

**The Indian Philosophical Congress**  
**94<sup>th</sup> Session: March 9-11, 2020**

**(First Circular)**

**Invitation to Members**

**Joint Session of Asian-African Philosophy Congress (AAPC)**

**(March 7-8, 2020)**

**and**

**Indian Philosophical Congress (IPC)**

**(March 9-11, 2020)**

**Organizing Institution:**

**North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU)**  
**Shillong**  
**Meghalaya 793022**

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**Venue of Session:**

**North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU)**  
**Shillong**  
**Meghalaya 793022**

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**The Indian Philosophical Congress – 94<sup>th</sup> Session**

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**Prof. S.R. Bhatt**

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On behalf of the Indian Philosophical Congress, we extend you the most cordial invitation to attend the 94<sup>th</sup> Session, to be hosted by North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya 793022, from March 9-11, 2020. The Asian-African Philosophy Congress will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (Topic: “*Asian-African Understanding of Truth and Non-violence*” and Indian Philosophical Congress is from March 9- 11, 2020. (Topic: “*Truth and Non-violence*”) Members are requested to participate in the joint session of both AAPC and IPC from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11 March 2020. Prof. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh, Dept. of Pali, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Bihar 803111 is the coordinator for the Asian-African Philosophy Congress. 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. **Professor Manjulika Ghosh**, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, North Bengal University, Darjeeling Dist., West Bengal-734014 is the General President of the 94<sup>th</sup> IPC session.

The Vice Chancellors/Directors/Deans are requested to nominate delegates from their Universities/Institutes to attend the 94<sup>th</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 above three categories of fees may be deposited in the Account of: Indian Philosophical Congress, (SBI, Shastri Bhavan Branch, New Delhi 110001, Account No.55113200517, IFS Code: SBIN0050203) by NEFT, under intimation to the Treasurer of the IPC. Alternatively fees may be sent by Cheque/ DD to Prof. Debika Saha, Treasurer, IPC, Dept. of Philosophy, North Bengal University, Darjeeling Dist., West Bengal-734014. Mobile: 09433772141.

**Submission of Papers**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2019** is the last date for submission of abstracts of 200 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 both and hard copy to: **Prof. Xavier Mao, Local Secretary, IPC, 94<sup>th</sup> Session, Dept. of Philosophy, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya 793022**

**Essay Competitions**

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

**Topic: *Indian Science: Past and Present***

**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: *Atma-vada vis-à-vis-Anatma-vada***

Students interested to participate in the above essay competitions are requested 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 to: **Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta**, Dept. of Philosophy, Calcutta University, Kolkata 700 027, [dkmphil@gmail.com](mailto:dkmphil@gmail.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> December 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: *Philosophical Perspectives of Yoga*. 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 2019 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, Varanasi221005), Vimal Khnj, Ganga Pradhosan Road, Bagawanpur, Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 221005, UP. ([dagangadhar@gmail.com](mailto:dagangadhar@gmail.com)) by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

**How to Reach the Venue**

Shillong city is well connected to the rest of India by Air, Rail and Road transport. The Meghalaya Transport Corporation (MTC) has bus services connected with train arrivals at Guwahati which is the nearest Railway station. It is about 96 kms from Shillong city. Delegates can come to Guwahati airport to Shillong by Taxi approximately 3 hours journey by road. Those delegates who come by train, at Guwahati train station they can come to Shillong by Taxi or Sumo or by bus 2 hours and half journey. They can also come straight to Shillong airport.

**Registration**

The Registration fee covers both Asian- African Philosophy Congress and Indian Philosophical Congress: Regular: Rs.3000/- Senior Citizen: Rs.2600/- Student: Rs 1500/- Foreigners: USD 50) Registration fee may be deposited in the Account no: 38811330538, IFSC Code: SBIN0004295, SBI NEHU Branch. The delegates 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 "Prof. Xavier Mao, Local Secretary, 94<sup>th</sup> Session of IPC", payable at SBI, NEHU Branch. The DD/Cheque may be directly deposited in the above Bank and receipt may be sent with a covering letter to Prof. Xavier Mao, Local Secretary, IPC, 94th Session. Life members should include proof of membership. Registration fee and abstracts may be sent to: **Prof. Xavier Mao, Local Secretary, IPC, 94th Session, Dept. of Philosophy, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya 793022. Mobile: 9436709125. Email:xavmao@gmail.com**

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**Buddha Jayanti Lecture:** **Prof. D.K. Mohanta**  
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**Gujarat Vidyapeeth Lecture on Gandhian Philosophy & Peace:** **Prof. P. Chinnaiah**  
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**Professor Ganesh Prasad Das Lecture on Inter-Cultural and Inter-Religious Understanding:** **Prof. Chenchulakshmi**  
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