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The Indian Philosophical Congress Centenary Session 2025

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On behalf of the Indian Philosophical Congress, we extend you the most cordial invitation to attend its 100th Session, to be hosted by the Director, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, from 9th to 12th December 2025. Professor R.C. Pradhan, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, Telangana, is the General President of the 100th IPC session. The General Theme of this session is "Hundred Years of Indian Philosophy".

The Vice-Chancellors/Directors/Deans are requested to nominate delegates from their Universities/Institutes to attend the 100th 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.4000/- 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. 555113200517 to Professor Laxmikanta Padhi, Treasurer IPC, Dept. of Philosophy, North Bengal University, Siliguri, West Bengal, Mobile:9832383948, (laxmikantnbu@gmail.com), submitting full details. The above details may also be sent to the General Secretary (sipasel@rediffmail.com)

Papers Submission Guidelines

Deadline: 15th November 2025

A **paper** of not more than 2000 words, along with an **abstract** of 200 words, to be submitted in Word file format (double-spaced).

Language: English/ Hindi/ Tamil/ Bengali

Mode of Submission: Participants are requested to upload the papers through the conference website: www.hss.iitb.ac.in/ipc100
Details of the payment of the registration fee would be required at the time of submission of the paper.

Registration Fee

The registration fee for the Centenary Session of IPC:

Regular: ₹ 5000/-

Retired Faculty: ₹ 4000/-

Student: ₹ 2500/-

Foreign Participants: \$ USD 100/-

The registration fee (and accommodation charges) must be paid through the IIT Bombay online payment gateway, accessible via the registration portal on the conference website:

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Essay Competitions for Students

The IPC invites entries for essay competitions, open to PG and research students. The best essay in each category will be awarded a Merit Certificate and a cash prize of ₹2000.

B. N. Seal Memorial Essay Competition Topic:

Social Dimension of Science

S.S. Suryanarayana Shastri Essay Competition Topic:

Relevance of Vedanta in the 21st Century

Dada Bhagwan Essay Competition Topic:

Holistic Science of Life & Living as Revealed by Dada Bhagwan

T.R.V. Murti Essay Competition Topic:

Buddhism as a Global Religion

Deadline (for all categories): 15 November 2025

Requirement (for all categories): Essay submission not exceeding 3000 words (2 hard copies); with a 200-word abstract; a proof of IPC membership; a forwarding letter from the Head of Institute.

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Swami Pranavananda Philosophy Trust of India Awards and Essay Competition:

1. Swami Pranavananda Philosophy National Award

- Requirement: Nominations with detailed bio-data.

2. Swami Pranavananda Philosophy Book Award

- Requirement: 3 copies of books published during 2024–25.

3. Swami Pranavananda Philosophy Essay Competition

- Topic: Language and Intentionality with Special Reference to Searle
- Requirements: Essay submission not exceeding 3000 words (2 hard copies); with a 200 words abstract; also attach the proof of IPC membership

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Distinguished Speakers of Various Programmes of IPC Session

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Endowment & Memorial Lectures

Pratap Seth Vedanta Lecture

Professor D. Balaganapathi, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi, New Delhi

Swami Narayan Theistic Vedanta Lecture

Dr. J.M. Dave, Director, Swaminarayan Research Institute, New Delhi

Saiva Siddhanta Endowment Lecture

Professor J. Thirumal, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu

Buddha Jayanti Endowment Lecture

Professor Mangala Chinchore, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra

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

Professor Rajkumar Modak, Dept. of Philosophy, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, West Bengal

Acharya Tulsi Endowment Lecture

Dr. Samani Amal Pragya, Dept. of Jainology and Comparative Religion & Philosophy, Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Rajasthan

Gujarat Vidyapeeth Lecture on Gandhian Philosophy & Peace

Dr. Harsha Badkar, Former Professor of Philosophy, Principal, Navneet College, Maharashtra

Vallabha Vedanta Endowment Lecture

Dr. Jyotsna Srivastava, Professor of Philosophy, MMV, Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh

Khwaja M.A. Hay Lecture on Humanism

Dr. Tabassum Sheikh, Principal, G.M. Momin Women's College, University of Mumbai, Maharashtra

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

Professor Dyuti Yajnik, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Gujarat University, Gujarat

Sri Swami Gnanananda Sarasvathi Endowment Lecture

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Professor T.R.V. Murti Endowment Lecture

Professor Madhumita Chatterjee, Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Professor Ashok Kumar Chatterjee Endowment Lecture

Professor A. D. Sharma, Dept. of Philosophy, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

Professor R.C. Pradhan Endowment Lecture

Professor Ranjan Kumar Panda, Dept. of HSS, IIT Bombay, Maharashtra

Professor G.R. Malkani Endowment Lecture on the Philosophy of Advaita Vedanta

Swami Shastrajnananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, West Bengal

Professor Daya Krishna Memorial Lecture

Professor Prasenjit Biswas, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, North-Eastern Hill University, Meghalaya

Professor K.S. Murthy Memorial Lecture

Professor B. R. Shanthakumari, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

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- Dr. Pankaj Basotia, Principal, G. B. Pant Memorial Government College, Rampur Bushahr, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Symposium II: Indian Knowledge Systems

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