



## The Indian Philosophical Congress

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## The Indian Philosophical Congress 98<sup>th</sup> & 99<sup>th</sup> Joint Sessions

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On behalf of the Indian Philosophical Congress, we extend you the most cordial invitation to attend its 98<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> joint sessions, to be hosted by **Prof. RM. Kathiresan**, Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu from December 18-21, 2024. **Prof. Kusum Jain**, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Rajasthan University, Rajasthan, is the General President of the 98<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> joint sessions of IPC. The theme chosen for this session is: "Diversity of Indian Culture."

The Vice Chancellors / Directors / Deans / HOD's are requested to nominate the 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.4000/- Ordinary Membership: Rs.500/- (annual - for faculty members) 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, IFSC Code: SBIN0050203.), by giving the name, full postal as well as email. address. Alternatively, membership fee may be sent by Cheque/ DD drawn in favour of "Indian Philosophical Congress," Account No. 55113200517, to **Prof. Laxmikanta Padhi**, Treasurer of IPC, Dept. of Philosophy, North Bengal University, Siliguri, Darjeeling West Bengal. Pin:734 013, Mobile: 9832383948, submitting full details. The above details may be sent to the General Secretary ([sipasel@rediffmail.com](mailto:sipasel@rediffmail.com)) and to the Treasurer ([laxmikantnbu@gmail.com](mailto:laxmikantnbu@gmail.com)) by e.mail.

### Submission of Papers

15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 is the last date for submission of abstracts of 200 words along with papers of not more than 1500 words (4 pages, double-spaced). Papers may be submitted in English / Tamil / Hindi / Bengali. Paper writers are requested to send their papers in Word and PDF to the Local Secretary ([www.indianphilosophicalcongress2024.in](http://www.indianphilosophicalcongress2024.in)) / e.mail: [ipc2024@gmail.com](mailto:ipc2024@gmail.com) with a copy to the General Secretary, IPC. ([sipasel@rediffmail.com](mailto:sipasel@rediffmail.com)). They must furnish proof of their membership of IPC while submitting papers in hard copy to the Local Organizing Secretary, **Dr. J.Thirumal**, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Philosophy, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar 608 002, Tamil Nadu. Mobile: 9842303288. (e.mail:[ipc2024@gmail.com](mailto:ipc2024@gmail.com)) Papers and abstracts received after 15th November 2024 will not be considered.

### Registration

The registration fee for the 98<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Indian Philosophical Congress: Regular: Rs.3500/- Senior Citizen: Rs.3100/- Student: Rs 2000/- Foreigners: USD 100. Accommodation and food will be arranged for all registered participants from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. The Registration Fee should be paid online by electronic transfer like NEFT or IMPS in the name of the Registrar, Annamalai University and Local Secretary IPC, Account No: 621201159974, ICICI Bank, IFSC Code: ICIC0006212, Annamalai Nagar Branch, Annamalai Nagar- 608 002. The last date of registration is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### Essay Competitions

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

Topic: Role of Philosophy in the Post-Covid Era

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

Topic: Comparative Aesthetics

**Dada Bhagwan Essay Competition:**

Topic: Holistic Way of Life and Living

**T.R.V. Murti Essay Competition:**

Topic: Ksanika-vada

**Swami Pranavananda Essay Competition:**

Topic: Philosophical Counselling and Well-Being

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**, Professor (Retd) Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, Kolkata- 700 027, or **Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta**, 2AL2.Greenwood Nook. 369/2, Purbachal Kalitala Road, Kolkata- 700 078 (e.mail: [dkmphil@gmail.com](mailto:dkmphil@gmail.com)) Mobile: 8240243526 by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### 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 2023 and 2024 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. Ananda Mishra**, Professor, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi- 221 005 by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**How to Reach the Venue:** Annamalai University can be reached from Chennai Airport (220kms) or from Chennai Egmore Railway Station (232kms). From Chennai Egmore Railway station, one can take a train and the nearest railway station to Annamalai University is Chidambaram Railway Station, located about 2 km away from the University. The organisers will make necessary arrangements to receive the participants at the Chidambaram Railway station.



## Distinguished Speakers of the Session

### General President

**Prof. Kusum Jain**, Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Rajasthan

### Endowment Lectures

**Pratap Seth Vedanta Lecture:**

**Prof. Nataraju Adarasupally**, Dept of Philosophy, JNU, New Delhi

**Swami Narayan Theistic Vedanta Lecture:**

**Prof. Madhubala Kumari**, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Z.A. Islamia College, J.P. University, Chapra

**Saiva Siddhanta Endowment Lecture:**

**Prof. N. Saravanan**, Head, Dept. of Saiva Siddhanta, University of Madras, Chennai

**Buddha Jayanti Endowment Lecture:**

**Prof. Pratibha Sharma**, Dept. of Philosophy, Miranda House, University of Delhi

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

**Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari**, Dept. of Philosophy, Dr. H.S. Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P.

**Acharya Tulsi Endowment Lecture:**

**Prof. Meenal Katarnikar**, Dept. of Philosophy, Mumbai University, Mumbai

**Gujrat Vidyapeeth Lecture on Gandhian Philosophy & Peace:**

**Prof. Amita Valmiki**, Head, Dept of Philosophy, R.J. College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai

**Vallabha Vedanta Endowment Lecture:**

**Prof. Uma Shankar**, Principal & Head, Dept. of Philosophy, SIES College, Mumbai

**Khwaja M.A. Hay Lecture on Humanism:**

**Prof. Jagadish Patgiri**, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Cotton University, Assam

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

**Mr. Chandrakant Srivastava**, Director, HSRC, Surat, Gujarat

**Professor T.R.V. Murti Endowment Lecture on Madhyamika Philosophy:**

**Prof. Sanjay Kumar Shukla**, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Ewing Christian College, Prayagraj (U.P.)

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**Dr. Rajmohan Tella**, Sri Vishnu Mohan Foundation, Chennai

**Professor Ashok Kumar Chatterjee Endowment Lecture:**

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