU, Varanasi 221005), Vimal Khnj, Ganga Pradhosan Road, Bagawanpur, Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 221005, UP. ([dagangadhar@gmail.com](mailto:dagangadhar@gmail.com)) by 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

**How to Reach the Venue**

The present campus of the Mahavihara is situated on the southern bank of the historical lake, Indrapushkarani. Close to the northern bank of the lake like the ruins of the ancient Nalanda Mahavihara. Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (NNM) is 100 kms from Patna by road, private and state transport buses leave for Bihar Sharif every five minutes. Tempos and taxis are available from Bihar Sharif. Nalanda is also 75 kms from Gaya by road. There is one train from New Delhi-Nalanda, 12391/12392 Shramajeevi Express. Many other trains come to Patna. The Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (NNM) is 03 kms from the Nalanda Railways Station. Nearest Airport in Patna Airport and another Railway Station is Bakhtiyarpur (BKP), 40 kms from Nalanda.

**Registration**

The registration fee covers both Asian Philosophy Conference and Indian Philosophical Congress: Regular: Rs3000/- Senior Citizen: Rs.2600/- Student: Rs 1500/- Foreigners: USD 50 (*please add IPC membership fee as noted above*) The fee may be deposited in the Account no: 1193101021635, **IFSC Code: CNRB0001193** (Canara Bank, Nalanda, Account holder : Nava Nalanda Mahavihara The participants are advised to preferably remit the registration fees by electronic transfer like NEFT or IMPS using the above details. Alternatively, they may send their registration fees by way of a DD or Cheque drawn in favour of "Local Secretary, 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of IPC", payable at Canara Bank, Nalanda. The DD/Cheque may be directly deposited in the above Bank and receipt may be sent with a covering letter to Local Secretary, Dr. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh. Life members should include proof of membership. Registration fee and abstracts may be sent to: **Dr. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh, Local Secretary, IPC, 93<sup>rd</sup> Session, Dept. of Pali, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University), Bihar 803111.**

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