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The Indian Philosophical Congress – 96th & 97th Joint Session

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On behalf of the Indian Philosophical Congress, we extend you the most cordial invitation to attend its 96th and 97th joint session, to be hosted by **Professor Sabita Acharya**, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from December 20-23, 2023. **Professor Prabal Kumar Sen**, Former Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Calcutta University, West Bengal, is the General President of the 96th and 97th joint sessions of IPC. The theme chosen for this session is: “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”.

The Vice Chancellors/Directors/Deans are requested to nominate delegates from their Universities/Institutes to attend the Congress. The Vice-Chancellors, 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 – only for students and research scholars) *All persons (excluding Life members) attending the Congress are required to pay the annual membership fee of the IPC.* The above three categories of fees may be paid in the IPC Account (Account No.55113200517, State Bank of India, Shastri Bhavan Branch, New Delhi 110001, IFS Code: SBIN0050203.), by giving the name, full postal as well as email address. Alternatively, fees may be sent by Cheque/ DD drawn in favour of “Indian Philosophical Congress”, Account No. 55113200517, to Prof. Debika Saha, Treasurer of IPC, Dept. of Philosophy, North Bengal University, Siliguri, West Bengal. Mobile: 09433772141 submitting full details. The above details may be sent to the General Secretary (sipasel@rediffmail.com) and to the Treasurer (sahadebika@yahoo.com)

Submission of Papers

30th October 2023 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 send their papers in Word and PDF to the local secretary by filling up the google form on the link <https://forms.gle/pD8y5gSfx1wwZhpz8> with a copy to the General Secretary, IPC. (sipasel@rediffmail.com). They have to furnish proof of their membership of IPC while submitting papers in hard copy to the local secretary, Dr. Saroj Kanta Kar, Head, Department of Philosophy, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha- 751004 while attending the session.

Essay Competitions

B. N. Seal Memorial Essay Competition:

Topic: Ethical Perspectives of Artificial Intelligence

S.S. Suryanarayana Shastri Essay Competition:

Topic: Methods of Scientific Enquiry

Dada Bhagwan Essay Competition:

Topic: Holistic Way of Life and Living

T.R.V. Murti Essay Competition:

Topic: Pratityasamudpada

Swami Pranavananda Essay Competition:

Topic: Philosophy as Therapy

Students interested to participate in the essay competitions are requested to send two copies of typed essays (word limit 3000 words) duly forwarded by the Head of their Institutes/ Universities along with summaries in 200 words and proof of membership of IPC on any of the above topics to: **Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta**, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, Kolkata 700027, dkmphil@gmail.com by 15th November 2023.

SWAMI PRANAVANANDA PHILOSOPHY 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

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 2022 and 2023 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. Dilipkumar Mohanta**, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, Kolkata 700027, dkmphil@gmail.com by 15th November 2023.

Registration

The registration fee for the 96th and 97th session of the Indian Philosophical Congress: Regular: Rs.3500/- Senior Citizen: Rs.3100/- Student: Rs 2000/- Foreigners: USD 75. Accommodation and food will be arranged for all registered participants from 19th to 24th December 2023. The Registration Fee should be paid online by electronic transfer like NEFT or IMPS in the name of **Dr. Saroj Kanta Kar, Local Secretary of 96th & 97th IPC (HOD, Dept., of Philosophy), Account no:42158414454, IFSC Code: SBIN0002135, SBI, Utkal University Branch, Bhubaneswar, Odisha- 751004.**

How to Reach the Venue

The Venue can be reached from Bhubaneswar Airport (7 KM) / Bhubaneswar Railway Station (3KM) by taxi Auto/ Ola. The participants will be informed to reach the place of accommodation by WhatsApp, as and when booked for accommodation.

Distinguished Speakers of the Session

General President

Professor Prabal Kumar Sen, Former Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Calcutta University, West Bengal,

Endowment Lectures

Pratap Seth Vedanta Lecture:

Prof. Ananda Mishra,

Head, Dept of Philosophy, BHU, Varanasi

Swami Narayan Theistic Vedanta Lecture:

Prof. J. Dave, Director, Swami Narayan Institute, New Delhi

Saiva Siddhanta Endowment Lecture:

Prof.M.V. Krishnayya, Former Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Andhra University, AP

Buddha Jayanti Endowment Lecture:

Prof. Tripti Dhar, Dept of Philosophy,

Raiganj University, W.B.

Prof. G.P. Das Lecture on Intercultural and Inter Religious Understanding:

Prof. Abha Singh, Pro Vice Chancellor, B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar

Acharya Tulsi Endowment Lecture:

Prof. Vijayakumar Jain, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Lucknow

Gujrat Vidyapeeth Lecture on Gandhian Philosophy & Peace:

Prof. Namita Nimbalkar, Dept of Philosophy, Mumbai University

Vallabha Vedanta Endowment Lecture:

Prof. B.R. Shanthakumari, Dept of Philosophy, Pondicherry University

Khwaja M.A. Hay Lecture on Humanism:

Prof. Mohin Mohammad, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack

Endowment lecture on Holistic Science of Life & Living as revealed by Dada Bhagwan:

Dr. Yashodhara Kar, Former Director, HSRC, Surat

Professor T.R.V. Murti Endowment Lecture:

Prof. Ambika Datta Sharma, Head, Dept of Philosophy Sagar University, MP

Sri Swami Gnananda Saraswati Endowment Lecture

Dr. Shakuntala Bora, Dept of Philosophy, Gauhati University.

Assam

Professor Ashok Kumar Chatterjee Endowment Lecture:

Prof. G. Mishra, Former Head, Dept of Philosophy, University of Madras, Chennai.

Prof. Daya Krishna Memorial Lecture:

Prof. Asha Mukherjee, Former Professor, Dept of Philosophy, Viswa Bharathi University, Santiniketan

Prof. K.S. Murthy Memorial Lecture:

Prof. B. Sambasiva Prasad, Former Professor, Dept of Philosophy, S.V. University, Tirupati

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Religion: Dr. Pramod Kumar Dash, Dept. of Philosophy, Nayagarh Autonomous College, Odisha

Symposium I – Philosophical Foundations of National Education Policy

Dr. Aditya Gupta, Dept of Philosophy, Delhi University

Dr. Prasant Shukla, Dept. of Philosophy, Lucknow University

Dr. Purnendu Shekhar, Dept. of Philosophy, Bhagalpur University.

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Dr. Nandini Misra, Dept of Philosophy, Utkal University

Dr. Surya Prakash Pandey, Dept of Philosophy, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrastriya Hindi Viswavidyalaya, Wardha.

Symposium—II Revisiting the Doctrine of Karma

Prof. Sailesh Kumar Singh, Dept of Philosophy, A.N. College, Patna

Prof. Aravind Vikram Singh, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Rajasthan

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